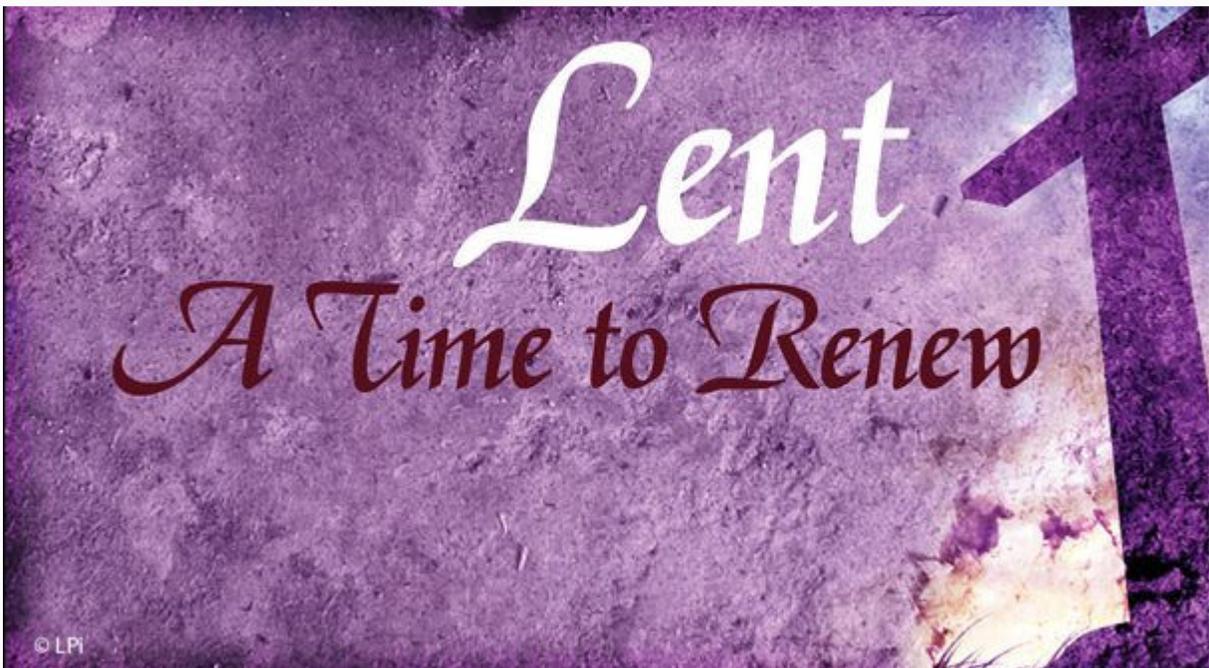


UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL
6 LEXINGTON STREET
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CHURCH OFFICE NOTICE!

Due to Governor Baker's closing of non-essential businesses, ***the church office will be closed to the public beginning March 24th.*** You can leave messages at the church office 781-272-4547, voicemail will be checked regularly. Please, please feel free to mail pledges or donations to the church at 6 Lexington Street, Burlington,

MA. 01803.

The mail will be checked regularly as well. If you need help or concerns, please feel free to leave a message.

BE SAFE DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN,
HOPEFULLY SOON!

LOVE, BOBBIE

MARCH 29, 2020
WORSHIP AT UCC CANCELLED
but join us online at ZOOM

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

*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

To answer some initial feedback: Yes, there is an option to record the service. There are certain portions that we do not do 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.

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 29, 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

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE AND OUR *RED WAGON!*

Since we are not meeting here at church and not able to collect items for our Burlington Pantry, I reached out to see what we can do to help our neighbors! If you go to the grocery store think of getting a few items below for our Pantry. On your drive home, you could swing by and drop

off at the Pantry, 1 St. Mark's Road, Burlington Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-2:00PM , but later in the week they hope to have a separate donation center set up in the parking lot.

Here is a short list of items the pantry is asking for:

spaghetti sauce

cereal

instant oatmeal

vegetable oil

condiments: mustard, ketchup, mayo, salad dressing

100% juice boxes

dish soap

toothpaste

shampoo

ready-to-eat chicken soup

peanut butter

jelly

2lb bags of sugar

People are also welcome to donate money on their website, they are relying more than ever on being able to get things from the Greater Boston Food Bank where they still have to purchase some items from there and they need to rent a truck to go pick it up.

The website is: <https://peoplehelpingpeopleinc.org/>

Thank you for your support and stay healthy

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@UCCBarlington.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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 24

The Church Office will be closed to the public beginning on Tuesday!

Wednesday, March 25

No True North Pastor Hours

Crafting for a Cause-cancelled

Choir Rehearsal-cancelled

Friday, March 27

April Hilltop Herald articles due!

Just let the congregation know what is happening at church

with this NEW NORMAL

Sunday, March 29

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

Chris Stahlinski will share a sermon

Deb Raymond will do a fun event for Children's Time

TUNE-IN!!

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

FACE MASKS

DO YOU HAVE 1/4 INCH ELASTIC FROM SOME PAST PROJECT?

Jessie McNeil has shared a request from local hospitals for people to sew cotton face masks. We have lots of cotton material stored in the basement that would be fine for the masks. But each mask requires a foot of 1/4 inch elastic. We have called local Joann's and Michaels and they are out of it. Also amazon is saying delivery of elastic will be in May. If you are a sewer and have the elastic but need cotton cloth, we have the cloth in Skelton Hall, OR if you don't want to sew masks but have the elastic, would you please email Susan Eby at mmoosie@hotmail.com. We also have the directions for making the masks.
Thank You!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S TIME

Deb Raymond has sent mailings home to our Sunday School children.
Deb will share with all of you at Children's Time during our LIVESTREAM worship ON March 29 and April 5th.
Tune-In!



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 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. 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** 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.

EASTER PLANTS FOR APRIL 12

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



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.

Thank you!



PRIDE

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



**We are sorry to announce that
this event has been postponed
to a later time due to the
COVID-19 outbreak.**

For those of you who purchased tickets,
Bobbie will mail them back to you!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at a
safer/later time!



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:

CHOIR REHEARSALS CANCELLED

COFFEE HOUR CANCELLED

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE (C4C) CANCELLED at church, but many are doing great projects at home!

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)

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 TBD

WEDNESDAYS 7-9pm

SCOUTS - CANCELLED

Please **DO NOT** interrupt when they are in session!



***PLEASE EMAIL US IF YOU HAVE ANY PRAYERS OR CONCERNS OR IF
ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOLKS ARE DOING BETTER!***

Joe Stoddard's mom Lillian
Betty Knowles is home, 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

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

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