



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
May 7, 2017

Communion Sunday!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

May 7th

Communion Prep: Anna & Nick Karwan
Guest Speaker: Habitat for Humanity Spokesperson
Lay Leader: Dave Hooper
Head Usher: Bill Hitchcock
Ushers: Bill-Janet Hooper-Kari Lynch-Marge Zamanian
Greeters: Nancy Davis-volunteer
Nursery: Nicole Flecchia-Karen Ciardi
School: Susan Eby-Jan McSheffrey
Flower Deliverer: Nancy Davis
Collector: Marge Zamanian
Coffee Host: Barbara Moran
Bakers: Barbara-Karen Butler-Sarah Clark

May 14th

Mother's Day!

Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Head Usher: Dave McNeil
School: Larainne Wilson-Susan Eby
Nursery: Nicole Flecchia-Sheri Wilson
Collector: Barbara Moran
Coffee Host: Deb Glancy-Donna Ferro
Bakers: Deb - Donna - Jean Baker

COFFEE HOUR NOTATION!

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, the kitchen area, 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 May 2

True North Pastor Hours 4-6pm

Deacons Meeting 7:15pm

Wednesday May 3

C4C 1:00pm

Youth Choir 5:45pm

Adult Choir 7:15pm

Thursday May 4

NO True North Pastor Hours

Saturday May 6

UCC Church Cleanup Day 9-2pm

Rosie's Volunteers to Boston

Sunday May 7

Communion Service - School 10:30am

Guest Speaker from Habitat for Humanity-Lawrence

Music Committee Meeting noon

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!



**ANNUAL SPRING CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY-
MAY 6th 9-2pm**

The Annual Spring Clean Up day will be held on May 6th from 9 am to 2pm. The Trustees will be developing a list of jobs to be done that day. Please join us to help spruce up our church!



**~UPDATE!~
CHURCH SOUND
SYSTEM
CALLING ALL
TECHIES!**

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.

IF you are interested in helping church renters while making a little extra money, please be in touch with Bobbie at UCCBurlington@gmail.com, by Friday, May 19th. That is the deadline for recruitment. Thank you!

Church Videographer Needed!



Did you know that our church services are broadcast on BCAT, the local cable access channel? Did you also know that Nick Karwan records them and makes sure the footage gets to BCAT? It's true! Sadly for us, Nick is going to college in the fall and he will no longer be around to record our worship services. We are looking for someone to take his place, so that we can continue to broadcast our Sunday service. You do NOT have to have any experience with technology or videography, he will teach and train you. You just need to attend church regularly and be interested in recording the services. Please be in touch with Angela, RevWells@UCCBurlington.org



Ye Ole Meeting House -285 Years

On July 23rd, 2017 our meeting house will celebrate the 285th Anniversary of it being built or should I say “raised”.

We are starting to plan some fun summer activity that day, which is Sunday. Our church historian, Mike Tredeau will speak at worship about its raising.

So, the questions are popping up, what else should we do?

- A Hymn sing

- Special Colonial Music by “Three of Cups” (better known to us as Debbie & Ann Marie)
- A Barbeque
- Potluck picnic
- Any other ideas???

First step –We need a few volunteers to help us plan.

If you are interested please see signup sheet at Coffee hour
or see or email deanatredeau@gmail.com.

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.***



SOLAR POWER FOR OUR CHURCH-UPDATE!

We had our Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 23rd to vote on our solar panels for the church buildings. It was passed with many questions answered. Please see more information in your May Hilltop Herald!

-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 May 2nd 4-6pm
Thursday May 4th NO True North Pastor Hours!
Tuesday May 9th NO True North Pastor Hours!
Thursday May 11th 9-11am

PLEASE NOTE.....

Rev. Angela will be out of town at a Progressive Christianity Conference in Portland, Oregon from May 3rd-9th.

Rev. Heather Hinton of the Second Congregational Church in Winchester will do pastoral coverage. Please contact her at (508) 685-1994, if you have a pastoral emergency.

On Sunday, May 7th we will have a guest speaker from Habitat for Humanity and Lucy Damiani will preside over Communion.

POST OFFICE FOOD DRIVE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On Saturday **May 13th** the US Post Office is conducting its annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. Volunteers are needed at St. Margaret's Religious Education Building on Saturday **May 13th from 1-6pm** to sort and date check food donated. If you are interested in helping and making a difference in your community, contact Judy Walsh at judyw621@gmail.com or 617-797-6786.

Yellow plastic bags will be passed out to Burlington residents. The Food Pantry is in need of cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables (except corn and green beans) ready-to-eat soups, broth, peanut butter, jelly, coffee and toiletries!



ROSIE'S PLACE

Rosie's volunteers will again travel into Boston, on May 6, 2017. We will prepare, serve and clean up after a Brunch, our Church pays for!

Please contact Jan McSheffrey if interested in joining us @ [781-454-6050](tel:781-454-6050) or afdove@verizon.net



DANA FARBER BLOOD DRIVE-MAY 20th 9:30am—2:30pm

Mark Your Calendars The Blood Mobile is Coming!

When: Saturday, May 20th from 9:30-2:30pm
Who: Anyone who is in good health, and weighs at least 110lbs.
and is 17 years of age or older.
Details: You need to bring a photo ID and know the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number. You can sign up at: inyurl.com/UCCBurMay2017

Please be in touch with Pastor Angela if you have any questions!

Thank you to the Missions Committee for sponsoring this important event!

BLANKET SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 14th, we will be collecting a special offering for Blanket Sunday. This money provides warm blankets for shelter and comfort to those desperately lacking these basic needs. See the insert in your bulletin for more information about this important cause, and please give as generously as you are able. If you would like to make a donation please make your check out to UCC and add Blanket Sunday on the memo line. Special envelopes will be in the pews that day! Thanks you for your generosity.





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</u>	
<u>Cards</u>	<u>Occasions(s)</u>	
6/4	6/11	Father's
Day, H.S. Grads		
7/9	7/16	Summer
vacations and road trips		



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!!!



Prayers announced on Sunday:

Marcus Griep's great grandmother Birdie's passing

Diana Sears' Aunt Linda's husband Steve's passing

Jan McSheffrey's neighbor Janet's passing

Cindy Gilpin's relative Carolyn with memory loss and Carolyn's daughter

diagnosed with Breast Cancer
Janine Towle's brother David-injury
Richard Butler-third nerve palsy
Marion Braley Freeman and her niece Beth
Barbara Crocker
Jan Blandino-cataract surgery and her great grandson Brandon
Contoni
Anne Stafford's son Kevin and grandson Tyler (out of surgery)
Claire Simas - back procedure
Sarah Clark's friend Sara-is out of coma after childbirth
Caitlin & Tom Spearson's cousin Alyssa and her premature baby Emma
Ken Baker
Geoffrey Fong-minor surgery
Elizabeth King, breast cancer
Close friends of Dave Ierardi, Mark and Cynthia Bresnahan
Luella Brown
Tom Killilea
Chris Cahoon
Dorothy Murdoch and her granddaughter Meghan and son Bob
Janice Grace
Susan and Jen Eby's friend John
Laraine Wilson's dad Allen
Laraine and Sheri's Friend Alisa Safely Macone
Carol Downing's husband Ron
Sheila Vitale
Nick Ciano's Mom Jenny
Bobbie's friend John Ford-Cancer
Jessy McNeil's Brother Mel, Mom Ellen and Sister Grace
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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