

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



**EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 5, 2020  
COMMUNION-SCHOOL 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!*

January 5th, Epiphany and annual Star Sunday  
At this service we'll receive our star words for the year,  
as we've done in years' past.

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## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

### **January 5**

Communion Prep	Barbara Moran-Kay Shute
Lay Leader	Sarah Clark
Head Usher	Conrad Fond
Ushers	Conrad-Carol Downing-Chris Stahlinski-Dave Ierardi
Greeter	Nancy Davis
Nursery	Kristen Watanabe-Mark Flecchia
School	Deb Raymond-Sue Wisniewski
Flower Deliverer	Not Needed
Collector	Wynelle Scenna
Coffee Hour	Jan McSheffrey

Bakers Karen Welch-Bobbie Killilea

**January 12**

Lay Leader Carol Downing  
Head Usher Everett Langley  
Ushers Everett-John Heald-Sally Willard-Jan McSheffrey  
Greeter Jean Baker  
Nursery Kristen Watanage-Donna Flecchia  
School Deb Raymond-Donna Ferro  
Flower Deliverer Nancy Davis  
Collector Carol Downing  
Coffee Hour Chris Stahlinski  
Bakers Barbara Leonard-Nancy Todd

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday December 31**

Not Your Average Joe's Fundraiser - All Day!

**Wednesday January 1st 2020**

*Happy, Healthy New Year to All!*

No True North Pastor Hours

Church office closed

**Thursday January 2**

Church Office open 9-3pm

**Friday January 3**

Church office open 2-4pm

**Sunday January 5**

Communion - School 10:30am

Youth Choir Rehearsal Noon





204 Cambridge Street, Burlington

January 1, 2020 No Pastor Hours

January 8 8:30-10:30am

*Happy New Year to everyone!*

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## FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

**We wanted to give everyone a status update on the pledges that have come in so far. We have received the majority of pledges, with only about 15 left. We have received approximately \$151,000. That means that we need roughly \$48,000 to meet the proposed budget.**

While we would like to be optimistic, meeting the proposed goal will be unlikely based on the current pledges. For those that have yet to submit their pledge, please pray about what you are capable of giving. We need everyone to consider fundraising ideas to try to make up the shortfall.

God bless you all.

We have a wonderful church community, and with prayer and cooperation, we will find a way through these financial challenges.

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You might recall at the annual meeting, a LONG time ago, February 3rd, we asked folks to contribute to our United Church Mission (formerly called Our Church's Wider Mission and collected as membership dues).

As we approach the end of the year, we wanted to make one more request.

These funds are put towards the greater church funding.

If you haven't already done so, please consider a \$25.00 donation per person.

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*

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### HOW TO RECYCLE YOUR GOODS!

**On Sunday January 12** the Green team will sponsor a talk about recycling in Burlington. Gretchen Casey is a Burlington resident employed by Republic Waste Company. Ms. Casey's area of expertise is recycling and she will be speaking about what we should recycle in our green waster bins and what we should keep out of the recycling stream. On example is string, ribbon, thread or yarn because these clog up the recycling mechanisms. ***This discussion will begin at 8:30am and a light breakfast will be available.***



**CHRISTIAN ED NEWS!**

**Intergenerational Activity January 2020**

**Saturday, January 11 4:30 – 7 pm**

Includes kids, teens, adults... everyone!

We play the 1<sup>st</sup> round of Jeopardy

Enjoy a light supper

Play the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Jeopardy

A great competitive time last year! Can the Geniuses defend their title?

Will include a light supper. "Just kids" questions included.

Last year Amelia answered a clue no other team knew!

**Please signup at coffee hour OR**

Contact Deb at Cell: 718-608-0557 OR email [cedirector@uccburlington.com](mailto:cedirector@uccburlington.com)

***RSVP No later than Thursday January 9th by 5:30pm***

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**HELP "People Helping People" plan it's future by filling out  
the survey at the link below!**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6C357RX>

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# NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE'S

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

Last chance for this fundraiser!

***December 31– Tuesday***

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 you and the church!

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AUSE C4C

All are welcome to join the crafters for conversation and creativity. We will be starting the New Year making hats to help keep our neighbors from babies to adults warm this winter. We have lots of nice yarn and patterns if you want to add your creativity to our endeavors while at home. We meet on Wednesdays at 1PM in the conference room. Our first meeting of the year will be January 8.

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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!***

Tom Killilea on the passing of his Niece's husband Jason

Chris Cahoon's Dad

Joyce Carpenter's Nephew

Karen Ciardi's Dad

Bill Beyer's sister Jane Moberg and friend Frank

Anna Karwan

Claire Simas and grandson

Mark Flecchia's mom Vivian

Kendra Griep's grandfather

Luella Brown

Carol & Ron Downing, daughter Elizabeth

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

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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's co-worker's 22 year old son diagnosed with cancer

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

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