

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
CONGREGATIONAL  
6 LEXINGTON STREET  
BURLINGTON, MA



**DECEMBER 2, 2018 First Sunday in Advent**

**Carol Sing begins at 10:20am**

## Communion-Worship-Sunday School 10:30am

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### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

#### **December 2-First Sunday in Advent-Carol Sing 10:20am-Worship 10:30am**

Communion Prep	Jan McSheffrey-Nancy Davis
Lay Leader	Deb Glancy
Head Usher	Dick Butler
Ushers	Dick & Karen Butler
Advent Readers:	TBD
Greeter	Janice Grace
School	Deb Raymond-Sue Wisniewski
Nursery	Kristen Watanabe-Donna Flecchia
Flower Deliverer	Nancy Davis
Collector	Marge Zamanian
Coffee Hour	Janine Towle
Bakers	Janine-Karen Welch-Chris Stahlinski

#### **December 9 -Second Sunday in Advent-Carol Sing 10:20am-Worship 10:30am**

Lay Leader	Mark Flecchia
Head Usher:	Dave McNeil
Ushers:	Dave-Janine Towle-Lucy Damaini-Jane Raymond
Advent Readers:	TBD
Greeter:	Carol Downing
School:	Deb Raymonod-Jan McSheffrey
Nursery:	Kristen Watanabe-TBD
Flower Deliverer:	Bev Maher
Collector:	Carol Downing
Coffee Hour:	John Heald-Everett Langley
Bakers:	Everett-Shirley Fong-Barbara Leonard

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday November 27**

No True North Pastor Hours

**Wednesday November 28**

Hilltop Folding 9:30am  
Crafting for a Cause 1:00pm  
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm

**Thursday November 29**

No True North Pastor Hours-Funeral  
Advent Book Study 7:30pm

**Saturday December 1**

Come decorate the Sanctuary 9:30am

**Sunday December 2**

First Sunday in Advent  
Carol Sing 10:20am  
Communion-Worship-School 10:30am

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**INGATHERING SUNDAY FROM FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP**

In-gathering Sunday is my favorite day of the church year, a sentiment I've heard from many of you. It is the day that the church and the wider community come together in the best run, and yet fun, beehive of activity to care for the community. A blessed day.

It is also a blessed day because it is the day that we collect your pledges and time and talent offerings. The Finance and Stewardship committee is happy to say that we have collected about 75% of the pledges that we expected. Please take a look at the poster of our church's goal which is now hung in the vestibule at the front of the church. We made a wonderful dent in meeting our goals, but we still have a ways to go. We are approximately \$26,300 shy from our pledge goal for the upcoming year.

On In-gathering Sunday many of you brought corn, chicken broth, stuffing and cranberry sauce. You may have also have brought your pledge cards and your time and talent forms. For those that have not determined yet what they can bring this year, we ask that you consider the church's needs and your abilities in the next few weeks. If anyone needs

another packet, please let anyone from Finance and Stewardship know and we will get you one.

Thank you for serving our community and this wonderful church.  
God bless you,

Gail Ciano

*Other members to ask for a packet include:*

*John Heald*

*Kari Lynch*

*John Getsinger*



## WISE COMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HEALTH IS FORMING

On Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, Angela, Margie Mack and Dave Ierardi attended an all-day conference learning about the process to become a WISE Congregation for Mental Health. (WISE – Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged). The conference was very moving and powerful, addressing how mental health is so underserved in our lives and specifically in our churches. The three of us, unanimously agreed to proceed with the process and would like to offer the opportunity to anyone who is interested in helping chart the course to becoming a WISE congregation. ***Our meeting is scheduled for November 28th at 7pm.*** Please reply to Dave Ierardi with your interest or if you have any questions, [daveierardi@gmail.com](mailto:daveierardi@gmail.com). Thank you!

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### Looking for Advent Candle Lighters!

Are you interested in lighting our Advent wreath this season? **We need folks to light it each week in December, on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and we need two groups to light it on Christmas Eve, at our 7pm and 11pm services.** You can light it by yourself, with your family or with a group of friends. It's very easy, all the instructions will be provided to you. If you are interested, please let Angela know at [RevWells@UCCBurlington.org](mailto:RevWells@UCCBurlington.org). Thank you so much!

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### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS!

If you would like to order a plant to have at our Christmas Sunday, December 23rd, Christmas Eve, December 24th services please be sure to fill out a form (in your Hilltop) or at coffee hour.

**The cost of each plant is \$10.00** Be sure to let us know who it would be in memory/honor/celebration of and if you would like to take your plant **AFTER** our Christmas Eve Services.

**DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 16th**

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**We all know how important coffee hour is following worship. We are in need of folks to HOST on Sunday morning. Janine Towle is our coordinator and she would be more than happy to give you guidelines for hosting. This would make it easier to spread out scheduling.**

Email Janine at [msjaninetowle@gmail.com](mailto:msjaninetowle@gmail.com)

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**The Deacons  
would like to thank  
all those people who took the  
time to shop for Mom and her baby boy  
to help bring some Christmas cheer to their family.  
Please return your item with the index card (UNWRAPPED)  
to the office by December 9th  
Place in the  
BLUE BIN  
Church Office  
Thank you!**

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**NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE'S FUNDRAISER TO  
BENEFIT UCC  
WAYSIDE COMMON  
BURLINGTON, MA**

December 4- Tuesday  
December 11- Tuesday  
December 18- Tuesday  
December 26- Wednesday

Grab your family, friends, co-workers and enjoy lunch/dinner on the above dates and 15% of your food bill will be donated to the church. How easy is that! Just take the flyer with you (found at coffee hour) or we can mail one to you if needed, present it to your server and be sure the bill reflects the fundraiser.

Merry Christmas to us and the church!

Any questions please see Deb Raymond.

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**JUST A REMINDER.....**

**WE HAVE RENTERS USING SEWALL HALL WEEKLY**

<b>MONDAYS</b>	<b>7:30-9PM</b>	<b>AA MEETING</b>
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	<b>6:30-8PM</b>	<b>RAA MEETING (2nd &amp; 4th Tuesday)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	<b>7-9pm</b>	<b>SCOUTS</b>
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<b>6:30-7:30PM</b>	<b>PRIVATE GROUP MTG</b>

Please **DO NOT** interrupt while they are in session!

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**LTLC - Lowell Shelter is in need of  
the following items  
for MEN and WOMEN**

**Used or new, Mens and Womens:**

**Most Critical:**

**Winter Jackets**

**Boots**

**Warm socks**

**Gloves**

**Jeans**

**Sweatshirts with hoods**

**Less critical:**

**All other adult sized clothing**

There will be a bin outside the church office if you can donate any items.

Thank you!

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## **COAT BOSTON**

**(Coats for Elementary Age Children)**

Missions will be collecting **new winter coats** for elementary age children. There will be a blue bin marked outside the church office area. **Deadline is December 8th!**

### **WHAT SIZES, COLORS, STYLES ARE YOU COLLECTING?**

We accept all colors and styles of coats as long as they are warm winter coats—we try hard to get a variety of colors and styles so that each child can choose one that they like. ***(Please no fleece or softshell light jackets, we are looking for proper coats)*** We outfit youth from toddlers to teens, so all sizes-included adult sizes-are appreciated.

### **DON'T HAVE TIME TO SHOP FOR A COAT. CAN YOU JUST DONATE MONEY?**

Yes! Visit [www.citymissionboston.org/give](http://www.citymissionboston.org/give) or send a check to City Mission, Inc., 185 Columbia Road, Suite 317, Boston, MA 02108 (Please make it payable to City Mission, Inc.)

For questions,  
please call 617.742.6830.

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## **CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE C4C**

C4C will meet on November 28<sup>th</sup> to divide up the items that have been made for the many mission programs we support. If you have items for us to distribute such as hats and scarves please leave those for C4C in the office area clearly marked. You are welcome to join us for the activity if you want.



IN Dec we will meet on Dec 5 and 12. On Dec 19<sup>th</sup> we will be part of the pot luck holiday luncheon.  
No meeting on Dec 26<sup>th</sup> but we will start the New Year with a meeting on Jan 2.

***We DO NOT need any more Christmas Cards!***

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## **BURLINGTON PANTRY IS IN NEED!**

The Burlington Food Pantry currently helps 13 families with children under the age of 2.

They are in need of diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5) and wipes.

If you are able to donate please bring to church anytime and place into the BLUE bin outside the church office.

Thanks so much!

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## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/NURSERY**

**We are in need of coverage in our Nursery on Sunday and especially on Christmas Eve at the 7pm Service.**



**Please contact Donna Flecchia at [dmflec@gmail.com](mailto:dmflec@gmail.com)**

**For Sunday School see the signup sheet  
at coffee hour!**

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**GIFT CARD PROGRAM**

**ORDER DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 2ND**

Buy your gift cards through "ShopwithScrip" and a percentage will be donated to the the church at not cost to you!

There is a great list of vendors that participate in this program.

If you would like to get a gift card to thank someone,  
or give as a gift please take advantage of this program.

There is a form at coffee hour, just fill it out and leave your check with Nancy Todd OR you can go online to [www.ShopwithScrip.com](http://www.ShopwithScrip.com), create an account with BB483284315L1 as your enrollment code (to link your order to our church account). Place your order online, and send a check to "UCC, with Gift Cards on the memo line. Put the check in the GIFT CARD ORDER mailbox or mail to the church.

Questions see Nancy Todd!

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**Children's Choir Schedule**

Rehearsals take place after worship on Sundays

**12-12:30pm**

Join us!

**The Adult Choir Needs You!**

***It's beginning to sound a lot like... Christmas?***

Yes, indeed, it is! The Choir is open for singers who want to help with Advent and Christmas music! We will start rehearsals for the season on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. We would love singers in all sections to help enrich our musical offerings, especially for Christmas Eve. Come help us all get into the Christmas spirit!

**Youth Choir CD's**

From Our Hearts, our recent Youth Choir CD, makes a great Christmas gift! It features Kristen Harder, Laura Harder, and Diana Sears, directed and accompanied by Joe Stoddard. The price is \$15 per CD, with all proceeds going directly to the Special Music Fund to offset the cost of the production of the CD. Contact Joe Stoddard.

Keep in touch!

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

Twitter: @ucbmusic

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

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



**TRUE NORTH PASTOR HOURS**

Angela has resumed her hours at True North Coffee Shop. 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!

**True North Hours**

Tuesday, November 27 4-6pm

No Pastor Hours on November 29 - Funeral

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***If any of the people listed below are doing better, please let us know.  
The list is long and we are praying some are on the mend  
and our prayers have helped!***

Sadly **Fred Garside** passed away in his sleep early Monday morning.  
A Funeral service will be here at the church on Thursday, November 29th at 10am.

Visiting Hours at Sullivan Funeral Home Wednesday, December 28 4-8pm.

Keep Shirley and family in your prayers.

(Contact the office for Shirley's Address)

J. Beyers (Relative of Kate)

Lucy and Rollie Damiani's brother-in-law Vito "Chickie" Bucco

Dave Willaimson

Deb Glancy's Aunt Rosemarie

Rev. Elizabeth King (call office if you would like her address)

Jan Blandino and her great-grandson Brandon

Tom Killilea

Extra prayers needed for Aimee Tredeau's friend Amanda

Nancy Todd's Mom

Fred Garside

Anna Karwan's Mom

Anne Stafford and grandsons Tyler and Zach

Marion Braley Freeman and her niece Beth

Bobbie Martino

Barbara Garland

Conrad Fong

Steve Fennelly

Ann Onthank

Jessy McNeil's brother Mel and sister Grace

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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

*So much violence here and worldwide  
Keep all those people in your prayers!  
**Spread love and peace!***

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