

# HILLTOP HERALD

## SEPTEMBER 2018

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*Pastor*

*Chris Silva*  
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Dear Church,

I recently went to see the documentary, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" about the life and career of Rev. Fred Rogers, of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. If you have not seen it, I highly recommend it. In the film, one of his sons (jokingly) says, "It's hard having a dad who is basically the second Christ." He was referring to the fact that his dad was good, so good. His dad was pure. His dad was loving. His dad saw each and every person for who they were. His dad listened. His dad was slow, he took his time; he paid attention to the world around him. And his dad absolutely loved children. Fred Rogers took children seriously; he listened to their worries and their concerns. He didn't try to minimize them or disregard them. Mr. Rogers really does remind us of Jesus. He also listened. He was loving. He was pure. He was patient (most of the time). He took his time. He loved children. He saw people who were otherwise invisible.

I know that Mr. Rogers is set apart and there are few people like him, but I have been struggling with something since I saw the movie. I keep asking myself, why is it so difficult to be like that? Why aren't more people like Mr. Rogers? Why can't I be? What prevents us from treating each other the way Christ taught us to? The challenge is that there is no right answer. We all have our vices, which prevent us from being the best version of ourselves.

On Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, I will be preaching about the famous passage in the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (8:34) Mr. Rogers was able to deny himself. He knew his purpose was not about him. It was about other people, how they felt, how they moved through the world, and he valued being present with them through that experience. And so I ask the question, what prevents each of us from taking up our cross? We all have different issues. For some people it might be ego, or impatience, or misplaced priorities, or a bad temper, or an inability to be accommodating of others. As we begin our new church year together, I ask you to think about what your vice is, what keeps you from being like 'the second Christ?' What keeps you from picking up your cross? This year, I pray that we'll be able to move one step closer to being the people, and the community, God calls us to be.

In Solidarity,

Rev. Angela Wells-Bean





### TRUE NORTH IS BACK!

Angela will resume her hours at True North Coffee Shop starting the week after Labor Day. Once a month, on the first Thursday, her hours will be cancelled because she has a conflicting meeting at that time. Don't hesitate to stop by for coffee (or tea!) and conversation!

Tuesday, Sept. 4th: 4pm-6pm  
Thursday, Sept. 6th: Cancelled.  
Tuesday, Sept. 11th: 4pm-6pm  
Thursday, Sept. 13th: 9am-11am  
Tuesday, Sept. 18th: 4pm-6pm  
Thursday, Sept. 20th: Cancelled.  
Tuesday, Sept. 25th: 4pm-6pm  
Thursday, Sept. 27th: 9am-11am



### BOOK STUDY!

In the spring, our study of Jim Antal's book, ***Climate Church, Climate World***, was postponed. As promised, we will have our discussion in September and October! The group will meet for 6 weeks on Thursday nights in the Conference Room from Sept. 27th through Nov. 1st from 7:30-9:00pm.

Please see the sign-up sheet or email Angela at (RevWells@UCCBurlington.org) if you plan to join us. If you order the book directly from the publisher, [www.Rowman.com](http://www.Rowman.com), you can get a 30% discount on the book using the promo code: 4S18CCCPC.



### NAME CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Upon getting married, Andy and Angela both decided to change their last names, so they are now ***Andy Wells-Bean and Angela Wells-Bean***. You will see the change in church stationery and publications. They are excited to have a new family name and they appreciate your using this new name for all future correspondence.

### NEW SIGNAGE

During the summer months, some people were working around the church to spruce things up. Next time you are entering in Sewall Hall, take a look at the sign above the door which now says '**Sewall Hall.**' And once you enter the hall, take a look at the pictures, which are now hanging on the wall. And next time you're hanging up your coat, take a look at the welcoming message that's now on the wall above the coat rack. Next time you are walking into the Interconnect from Sewall Hall, take a look at how the direction signs on the wall and on the door have changed. Next time you are putting on your name tag, take a look at the new poster which is hanging in the glass case just before you enter the sanctuary. Thank you to Chris Stahlinski and Rev. Angela Wells for their leadership with this project, and thank you to the Deacons for supporting this initiative through the use of memorial fund monies.

### A NOTE FROM DEACONS-NEW CHURCH BANNERS

In our continuing efforts to inspire a worshipful experience as well as to enhance the appearance of the sanctuary, the Deacons have commissioned a series of ***new banners*** from aspiring artist **Brenna Tedesco**. Brenna is a student at Mass Art where she specializes in Illustration. She has designed 8 new seasonal banners for the front of the sanctuary. The banners are being funded through the use of our General Memorial Funds.

The banners will represent Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost, Earth Day, and our historic Meeting House. Welcome Back Sunday will be the first display of one of these new banners. We hope everyone will be able to attend and enjoy the addition of this artwork.

We are blessed as a Congregation to have had so many beautiful banners created over the years by talented members and friends of the congregation and we are glad for the opportunity to add new ones to the beautiful collection of art that we continue to preserve and display.

# Sunday Brunch

## WELCOME BRUNCH SEPTEMBER 9TH!

Join us on September 9th for our Annual Welcome Brunch! Join us after worship and enjoy a brunch while catching up with friends and members who may have been away over the summer months.

All are welcome, bring your appetite!



## CHURCH LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

You love our church and wish you could do just a little bit more, but don't know where to start? There are several ways for you to add your mark in spreading our good works. Looking for just a short-term commitment – we are in need of a volunteer or volunteers to help coordinate the annual FALL FLEA MARKET typically held in the September timeframe. Perhaps the flea market isn't your cup 'o tea but involvement in a committee would be more your style – both the Christian Education ministry as well as the Parish Council are looking for members to help bring in new ideas. We also need Nursery Volunteers to assist on Sundays. Got another idea on how you can contribute – we are all ears!

Please reach out to Chris Silva ([moderator@uccburington.org](mailto:moderator@uccburington.org)) if interested or if you just want more

## 2019 BUDGET

I'm sure some of you are thinking, "Is she crazy? Summer hasn't ended yet and she is talking about the budget!" There is a very good reason.



You might recall that last year the proposed budget had a short fall, requiring a Second Mile campaign. That appeal was extremely successful and we were able to close the gap. Parish Council wants to avoid the same need arising again this year. So we are going to try a new approach.

Parish Council and the various committees are going to consider the church's fiscal needs earlier. The idea is that when we begin the 2019 Stewardship Campaign in October we will be able to tell the congregation more specifics about the 2019 operational budget so that together we can reach that goal.

We are asking each committee to submit their budget estimates by October 1st. They should be emailed to me at [gail.m.ciano@gmail.com](mailto:gail.m.ciano@gmail.com). If you have any thoughts or supportive suggestions related to the 2019 budget please share those with someone from the relevant committee. For example, perhaps you were cleaning out your mother's house and found four cases of paper towels that you would like to donate to Trustees.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this initiative to proactively try to manage the budget process.

*Gail Ciano,*  
Co-chair of Finance and Stewardship

## MISSIONS UPDATE!



### RED WAGON

The Burlington Pantry is in need of the following items to stock their shelves: ***vegetable oil, coffee, tea***

Please bring to worship on September 30th and we will bring them forward during our Time with Children!

### ROSIE'S PLACE-BOSTON

We are looking for volunteers to join us in Boston on September 12th. We will prepare, cook, serve, and cleanup after a luncheon for homeless women in Boston. If interested, please contact Jan McSheffrey at [afdove@verizon.net](mailto:afdove@verizon.net)

### CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

We have enjoyed our summer meetings in the cool conference room. Now it is time to start thinking about the fall fair. If you have suggestions for projects we might try please let us know. We will continue to meet on Wednesdays this fall from 1 to 3 in the conference room. We thank you for the yarn you have been donating and already some has been used for mittens. Please keep in mind that we can only use washable yarn.

### NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday School children have been involved in interactive activities over the summer. They had 'assignments' to complete during their time off that kept them in touch with one another. According to the letters & pictures they have sent they are having a fun summer! Come to Welcome Sunday on September 9 to witness some of their stories & pictures on display at coffee hour.

We are looking forward to another great year of Sunday School beginning Sunday Sept. 9. We will continue to have hunts, make crafts, work outside, have competitive games all while learning Bible Lessons.

### 1ST PLANNED INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY\* SEPTEMBER 22 AT 4:30 PM CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT & DINNER AFTER



Corn hole is a simple, but competitive game of tossing bean bags at a hole & scoring points. Teams will be set up in age groups so the game is equitable & fair for all. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams in each age group. We will all enjoy a meal together after the competition.

\*Intergenerational activities are meant for all ages to attend.  
Some activities are broken into ages groups & some are all groups together.



## FUNDRAISING IDEAS

As you saw from another article in this Hilltop, we are starting the 2019 budget process earlier this year. As part of this initiative we are getting the word out now that we need fundraising ideas and people willing to take lead roles in 2019.

We all wish that we didn't need fundraising...but we do. This church has essentially three revenue opportunities:

- Pledges/donations
- Rental income
- Fundraisers



The first two sources provide the bulk of our income, but with expenses rising we can't rely on them alone, making it all the more essential that we have dynamic and effective fundraising opportunities/events. So we need your brilliant ideas. We pray there will be people willing to volunteer and lead or co-lead events or activities.

Running an event/program can be a spiritual opportunity to bond with new members of the congregation or try your hand at something new. Maybe you have a great idea but feel intimidated by leading the event. I'm sure many of you have attended a fundraiser elsewhere and thought, "That was fun. We should do that here." We have some members who are missing an event the church used to run. A popular trend is to co-chair an event, i.e. two friends or new friends share the responsibilities.

We ask everyone to pray about our plea and consider what you may be able to contribute to our 2019 Fundraising efforts.



### Meatless Potluck September 30th Following Worship

Did you know if you gave up eating meat once a week you reduce your meat consumption for a year by 15%, thus saving resources such as water and fossil fuels? In addition to benefiting the environment you are also reducing your risk for health conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer. You are probably thinking this sounds like a good idea, but where to start. This is where meatless Mondays comes in and your Green Team is here to help you get started.

***On Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a Vegetarian Pot Luck after church.*** We are asking everyone to bring their favorite meatless main dish for sharing. Our plan is to compile a Meatless Monday recipe book, so along with your dish please bring the recipe. More details will be coming out soon.



### **Thank you, Dorothy!**

We were very sad to have to say goodbye to soprano Dorothy Murdoch this summer. She has moved to Tennessee to be closer to family there. Dorothy was a very devoted choir member and a very active member of this church. We will miss you, Dorothy, but we look forward to hearing all about your new adventures in Tennessee! God bless you!

### **Thank you, Summer Musicians!**

We were blessed with the ministry of talented musicians who offered solos, duets, and trios this summer. We are very grateful to: Aline Beck, Cathy Beyer, Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Amelia Lewis, Julie Lewis, Ann-Marie Messbauer, Robert Scenna, Lee Tirrell, Aimee Tredeau, Deana Tredeau, and Nick Turgiss. A special thank-you goes to Aline Beck for being our organist on the Sundays that Joe was on vacation this summer.

### **"From Our Hearts": Youth Choir CD**

More copies of our Youth Choir CD are available! They make great Christmas presents! We hope to sell CD's after some church services this September, but you can also see Joe Stoddard or any member of the Music Committee (Debbie Claar, Deana Tredeau, Wynelle Scenna) if you would like a CD. The price for each CD is \$15 and all of the money will go back into the Special Music Fund to pay for the production of the CD.

### **Children's Choir Beginning Soon!**



The next generation of singers is here and ready to roll! We have a great starter group together, and we will begin rehearsals soon. After getting input from all of the families interested, Joe has set rehearsals for Sundays after church from 12pm-12:30pm – after the kids have had a chance to get a snack at coffee hour! As of this writing, there are a few details to be worked out before setting the first rehearsal date, but Joe will be in contact with all of the families by the time you read this newsletter.

Joe has tried reaching out to all the families in the church with children, but if he has inadvertently missed you, please contact him at [music@ucburlington.org](mailto:music@ucburlington.org) or (781) 346-3900 if your family is interested in being part of the new Children's Choir.

### **The Adult Choir Needs You!**

We are starting our rehearsals on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:15 pm. Drop in anytime to check us out and see if you'd like to join us! The adults will rehearse every Wednesday in September except for Wednesday, September 19. If you'd like more information, please see Joe after church or contact him at [music@ucburlington.org](mailto:music@ucburlington.org) or (781) 346-3900.

### **Keep in touch!**

**Email:** [music@ucburlington.org](mailto:music@ucburlington.org)

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**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs](http://www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs)

**Google+:** Joe Stoddard ([music@ucburlington.org](mailto:music@ucburlington.org))



## JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 3RD FALL FAMILY FAIR

### 9-2PM SHOP FOR

BAKED GOODS

COOKIES

JAMS

HOLIDAY/HOME DECOR

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

KNIT AND QUILTED GOODS

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

FACE PAINTING

GAMES, etc.



### TAKE A CHANCE ON RAFFLES BID ON SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

### 6PM JOIN US FOR OUR

DINNER (by our MALE Chefs)

SILENT/LIVE AUCTION WINNERS

RAFFLE WINNERS

***Mark Your Calendar!***



### **We need *YOUR* help to make this fundraiser a huge success!**

Can you bake, craft, sew, work with children, donate to our Silent/Live Auction, donate a raffle basket?

Can you help with advertising, setup, work tables, and help us rearrange for dinner, then of course clean our hall for church service the next day!

There will be signup sheets coming in September, **if you can find the time to put together some items to sell (6-8 items each would be wonderful), this would help get our Fair off the ground!.**

Questions contact Shirley Fong or Wynelle Scenna



## Worship Participation Schedule

### September 2 Labor Day Weekend

**10:30am** Communion Prep: Janice Grace-Nancy Davis  
 Lay Leader: Michael Lewis  
 Head Usher: Mark Flecchia  
 Ushers: Mark and Donna Flecchia-Jan McSheffrey-Chris Stahlinski  
 Greeters: Anne Stafford  
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Paul Raymond  
 Flower Deliverer: Nancy Davis  
 Collector: Marcia Rich  
 Coffee Hour: Barbara Moran  
 Bakers: Nancy Davis-Marge Zamanian

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### September 9 Welcome Sunday

**10:30am** Lay Leader: Conrad Fong  
 Head Usher: Dick Butler  
 Ushers: Dick and Karen Butler-Barbara Moran-Wynelle Scenna  
 Greeters: Jean Baker  
 School: Deb Raymond-  
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Paul Raymond  
 Flower Deliverer: Janice Grace  
 Collector: Dick Butler  
 BRUNCH: DEACONS

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### September 16

**10:30am** Lay Leader: Craig Baker  
 Head Usher: Deb Glancy  
 Ushers: Deb Glancy-Donna Ferro-Kari Lynch-Marge Zamanian  
 Greeters: Ginger Mungillo  
 School: Deb Raymond-  
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Mark Flecchia  
 Flower Deliverer: Cindy Phillips  
 Collector: Wynelle Scenna  
 Coffee Hour: Gail Ciano  
 Bakers: Lynn Tirrell-Kay Shute

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### September 23

**10:30am** Lay Leader: Sally Willard  
 Head Usher: Bill Hitchcock  
 Ushers: Bill Hitchcock-Carol Downing-Gordon Brown-Mark Flecchia  
 Greeters: Barbara Nadoff  
 School: Deb Raymond-  
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Bev Maher  
 Flower Deliverer: Marge Zamanian  
 Collector: Barbara Moran  
 Coffee Hour: John Heald & Everett Langley  
 Bakers: John and Everett, Karen Butler

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### September 30

**10:30am** Lay Leader: Sarah Clark  
 Head Usher: John Heald  
 Ushers: John Heald-Everett Langley-  
 Paul and Jane Raymond  
 Greeters: Karen Butler  
 School: Deb Raymond-  
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-  
 Jan McSheffrey  
 Flower Deliverer: Anna Karwan  
 Collector: Everett Langley  
 Coffee Hour: Green Team-  
 Meatless Monday Potluck  
 Bakers: Sunday School

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### October 7 Communion Prep:

**10:30am** Lay Leader: Dave Hooper  
 Head Usher: Dave McNeil  
 Ushers: Dave McNeil-Conrad Fong  
 John Getsinger-Marcia Rich  
 Greeters: Susan Eby  
 School: Deb Raymond-  
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-  
 Donna Flecchia  
 Flower Deliverer: Bill Livezey  
 Collector: Marge Zamanian  
 Coffee Hour: Jan McSheffrey  
 Bakers: Nancy Todd-Cindy Phillips

# SEPTEMBER 2018

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri | Sat  |
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|   |   |  |   |   |     | 1  |
| 2<br>10:30a<br>Communion  | 3<br><b>Labor Day</b><br><b>Office closed</b><br><br>7:30p AA | 4<br>4-6p True<br>North Hours                  | 5<br>1p C4c<br><br>7:15p Adult<br>Choir   | 6<br>No True North<br><br>6p SLAA   | 7   | 8<br><br><b>Noon Party<br/>Rental</b>  |
| 9<br>10:30a Worship<br>Love Offering<br>School<br><br>Noon Welcome<br>Brunch<br><br>Noon Missions<br>Meeting          | 10<br><br>7:30p AA  | 11<br>4-6p True<br>North Hours                 | 12<br>Rosie's<br>Volunteers to<br>Boston<br><br>1p C4c<br><br>7:15p Adult<br>Choir    | 13<br><br>9-11a True<br>North Hours<br><br>6p SLAA  | 14  | 15   |
| 16<br>10:30a Worship<br>School<br><br>Noon<br>Called to Care  | 17<br><br>7:30p AA  | 18<br>4-6p True<br>North Hours<br><br>7:15p PC | 19<br>1p C4c<br><br>7:15p Adult<br>Choir  | 20<br>October Hilltop<br>Article Deadline<br>Due today!<br><br>9-11a True<br>North Hours<br><br>6p SLAA | 21  | 22<br>Autumn<br>Begins! <br><br>4:30p <b>Inter-<br/>generational<br/>Activity</b><br>Cornhole &<br>Dinner |
| 23<br>10:30a Worship<br>School  | 24<br><br>7:30p AA  | 25<br>4-6p True<br>North Hours                 | 26<br>9:30a<br>Hilltop Folding<br>& Mailing<br><br>1p C4C<br><br>7:15p Adult<br>Choir | 27<br><br>9-11a True<br>North Hours<br><br>6p SLAA<br><br>7:30p Book<br>Study                           | 28  | 29<br><br><b>2-5p Party<br/>Rental</b>   |
| 30<br>10:30a Worship<br>School<br><b>Red Wagon</b><br><br>Noon<br><b>NO MEAT</b><br><b>Potluck</b><br><b>Luncheon</b> | <b>OCTOBER 1</b><br><br><b>BUDGET<br/>DEADLINE</b>            |  |   |   |     |  |

## PRAYER CONCERNS!



Extra prayers needed for Rev. Elizabeth King  
Jan Blandino-hospitalized  
Tom Killilea  
Extra prayers needed for Aimee Tredeau's friend  
Amanda  
Joyce Carpenter's sister Helen  
Karen Welch's sister-in-law's mom Joyce with  
hospice  
Kelley Sievert's baby Lowen  
Nancy Todd's Mom  
Fred Garside  
Luella Brown  
Anna Karwan's Mom  
Anne Stafford's and grandsons Tyler and Zach  
Marion Braley Freeman and her niece Beth  
Sara's friend Sarah  
Karen Welch's friend June and brother Rick

Bobbie Martino  
Barbara Garland  
John Getsinger's grandson Zach  
Conrad Fong  
Steve Fennelly  
Ann Onthank  
Jessy McNeil's brother Mel and sister Grace  
Henry Knopp  
Bobbie & Tom's friends John, Joy, Ed  
(all dealing with cancer)  
Dot Drinkwater  
Ruth Reddig  
Everett Langley's brother George  
John Heald's sister Susan & Mom  
Ginger Mungillo's son, Jim

### CONDOLENCES TO:

The McNeil family on the sudden passing of Dave's mom. Our deepest sympathy. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers!

The Scenna Family of the sudden passing of Robert's Mom. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers! Our deepest sympathy to all.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Susan and Nelson Eby celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Tom and Caitlin Spearson will be adding a new member to their family come December. What great news!

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

3 Eric Forbush  
4 Charlotte Blaney  
5 Amanda Miller  
7 Dominic Ramirez (Killilea)  
7 Nick Nowell  
7 Wayne Higden  
7 Steve Samarjian  
9 Peter Silva  
16 Katherine Baker

17 Kate Byers  
18 Samantha Flecchia  
18 Jackson Towle  
18 Jared Ciano  
24 David Hooper  
25 Conrad Fong  
26 Lucy Damiani  
26 Shirley Garside  
28 Forrest Knowles



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