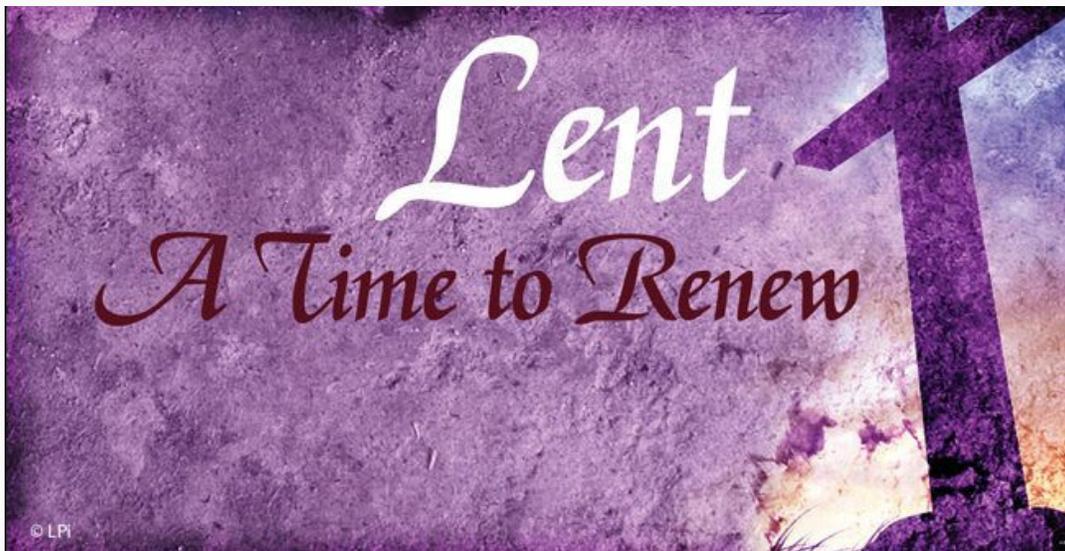


**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
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**MARCH 22, 2020**  
**WORSHIP AT UCC CANCELLED**  
**but join us online at ZOOM**  
*(see information in the next box below)*

*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!*

### **Update from Michael and Angela on Zoom Worship Services**

Hey folks, the first trial of using Zoom was not without its problems, but we are working to make the next one that much better. The timeout problem is known and is actively being addressed, so that will not be a problem going forward. Thank you to those that kept logging back in.

To answer some initial feedback: Yes, there is an option to record the service. There are certain portions that we do not one to save for confidentiality reasons, such as prayer requests, but we'll look into options for paring down to just the appropriate parts for replay. I turned it off before the music ended, which some people want to hear to its end. I won't do that next time. Audio from the choir was not great, I'm told (it sounded awesome in person!). I'm planning to spend some time this week on improving the audio fidelity for next week. How was the video quality? Was the camera work okay? I tried to stay quiet as I was sitting next to the microphone. Was I making too much noise? Let me know, as well as any other feedback. Thanks! -Michael Lewis

Join us Sundays at 10:30am

Here is the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/756975189>

Also later this week you will receive a bulletin for this coming Sunday, March 22nd, via email with the hymns attached. This way you can have the bulletin with you at home while joining us for worship. You will also receive a new Zoom link for our worship service, so keep an eye on your emails. During our Zoom worship, I will share prayer requests that I received throughout the week, so **if you have any prayers that you'd like shared on Sunday morning, please call me or email them to me before Saturday night.**

Thank you. -Angela

**Poem shared on Sunday morning, by Lynn Unger:**

**What if you thought of it**

as the Jews consider the Sabbath—  
the most sacred of times?  
Cease from travel.  
Cease from buying and selling.  
Give up, just for now,  
on trying to make the world  
different than it is.  
Sing. Pray. Touch only those  
to whom you commit your life.  
Center down.

And when your body has become still,  
reach out with your heart.  
Know that we are connected  
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.  
(You could hardly deny it now.)  
Know that our lives  
are in one another's hands.

(Surely, that has come clear.)  
Do not reach out your hands.  
Reach out your heart.  
Reach out your words.  
Reach out all the tendrils  
of compassion that move, invisibly,  
where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love--  
for better or for worse,  
in sickness and in health,  
so long as we all shall live.

PASTOR ANGELA AVAILABLE FOR PASTORAL CARE

If you are struggling during this time of social distancing, or if you just want someone to talk to, I am available for you. We can set up a time to talk via phone, FaceTime or Zoom, whichever you prefer.

Please do not isolate yourself if you are struggling.  
You can email me or call me to schedule a time to talk,  
[RevWells@UCCBurlington.org](mailto:RevWells@UCCBurlington.org) or 727-776-7892.

Love, Angela

MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

If you are concerned about how you're going to get your medications during this time of social distancing, please contact Cindy Phillips.

She can assist you.

She can be reached at: 781-552-1034.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

We have beautiful devotional booklets available for the season of Lent. They involve prayer, scriptures and reflections. *They'll be available in the church office, and on the counter in Sewall Hall. Please help yourself. We would be very happy to mail one to you as well!*

We hope this will help you stay rooted in your faith as we journey together towards Easter.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Angela

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 17**

St. Patrick's Day

**Parish Council Meeting 7:15pm**

Parish Council will meet tonight via Zoom OR meeting in the church conference room. For those who want to meet via Zoom, Moderator Sally Willard has sent out an email with the link attached. For people who want to meet in the church conference room, please follow social distancing guidelines and sit far apart from each other.

**Wednesday, March 18**

No True North Pastor Hours

Crafting for a Cause-cancelled

Choir Rehearsal-cancelled

**Sunday, March 22**

No Service at UCC - visit us on ZOOM livestream at 10:30am

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/756975189>



## **Financial Assistance**

If you or your family experience financial struggles as a result of COVID-19, the church is here to help you. We have a Deacons Fund which can be used for emergency financial assistance. Please reach out to Pastor Angela or Deacons Chair, Deb Glancy [debglancy03@gmail.com](mailto:debglancy03@gmail.com) if you could use financial support. All requests are kept confidential.

## **People Helping People**

People Helping People has expanded its offerings to the community in light of COVID-19. If you or your family could benefit from receiving food through the food pantry, please contact the food pantry at 781-270-6625 or [burlingtonpantry@gmail.com](mailto:burlingtonpantry@gmail.com). In addition to non-perishable items, they have a wonderful array of fruits and vegetables. They're also offering lunch foods for families with children who normally receive their lunch at school.

## **Church Member Support**

If you are elderly or immunocompromised or don't feel comfortable leaving your home, we have a team of church members who can run errands for you, including doing your food shopping. If this would be helpful for you, please reach out to Bobbie in the church office, or Pastor Angela.

## **Please continue your church pledges**

The church is not insulated from the economic concerns regarding COVID-19. We will inevitably lose a lot of loose offerings because we won't be gathering for worship for so many weeks. That being said, the church still has fixed costs including utilities and salaries. Please continue your weekly or monthly pledges, if you're able. Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off at the church office. If you're able to make an extra

contribution, that would be much appreciated. Thank you so much for helping to sustain our community during this time of uncertainty.

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## EASTER PLANTS FOR APRIL 12

**Even if we have worship by ZOOM livestream we would love to show the beauty of Easter with our flowers in the sanctuary!**

Easter Plants for our Easter Morning Worship Service on April 12.  
To order a plant, just let us know how many, (**each plant is \$10**), who they are in memory/celebration/honor of and if you are keeping your plant after the service or donating to someone who would enjoy it.  
Send payment to the church office.

Ordering deadline is April 5th



### TRUE NORTH PASTOR HOURS

at True North Coffee Shop  
204 Cambridge Street, Burlington

Cancelled for the unforeseeable future. Stay tuned!  
You can still reach Pastor Angela at 727-776-7892.

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### PHOTOS FOR OUR WEBSITE!

We are working on updating our website. In order to do this, we need current(ish) photos. If you have any photos of church events or church members that you think might look good on the website,

please send them to [photosforucc@sallywillard.com](mailto:photosforucc@sallywillard.com).

Thank you!

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**MEATLESS LUNCH ON**

**MARCH 22ND!**

**SPONSORED BY**

**THE GREEN TEAM**

**POSTPONED!**



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**Seeking: Point person**

**for our Boston PRIDE Participation!**

We plan to participate in Boston Pride again this year. It is on Saturday, June 13th. We are looking for someone to help organize us the day of the event. It's

very easy. We will take care of publicity and organizing beforehand, we just need you to help gather people at the parade. Please reach out to

Angela or Sara Goodrich

([goodrichsj78@hotmail.com](mailto:goodrichsj78@hotmail.com)) if you're interested.

Thank you!





**SUNDAY MARCH 22 2-3PM**  
**POOL PARTY AT THE**  
**BILLERICA BOYS & GIRLS**  
**CLUB**

**POSTPONED!!!!**

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**WINE TASTING CLASS @**  
**TOTAL WINE**  
**OF BURLINGTON**



**"Tip to Toe-A Tour of Italy"**

**Saturday, May 2nd 7-9pm**

**Sunday, May 3rd 2-4pm**

**Hors d'oeuvres & Silent Auction**

**Tickets \$35 per person\***

**Tickets are limited!**

**781-272-4547 church office!**

*\*Brenda Cahoon is making an extremely generous donation to the event that will let the total ticket price of \$35 go to the proceeds.*



**MARCH BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

- 3 Cindy Brown**
- 7 Paul Raymond**
- 12 Laura Nowell**
- 14 Josie Ursino**
- 15 Stephen Jacobs**
- 17 Erika Downing**
- 26 Laura Breau**
- 26 Libby Samarjian**
- 28 Alyssa Johnson**

**Enjoy your Day!**

**ONGOING REMINDERS ARE LISTED BELOW:**

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

**CHOIR REHEARSALS** CANCELLED

**COFFEE HOUR** CANCELLED

**CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE (C4C)** CANCELLED

**NURSERY/WORSHIP VOLUNTEERING CANCELLED**

**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)

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**JUST A REMINDER.....**

**WE HAVE RENTERS USING SEWALL HALL WEEKLY**

**MONTESSORI SCHOOL Monday-Friday from 8-6pm -CANCELLED**

***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 - CANCELLED**

Please ***DO NOT*** interrupt when 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!***

Joe Stoddard's mom Lillian  
Betty Knowles in Rehab, Woody, their friend Janet Hurley  
Roberta Low's friend Doug  
Anna Karwan and her family  
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  
Conrad Fong and his Dad  
Alan Wright's friend Seth's Dad  
Anne Stafford, her son Bill and grandson Zach  
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

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All our caregivers, military here and abroad and our First Responders  
and Urgent Care workers!

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