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**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 5, 2017 10:30am**

# Communion Service

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS February 19, 2017 10:30am

### March 1st Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm

Lay Leader: Debbie Claar  
Head Usher: Dave Ierardi  
Greeter: Luella Brown  
Nursery: needed

### March 5

Communion Prep: Kay Shute-Marge Zamanian  
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar  
Head Usher: Dave McNeil  
Church School: Deb Raymond-Jan Costa  
Nursery: Nicole Flecchia-Deb Ursino  
Collector: Wynelle Scenna  
Coffee Host: Susan Eby  
Bakers: Susan-Lynn Tirrell-Deana Tredeau

### 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

### COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Tuesday February 28**

**NO TRUE NORTH PASTOR HOURS TODAY!**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 6pm**

**Wednesday March 1**

**Crafting for a Cause 1pm**

No Choir Rehearsals

**Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm**

**Thursday March 2**

True North Pastor Hours 9-11am

**Sunday March 5**

Communion Worship Service 10:30am

Called to Care Meeting 11:30am



## **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER**

**FEBRUARY 28th at 6:00pm**

The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is known as Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday. We are having a church-wide all ages Pancake Dinner to be held in the Ed Building. If you are interested in donating food items or volunteering to help setup serve, etc. see the signup sheet at coffee hour or contact Larainne Wilson or Jan Costa. But most importantly come and enjoy!

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE ON**

**MARCH 1ST AT 7pm**

If Easter Sunday is the end of our Lenten journey, then Ash Wednesday is the beginning. Please join us as we mark this sacred beginning of our Lenten season, with a traditional Ash Wednesday Service. We will acknowledge our shortcomings and be relieved of the burdens which make our hearts heavy. In this way, we may begin Lent rooted in honest relationships with God. Come, and be anointed with ashes and know that you are a perfectly imperfect child of God. All are welcome!

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## **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. Thank you to Nancy Davis and Janine Towle for sharing their thoughts with us!

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!

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## **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".

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## **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>

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## **FROM THE GREEN TEAM AT UCC!**

- Reduce, REUSE, Recycle. In such a populous area we have many ways to reuse we may have forgotten about! Old towels

that may have a stain but are clean are welcomed by animal shelters (and Sister Thrift in town will take them for that purpose)! For furniture you're not selling but in good condition the ReStore Store in Tyngsboro will resell it to benefit Habitat for Humanity and The Wish Project in Lowell takes furniture and like-new kitchen goods for families moving out of homelessness. Wine corks are used by artists within the congregation and our own Crafters for a Cause!

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### **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](mailto: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

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### 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, February 28 No Pastor Hours  
Today!  
Thursday, March 2 9-11am



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### 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](mailto:Afdove@verizon.net)

### SAVE THE DATE!

The 4th Annual Empty Bowls Project will be taking place on Saturday, **March 18th** from Noon-3pm

For \$35, guests will get a handmade bowl created and donated by local potters, and a meal of soup and bread donated by local chefs. All proceeds directly benefit On The Rise!



Sign up at coffee hour! We will meet at the church and carpool in together to Inman Square Cambridge.

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

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Steve Miles passed away Sunday evening. Keep Joan and their entire  
family

in your thoughts and prayers

Larainne asked for prayers for the O'Connell Family on the loss of their  
10 year old son

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 and Erin

Jan Blandino and her great grandson Brandon Contoni

Chris Cahoon

Carol Downing's husband Ron

Sheila Vitale

Nick Ciano's Mom Jenny

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

Joe's parents Joseph & Lillian

Woody Knowles' friend Chris Carbeau's grandson-doing better

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

Fred Garside

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