

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



JANUARY 26, 2020
WORSHIP-SCHOOL-RED WAGON

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 26 DURING WORSHIP

**Red Wagon needs for our Burlington Pantry
Vegetable Oil, 100% Juice, 100% Juice Packets**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

January 26

Lay Leader:	Mark Flecchia
Head Usher:	Dick Butler
Ushers:	Dick-Karen Butler-Wynelle Scenna-Paul Raymond
Greeter:	Kay Shute
Nursery:	Kristen Watanabe-Sarah Goodrich
School:	Deb Raymond-Susan Eby
Flower Deliverer:	Cindy Phillips
Collector:	Deb Raymond
Coffee Hour:	Carol Downing
Bakers:	Jan McSheffrey-Marcia Rich

February 2 - Annual Meeting/Luncheon following worship

Communion Prep:	Anna Karwan-Jessy McNeil
Lay Leader:	Conrad Fong
Head Usher:	Dave Ierardi
Ushers:	Dave-Kari Lynch-Chris Stahlinski-Dave McNeil
Greeter:	Tonia Egan
Nursery:	Kristen Watanabe-Mark Flecchia

School: Deb Raymond-Sue Wisniewski
Flower Deliverer: Anna Karwan
Collector: Everett Langley
Coffee Hour: **Potluck Luncheon provided by Congregation***

***See the signup sheet at coffee hour if you can bring something for the
Potluck Luncheon!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday January 21

PC Meeting 7:15pm

Wednesday January 22

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

C4C 1:00pm

Adult Choir 7:15pm

Saturday January 25

Private Rental in Sewall Hall 11-2pm

Sunday January 26

Worship - School - Red Wagon 10:30am

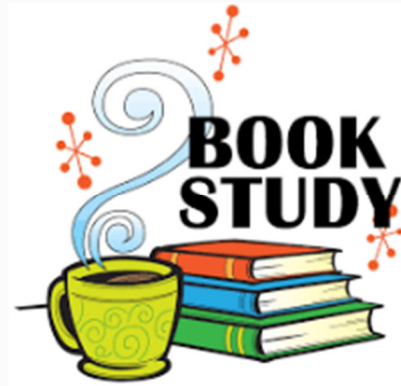
Annual Reports Available for review before our meeting on [February 2nd](#)

Youth Choir Rehearsal Noon

Private Rental 2-6:30pm



January 29



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)

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/36bf9f76d4a18679d041688fd/files/6a81efb3-eb34-4e09-a722-767ebf4d1cb3/Financial_Appeal_Dec._2019_version_2_1_.01.pdf

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!

ONGOING REMINDERS ARE LISTED BELOW:

CHURCH NAME TAGS Leave a note for Bobbie in the church office!

CHOIR REHEARSALS Youth Rehearsal noon on Sundays
Adult Rehearsal 7:15-9pm on Wednesdays

COFFEE HOUR To host or bake, see the signup sheet in the church hallway

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE (C4C) Join us every [Wednesday](#) at 1pm
in the church conference room for crafts and chats!

NURSERY/WORSHIP VOLUNTEERING Please contact Donna Flecchia
at dmflec@gmail.com

LTLC NEEDS Sweatshirts, Coats, Warm Socks, Gloves, Hats, Warm Clothing
(See bin outside the church office)

BURLINGTON PANTRY NEEDS Diapers (sizes 4,5,6,7 & pullups) Also wipes
(See bin outside the church office)

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!



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!

Roberta Low's friend Doug
Anna Karwan's family with Health Issues
Chris Cahoon's Dad
Joyce Carpenter's Nephew
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

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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