



Church goal and accompanying Scripture for 2017

Our church goal for 2017 is to change, adapt and grow into who God is calling us to be, realizing this will empower us to think outside the box and challenge the status quo.

Scripture: Isaiah 43:19

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
March 26, 2017 10:30am

RED WAGON

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

March 26

Lay Leader: Carol Downing
Head Usher: Conrad Fong
School: Wendy Sanford-Chris Stahlinski
Nursery: Nicole Flecchia-Paul Raymond
Collector: Marcia Rich
Coffee Host: Barbara Moran
Bakers: Barbara-Shirley Fong-Sara Goodrich

April 2

Communion Prep: Barbara Moran-Karen Ciardi
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
Head Usher: Dave Hooper
School: Susan Eby-
Nursery: Nicole Flecchia-Marcus Griep
Collector: Karen Ciardi
Coffee Host: Chris Stahlinski
Bakers: Chris-Cindy Phillips-Deb Ursino

COFFEE HOUR NOTATION!

We know that kids love playing on the stage during coffee hour, but we want our children to be safe. So parents, please keep an eye on your children if they are playing on the stage, we don't want any accidental injuries! Let's also try to avoid running around the goodie table and where folks are standing with open cups of hot coffee, tea and drinks. Some of our older members are not very sure footed, and we wouldn't want anyone young or old to have an accident. We love our kids and there is plenty of space at the far end of the hall (by the stage) for our kids to be kids! Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 21st

Missions Meeting
True North Pastor Hours

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 22nd

HILLTOP HERALD NEWS ARTICLES DUE FOR APRIL!

Crafting for a Cause 1:00pm

Youth Choir 5:45p

Adult Choir 7:15p

Bible Study 7:30pm

Thursday, March 23rd

True North Pastor Hours 9-11am

Sunday, March 26th

Worship-**Red Wagon**-School-**OGHS**

Red Wagon is a collection of non-perishable items needed at our Burlington Pantry. This month we have been asked to collect: **peeled tomatoes, stewed tomatoes, tomato paste.** Bring them to worship on Sunday and we will bring them forward during our Time for Children.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING IS NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 26TH.

“For 48 year old Iraq war veteran Robert Z., buying a house was an important step toward recovery from post-traumatic stress disorder. It took Robert years of hard work to get on top of PTSD, but he did. Then the storms of October 2015 came. Days of incessant rain and wind caused a large tree to fall onto Robert’s roof. The damage opened the house to the continuing rainfall soaking walls, floors, ceilings and furniture. Robert did what he could, but it wasn’t enough. He then heard about the Disaster Recovery Support Initiative (DRSI) a joint endeavor of the United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries, etc. These volunteers were happy to assist as part of the work in modeling long-term recovery processes in the wider community!”

Generous giving to the OGHS is enabling us to reach the most vulnerable families! If you would like to make a donation, our OGHS is taking place on **March 26th** during worship. There will be special envelopes in the pews. Or you can send a donation to UCC church office and write OGHS on the memo line.

We thank you in advance for your generosity!



Our Coffee Ministry has a new coordinator! Thank you to Janine Towle for taking over in Jane's place. We are happy to continue our fellowship following worship each Sunday. Janine will be looking for hosts and bakers, remember to signup on the chart in the hallway!

Thank you to Jane Raymond who will make the transition smooth and effortless. We are so blessed to have such wonderful members of our church family!



Bible Study: Gospel of Luke!

From Heaven, to the Judean hills, to Jerusalem, to a Galilean hill town, to Galilee, and then back to Jerusalem, the writer of the Gospel of Luke will take us on a journey through Jesus' ministry. Jesus breaks more social boundaries in this Gospel than in any of the others, and the Holy Spirit is discussed more in Luke than in any of the other Gospels! You don't want to miss this exciting discussion. Join us on **Wednesday nights at 7:30pm, through April 5th**. Please see the signup sheet or contact Angela (RevWells@UCCBurlington.org), if you plan to attend.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION!

We will hear one reflection on the 3rd Sunday of each month, about why the church is a priority in someone's life. We have heard some wonderful and inspiring stories from church members!

If you'd like to participate and share your story, please see the signup sheet at coffee hour to choose

your month. Please be in touch with Angela if you have any questions. Thank you!

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

As voted on at last year's annual meeting, we will now be contributing to the United Church Mission, UCM. Our contribution will reflect what we have typically paid in dues plus what the missions committee has contributed to the One Church Wider Mission. As we have done in the past, we are making a request that members consider donating \$20 per member (the former amount for dues) to help contribute to the UCM. You can put it in the weekly collection plate.

Please make sure to label the memo line on the check or outside of the envelope as "UCM donation".

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING!

The Link below will take you to the Spiritually Speaking episode that is airing on BCAT! Well Done!

The link has been changed to this one below!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3YEvOekii9k>



FROM THE GREEN TEAM AT UCC!

- Our state is in its fifth year of below-average rain and snow falls. This means, unless the winter becomes more like 1978 we are likely to have water restrictions again this coming summer. In planning our gardens and lawns, let's plan with this in mind. ***Planting where there is shade part of the day, seeding hardier grasses and using a rain barrel are 3 simple changes that will help keep***

***your property a little greener without wasting
precious water in the coming year.***



**CHARLES RIVER CLEANUP
SATURDAY APRIL 29TH 9AM -
NOON
WALTHAM, MA**

Join us for a cleanup day on the Charles River. We are pre-registered! The first 10 people to sign up will get a FREE Tee-Shirt! We will meet and carpool from the Church.

Questions see Larainne Wilson or Wendy Harder

Hosted by: Charles River Watershed Association



SOLAR POWER FOR OUR CHURCH

We are pleased to provide an update regarding our efforts to investigate the feasibility of having solar panels installed. We still have 7 interested vendors of which 6 have now submitted initial proposals. Additional good news is that the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources has provided clarity on financial incentives, so this is no longer a roadblock. We are reviewing proposals, providing feedback, and asking questions to assure that all proposals are similar in technology and the same basic approach. We anticipate that we should have final proposals before mid-march and plan to present options to Parish Council for initial feedback at their March meeting.

We continue to explore all options regarding purchase, lease and some hybrids of both.

We will continue to keep you updated as our process unfolds.

If you have any questions about the project feel free to be in touch with Dave Ierardi

Who can be reached at david.ierardi@protonex.com.

If all goes well we hope we may have solar power by October 2017!

-Team Solar Light of Christ-

Team members – Angela Wells, Arun Arumugum, Chris Stahlinski, Conrad, Dave Ierardi

TRUE NORTH PASTOR HOURS!

Come by for a cup of coffee and a good chat!
Please join Rev. Angela Wells at True North Coffee Shop, Cambridge Street, Burlington on the following days.



Tuesday, March 21st from 4-6
Thursday, March 23rd from 9-11
Tuesday, March 28th from 4-6
Thursday, March 30th from 9-11

Cook a meal and feed the homeless lunch!

Lowell Transitional Living Center, 193
Middlesex St, Lowell
March 25th 11:30-1:00pm



Volunteers will feed 90 people
Shepherd's Pie and Garden
Salad. Make at your home and bring it
to the Shelter and serve. (save receipts
of your ingredients to be reimbursed)

from the Mission Board) See Dave Ierardi for questions at david.ierardi@protonex.com

Thank you to all who volunteered!



ROSIE'S PLACE

Thank you to those volunteers who traveled into Boston to help prepare, serve and cleanup for a luncheon for those ladies at Rosie's Place on January 4th. We also thank you for your toiletry donations. It is very much appreciated!

Next Date to volunteer is Saturday, May 6th! Contact Jan McSheffrey at Afdove@verizon.net



Next Gift Card Ordering Dates

Spring is here! Plan to give gift cards for weddings, graduations, birthdays and other special occasions. Remember the stores, restaurants, movie theaters and gas stations that you frequent. Every purchase helps the church. Use a paper order form or shop online at www.ShopWithScrip.com. (Use code BB483284315L1 to link your account to the church.) Either way, leave your check in the "Gift Card Orders" mailbox.

<u>Order By</u>	<u>Receive Cards</u>	<u>Occasions(s)</u>
4/30 College Grads	5/7	Mother's Day,



Our permanent Nursery Caregiver position is open. All interested people over the age of 18 should contact Rev. Angela Wells at RevWells@uccburlington.org

We would like to thank Nicole Flecchia for stepping in on a temporary basis while our search is on.



Once again we need volunteer teachers and assistants in the nursery and as Sunday School helpers!! Please contact Jan Costa at jancosta124@gmail.com or sign up on the sheets available during coffee hour if you are able to help out. The nursery and Sunday School program cannot effectively continue without volunteer help. Thanks to all who support these programs!!!



There will be a Memorial Service for Joe Stoddard's Dad here on
Saturday, April 29th at 2pm

Donna Ferro and her Stepmom Lesley on the passing of Donna's
Father

Tom Killilea who suffered a stroke, prayers he makes a full recovery
Continued prayers for Chris Cahoon and his family regarding his
eyesight

Bruce Walker, brother of Don Walker, suffered two strokes last week,

prayers for him,

that he makes a full recovery

Susan and Jen Eby's friend John

Claire Simas

Donna Flecchia's Mom, Anna Capobianco

Dorothy Murdoch's granddaughter Meghan

Janice Grace-upcoming surgery

Larainne Wilson's dad Allen

Larainne and Sheri's Friend Alisa Safely Macone

Deb Glancy's friend Mario

Jan Blandino and her great grandson Brandon Contoni

Carol Downing's husband Ron

Sheila Vitale

Nick Ciano's Mom Jenny

Bobbie's friend John Ford still needing intense prayers-advanced

prostate cancer

Kendra's Grandfather Phil

Jessy McNeil's Brother Mel, Mom Ellen and Sister Grace

Anne Stafford's grandsons Tyler and Zach

Dot Drinkwater

Ruth Reddig

Everett Langley and his brother George

John Heald's sister Susan & Mom

Aimee Tredeau's friend Amanda

Barbara Moran's friend Heather

Ginger Mungillo's son, Jim

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