

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



**MARCH 6 at 7pm Ash Wednesday Service**

**MARCH 10 at 10:30am**

**Worship-School-Love Offering**

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## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### **March 6 at 7pm**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

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| Lay Leader | Mark Flecchia |
| Head Usher | Dave Ierardi  |
| Greeters   | Barbara Moran |

### **March 10**

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| Lay Leader:       | Emily DeLuca                                   |
| Head Usher:       | Dick Butler                                    |
| Ushers:           | Dick and Karen Butler-Barbara Moran-Kari Lynch |
| Greeter:          | Ginger Mungillo                                |
| School:           | Deb Raymond                                    |
| Nursery:          | Kristen Watanabe-Donna Flecchia                |
| Flower Deliverer: | Janice Grace                                   |
| Collector:        | Dick Butler                                    |
| Coffee Hour:      | Nancy Davis                                    |
| Bakers:           | Shirley Fong-Karen Welch                       |

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Tuesday, March 5**

True North Pastor Hours 4-6pm

Deacons Meeting 7:15pm

### **Wednesday, March 6**

Crafting for a Cause 1:00pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:15pm

Ash Wednesday Service 7pm

**Thursday, March 7**

No True North Pastor Hours

Lenten Book Study 7:30pm

**Sunday, March 10**

First Sunday of Lent

Worship-School-Love Offering 10:30am

Missions Meeting Noon

Youth Choir Noon



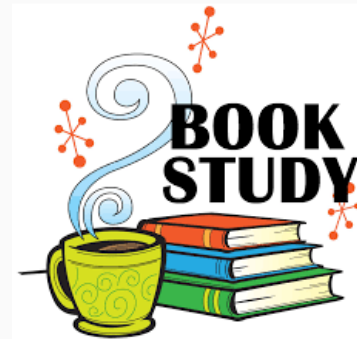
**Ash Wednesday**

**March 6 at 7pm**

Join us on Wednesday, March 6th at 7pm for a contemplative service to mark the beginning of the sacred season of Lent. This is a chance for us to pause and reconnect with God as we prepare our hearts and minds to journey with Jesus towards Jerusalem.

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY**

Our worship theme for Lent is 'Cultivate and Let Go.' Our book study for Lent is *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brené Brown. In the book, she will lead us through 10 guideposts of things we should cultivate and let go of in our lives. All are welcome to participate in this introspective discussion. ***We'll meet each Thursday from March 7th through April 11th from 7:30-9:00pm in the***



**Conference Room.** Please see the signup sheet or contact Angela ([RevWells@UCCBurlington.org](mailto:RevWells@UCCBurlington.org)) if you plan to participate.

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### HOWL AT THE STEEPLE UPDATE!

Our first Howl at the Steeple was a howling success last Saturday night, March 2nd. It was a wonderful time: lots of laughs and songs. We raised \$848, exceeding our expectations.

Thank you to the lovely, giving team of people that made this night possible. I would also like to thank the local companies that provided donations for this event:

|                       |                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Shaws                 | Winn Street, Burlington        |
| LaCascia's Bakery     | Cambridge Street, Burlington   |
| A Whole Bunch Florist | Cambridge Street, Burlington   |
| Roots Yoga            | Cambridge Street, Burlington   |
| Pizza Works           | Cambridge Street, Burlington   |
| I Nail Pro            | Cambridge Street, Burlington   |
| Used Book Superstore  | Cambridge Street, Burlington   |
| The UPS Store         | Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington |
| Gardens Galore        | 300 TradeCenter Drive, Woburn  |

If you are in or near these shops, please take a minute and thank them for their support. And last but not least, thank you for coming and inviting your friends.  
Gail Ciano



### GIFT CARD ORDERING

***Our next group order for gift cards will be on March 17<sup>th</sup>, with delivery by March 24<sup>th</sup>.*** Remember you get your gift cards at full value and a percentage comes back to the church at NO COST TO YOU! See the sheet at coffee hour, such a wide variety of vendors. Return with your payment to Nancy Todd or you can always order on line with ***ShopWith Scrip.com*** or even

reload gift cards you may use all the time, like food stores, pharmacies, gas stations, etc. Such an easy way to raise money for the church!

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## GREEN TEAM NEWS!



Part of the Church's goals for 2019 include this statement "We will faithfully strive to improve our environmental footprint ...". The Green team would like to challenge you to Ban the Bag for Lent.

During Lent (March 6-April 20) it is common for people to give something up for Lent, so this year, the Green Team is asking you to give up single-use plastic bags. This will improve your environmental footprint. Changing your behavior will prepare you to meet the recent Town Meeting vote which banned the use of single-use plastic bags beginning May 1st.

You might ask: what are single-use bags? They are the bags that grocery stores, CVS, Kohl's, etc. use to package your purchase. It is estimated that these bags are used for only 15 minutes and are then discarded. Sadly, for the most part, these bags are not recyclable. So this Lenten challenge will give you 40 days to reinforce the behavior of bringing a reusable bag into the store with you to carry home your purchases.

***To help you achieve this Lenten goal, the Green Team will be selling sturdy reusable plastic bags with the church logo on them starting early March at coffee***

***hour. They will be \$5 each or 3 for \$12.***

***A second challenge*** is to use mesh bags rather than the small thin plastic bags supplied by the grocery stores to put loose vegetables or fruits such as tomatoes, lemons and green beans into. This kind of plastic bag is also single-use (i.e. bad for the environment) but is not part of the Burlington Bag Ban. ***These mesh bags can be ordered online or we will also have some available for sale for \$2 each. See a member of the Green Team to purchase these when you buy your reusable church bags in March.***

Keep Track of how many bags you estimate you do not use during Lent, so that at the end of the season we can see how many bags we collectively saved! For the purpose of this challenge we will assume when shopping for groceries using a reusable bag will save 2 single-use bags. In other stores you will have to estimate how many bags you have saved.

The Sunday after Easter, the Church will be recognizing Earth Day. Any time during the week of April 22 you may record your grand total of bags saved (i.e. not accepted) on a chart that will be outside Bobbie's office. Do you think we can save 2 thousand or more bags? Let's try!

**Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Planning  
Community Workshop**

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

10:00am-2:00pm (Lunch Provided!)

Grand View Farm, 55 Center Street, Burlington

The Town of Burlington has received a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This grant enables Burlington to plan for and prioritize solutions to build resilience to the effects of climate change. Join us for this important community planning effort!

10:00 am – 10:45 am: Presentation – Climate Adaptation Planning in Burlington

10:45 am – 12:00 pm: Interactive Climate Adaptation/Solutions Information Stations

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm: LUNCH!!!

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm: Group Community Profile Discussion

- Infrastructural Categories – What infrastructure/facilities are most at risk in your community to the effects of climate change? What solutions can you propose to address these challenges?
- Societal Features – What are the population characteristics of socially vulnerable groups within your community? What community resources can improve the resilience of socially vulnerable groups within your community?
- Environmental Categories – What natural resources in your community are affected by climate change? What strategies can improve the ecological resilience of these resources?

RSVP ASAP to [jmorris@burlington.org](mailto:jmorris@burlington.org)



**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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JUST A REMINDER.....

WE HAVE RENTERS USING SEWALL HALL WEEKLY

MONTESSORI SCHOOL Monday-Friday from 8-6pm

Reminder....a huge child pickup 2:30-3:00pm  
parking lot is very hard to get in and out of at that timeframe

MONDAYS      7:30-9PM      AA MEETING

TUESDAYS      6:30-8PM      RAA MEETING (2nd & 4th Tuesday)

WEDNESDAYS      7-9pm      SCOUTS

THURSDAYS      6:30-7:30PM      PRIVATE GROUP MTG

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



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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## **CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE C4C-UPDATE!**

C4C will meet this week at 1 in the conference room.

All are welcome to join us for crafts and chats!



## **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, 6) 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  
Sundays**

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

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



### **INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT!**

Could you hear the laughter & squabbling at your house on Sat. 1/26? Well that was a competitive group playing Team Jeopardy! Deb Glancy was our Alex (she called herself Alexa), Kathy & Brenda were the score keepers (Yes it took 2!) We already have a group clamoring for a rematch, so watch the calendar for another Jeopardy night.

### **UPCOMING Intergenerational Events Scheduled**

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

**Sun. March 24, 2PM**

We will head over to Altitude Trampoline Park, in  
Billerica



### **Children's Choir Schedule**

Rehearsals take place after worship on Sundays

**12-12:30pm**

### **The Adult Choir Needs You! *Wednesday nights 7:15pm***

We would love singers in all sections to help enrich our musical offerings.

Keep in touch!

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

Twitter: @uccbmusic

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

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



### **TRUE NORTH PASTOR HOURS**

Meet Pastor Angela 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, March 5 4-6pm

Thursday, March 7 No Pastor Hours



***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!***

Brian Stahlinski while working in South Korea

Laura Nowell's friend Mary

Janice and Augie Grace's cousin David

Riley Watkins, friend of the Tredeau Family

Betty Knowles and friend Janet Hurley

Ron and Erika Downing

Joe Stoddard and his husband Paul

Bill Proctor

Jean Bastos

J. Beyers (Relative of Kate)

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

Dave Williamson

Rev. Elizabeth King

Jan Blandino

Aimee Tredeau's friend Amanda

Anne Stafford, her son Bill,

grandsons Tyler and Zach

Marion Braley Freeman and her niece Beth

Bobbie Martino

Barbara Garland

Ann Onthank

Jessy McNeil's brother Mel and sister Grace

Henry Knopp

Bobbie & Tom's friends John and Ed

Dot Drinkwater

Ruth Reddig  
Everett Langley's brother George  
John Heald's sister Susan & Mom

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

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