

HILLTOP HERALD

NOVEMBER 2017

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Dear UCC Burlington Community,

Theologian Frederick Buechner said, "Your vocation in life is where your greatest joy meets the world's greatest need." This is ordinarily applied to individuals, but I believe that churches have vocations as well. Churches are called to serve the world in different ways, according to what their gifts are. I believe that one of our church's vocations, or callings, is to extend radical welcome to those who might otherwise not feel comfortable in a church. We've heard this testimony from many of our members over the years, that when they came to our church, they felt at home. Well, during this month of November, we'll have two different chances to lean into that calling once again.

During worship on Nov. 12th we will celebrate 10 years of being Open and Affirming, 10 years of expressing intentional welcome of all people, regardless of sexual orientation, 10 years of being a place for people who were shunned by the church elsewhere, 10 years of saying, "Yes! You are welcome here, just as you are, no need to hide your identity."

On Nov. 20th, we will host the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service in which we will worship with our Muslim, Jewish, Church of Christ, Episcopal, Catholic, Presbyterian, Mormon, and Hindu neighbors. We will gather in community to lift up all the blessings in our lives, and to celebrate the religious diversity of our town.

Right now, it feels like the societal divides between us are growing deeper and deeper. Our church is needed to be a beacon of unity and inclusivity in the face of these divisions. If you know anyone who feels lonely, isolated, or otherwise disconnected, please invite them to be part of our community. There is one more spot at the table, waiting for them. And I hope you'll make every effort to attend these two special events, which will remind us that we are stronger when we stand shoulder to shoulder, in solidarity with each other.

With Love,

Rev. Angela V. Wells

P.S. You can find logistical details about each of the two events further on in the Hilltop. Keep reading.





INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE-NOVEMBER 20TH AT OUR CHURCH!

We are hosting this year! Join us on Monday night, Nov. 20th at 7:00pm for our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. This is a chance for us to extend gratitude for the blessings in our lives along with the members of our beloved, diverse community. There will be at least 9 clergy in attendance, representing different faith traditions, and maybe some elected officials. The collection will be used for hurricane relief efforts. All are welcome to join us for this uplifting evening. (P.S. If you are willing to help with hospitality, please be in touch with Angela at RevWells@UCCBurlington.org. Thank you!)

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY!

As Christians we are called upon to make the world a better place. Many contribute numerous hours to this church and many of us contribute time to other worthy organizations and to those in need within our community. Similarly as people give to this church as they are able, many also give to other charities.

We have sent out a survey called Celebrating our Generosity. This survey is intended to gather information about the time people spend in service to others and moneys donated to other causes. We want to celebrate ALL that we do in stewardship to make the world a better place. Please return your responses by 11/5/17. We will be compiling the information and presenting the information on In-

Gathering Sunday, 11/19/17. Please know that all responses will be kept confidential. There are two ways you can respond. 1.) Return your response to the envelope in the church office or at coffee hour. These responses will be kept anonymous. 2.) Email your response to Angela's email, revwells@uccburlington.org. These responses will be kept confidential but obviously will not be anonymous.

If you have any questions about this form you can ask Angela or anyone from the Finance and Stewardship committee: Gail Ciano, Kari Lynch and/or John Getsinger.

In God's name we serve others-
Let's celebrate those efforts.

STEWARDSHIP 2018

On October 22nd we had a great time at the Stewardship Luncheon. Thank you, John and Everett, for the wonderful meal.

This year's theme is *The Way of Jesus* which comes from John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life." This reminds us that Jesus and the Bible have given us a roadmap to help us in our daily travels, spiritual journey and development. At the Luncheon, we asked everyone to let us know where they would like to see their spiritual journey take them this year. People recorded on compasses what they would like to work on in 2018. We then asked them to write their name on this aspiration. We did that so that people could see others that have chosen similar goals. Sometimes it is less frightening to travel down a new path with a friend, and it usually is more fun. This year's Stewardship

activity has been posted on the wall in front of Bobbie's office. Please check it out to see what spiritual paths your church friends have said they would like to travel this year and see if you would like to join them or help them on this journey.

We are hopeful that some of the goals specified can be achieved within the opportunities offered in this year's Time and Talent survey. We have so many talented, hard working contributors to this church. Many hands make for light work and for more laughs. Please volunteer to help out, whether on one-time projects or being on a committee. Time spent in stewardship of this church is filled with love and often lots of laughs.

Please return your Time and Talent and your pledge cards on In-Gathering Sunday, 11/19/17.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 12TH DURING WORSHIP!



We have been Open and Affirming for 10 years! We took the official vote on Nov. 21, 2007. Join us for worship on Nov. 12th as we celebrate our anniversary. We'll have a guest preacher, Renee Manning. She's a transgender advocate, seminary student and member of the UCC. She will be available after church for a Q&A session. We will also have a guest musician, and special treats at coffee hour. You don't want to miss this wonderful celebration!

CHOIR & MUSIC UPDATE!



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

WE NEED YOU!

Our choir needs singers in all sections!!
We have a great core of choir members
that needs your support to flourish.
Every voice counts!

"Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very
silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."
—Henry van Dyke

NOVEMBER REHEARSALS

The choirs will rehearse on November 1, 8, 15, and 29.
Adults will meet at 7:15pm and youth will meet at
5:15pm. We will also be meeting at 6pm on November
20 to rehearse for the 7pm Interfaith Thanksgiving
Service that evening. There will be no rehearsals the
night before Thanksgiving.

Keep in Touch!

Email: music@ucburlington.org

Twitter: @ucbmusic

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

Google+: Joe Stoddard (music@ucburlington.org)



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—RAFFLE BASKETS

Every year our church committees and individuals have vol-
unteered to make up a basket to be raffled off at the church faire
(November 4th). The number of baskets we are looking
for are limited to about 12! A signup sheet for basket themes is
located at coffee hour. Completed baskets should be brought
wrapped and ready to go.

On a note card please name your basket and list its contents.
This should be attached to the basket. As a guide line, the
contents for the basket should be worth from roughly \$25-\$30.

No alcohol should be included, they
can be donated to the SILENT AUCTION!

Thanks for your contributions! Any
questions, please email Shirley Fong at
shirltalk@aol.com

SUGGESTED BASKET THEMES:

Young Boy (pre-k-5yrs)

Older Boy (6-10)

Young Girl (pre-K-5 yrs)

Older Girl (6-10)

Family Movie Night

Gardening

THEMES CHOSEN:

Family Game Night

Breakfast

Cookie Jar

Bath Items

Christmas

Craft Items

Kitchen items

Hot Drink (coffee/tea/cocoa)

Green Themed Basket

Traveling Basket for a

Journey Surprise!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND ORNAMENTS!



Donate: In good condition (but no longer wanted)

Volunteers from our church have arranged with **People Helping People** to set up a table at the food distribu-
tion site to give away Christmas decorations. People who
wish to, may take these decorations home for use at no
cost to them. If you would like to pass on your extra, no
longer needed Christmas decorations, please bring them
to the church office by Sunday – Dec. 10. Please package
them neatly so we may display them, and make certain
they are in good condition and that lights, etc. are work-
ing. Thanks! If you have questions, contact Jan Costa
(jancosta124@gmail.com)

CE Hilltop News for November 2017

Christian Education has lots of wonderful seasonal
activities going on this month!

-Sat. 10/28 6-8 **Halloween Party** for all – Come in
Costume. Pizza and Halloween Parade!

-Sat. 11/4 9-2 Children's Fair downstairs (part of Fall
Fair activities!)

-Sun 11/12 after church: walk at Walden Pond

SOLAR UPDATE

The solar panel installation work has been
delayed due to issues at Eversource.

Current schedule is for installation to start
on November 13.

We hope to be operational by the end
of November.

Please let Dave Ierardi (cell [508-692-8684](tel:508-692-8684))
know if you have any questions.

Team Solar Light of Christ:

Angela Wells

Conrad Fong

Chris Stahlinski

Michael Lewis

Dave Ierardi

MISSIONS UPDATE!

FAIR BAKE TABLE – we would like items packaged in small quantities, with ingredients clearly labelled. We are in need of cookies, bars, small pies, small breads, jams, jellies, etc. Sugar-free items and gluten-free items are welcome. Please leave your contributions on Friday evening between 5 and 8, if possible. Or between 8:30 and 9:00 Saturday morning.



ROSIE'S PLACE-BOSTON
Seven of us went in on Sept 17th to cook, serve, and clean up lunch for 130 women. We will go again in January. There will be a signup sheet at Coffee Hour, or see Jan McSheffrey to volunteer.

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

We are very busy making items for the Fair. If you would like to help price items for the Fair consider joining us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, Nov 1 from 1 to 3PM. After the Fair we will begin to distribute all of the items we have made or had donated to us for use to: the Veterans, and the homeless in Lowell, and organizations like Hospice, The Linus Project and Cradles to Crayons. We have been given quite a few handmade items made by both members and non-members of the Church who are unable to join us on Wednesday afternoons. We are grateful for all the hard work by these people as well as the group of people who meet regularly on Wednesday afternoons. If you know of an organization that we might give to please let Susan Eby know. Come see what we have created that will be for sale at our annual Fall Fair.



RED WAGON

The LAST Sunday of the month we take a collection of specific items needed at the Burlington Food Pantry. Even though we just collected food for Thanksgiving these items are always needed at the Pantry:

Vegetable Oil-Coffee-Tea-Flour

Please bring items to worship on **November 8th**. We will bring these forward during the service.



WISH TREE

People Helping People will start the **"WISH TREE"** at the Burlington Mall. Volunteers sit at a table in the Burlington Mall and encourage passers to purchase gifts for needy children in the Burlington area. The gift requests have been compiled by People Helping People. Cards are distributed, and gifts collected. The process is very simple and well explained. We will have a sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour. Our Volunteer dates are November 24th, December 4th and December 9th.



CITY MISSION

Our COATS FOR KIDS collection starts now and runs through December 1st. We are asking for new children's winter coats or gift cards to Amazon, TJMaxx, or Marshalls.

The bin will be outside the church office.



**FALL FAMILY FAIR
NOVEMBER 4TH!**



**JOIN US AT THE FAIR BETWEEN 9-2PM FOR:
CHILDREN'S CRAFTS/GAMES
JAMS-JELLIES-SOUPS-SAUCES-BAKED GOODS
PLANTS - CRAFTS - COSTUME JEWELRY
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS AND MUCH MORE!
(Come take a chance at our PIE throwing event!)
RAFFLES AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS***

FALL FAMILY DINNER AT 6PM

Delicious Chicken/Broccoli/Ziti and Salad generously donated by *BERTUCCI'S*

(Vegetarian option available)

Brownies a la mode

(Ice cream from *Shoolhouse* Ice Cream!)



TICKETS

\$13 Adults (Children 10 and under FREE-pasta and sauce)

Call the office to reserve your tickets today 781-272-4547!

*Winners to be announced at dinner!

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!!

We have *very few items donated so far*. Please consider either donating an item yourself, or procuring one from a business that you frequent.

Need help with an idea of what to contribute?

- Do you have a gift that you've received, but will probably never use?
- Do you have a theme basket you can put together (ie, Chocolate Basket or Christmas Basket or New Year's Eve Supplies or ...)?
- Do you have a service that you can provide (Computer Repair or Plumbing or Leaf Raking or Babysitting or ...)?

- Do you want to donate sporting tickets, a timeshare or rental property, a restaurant gift card?
- Do you have an item that you want to provide, but don't think it's enough? (we can pair this up to make it valued more)

Please either fill out a **Silent Auction form** at church or email details to the church about your item (Name of Donator, how to reach you if there's a question, NAME OF ITEM, Brief Description of item, What is the minimum bid that should be placed on this item). Kari Lynch is organizing the Silent Auction, so see her if you have any questions.

THANKSGIVING IN-GATHERING OF FOOD

For the Burlington Community

Sunday, November 19th during Worship

One of the most important traditions in the life of our Church!



Our church is blessed to serve as the collection point for all the food donations from local churches, the Temple and organizations to provide Thanksgiving baskets to Burlington families, in dire financial need, as well as the elderly, shut-ins, and veterans. Our Youth volunteers will have responsibility for sorting and packaging the food prior to the distribution to those families identified by the Burlington Food Pantry.

Last year we provided food for a complete Thanksgiving Dinner for over 180 families.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED; HELP ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH. SEE THE SIGNUP SHEET AT COFFEE HOUR AND VOLUNTEER TO SORT FOOD, DELIVER FOOD TO SHUT-INS, HANDOUT FOOD TO FAMILIES, TRANSPORT LEFTOVERS TO THE PANTRY, ETC.

This is a short list, but we need ***DOZENS and DOZENS OF EACH ITEM!*** Fresh vegetables (potatoes, squash, green beans, carrots, etc) will be purchased, so if you would like to make a monetary contribution instead of food, such donations would be welcome. Checks should be made payable to ***People Helping People*** please!

We are requesting the following list of foods
PLEASE ONLY NEW PURCHASES **(NO EXPIRED DATES)!**

Chicken broth	Canned Corn	Cornbread Mix
Gravy	Cranberry Sauce	Mayonnaise
Stuffing mix		

On behalf of People Helping People, thank you for sharing so generously!
Your donations will ensure that everyone in Burlington will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving!

**IN-GATHERING OF 'PLEDGES', FOOD AND OFFERINGS
WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 19TH DURING WORSHIP**

As part of our Thanksgiving Worship on November 19th we will all come forward with our offerings, pledges, time and talent survey and our food for the pantry.

As one church family, we will thank God for the many Blessings in our lives!

PEOPLE TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Ann Onthank
Laura Nowell
Steve Fennelly
Jessy McNeil's brother Mel/Sister Grace
Luella Brown
Barbara Garland
Henry Knopp
Marie Perrot
Jan Blandino & great grandson Brandon
Anne Stafford & grandsons Zach & Tyler
Bill Livezey's daughter-in-law sister Susan
Elizabeth King
Chris Cahoon
Dorothy Murdoch's granddaughter Meghan
and son Bob

Marion Braley-Freeman
Carol Downing's husband Ron
Nick Ciano's mother Jenny
Dot Drinkwater
Ruth Reddig
John Heald's sister Susan & Mom
Ginger Mungillo's son Jim
Fred Garside
Bobbie's friend John, little Aiden & Mom Kika
All those effected by the recent hurricanes, fires
and violence worldwide!

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards, meals and coverage in the church office over the past few months while Tom was recovering from his stroke. He appreciated all the well wishes and is doing great now, driving and back to work part time. I personally want to thank those ladies who came and covered the office a few days during the summer and for the follow up visits we had to attend. Yes, this church is like extended family and we are very appreciative of your kindness!
Tom and Bobbie Killilea

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Shirley, Conrad, and Geoffrey and their extended family on the sudden passing of her Dad, Raymond Liu. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers!

Our deepest sympathy to Marion Braley-Freeman on the sudden passing of her niece Deborah Eileen (Welch) Bartnick.

Our thoughts and prayers to Everett Langley on the passing of his cousin Janet. Our prayers are with you and your family and friends! Sorry for your loss.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES!

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| 1 Chris silva | 18 Aline Beck |
| 2 Billy Forbush | 19 Marcia Rich |
| 3 Joyce Carpenter | 21 Thelma Tibbitts |
| 3 Elizabeth Silva | 21 Jeremy Todd |
| 5 Scarlett Costa | 21 Barbara Nee |
| 6 Elizabeth Forbush | 22 Rollie Damiani |
| 6 Ken Keyser | 23 Carol Downing |
| 9 Berj Zamanian | 25 Krissy Miller |
| 10 Geoffrey Fong | |
| 10 Colin Seara | |
| 11 Keri Beyer | |



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Daylight Savings Time...turn your clocks BACK an extra hour of sleep!!!!

Nov 5	Communion Prep:	Kay Shute-Barbara Moran
10:30am	Lay Leader:	Lucy Damiani
	Head Usher:	Bill Hitchcock
	Ushers:	Bill-Gordon Brown-Nancy Davis-Chris Stahlinski
	Greeters:	Barbara Nadaff
	School:	Deb Raymond-Wendy Sanford
	Nursery:	Kristen Watanabe-Sara Goodrich-Byers
	Collector:	Dick Butler
	Coffee Hour:	Chris Stahlinski
	Bakers:	<u>Chris-Janet Hooper-Susan Eby</u>
Nov 12	Lay Leader:	Chris Stahlinski
10:30am	Head Usher:	Marcia Rich
	Ushers:	Marcia-John Getsinger-Marge Zamanian-Mark Flecchia
	Greeters:	Anne Stafford
	School:	Deb Raymond-TBA
	Nursery:	Kristen Watanabe-Karen Ciardi
	Flower Deliverer:	Not Needed
	Collector:	Wynelle Scenna
	Coffee Hour:	Barbara Moran
	Bakers:	<u>Barbara-ONA Committee-Jean Baker</u>
Nov 19	Lay Leader:	Carol Downing
10:30am	Head Usher:	Everett Langley
	Ushers:	Everett-John Heald-Mark and Donna Flecchia
	Greeters:	Barbara Moran
	School:	Deb Raymond-Sue Wisniewski
	Nursery:	Kristen Watanabe-Nicole Flecchia
	Flower Deliverer:	Not Needed
	Collector:	Karen Ciardi
	Coffee Hour:	Janine Towle
	Bakers:	<u>Janine-Karen Butler-Karen Ciardi</u>
Nov 26	Lay Leader:	Dave Hooper
10:30am	Head Usher:	Dave Ieradi
	Ushers:	Dave-Sally Willard-Karen Ciardi-Kari Lynch
	Greeters:	Janice Grace
	School:	Deb Raymond-Chris Stahlinski
	Nursery:	Kristen Watanabe-Mark Flecchia
	Flower Deliverer:	Not Needed
	Collector	Marge Zamanian
	Coffee Hour:	Susan Eby
	Bakers:	<u>Susan-Shirley Fong-Sally Willard</u>
Dec 3	Communion Prep:	Jessy McNeil-Marge Zamanian
10:30am	Lay Leader:	Sally Willard
	Head Usher:	Janine Towle
	Ushers:	Janine-Bill Hitchcock-Chris Stahlinski-Carol Downing
	Greeters:	Karen Butler
	School:	Deb Raymond-TBA
	Nursery:	Kristen Watanabe-Damalie Dakoye
	Collector:	Barbara Moran
	Coffee Hour:	Donna Flecchia
	Bakers:	<u>Donna-Cindy Phillips-Barbara Nadaff</u>

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1p C4C 5:15p Youth Choir 7p Scouts 7:15p Adult choir	2 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	3 FAIR SETUP ALL DAY!	4 9-2P FALL FAMILY FAIR 6P DINNER SILENT/LIVE AUCTIONS <i>Turn Clocks BACK before Bed!</i>
5 10:30a Communion- School Celebrating our Generosity Survey Due today!	6 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p AA 7:30p Trustees	7 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 7:15p Deacons	8 1p C4C 5:15p Youth Choir 7p Scouts 7:15p Adult choir	9 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	10	11 Veterans Day! 2p Confirmation Field Trip
12 10:30a Worship School-ONA-Love Offering Noon-Music Committee Mtg.	13 3:30p Irish Step 6:15p CE Mtg 7:30p AA	14 10:00a Missions 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	15 1p C4C 5:15p Youth Choir 7p Scouts 7:15p Adult choir	16 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	17 6:15-7:45p Cub Scouts	18
19 10:30a Ingathering Sunday Worship- School Noon-food sorting 2-5p distribution To families	20 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p AA to Temple! 6p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Interfaith Worship Service At UCC	21 NO True North Pastor Hours 6pm Dinner Rental 7:15p PC Mtg	22 December Hilltop Articles are due!	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! NO True North Pastor Hours	24 Office Closed	25 9:30a Decorate Sanctuary for Advent
26 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:20a Hymns 10:30a Worship Red Wagon	27 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p AA	28 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	29 9:30a Hilltop Folding 1p C4C 5:15p Youth Choir 7p Scouts 7:15p Adult choir	30 9-11a True North Pastor Hours		Holiday Serenade! Time to be Determined!

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