

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



**JANUARY 12, 2020
WORSHIP-SCHOOL-LOVE OFFERING**

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 12 DURING WORSHIP

**Baptism of Christ, in the service we'll have an opportunity to
renew our baptisms!**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

January 12

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday January 7

Deacons Meeting 7:15pm

Wednesday January 8

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

C4C 1:00pm

Adult Choir 7:15pm

Saturday, January 11

Intergenerational Jeopardy Game Night 4:30-7:00pm

Sunday January 12

Worship - School - Love Offering 10:30am

Youth Choir Rehearsal Noon

Missions Meeting in Conference Room Noon

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND THE ARTICLES FOR FEBRUARY'S HILLTOP
BOTH DUE JANUARY 20TH PLEASE!**



January 15

January 22

January 29

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 1st round of Jeopardy

Enjoy a light supper

Play the 2nd 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!

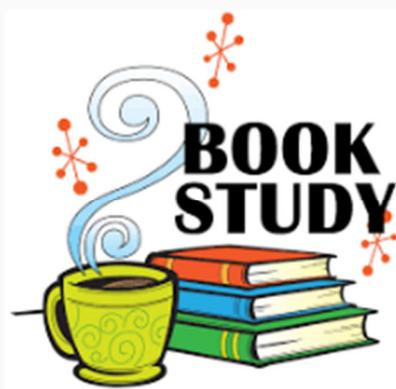
Contact Deb at Cell: 718-608-0557 OR email cedirector@uccburlington.com

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

Only 2 families have signed up!!!!

We cannot hold the event with this few people.

If you plan to attend, Please let Deb know ASAP



ADULT ED-BOOK STUDY FOR SPRING 2020

We're starting a new Adult Ed format this year! We're going to try a monthly book discussion. We will gather on the last Thursday of each month. Angela will host discussions during the day from 9:00am-11:00am and from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Please choose the time that works best for you. The only change is March, which will be on the last Monday because Angela has a conflict on the last Thursday. All are invited to attend one discussion, a few, or all of them! Here is the schedule:

- Jan 30:** Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover
- Feb 27:** Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson
- March 30:** (Monday not Thursday): Christianity for the Rest of Us:
How the Neighborhood Church Is Transforming the Faith
by Diana Butler Bass
- April 30:** When Kids Ask Hard Questions: Faith-Filled Responses for Tough
Topics
by Bromleigh McCleneghan and Karen Ware Jackson
(Childcare will be provided for our April discussion)
- May 28:** The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World
by The Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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

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

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

December 2019

Dear UCC Community,

We have great news and not-so-great news. The great news is that we have reached about 81% of our pledge goal for 2020. Thank you to everyone who has helped us get this far! The not-so-great news is that we are only 81% towards our goal, and we *really* don't want to have to pass a deficit budget at our Annual Meeting in February. We have calculated that if the majority of us who have pledged **increase our pledge by \$5.00 a week, we can go a long way towards defeating our pending deficit!**

Pastor Angela recently had the opportunity to write about what the consequences would be if anything happened to our church, and here is what she wrote:

If something happened to our church building, our town would lose an irreplaceable architectural asset. But, we are much more than a building, we are a vibrant church community which is very involved with our town. If our church were to shutter our doors, our community would lose a vital asset which is important to many people who come to our church. For the Montessori School, the AA meetings, Scouts, different community groups that meet throughout the year, the annual In Gathering in which we give Thanksgiving meals to over 100 families, and all the musical events we put on. Our building is used in a variety of ways, hundreds of people walk through our doors each week. Additionally, our community is present for each other in times of loss and hardship. We function as an extended family for each other, all of us members of the Body of

Christ. If something happened to us, it would be a monumental loss for our congregation and the wider community.

Many people benefit from our church's ministries, and our physical property is the hub which enables us to serve the wider world. We are faithfully fulfilling our call as Christians to be servants in the service of others, but we need financial resources in order to continue to be present for each other and the world.

We want you to know that the budget that we put together doesn't have any added frills or luxuries to cut. We put together a faithful and lean budget which meets our church property needs, honors our staff, supplies our committees with enough resources to carry out their ministries, and is respectful of your contributions. If we were to cut our budget, we'd be looking at not plowing our parking lot, not heating our building, not giving cost of living staff increases or even cutting the percentage of money that we give to our Missions Committee. We know that none of us want to make any of these decisions and we are confident that we will not have to.

In order to fund our budget for next year, we need your help. If you have not given your pledge to our Financial Secretary, John Heald, please do so as soon as you're able. If you have already returned your pledge, please prayerfully consider if you'd be able to increase your pledge just a bit, such as the \$5.00 per week as suggested above. If you are able to do this, please fill out the form below, and return it to the church office, put it in the offering plate, or email John Heald at jhbird48@msn.com

Gratefully,
Parish Council, Finance and Stewardship Committee and Pastor Angela

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(Please send along a note as indicated below OR click on the link)

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Yes! I want to help defeat our pending deficit for 2020!

-Please increase my pledge by \$5.00 per week

-Please increase my pledge by \$_____ per week/month (circle one)

Name: _____

Thank you for doing your part to help support our church in 2020!



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE 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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The logo for "Prayer Concerns" features the words in a white, cursive script font. The text is set against a dark green rectangular background with a subtle gradient and a thin white border.

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!

Good news regarding John Getsinger's grandson Zach who had health issues at birth,
now that he is two he is given a clean bill of health!

Roberta Low's friend Doug

Sarah Clark's friend Dean

Barbara and Dave Leonard on the passing of Aunt Muriel

Anna Karwan's family with Health Issues

Chris Cahoon's Dad

Joyce Carpenter's Nephew

Karen Ciardi's Dad

Bill Beyer's sister Jane Moberg and friend Frank

Claire Simas and grandson

Mark Flecchia's mom Vivian

Kendra Griep's grandfather

Luella Brown

Carol & Ron Downing, daughter Elizabeth

Conrad Fong and his parents

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'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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