



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
April 23, 2017 at 10:30am

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

April 23

Lay Leader:	Mark Flecchia
Organist:	Aline Beck
Head Usher:	Dave Ierardi
Ushers:	Dave-Nick Karwan-John Heald-Everett Langley
Greeter:	Kay Shute-volunteer
School:	Larainne Wilson-Sue Wisniewski
Nursery:	Nicole Flecchia-Cindy Phillips
Collector:	Dick Butler
Coffee Host:	Everett Langley-John Heald
Bakers:	Everett-John-Shirley Fong

April 30th - Red Wagon Sunday*

Lay Leader:	Laura Harder
Head Usher:	Janine Towle
School:	Larainne Wilson-Michael Lewis-Deb Ursino
Nursery:	Nicole Flecchia-Deb Raymond
Collector:	Wyenne Scenna
Coffee Host:	CE Committee
Bakers:	CE Committee and parents

* RED WAGON NEEDS: Tomato paste, tomato puree, crushed tomatoes.
Bring to worship on April 30th!

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 April 18

True North Pastor Hours 4-6pm
PC Solar Light Discussion 7:15pm

Wednesday April 19

C4C 1:00pm

May Hilltop Articles are DUE!

No Choir rehearsals

Thursday April 20

True North Pastor Hours 9-11am

Sunday April 23

Worship-School 10:30am
Possible Special Congregational Meeting following worship*

*regarding a possible vote on Solar Panels for the church buildings

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!



**CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM
CALLING ALL TECHIES!**

Note: Calling all sound system volunteers: we are considering allowing our renters to use our sound system in the Education Building. For this to work we will need people to run the sound system during rental events. People will be paid for their time. Please contact Bobbie, at the church office, to be added to our list of Sound System Operators to schedule training.

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.***

Holocaust Memorial Service
Friday, April 28th 7:30pm
AT The Temple Shalom, 14 Lexington Street, Burlington

Leon Rubinstein is the guest speaker. He's a Holocaust survivor and author of *As I Am Presently Known*. Leon was born in Poland in 1930. He lost his home, his parents and most of his family to the Nazi invasion when he was a child. Surviving the war against all odds — literally hiding in a hole for two years — he was smuggled into British Palestine on the cusp of Israel's War of Independence in 1948. Through the discovery of an uncle in America, Leon immigrated and began a new life in the Boston area. Everyone is invited to join this important and moving service. We will remember the horrors of the Holocaust and recommit to never, ever, allowing such atrocities to happen again. All are welcome, but please use discretion when deciding whether to bring children.



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-UPDATE!

There will be a special Parish Council meeting on **Tuesday April 18th at 7:15pm (new day and time)** to hear final recommendations from Team Solar Light of Christ. All

congregation members who are interested are invited to attend. Parish Council members will then vote to proceed.

In anticipation of an approval by Parish Council there is a tentative Congregation meeting scheduled for Sunday April 23rd following worship for the anticipated purpose of voting on the approval of the solar project.

-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 April 18 4-6pm
Thursday April 20 9-11am
Tuesday April 25 4-6pm
Thursday April 27 9-11am

VOLUNTEERING AT THE LOWELL TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER!

Thank you to all the people who cooked and served at the Lowell Transitional Living Center (LTLC) on Saturday March 25th. The clients at the LTLC really appreciated the food and smiling faces!



A few people had said we should do this again, so we are shooting for Saturday April 22nd,
A sign-up sheet will be available at coffee hour.

Please see Dave Ierardi with any
questions: david.ierardi@protonex.com, cell – 508-0692-8584



ROSIE'S PLACE

Thank you to those volunteers, who traveled into Rosie's Place in Boston on January 4th, who helped prepare, serve and cleanup a luncheon. 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.

Order By

4/30

Receive Cards

5/7

Occasions(s)

Mother's Day, College Grads



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

The people of Egypt in light of the bombings at churches on Palm Sunday

Ken Baker

Elizabeth King, breast cancer

Close friends for Dave Ierardi, Mark and Cynthia Bresnahan, on the passing of their 19 year-old daughter, Sarah, in a car accident.

Donna Flecchia

Marion Braley-Freeman

Luella Brown

Tom Killilea

Chris Cahoon
Don Walker's brother Bruce-hospitalized
Dorothy Murdoch and her granddaughter Meghan
Janice Grace
Susan and Jen Eby's friend John
Larainne Wilson's dad Allen
Larainne and Sheri's Friend Alisa Safely Macone
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-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
Fred Garside

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