

HILLTOP HERALD

**FEBRUARY
2018**

Rev. Angela V. Wells
Pastor

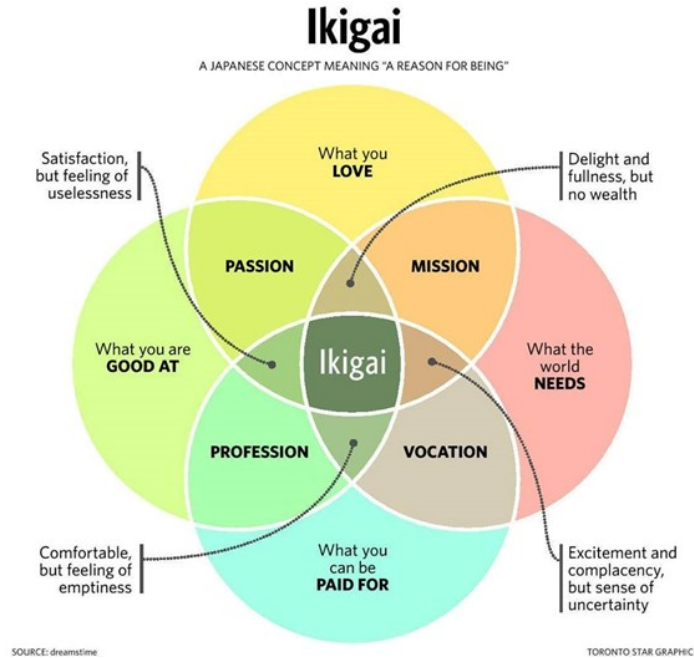
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Dear UCC Burlington Community,

I recently came across this Japanese concept called *ikigai*, and it means your reason for being. Ikigai is the intersection of what you love, what you are good at, what the world needs and what you can get paid for. Everyone has an ikigai, the hard part is finding out what that is. For the visual learners among us, here's an image that might be helpful for you:



Your reason for being should be challenging, it should be your choice, it should involve a commitment of time and energy and it should boost your wellbeing (not drain you!). Does this seem overwhelming? Are you having a tough time thinking about what your ikigai might be? Not to worry, discernment can take a long time, in fact, I think it's a life-long process. It's helpful for me to think in these terms, (what I love, what I am good at, what the world needs and what I get paid for), so I make sure I am spending my time in ways that are aligned with my ikigai, and therefore help me to bear more fruit rather than drain me. I want to use my time effectively by doing things that help the world but are also life-giving for me.

Since Lent will be upon us soon, I decided to use this concept of ikigai to think about what spiritual practice I can take up for the season. Part of my job as your pastor is to maintain personal connections with you. I also love doing it, it's rewarding for me and helps me be a better pastor to you. Unfortunately, I don't think I have been good at that lately. I confess that my focus has been elsewhere because of our political situation. As a way of spiritually reconnecting with each of you, I have decided that for Lent, I am going to pray for each of you, everyday. The church directory will be my guide and I will go through it on a daily basis. When we bring people to the forefront of our minds, it helps us remember them and easily reconnect with them when we see them. It might even cause us to reach out to them in ways we might not otherwise have done. I hope that praying for all of you, my spiritual community, the congregation that I serve, will help me grow closer to my ikigai, or my reason for being. What might you consider doing this Lent, to connect with your ikigai? I look forward to hearing what transpires for you.

With Love,

Rev. Angela V. Wells

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**285th
Annual Meeting Warrant
Sunday, February 4, 2018
Snow Date: February 11, 2018**

- Article 1 To approve the minutes of the 284rd Annual Meeting held in 2017.
- Article 2 To accept the 2017 Annual Reports of the Church Officers, Boards, and Committees.
- Article 3 To consider and vote upon the slate of Church Officers, Boards, and Committees as presented by the Nominating Committee.
- Article 4 To hear updates about UCC Dues, Solar Panel Project, and the Vision Team.
- Article 5 To consider and vote upon proposed changes to the UCC Constitution.
- Article 6 To consider and vote upon the 2018 Operating Budget as presented by the Board of Finance & Stewardship and recommended by the Parish Council.
- Article 7 To consider and vote upon empowering the Parish Council to spend up to \$5,000 from the Endowment Fund in case of an emergency.
- Article 8 To hear any other business that may legally come before the Congregation.
- Article 9 To consider and vote upon the 2018 Church Goal as recommended by Parish Council and the Vision Team.
- Article 10 To hear and consider remarks for the good of the Parish.



**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE
DINNER-FEBRUARY 13TH**
Tuesday, February 13th 5:30 - 7:30
Shrove Tues, Pancake dinner in the
BIG Hall.

A big success last year and a festive night. A sign up sheet will be provided at coffee hour for those who would like to contribute toppings.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 14TH AT 7:00PM**

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. Please join us as we mark the start of this sacred 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 for the quiet. Come for the pause. Come for the beautiful music. Come for the sacred experience. Come to be anointed with ashes. Come to be reminded that you a perfectly imperfect child of God. Come. All are welcome.

PASTORAL INSTALLATION @ BURLINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

Rev. Trina Portillo will be installed as the settled pastor of the Burlington Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, Feb. 4th at 3:00pm.**

All are welcome to attend this community event as we celebrate Trina's ministry among us.

MUSIC NOTES

Welcome, Aimee!

We are delighted to welcome Aimee Tredeau as a new member of the choir. Aimee is the sister of choir member Sarah Clark and the daughter of choir member Deana Tredeau.

Children Invited to Sing for Easter

Joe Stoddard will be getting in touch with Sunday School parents to put together a group of children to sing for our Easter Sunday morning service on April 1, 2018. We will also have our Youth Choir and Adult Choir sing at the service. If Joe inadvertently does not contact you and you want your child to be part of this Children's Choir, please email him at music@ucburlington.org.

February Rehearsals

The choirs will rehearse on February 7, 21, and 28. There will be *no choir rehearsals on Ash Wednesday, February 14.*

The Youth Choir will meet from 5:15-5:45pm and the Adult Choir will meet from 7:15pm-9:00pm. We would love to welcome new members into our choirs!

Deacons' Special Music Fund

We are very grateful to Anne Grunert, Suzanne Trefethen's niece, who made a Christmas donation to the Deacons' Special Music Fund in Suzanne's memory.

Keep in touch!

Email: music@ucburlington.org

Twitter: @ucbmusic

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

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



CHILI AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT!

I want to thank those who gave of their time, talents and good will to make Saturday night, January 20th a meaningful fellowship experience for everyone involved. Even though there was no roaring fire in the fireplace, it felt like one was lit in our hearts. Conversation was cheerful, the food was comforting and delicious and the singing for you all was a real treat. A special thanks to Sarah and Theo for joining Ann-Marie, Ted and myself. CE and the Music Committee sponsored the event and it is always a pleasure to work with such dedicated and loving people. We are blessed as a community and this was truly apparent that evening.

Sincerely,
Debbie Claar

thank
YOU

TRUE NORTH PASTOR HOURS

Please note Rev. Angela will be at True North Coffee Shop on the following dates. However, her door is always open.

Tuesday, February 1st: Cancelled
Tuesday, February 6th: 4-6pm
Thursday, February 8th: 9-11am
Tuesday, February 13th: Cancelled.

Come to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!
Thursday, February 15th: 9-11am
Tuesday, February 20th: 4-6pm
Thursday, Feb. 22nd: 9-11am
Tuesday, February 27th: 4-6pm





JAZZ AND CHOCOLATE - FEBRUARY 10TH 7PM

Join us for an evening of jazz and song. Lydia Harrell and her piano man, Steve Higgs will entertain us while we enjoy an array of decadent chocolate and more!

Tickets are \$15 per person and will go fast.

Reserve yours by calling the office today 781-272-4547!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS!

CE and Deb are happy to announce that a **new service group** of high schoolers, college age and “20 somethings” have met and are planning their first project. They plan to work with other organizations in Burlington to provide Community Dinners for individuals in need.

Sunday School has a solid weekly attendance that allows for providing 2 classes, one for the younger children and another older children. The Sunday School will sing “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” in church 2/11/17.

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR:

-Feb. Tues 13 5:30 – 7:30 Shrove Tues, Pancake dinner in Ed Blg. A big success last year and a festive night. A sign up sheet will be provided at coffee hour for those who would like to contribute toppings. **All ARE WELCOME!**



-March 17 Game night & St. Patrick’s Day celebration. Dress in green, come play board games and enjoy pizza. Will be area for adults to play games.

-April 20 Movie night for autism awareness month. Youth & adult Documentary: **Bullet Proof**

-May 20 noon (after church) Hike/Walk Land Locked Forest in Burlington. Enjoy a sandwich and cookie right after church to fuel up before we leave for the Forest.



LENTEN BOOK STUDY

During the 6 weeks of Lent, we will read the book Waking Up White, by Debby Irving. We will meet on **Thurs-**

day evenings from 7:30-9:00pm, starting on Feb. 15th and ending on March 22nd. Please see the sign up sheet at coffee hour or email Angela at: RevWells@UCCBurlington.org), if you plan to attend. All are invited to join us for this timely conversation.

Here is a synopsis of Irving’s book: Debby Irving grew up in Winchester, Massachusetts, during the socially turbulent 1960s and ’70s. After a blissfully sheltered, upper-middle-class suburban childhood, she found herself simultaneously intrigued and horrified by the racial divide she observed in nearby Boston. Her one-step-forward-two-steps-back experience of racial understanding eventually lead her to dig deeply into her own white privilege, where she found truths she never knew existed. Waking Up White describes that journey and the lessons learned along the way.

RACIAL JUSTICE TRAINING: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Burlington Advocates for Truth and Justice have organized a Racial Justice Training to be held at our church on **Saturday March 10th from 9am-5pm.** The training will be led by trained facilitators from the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC. This training, “From Tolerance to Unity,” seeks to create a common language around racism, to unmask racism in our lives, and to encourage long-term engagement in racial justice ministry. The cost is \$15 per person and lunch is included. Space is limited, so please contact Angela at RevWells@UCCBurlington.org if you’d like to participate.

MISSIONS UPDATE!



RED WAGON

The last Sunday of the month the local Burlington Pantry asks us to donate specific items low on their shelves.

We have been asked to donate:

Boxes of Cereal/Oatmeal

Please bring to worship on Sunday, the 25th of Feb.

ROSIE'S PLACE-BOSTON

Thank you to those who came in January to help prepare, cook and serve lunch to those homeless women at Rosie's Place. Our next day to volunteer is ***Saturday, the May 12th*** 10-12:30am. There will be a signup sheet coming in March.

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

Our conference room is a busy place on Wednesday afternoons. Even if you are not a crafty person you are welcome to join us. Also, if you know of an organization which might benefit from our skills please let us know. Last year we made purple new born hats for an organization that supported an education plan to make people aware of the devastating effects of shaken baby syndrome. ***We meet from 1 to 3PM on Wednesdays except for February 7 and March 14th.*** We have a bin of prayer shawls and lap robes always available for

anyone who wishes to give these handmade items to someone who needs to know they are in your thoughts and prayers. These items are intended for distribution to people who are in need whether they are members of our church or not. If you would like to give someone a prayer shawl or lap robe please see Bobbie, Angela, Susan Eby or any member of the Crafters group. The bin is kept in the conference room closet for easy access. We do ask that you let one of us know who you gave the item to so we do not duplicate the gift

LOWELL TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER (LTLC)

Thanks to all who donated used clothing and special thanks to crafters for a cause C4C for the many hand knitted hats, scarves and wrist sleeves. Please keep the donations coming.

Most needed.....we have a constant shortage of winter coats, boots and gloves. See the bin outside the church office if you can donate used clothing and travel size toothpaste!

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The PHP Food Pantry is looking for Adult volunteers to help at the Saturday Sorts (1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month). We are looking for Sorting Leaders, and Shelving Supervisors. The Leaders would help from 8:30-10:30am, and Shelving Supervisors from 9—10:30am Please contact Christie at 781-270-6625 or burlingtonpantry@gmail.com.

There is a dire need for F.I.S.H. drivers (Friends In Service to Humanity) to drive Food Pantry clients (Burlington residents) to and from the Food Pantry to receive their food. If you are interested in helping with this, please call Burlington Youth and Family Services at [781-270-1961](tel:781-270-1961).

Check out our website at peoplehelpingpeopleinc.org.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE ANNUAL WINE TASTING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH 2-5PM CAFÉ ESCADRILLE



"People Helping People is very pleased to announce that Bob Murray, owner of the Café Escadrille, will be hosting the 7th Annual Wine Tasting and Charity Auction with all proceeds going to support People Helping People," an invite reads.

The Wine Tasting & Charity Auction will be held at the Café Escadrille on Sunday, February 25th from 2 to 5 p.m. There will be wine tasting, gourmet appetizers, live auctions and silent auctions. Tickets are \$50 each. (only 150 tickets will be sold).

People Helping People is the umbrella organization for the Burlington Food Pantry, the Holiday Program & Wish Tree and the Covenant for Basic Needs. These three non-profit and volunteer-supported organizations are striving to meet the basic necessities of Burlington residents who have been hit hardest by the economic downturn.

Tickets can be purchased through Janet Sullivan Fitzgerald, 6 Rita Ave., sullivanfh@comcast.net (781) 244-9519, Dan DiTucci Spencer Cleaners 271 Cambridge St., & 240 Middlesex Turnpike or John Belmonte at A Whole Bunch of Flowers 326 Cambridge St., Burlington

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES AT UCC

The Trustees have completed the installation of NEST thermostats in three locations within the church. They are located in Sewall Hall (Ed Building main hall), church office and sanctuary. The thermostats have been programmed to go on and go off according to the normal usage of the respective parts of the church such as church services, office hours, weekly rentals and coffee hour in the Ed Building hall.

When the area being controlled by a NEST thermostat is not being used, the default temperature setting is 55 degrees.

For situations outside of normal usage, the temperature can be manually adjusted by turning the dial on the thermostat to turn the temperature setting up or down. After activity has been completed, the temperature should return to its normal setting on its own but it would be good to manually set it back to 55 degrees to save more energy.

An important feature of the NEST thermostats give the Trustees to set the thermostat temperatures remotely. The Trustees no longer have to be at the church to set the temperatures. With the improved controls on setting temperatures, we expect to reduce our heating costs.

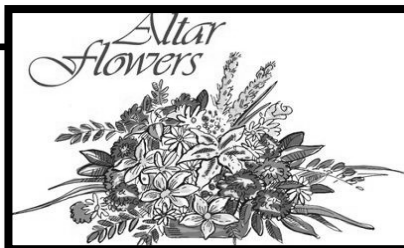
Special thanks to Everett Langley and John Heald for installing equipment to extend the wi-fi service area which allows the proper operation of the NEST thermostats.

NEED TO REACH THE TRUSTEES!

One of the things the Trustees come across often are what we call "drive-by" comments or issues . People will approach a Trustee with a question or issue before or after church. Unfortunately, sometimes we don't remember until weeks later or when the person making the request asks why something hadn't been done yet.

The Trustees Committee now have their own email address! trustees@ucburlington.org

When you have a question or an issue that the Trustees need to respond to, please send an email with your question/issue to trustees@ucburlington.org. If you don't have access to email, please leave a note with your name and date in the Trustees mailbox in the church office.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP?

Forms and signup sheet are located on the bulletin board in the Interconnect Hallway.

THE COST IS \$30 PER BOUQUET.

Fill out the form and leave it with Bobbie. Be sure to say who they are in memory/celebration of, are you keeping them after the worship, or can they be delivered to someone in need?



PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

John Getsinger's grandson Zach
 Joe Stoddard's husband Paul Mouratidis
 Elise Surko-with Hospice
 Wynelle Scenna's brother
 Ken Leonard
 Conrad Fong
 Janice Grace's dad Ed Scott
 Mark Flecchia and his mom Vivian
 Steve Fennelly
 Ann Onthank
 Marion Braley Freeman
 Bill Livezey's daughter-in-law's sister Susan
 Betty Knowles
 Jessy McNeil's brother Mel and sister Grace
 Barbara Garland
 Henry Knopp

Jan Blandino and her great grandson Brandon
 Anne Stafford, a young friend Amanda,
 grandson Tyler
 Elizabeth King
 Dorothy Murdoch's granddaughter Meghan
 and son Bob
 Carol Downing's husband Ron
 Nick Ciano's Mom Jenny
 Bobbie & Tom's friend John
 Dot Drinkwater
 Ruth Reddig
 Everett Langley's brother George
 John Heald's sister Susan & Mom
 Aimee Tredeau's friend Amanda
 Ginger Mungillo's son, Jim
 Fred Garside

JOYS TO.....

Congratulations to Nancy Davis as she celebrates her newest great grandchild! Nancy's daughter Alysa and husband, Don Johnson are grandparents again. Their son, Eric and Allison welcomed Bennet Murray Johnson Wednesday, December 27th.
 9 lbs and 8 oz to join his sister, Cecilia (2 yrs old). All are happy and healthy.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO...



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| 1 | Craig Baker | 14 | Karin Keyser |
| 1 | Ted Brierley | 15 | Elaine Carpenter |
| 2 | Gordon Brown | 16 | Virginia Mungillo |
| 5 | Mark Flecchia | 19 | Donna Flecchia |
| 7 | Karen Crossman (Beck) | 22 | Robert Knudsen |
| 7 | Kellsee Marie Lynch | 24 | Julia Lynch |
| 7 | Christopher Cahoon | 27 | Lynn Tirrell |
| 10 | Kelly Forbush | 27 | Sharon McDonough |
| 10 | Sue Staten-Kassirer | 27 | David Williamson |
| 11 | Frank Ayer | 27 | Carolyn Hart |
| 13 | Amy Todd | | |

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Feb 4th Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
 10:30am Head Usher: Dave McNeil
 Ushers: Dave-Conrad Fong
 Sally Willard-Lucy Damiani
 Greeters: Barbara Moran
 School: Deb Raymond -TBD
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Paul Raymond
 Flower Deliverer: Nancy Davis
 Collector: Marcia Rich
 Coffee Hour: Parish Council

Feb 11th Lay Leader: Dave Hooper
 10:30am Head Usher: Everett Langley
 Ushers: Everett-John Heald
 Janet Hooper-Gordon Brown
 Greeters: Wynelle Scenna
 School: Deb Raymond -TBD
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Damalie Dakoye
 Flower Deliverer: Marge Zamanian
 Collector: Everett Langley
 Coffee Hour: Chris Stahlinski
 Bakers: Chris-Barbara Moran

ASH WEDNESDAY

Feb 14 Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
 7:00pm Head Usher: Marcia Rich
 Greeter: TBD

Feb 18th Lay Leader: Carol Downing
 10:30am Head Usher: Paul Raymond
 Ushers: Paul-Kari Lynch
 Kellsee Lynch-Mark Flecchia
 Greeters: Sue Eby
 School: Deb Raymond -TBD
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe - Sarah Goodrich
 Flower Deliverer: Cindy Phillips
 Collector: TBD
 Coffee Hour: Janine Towle
 Bakers: Janine-Carol Downing
 Bobbie Killilea

Feb 25th Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
 10:30am Head Usher: Deb Glancy
 Ushers: Deb-Donna Ferro
 John Heald
 -Everett Langley
 Greeters: Kay Shute
 School: Deb Raymond - TBD
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe
 -Mark Flecchia
 Flower Deliverer: Bev Maher
 Collector: Carol Downing
 Coffee Hour: Nancy Davis
 Bakers: Nancy-Cindy Phillips
 -Sue Eby

If you cannot participate in
 Worship or Nursery contact:
 Donna Flecchia at
 781-272-4756

If you cannot host/bake
 Contact: Janine Towle at
 781-272-7679 or
 msjaninetowle@gmail.com

Mar 4th Communion Prep: Marie Perrot
 10:30a Lay Leader: Emily DeLuca
 Head Usher: Bill Hitchcock
 Ushers: Bill-Dave Ieradi
 Mark Flecchia
 Marie Perrot
 Greeters: Ginger Mungillo
 School: Deb Raymond -
 TBD
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe
 Donna Flecchia
 Flower Deliverer: Janice Grace
 Collector: Wynelle Scenna
 Coffee Hour: Shirley & Conrad
 Bakers: Shirley/Marge Z.
 Nancy Todd

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Montessori School</u> <u>Mon-Fri 8-5p</u></p>				<p>1 9-11a NO True North Hours</p>	<p>2 <u>5:30p Scouts</u></p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 10:30a Communion School Annual Mtg and Luncheon</p> 	<p>5 7:30p Trustees <u>7:30p AA</u></p>	<p>6 4-6p True North Pastor Hours <u>6p SLAA</u> 7:15p Deacons</p>	<p>7 No C4C Noon Clergy Group 5:15p Yth Choir <u>7-9p Scouts</u> 7:15p Choir</p>	<p>8 9-11a True North Pastor Hrs</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>7p Jazz and Chocolate Event!</p>
<p>11 10:30a Worship School-love offering</p>	<p>12 <u>7:30p AA</u></p>	<p>13 4-6p No True North Hours <u>6p SLAA</u> 4p Setup  5:30p Shrove Tuesday</p>	<p>14 1p C4C  7pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</p>	<p>15 9-11a True North Pastor Hrs 7:30p Lenten Bible Study</p>	<p>16 <u>5:30p Scouts</u></p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 First Sunday Of Lent 10:30a Worship School</p>	<p>19 PRESIDENT'S DAY!  Office Closed <u>7:30p AA</u></p>	<p>20 4-6p True North Pastor Hours <u>6p SLAA</u> 7:15p PC</p>	<p>21 1p C4C 5:15p Yth Choir <u>7-9p Scouts</u> 7:15p Choir</p>	<p>22 9-11a True North Pastor Hrs 7:30p Lenten Bible Study</p>	<p>23 MARCH HILLTOP ARTICLES ARE DUE!</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Second Sunday Of Lent 10:30a Worship School Noon Music Committee Mtg. 2P PHP Wine Tasting Event</p>	<p>26 <u>7:30p AA</u></p>	<p>27 4-6p True North Pastor Hours <u>6p SLAA</u></p>	<p>28 9:30p Hilltop Mailing 1p C4C 5:15p Yth Choir <u>7-9p Scouts</u> 7:15p Choir</p>			

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