

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL
6 LEXINGTON STREET
BURLINGTON, MA 01803**



**NOVEMBER 17
WORSHIP - School - Baptism
10:30am**

*We believe that God calls us to love unconditionally, following the example of Jesus Christ. Recognizing that all people are equal in the sight of God, **we seek to be an inclusive and respectful community for persons of every color, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability and economic means.** In our calling to express the love and welcome of Christ, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person, and declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation. We strive to respond to the needs of our town and world with practical deeds of love. We welcome individuals and families of every configuration into the full life and ministry of this church. Join us on our faith journey!*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

NOVEMBER 17

Lay Leader	Sarah Clark
Head Usher	Everett Langley
Ushers	Everett-John Heald-Jan McSheffrey-Carol Downing
Greeter	Karen Butler
Nursery	Kristen Watanabe-Paul Raymond
School	Deb Raymond-Tonia Egan
Flower Deliverer:	Not needed today
Collector	Wynelle Scenna
Coffee Hour	Donna Ferro
Bakers	Kay Shute-Karen Butler

NOVEMBER 24 INGATHERING SUNDAY

Lay Leader	Chris Stahlinski
Head Usher	Marcia Rich
Ushers	Marcia - Karen Ciardi-Conrad Fong-Dave McNeil
Greeter	Susan Eby
Nursery	Kristen Watanabe-Sarah Goodrich-Byers
School	Deb Raymond-TBD
Collector	Carol Downing
Coffee Hour	Barbara Moran
Bakers	Karen Welch-Cindy Phillips

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday November 13

True North Pastor Hours 8:30-10:30am

C4C 1pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm

Sunday November 17

Green Team Breakfast for all "Christmas and our Environment" 8:30am

Worship-School-Baptism 10:30am

Youth Choir Rehearsal Noon

Music Committee Mtg-Conference Room Noon

Trip to Boston 1:30pm



TRUE NORTH PASTOR HOURS

at True North Coffee Shop

204 Cambridge Street, Burlington

Angela now has new True North hours.

She will be there on **Wednesdays from 8:30-10:30am.**

Nov. 13th - 8:30-10:30am

Nov. 20th - 8:30-10:30am

Nov. 27th NO PASTOR HOURS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Over the last few weeks of this Stewardship season, we have heard parishioners tell their story of what brought them to this church and what keeps them here.

Everyone's story is different. Some came because of children. Some were children. Others filled the pews to fill a void left by the lose of a loved one. For some this church was close and convenient. We have some families that cross town and even state lines to join us on Sunday. The journeys that brought each of you here are unique, and we are blessed to have every one of you as part of this congregation, whether you are a member or not.

Everyone's path is different. We understand that people's talents, time availability and

finances differ too. We understand and ask that you choose the path that feels right for you. Please pray with an open heart about what you would like to do for this church in 2020.

Please reach out to Gail Ciano, John Heald or John Getsinger if you have any questions about this year's Stewardship campaign or if you need a stewardship packet.

Time and talent and pledge are usually collected on In-gathering Sunday, but you can turn them in to the John Heald at any time.

This year's Stewardship theme is ***The Way***.
Jesus refers to himself and his commitment to a cruciform ***Way*** of life as,
"I am the way" John 14:6



Mapparium & Mary Baker Eddy Library

Sun. November 17, 2019, 1:30 PM

Come experience the WORLD!

The Mapparium's is a three-dimensional perspective of the world of 1935. Also learn about the intriguing life of Mary Baker Eddy.

We will leave our church **PROMPTLY** at 1:30 PM. We will car pool so we take the least

amount of cars into Boston. Directions to the parking garage will be available. There may also be on street parking at meters.

200 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston
The Mapparium tour is approx. 20 min.
The library tour is approx.. 20 min.

Please register to attend no later than 11/14/19 so you have a reservation for the tour. There is a signup sheet at coffee hour or email Deb at angelfoods@msn.com or text to 857-373-9156.

CHRISTMAS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT!

November 17 at 8:30am

There will be a Breakfast with a discussion on how to have a more environmentally friendly holiday season. This will be hosted by the Green Team.

Breakfast will include breakfast casseroles including a vegetarian one, breads, muffins, fruit, fruit juice and hot drinks. We will start at 8:30 and end in time for Church and will meet and eat in the Sewall Hall.

All are welcome, but to insure enough food etc. we ask that you RSVP.



**IN-GATHERING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 24TH!!!**

Look for signup sheets at coffee hour beginning Sunday, to work at our In-Gathering event!

After worship service on In-gathering Sunday we will sort food donated by you*, other churches, companies and vendors. (all children are welcome!)

From 2-5pm (Adults ONLY) we will help those families who come to Sewall Hall to shop for a variety of fresh and non-perishable food items to complete a Thanksgiving Dinner. Those folks are connected with the Burlington Food Pantry. Without these donations, these folks would not be able to have a dinner.

We are desperately looking for someone who can be in charge of the CLEANUP at 5pm.

There are many boxes that need to be broken down as well as tables, and the entire hall to be cleaned for our Monday renters. If you can head this, please contact the office or make a note on the signup sheet at coffee hour!

****Food items we will need from you: Chicken broth - Canned Corn
Cornbread mix - Gravy - Cranberry Sauce - Mayonnaise - Stuffing mix***

(We will need many of these items, ***NO expired dates please***)

As one church family,
we thank God for the many Blessings in our lives to help those in need!



HOLIDAY MARKET!

Saturday, November 30th from 9am-2pm in Sewall Hall!

**Our church is hosting our first annual Holiday Market featuring artists
who will be selling their handmade goods.**

It will be held on Small Business Saturday, so come

and do your holiday shopping while supporting local artists and crafters.

"Entry is free"



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE C4C

In the next few weeks we will sort the remaining fair items for distribution. If you know of an organization we might give items to please let one of us know. All are welcome at our meetings, every Wednesday 1-3pm in the church conference room.

C4C is collecting unsigned Christmas cards for the inmates at the prison in Billerica. There is a box marked cards for inmates outside the office. We will be collecting them until the last week in November. Thank you in advance for sharing your left over cards.

PUMPKIN PATCH RESULTS!

At the volunteer Thank You Dinner, we learned the PUMPKIN PATCH gave \$5702 to People Helping People - the proceeds from this year's sales. Well over what they gave last year!

Thanks everyone for shopping local and supporting PHP.



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.

revwells@uccburlington.org



CHURCH NAME TAG

Now that worship is back in full swing, it is really nice for all of us to wear our NAME TAG so everyone will be able to match a name with a face. If you have lost yours, just leave a note on Bobbie's desk in the church office and she will be more than happy to make you a new one!



NEW COFFEE HOUR COORDINATOR UPDATE!

We want to thank Donna Ferro, Jan McSheffrey and Cindy Phillip who have offered to coordinate coffee hour on a short term basis. If you would like to host/bake please see the signup sheet in the hallway near the church office!

JERICO WALK

The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1pm there will be a walk the the ICE offices located at 1000 District Avenue, Burlington.

The next dates are November 19, and December 17

Please be in touch with Pastor Angela if you have questions or if you would like to carpool. She attends each month and it would be great to have some UCC Burlington representation!

THE GREEN TEAM INVITES YOU TO TAKE THE STRAW CHALLENGE!

Thank you to all who have taken the STRAW CHALLENGE! If you visit a restaurant, etc. please remember to SKIP THE STRAW, bring your own, or just don't use one. (We do recognize that some people need straws for health reasons).



Bronze – Is the simple pledge to tell the server when placing an order that you do not want a straw. “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. 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!!!

People Helping People Raising Funds to purchase Holiday Dinners for families in the Community of Burlington

Burlington's People Helping People is a non-profit organization. Under the umbrella of PHP is the Burlington Food Pantry, the Covenant for Basic Needs and the Holiday Wish Tree. Over 225,000 pounds of food will be distributed in 2019 to families of the Burlington Community Food Pantry.

In addition to receiving their monthly food distribution in December we would like to once again provide the families with resources to enjoy a holiday dinner with their family.

People Helping People is holding their 9th Annual Capital Grille Raffle for a chance to win a \$1,000 gift certificate to the Capital Grille in Burlington. The prize, which covers dinner for six, including wine, was donated by the Capital Grille at 10 Wayside Road in Burlington.

Raffle tickets are just \$20 each and can be purchased from the following:

- Janet Sullivan Fitzgerald sullivanfh@comcast.net,
- Dan DiTucci at Spencer Cleaners at 271 Cambridge Street 240 Middlesex Turnpike
- John & Shannon at A Whole Bunch of Flower Market, 326 Cambridge St., Burlington
- They can also be purchased through our website www.peoplehelpingpeopleinc.org Just click on the tab that says "Events & Fundraising"

The Tickets will be sold during throughout October, November and December.

So think about helping those in need during this holiday season and

purchase a \$20 raffle ticket!
The drawing will the first week of January!

*For more information about People Helping People
see www.peoplehelpingpeopleinc.org*

JUST A REMINDER.....
WE HAVE RENTERS USING SEWALL HALL WEEKLY

MONTESSORI SCHOOL Monday-Friday from 8-6pm
Please remember there is a large school pickup at 3pm.
So the parking lot will be very busy!

MONDAYS 7:30-9PM AA MEETING

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**

Sweatshirts
Coats
warm socks

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



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 4, 5, 6, 7 and pull ups!) ***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

Nursery Coverage/Worship

We are in need of coverage in our Nursery on Sunday mornings!

Also worship volunteers are always needed.

Please contact Donna Flecchia
at dmflec@gmail.com



CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Children's Choir will rehearse at noon after Sunday worship (NOT November 10th)

Adult Choir will rehearse every Wednesday at 7:15 pm, (Not November 6th or 27th)

Keep in touch!

Email: music@uccburlington.org

Twitter: @uccbmusic

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

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



Prayer Concerns

***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!***

Tonia Egan's daughter Keira
Michael Lewis on the passing of his grandfather
Anna Karwan
Claire Simas
The Ayer Family on the loss of grandson Daniel
Cindy Phillips' Mom, Norma
Libby Samarjian's Mom Ruby Plaisted
Mark Flecchia's mom Vivian
Kendra Griep's grandfather
Luella Brown
Bill Beyer's friend Frank
Dick Rockwell
Michael Lewis on the passing of his grandfather
Carol and Ron Downing
Conrad Fong
Alan Wright's friend Seth's Dad
Anne Stafford, her son Bill and grandson Zach
Brian Stahlinski while working in South Korea
Woody & Betty Knowles and friend Janet Hurley
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
Dot Drinkwater
Ruth Reddig
Everett Langley's brother George
John Heald's sister Susan & Mom
Jim Mungillo
Tom Killilea's niece's husband Jason and co-worker's 22 year old son BOTH diagnosed
with cancer

All our caregivers, military here and abroad and our First Responders!

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