

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



Mental Health Awareness Sunday

MARCH 24

Worship - School

10:30am

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

March 24

Lay Leader: Conrad Fong
Head Usher: Deb Glancy
Ushers: Deb Glancy-Donna Ferro-Everett Langley-John Heald
Greeter: Anne Stafford
School: Deb Raymond
Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Paul Raymond
Flower Deliverer: Not needed today
Collector: Deb Raymond
Coffee Hour: John Heald & Everett Langley
Bakers: Barbara Leonard-Marge Zamanian

March 31 (Red Wagon & Baptism)

Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Head Usher: Janine Towle
Ushers: Janine-Marchia Rich-John Getsinger-Gordon Brown
Greeter: Kay Shute
School: Deb Raymond

Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Bev Maher
Flower Deliverer: Marge Zamanian
Collector: Barbara Moran
Coffee Hour: CE/Sunday School
Bakers: CE/Sunday School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 19

NO True North Pastor Hours
Parish Council Meeting moved to March 26th!

Wednesday, March 20

Crafting for a Cause 1:00pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm

APRIL HILLTOP ARTICLE DEADLINE

Thursday, March 21

NO True North Pastor Hours
Lenten Book Study 7:30pm

Sunday, March 24

Third Sunday of Lent

Worship-School 10:30am
Youth Choir Noon
Community Engagement Group noon
Trampoline Park 2pm

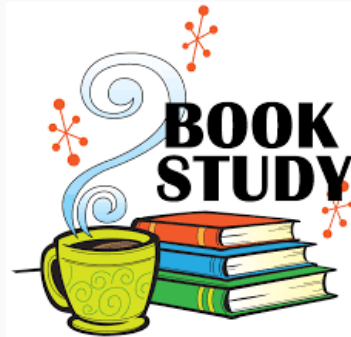
The Community Engagement Group will meet right after

church on March 24th in the Conference Room.

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 through April 11th from 7:30-9:00pm in the Conference Room.***

Please see the signup sheet or contact Angela (RevWells@UCCBurlington.org) if you plan to participate.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING!

March 31 during worship!

The theme for OGHS “More than we can imagine!” is based on Ephesians 3:20 and reminds us that we are not alone in our imagining a better world for all of God’s children. For it is God’s imagination that fuels and empowers ours! You see, God imagines a world where no one is left to face the ravages of natural disaster alone - neighbor helps neighbor, stranger helps stranger - for we are the church together.

And God also imagines Christians of many traditions, coming together to help make these things ever more a reality for more and more people! For you see, our imagination of what might be is founded and grounded in what God envisions and hopes for. We can help – through our gifts of treasure and talent, prayer, and presence to make this world ever more like the way God imagine it would be!

Please, give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering on March 31st, so that your imagination might indeed be ever more joined with God's!

Special envelopes will be in the pews on March 31st, but you can always send a donation to the church. Make the check out to UCC and put OGHS on the memo line.

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.

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. ***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!

EASTER PLANTS

If you would like to order Easter Plants to have at our Easter Morning Worship Service on April 21st, the form is at coffee hour or you can let us know by email. Each plant is \$10 each. Let us know who they are in memory/celebration/honor of and if you are keeping your plant after the service OR donating to someone a Deacon can deliver your plant to.

Deadline for ordering is April 14th





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



WALK FOR HUNGER AND HELP THE BURLINGTON PANTRY!

We are forming a team to walk in Project Bread's Walk for Hunger this year. The entry fee is \$25 and the walk is on Sunday, May 5th on the Boston Common. You can choose the 3 mile or the 20 mile walk. The church will sponsor anyone who participates. The good news is that if you walk with the People Helping People team, 60% of the money raised will go directly to our local food pantry! If you want to register or donate, speak with Angela and she will give you all the information. Thank you for helping to support our local food pantry!

tinyurl.com/PHPWalkforHunger

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!

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE C4C-UPDATE!

C4C will meet Wednesday March 20 at 1pm
here 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)
ESPECIALLY 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!

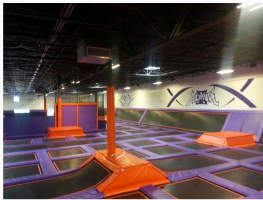
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/NURSERY



We are in need of coverage in our Nursery on
Sundays

Please contact Donna Flechia at dmflec@gmail.com

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



INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT!

UPCOMING Intergenerational Event 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

Twitter: @uccbmusic

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

Google+: Joe Stoddard (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

No Pastor Hours at True North this week!



***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!***

Passing of Joan Miles at 97

(Contact the office if you would like to send a card!)

Jane Raymond

Paul Mouratidis, Joe's Stoddard's husband

Brian Stahlinski while working in South Korea

Janice and Augie Grace's cousin David

Riley Watkins, friend of the Tredeau Family

Betty Knowles and friend Janet Hurley

Ron and Erika Downing

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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