

# SEPTEMBER 2019 HILLTOP HERALD

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Dear Church Family,

First of all, I have missed you! I can't wait to be back in worship with you, reunited in ministry. I have been thinking about you and praying for you. During my time off, I kept a notebook, often jotting down notes when I had ideas for the coming year or when I came across a good sermon illustration. I have really missed seeing all of you on a regular basis and I am looking forward to the beginning of September!

During my maternity leave, Andy and I did have the opportunity to have a night off from parent duty. We went into Boston and saw the musical *Dear Evan Hansen*. It's a coming-of-age story about a high schooler who finds himself entangled in a web of lies. One of the songs is called "You Will Be Found." Here are some of the lyrics:

*Have you ever felt like nobody was there?  
Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere?  
Have you ever felt like you could disappear?  
Like you could fall, and no one would hear?*

*Well, let that lonely feeling wash away  
Maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay  
'Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand  
You can reach, reach out your hand*

*And oh, someone will come running  
And I know, they'll take you home*

*Even when the dark comes crashing through  
When you need a friend to carry you  
And when you're broken on the ground*

*You will be found  
So let the sun come streaming in  
'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again  
Lift your head and look around  
You will be found*

This song immediately made me think of the church. This is the place where we are found over and over again. If we get lost in the wider world, feel anonymous or insignificant or worthless, church is where we go to be reminded that we belong. With the start of our new program year, I want to invite you all to make worship a regular part of your schedule. Even if you don't feel like coming on any given Sunday, remember that someone at church might need you. They might be going through something you have gone through, or they might need that friendly greeting that you have to offer, they might need you to find them if they're feeling lost.

Let's show up for each other. I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

With Love,

*Rev. Angela Wells-Bean*

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Join us on September 8th for our Welcome Sunday Worship at 10:30am,  
followed by a wonderful Brunch provided by Deacons and CE!  
All are welcome!

## PC SNIP-ITS

*Parish Council* is excited to let you know that your representatives of Parish Council have decided to start a monthly article letting you know some of the issues discussed at the Parish Council meeting. (If you would ever like to see a copy of the full minutes, please contact the Moderator.)

Here are the snip-its from August's PC meeting:

**Yard Sale** – The June Yard Sale was a fabulous success. We typically have a Spring and a Fall session. We would like to run a Fall event and we need a volunteer to run it.

**Howl at the Steeple** – Gail Ciano has agreed to start the process to run a Halloween version of this successful (and very fun) event. We are considering having it off site to make it a 21+ event and attract more non-church members. Please contact Gail Ciano if you want to help with this howl of a good time.



**Steeple Repairs** - The Howl of the Steeple couldn't come at a better time because we are in desperate need of repairing our bell tower. Our beloved steeple needs repairs, approximately \$15,000 of repairs. The contractor strongly recommends the repairs be completed before winter.

**Water Damage** - We want you all to know that we had a squatter on our property. A critter, we suspect a ground hog, built a condominium beside the building, causing water damage in the nursery. The critter has been evicted and the nursery is drying out. We expect the nursery to be open again for Welcome Back Sunday.



## TRUE NORTH HOURS

Pastor Angela will be resuming weekly hours at True North starting in October. Her schedule will be in the October Hilltop and the Weekly Emailing.



## NEW MEMBERS

We are planning on having an opportunity for people to join the church this fall. Please be in touch with Pastor Angela if you're interested in joining the church, she will follow up with dates for the New Members Class and New Members Service.



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

The congregation was blessed with the talents of dedicated singers and instrumentalists who provided special music for us this summer. We are very grateful to the following people for sharing their music with us: Bill Beyer, Maddy Bonnell, Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, John Getsinger, Ruth Goodrich-Byers, Amelia Lewis, Julie Lewis, Ann-Marie Messbauer, Robert Scenna, Lee Tirrell, Aimee Tredeau, and Deana Tredeau.



### **Join the Choir!**

We welcome new members to join our Children's Choir and our Adult Choir in September!! The Children's Choir will rehearse on September 8, 22, and 29 (not on September 15<sup>th</sup>) at noon and the Adult Choir will rehearse every Wednesday in September at 7:15 pm.

### **Deacons' Special Music Fund**

The church is most grateful to the following recent donors to the Deacons' Special Music Fund:

- Jane & Paul Raymond, for special music for Christmas
- Anne Stafford

The Deacons' Special Music Fund provides for guest musicians for special services as well as new choral music for the Adult Choir and the Children's Choir. We are very grateful for your donations!

### **Keep in touch!**

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**Twitter:** @ucbmusic

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

## MISSIONS UPDATE!



### RED WAGON

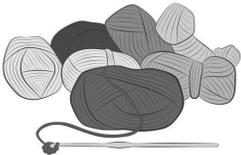
The last Sunday of the month we are asked to donate non-perishable goods to our local pantry here in Burlington. We have been asked to donate: Apple Juice, Rice, Pasta, diapers sizes 4,5,6,7 and baby wipes. **Bring to worship on September 29th** and we will bring these forward during our worship service.

### ROSIE'S PLACE-BOSTON

Thank you for all our volunteers who have ventured into Boston the past year. We will again head in on **September 18**. If you are interested in joining us as we prepare, cook, serve and cleanup for a luncheon for those homeless women, please speak with Jan McSheffrey or send her an email at: [mcsheffreyjan@gmail.com](mailto:mcsheffreyjan@gmail.com)

### CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

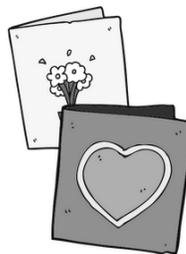
Can you believe summer is over and we need to look to all that happens in the fall? We crafters will continue with our knitting and other creative projects. The first will be to restock the prayer square basket. Also we continue to make prayer/comfort shawls, hats, and items for the fall fair. We will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons in the conference room starting at 1:00 and ending sometime after 3:00. We want to extend an invitation to all who are interesting in joining our group to stop by for conversation and creativity. If you have an idea for the fair and want to share it with us speak to anyone of us or Bobbie. Together we have lots of skills and are always looking to try something new. Or if you really liked an item you saw at previous fairs please let us know.



We are getting low on yarn so when fall cleaning comes around if you have yarn we will gladly take it. It does not need to be a full skein. Hats and prayer squares requires less than a skein to make. Besides items we are knitting we have also donated yarn to Lowell High School for a group of student who wanted to learn to knit and are making hats for people in the Lowell area in need of such items. They want to continue their efforts again this fall and need yarn to do that.

Looking forward to a fall filled with hours of creativity and conversation. See you there.

## CARD MAKING *Workshops*



September 11th

7-9pm Church Conference Room

All are welcome!



### **Sunday School Party at Simonds Park August 1st**

What a beautiful summer night we had at the park! We met at 5PM & played an adventure game, of hunting for pictures & objects in the woods. 2 of the kids found all of the items. That made us hungry. We grilled hot dogs for dinner with chips & ice cream sandwiches. After dinner we played a parachute game & made T-shirts. The T-shirts were any design the kids wanted to make, with the idea of wearing them to Welcome Back Sunday. It was wonderful to connect with all our friends during the summer.

A Special thank you to Paul Raymond, Kathy Hill & Jan Costa for assisting with running the event.

### **Welcome back Sunday September 8**

**First Day of Sunday School.** Another fun Sunday School year ahead for the Jesus & God groups! Sunday school begins for children at age 5. The Deacon's & CE will provide brunch after church.

At the brunch, **please stop by the CE table to register your children for Sunday School** or the 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> grade program. And please ask questions, pass along ideas or make suggestions.

### **New Program for 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> graders.**

A monthly Sunday program will be offered called *Exploring our Faith*, lead by Deb. It will be held in the right corner of Sewall Hall from 11:45 – 12:30. We will get a snack at coffee hour & immediately meet at our table in the right corner. Each week a different topic will be offered with activities to develop our Christian beliefs. The program will generally be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, Sept.15, Oct 20, Nov. 17 etc. Information will be sent to the parents of these children with more details.

## **INTERGENERATIONAL EVENTS**



### **Saturday, October 19th at 5:30pm Halloween Gala!**

Start thinking about your prize winning costume. CE will provide pizza & beverage.

### **Sunday November 17th 2pm**

Mappariam at Christian Science Center (200 Mass Ave. Boston)



### **Sunday, December 15 Sunday School Christmas Play** during Church Service

Please contact Deb Raymond if you have ideas for next years events. 857-373-9156.

**JELLY / JAM WORKSHOP**  
**FRIDAY, SEPT 20, 6:00 - 9:00 PM**



Help make some jelly / jam for the Fall Family Fair.

Please bring a pint or quart of raspberries, blackberries or strawberries.

You will get to take a jar home, too. Please sign up at coffee hour.

**Welcome back from the Summer!**

**It's time for us to consider the**

**FALL FAMILY FAIR**

**NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>!**



Please sign up to volunteer and work on fair day and help out.  
Sign up sheets will be at the church office and at the coffee hour counter.  
Please help make items to sell!

•Organizers:

Shirley Fong & Wynelle Scenna

•Silent Auction Coordinators:

Kari Lynch & Joan Zink (Business donations)

•Dinner Committee: TBA

Food donation by Bickfords

•All church committees & congregation to participate



# Celebrate Burlington Day Attendees Take the Straw Challenge



This year at Celebrate Burlington Day, the United Church of Christ Congregational (UCC), the historical white church on the corner of Bedford and Lexington Street, challenge Burlington residents to take the Straw Challenge. The UCC Burlington's 2019 goal is:

*UCC Burlington will address the crisis of climate change in 2019 because, "we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20) We will faithfully strive to improve our environmental footprint, and to teach and preach this urgent call, so that together we can help create a more just, compassionate and peaceful human society that embraces our interdependence with all of Creation.*

**"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."  
(1 Corinthians 4:1-2).**

Consistent with this goal members of the church's Green Team managed the Celebrate Burlington booth and talked with people that stopped by about the straw. The straw challenge is a pledge, a personal challenge if you will to forgo straws and make a difference in cleaning up the environment.

Most people don't use straws at home, but when they go to a restaurant the server gives them a straw and they use it. Why? Nearly 500 million straws are dispensed in the United States every day; that's a lot of unnecessary plastic in the world. We are encouraging people to make the choice to forgo the straw and tell their server, "No straw for me, please. I want to help the environment."

As part of the Straw Challenge, people at Celebrate Burlington Day were asked to choose a level of commitment:

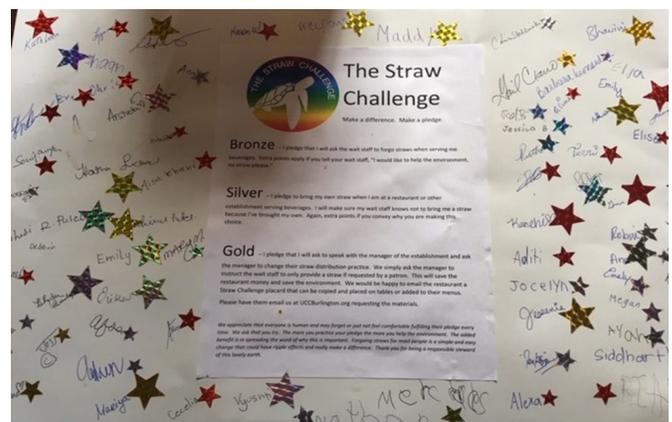
**Bronze** – Is the simple pledge to tell the server when placing an order that you would do not want a straw. Because we know from experience that servers are in the habit, we also know it helps to say, "I would like to help the environment, no straw please."

**Silver** – The silver level takes this just a little further by actively bringing your own straw and I again say, "No straw for me." With the silver pledge, you would say "I don't need a straw, I've brought my own because straws are bad for the environment."

**Gold** – Gold takes the prior levels a step further by trying to influence the restaurant's straw distribution practice. With this level, people would ask to speak with the manager of the establishment and ask the manager to change their practice and only distribute straws when the customer asks for one. Changing the straw distribution policy will save the restaurant money and save the environment. Win-win!!!

We recognize that some people need straws for health reasons. We recognize that some drinks, like milkshakes and other frozen concoctions, need straws to drink without wearing them. (Although there are reusable or paper straw options available and want to encourage people to use those if/when possible.)

Below are the results of those that have accepted the Straw Challenge with the level they have pledged.



(Red stars represent bronze level.)

Notice how many gold stars there are!

Restaurant managers, friendly heads up – gold level patrons are coming! Please listen and consider changing your straw policy.



Kelly Sievert's baby Lowen  
Gordon Brown  
Carol and Ron Downing, and daughter Erika  
Conrad Fong  
Alan Wright's friend Seth's dad  
Joyce Carpenter, her niece's partner Sue,  
AND relative Charlie Booker  
Nancy Davis' close friend Pamela  
Anne Stafford, her son Bill and  
grandson Zach  
Jane Raymond  
Joe Stoddard's husband Paul  
Brian Stahlinski while working in  
South Korea  
Janice and Augie Grace's cousin David  
Betty Knowles and friend Janet Hurley

Bill Proctor  
Jean Bastos  
J. Beyers (Relative of Kate)  
Dave Williamson  
Rev. Elizabeth King  
Jan Blandino  
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

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!

- 3 Eric Forbush
- 7 Dominic Ramirez (Killilea)
- 7 Nick Nowell
- 7 Wayne Higden
- 8 Steve Samarjian
- 9 Peter Silva
- 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



September 1st Rev. Heather Lucas will be leaving us as our Interim Pastor . Pastor Heather covered over the summer months while Pastor Angela was on parental leave. Thank you for sharing your sermons and creative flare during worship.

We all wish you the very best on your journey ahead!

September 1 10:30am	Labor Day Weekend Communion Prep: Lay Leader: Head Usher: Ushers: Greeters: Nursery: Flower Deliverer: Collector: Coffee Hosts: Added Baker:	Barbara Moran-Marge Zamanian Emily DeLuca Marcia Rich Volunteers Volunteers Kristen Watanabe-Mark Flecchia Volunteer Marcia Rich Donna Ferro-Deb Glancy Elaine Glancy
September 8 10:30am	Lay Leader: Head Usher: Ushers: Greeters: Nursery: School: Flower Deliverer: Collector: Coffee hour	Michael Lewis Deb Glancy Deb Glancy-Donna Ferro-Carol Downing-Kari Lynch Wynelle Scenna Kristen Watanabe-Paul Raymond Deb Raymond Nancy Davis Dick Butler Welcome Brunch Deacons/CE
September 15 10:30am	Lay Leader: Head Usher: Ushers: Greeters: Nursery: School: Flower Deliverer: Collector: Coffee Host: Bakers:	Carol Downing Lucy Damiani Lucy-Sally Willard-Dave McNeil-Barbara Moran Ginger Mungillo Kristen Watanabe-Sarah Goodrich Deb Raymond Bill Livezey Barbara Moran John Heald John Heald- Everett Langley
September 22	Lay Leader: Head Usher: Ushers: Greeters: Nursery: School: Flower Deliverer: Collector: Coffee Host: Bakers:	Debbie Claar Everett Langley Everett-John Heald-Chris Stahlinski-Marcia Rich Susan Eby Kristen Watanabe-Mark Flecchia Deb Raymond Cindy Phillips Wynelle Scenna Deb Raymond Chris Stahlinski-Karen Welch
September 29	Lay Leader: Head Usher: Ushers: Greeters: Nursery: School: Flower Deliverer: Collector: Coffee Hour:	Mark Flecchia Dick Butler Dick and Karen Butler-Everett Langley-John Heald Anne Stafford Kristen Watanabe-Marcia Rich Deb Raymond Bev Maher Carol Downing Deb Raymond & CE Children
October 6 10:30am	World Communion Sunday Communion Prep: Lay Leader: Head Usher: Ushers: Greeters: Nursery: School: Flower Deliverer: Collector: Coffee Hour:	TBD Lucy Damiani Mark Flecchia Mark-Paul Raymond-Gordon Brown-Conrad Fong Barbara Moran Kristen Watanabe-Donna Flecchia Deb Raymond Marge Zamanian Everett Langley Missions

If you cannot participate or would like to volunteer in Worship or nursery, please contact Donna Flecchia at [dmflec@gmail.com](mailto:dmflec@gmail.com)

If you can help out in Sunday School see the signup sheet or speak with Deb Raymond

If you cannot host or bake or would like to, please contact Donna Ferro at [ferrodonna1@gmail.com](mailto:ferrodonna1@gmail.com)



# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30a Communion Rev. Heather's Last day with us!	2 <b>LABOR DAY!</b>  <b>7:30p AA</b>	3  7:15p Deacons	4 1p C4C  <b>7p Scouts</b>  7:15p Choir	5  <b>6:30p SLAA</b>	6	7
8 10:30a Worship- School Love Offering Welcome back Rev. Angela <b>11:30a BRUNCH!</b> Noon Youth Choir	9  7:30p Trustees  <b>7:30p AA</b>	10  <b>7p CPA Meeting In Sewall Hall</b>	11 1p C4C  <b>7-9p Card Workshop</b>  <b>7p Scouts</b>  7:15p Choir	12  <b>6:30p SLAA</b>	13	14
15 10:30a Green Team Worship- School Noon Youth Choir	16  <b>7:30p AA</b>	17  7:15p PC Mtg	18 1p C4C  <b>7p Scouts</b>  7:15p Choir	19  <b>6:30p SLAA</b>	20 <b>HILLTOP DEADLINE</b>  <b>6-9p Fair Jelly/Jam Workshop</b>	21
22 10:30a Worship- School Noon Youth Choir	23  <b>7:30p AA</b>	24	25 <b>9:30a Hilltop Folding</b>  1p C4C  <b>7p Scouts</b>  7:15p Choir	26  <b>6:00p PHP Strategy Mtg Conf. Room 6:30p SLAA</b>	27	28
29 10:30a Worship- School- Red Wagon Noon CTC Meeting Noon Youth Choir	30  <b>7:30p AA</b>					

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