

## HILLTOP HERALD-JUNE 2020

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Dear Church Family,

On Sunday, May 24th, we celebrated Ascension Sunday. We heard the story of Jesus' ascension on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter. The story from the book of Acts tells us that, *"he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven."* (25: 50-51) I preached about how this wasn't the moment in which Jesus left the disciples permanently and forever, this was the moment in which Jesus was now everywhere. He was in all places, for all time. This means that worship doesn't just happen on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary, but we have the opportunity to worship at every moment of our lives, wherever we find ourselves. This has been a reassuring truth for me as we adjust to new norms, that when we feel untethered, no matter where we are or what we're doing, we can come back to God.

Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber offers some prayers which have helped me connect our worship life to my daily life, and so I wanted to share them with you:

When I sing along in my kitchen to each song on Stevie Wonder's Songs in The Key of Life Album, *may it be counted as praise.*

And that when I read the news and my heart tightens in my chest, *may it be counted as a Kyrie.*

And that when my eyes brighten in a smile behind my mask as I thank the cashier *may it be counted as passing the peace.*

And that when I water my plants and wash my dishes and take a shower *may it be counted as remembering my baptism.*

And that when the tears come and my shoulders shake and my breathing falters, *may it be counted as prayer.*

And that as I sit at that table in my apartment, and eat one more homemade meal, slowly, joyfully, with nothing else demanding my time or attention, *may it be counted as communion.*

Amen.

With Love and Solidarity,

*Rev. Angela Wells-Bean*

Rev. Angela Wells-Bean  
(with help from Nadia, she can be found at: [nadiabolzweber.substack.com](http://nadiabolzweber.substack.com))





23 May 2020

To: Parish Council  
From: Deacons Committee; Joe Stoddard, Director of Music; Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education; and Rev. Angela Wells-Bean  
CC: UCC Burlington Congregants  
Re: UCC Burlington COVID-19 Phasing Forward Plan, Summer 2020

Dear Parish Council:

The Deacons Committee, along with Rev. Angela Wells-Bean, Joe Stoddard, and Deb Raymond (collectively referred to as the Committee), convened on 21 May 2020 and discussed the available options for safely conducting summer worship services at UCC Burlington amid a global pandemic. The Board of Deacons, per our Constitution, is responsible for all forms of corporate worship of the church and the care of the members and friends of the parish. With humility, we take this responsibility very seriously.

The Committee relied upon current and available guidance provided by the state of MA and the Southern New England Conference of the UCC (SNEUCC) related to COVID-19 and in-person worship services. The Committee determined that online services offer the safest and most faithful way for us to continue to be the church. Therefore, we have decided to have worship services exclusively online through at least the end of August 2020. Services will continue to start at 10:30 am.

The Committee recognizes and shares the congregation's disappointment about this decision and the fact that, at this time, we cannot safely congregate in our beloved sanctuary. Although we contemplated a significant number of options and considerations, the Committee unanimously came to this decision. We prioritized the safety of our staff, congregants, and wider community.

Given the number of social distancing restrictions that would be placed upon UCC Burlington if we resumed services in the sanctuary -- not to mention the significant efforts that it will take to ready the sanctuary for safe interaction -- the benefit of in-person gatherings does not outweigh the potential risk to people's safety. We also considered the many limitations that would be imposed upon our weekly church services by having in-person gatherings, and in the end, we feel that online services for the summer is the best option.

For example, if we opened the sanctuary for services, the following restrictions would be expected:

- No choir and no congregational singing
- No physical passing of Communion plates, red friendship pads, collection plates, or bulletins
- No Children's Time on the chancel
- No childcare or Sunday school
- No coffee hour
- Limited number of participants permitted in the sanctuary
- Participants are required to wear face coverings/masks and must remain 6 feet apart at all times
- Participants are not permitted to stay around and socialize in the sanctuary before or after services, and they must be escorted out of the building in an orderly and predefined traffic flow.
- Records of participant participation and reports of known COVID-19 infection must be reported to the state.

The Committee determined that our church is better prepared and able to provide a spiritually fulfilling and safe service by offering remote participation, despite the challenges associated with some people unable to or choosing not to participate in services via telephone, Zoom, or Facebook. We recognize there are limitations that prevent some people in our congregation from experiencing the full essence of our online faith services. As a committee, we are committed to thinking creatively and hope to offer additional options in the future. We will pursue this discernment throughout the summer. In the meantime, one of our Deacons is willing to help congregants on the phone or in their homes to address technological issues.

During the summer, the Committee will continue to address how and when to safely resume services in the sanctuary. We will continue to receive and consider current information (e.g., infection rates, testing and treatment availability), as well as recommendations from the state and SNEUCC. In anticipation of efficiently preparing the sanctuary for future use, we know that we must do the following (this is a non-exhaustive list):

- 1) Prepare a seating strategy that a) enforces social distancing and b) informs us about the number of people that can safely fit in the sanctuary given the number of pews that cannot be used
- 2) Prepare a traffic flow in and out of the sanctuary, inclusive of entering the bathroom and office areas
- 3) Address the placement and flow of service leaders, such as the organist and singer
- 4) Determine and institute policies associated with counting, registering, permitting, and helping people in and out of the sanctuary
- 5) Prepare a congregant communication policy that requests notification and reporting of confirmed or presumptive COVID-19 infection
- 6) Develop and institute sanctuary sanitizing protocols: a) standard process for sanitizing high-risk areas before and after each service and b) expanded sanitation process for when COVID-19 infection is suspected or confirmed
- 7) Maintain an online presence for those parishioners who are unable to or who are unwilling to physically attend services in the sanctuary

Lastly, while the Committee will continue to do our best to promote spiritually satisfying and diverse online services, we know that members of our congregation are suffering from social isolation. This is an important role that the church plays in our lives. In our ongoing discussions, we will consider whether and how we can sponsor small and safe social opportunities outside on the church grounds during the summer. We have lofty goals and may not be able to achieve all of them, but we are committed to trying. We ask for your ongoing prayers and support during this challenging and uncertain time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [debglancy03@gmail.com](mailto:debglancy03@gmail.com).

On behalf of the extended Deacons Committee,  
Deb Glancy, Chair



## SPECIAL SUNDAYS IN JUNE ZOOM LIVESTREAM



- June 7th: Pride/ONA Celebration Service, June is Pride month. Wear or share a rainbow!
- June 14th: Children's Sunday! A service by and for the young people in our church and to recognize all those who make our CE ministry possible.
- June 21st: Music Appreciation Sunday and Father's Day. This Sunday, we will celebrate our church's music ministry.



## SAFE CHURCH GRANT

By now, you may have heard that back in January, our church applied for a Nonprofit Security Grant from the Commonwealth. The good news is that we got a grant for just over \$29,000.00. We are currently waiting for the state to return the signed contract to us, and for them to deposit the money in our account. When that happens, we'll move forward with the locksmith we're working with. The plan is for new electronic (key fob) locks to be installed on the Sanctuary door, Education Building door and the door going down into Skelton Hall. We'll also have video doorbells installed on the Education Building door and Skelton Hall door. In addition, we are looking at what other safety improvements can be made around our property. Stay tuned for more updates from the Safe Church Committee as progress is made

## DEACONS' SNIPPET

The Deacons are looking at our livestream worship services, that we have had, as well as planning ahead to increase attendance. Participation logins have varied from 54 to 78 but the actual number of people viewing is higher, due to families watching together. Although Gov. Baker has lifted the ban on worship in churches, we want to be safe.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and both Easter Services. All the services were very meaningful. A special thanks to our musicians who shared their talent with us during this special time of the liturgical year.

Thank you, Deb Raymond, for organizing the parades on Easter and Mother's Day! A great time was had by all who participated.



Mark your calendars for June 14<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate Children's Sunday and honor our high school graduates.



### **Thank you, Special Musicians!**

Our church is extremely grateful to Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Laura Nowell, and Mark Omobono for leading the singing and offering solos during online worship in the month of May. We are so blessed to have such talented singers willing to share their gifts with us!

### **Choir Rehearsals Suspended**

As of this writing, there will be no choir rehearsals during the month of June. We will resume rehearsals when it is safe to do so.

### **Music Sunday**

We will celebrate Music Sunday in conjunction with Father's Day once again this year. Unfortunately, the celebration will not be the same as when we are able to gather in person. However, it will still be a wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gift of music in our lives and to thank all the volunteer musicians of the church who make our music ministry possible. In particular, we are grateful to: our Children's Choir Members: Maddie Bonnell, Brody Bonnell, Hope Calandrelli, Molly Calandrelli, Reid Calandrelli, Precious Kabagahya, Ruth Goodrich-Byers, Amelia Lewis, Josie Ursino, and Paul Ursino; our Adult Choir members: Aline Beck (who is also our substitute organist extraordinaire!), Bill Beyer, Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, John Getsinger, Julie Lewis, Roberta Low, Mark Omobono, Marcia Rich, Lynn & Lee Tirrell, Nancy Todd, Aimée Tredeau, and Deana Tredeau; and all of our musicians who provided solos and duets throughout the year, including: Laura Nowell, Ann-Marie Messbauer, and Chris and Liz Silva. Please drop them a line and thank them for sharing their gifts with our congregation!

### **Summer Musicians**

It's time think about performing for summer services! We welcome singers and instrumentalists to share their talents with the congregation. If you volunteer, you do not need to lead all the singing for the entire service, although you are very welcome to do so! Please email Joe Stoddard at [music@uccburlington.org](mailto:music@uccburlington.org) if you are interesting in helping out.

### **Deacons' Special Music Fund**

We are very grateful to two former choir members, Charlotte and Howie Blaney, for their recent donation to the Deacons' Special Music Fund. Charlotte and Howie gave their gift in remembrance of the voices of choir members who have passed away, especially Nancy Livezy, Suzanne Trefethen, Ann Onthank, and Ken Baker.

### **Deacons' Special Music Fund Music Sunday Appeal**

In celebration of Music Sunday, you have the opportunity this year to give a gift to the Deacons' Special Music Fund. The Deacons' Special Music Fund supports bringing in professional musicians for special services and purchasing music to supplement our choral repertoire. ***If you would like to make a donation this year, you can use the form attached in the Hilltop and mail your check to the church, or you can visit <http://uccburlington.org/giving/> and click on "Online Giving".*** This will bring you to a page where you will see "Special Funds". Fill in the amount you would like to give next to "Deacons' Special Music Fund", the date on which you'd like to make your donation, and click "continue" to take the necessary steps to finish your transaction. Thank you very much for your support!

### **Keep in touch!**

Email: [music@uccburlington.org](mailto:music@uccburlington.org)

Twitter: @uccbmusic

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs](http://www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs)



On March 29th a challenge went out from Chris Stahlinski in her Children's Story for the kids to think of ways to save our planet. The challenge was expanded by Miss Deb to include puzzles, posters, coloring sheets for Sunday School & 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> graders to complete to earn coins for a donation. Because of the tasks you completed, the Sunday Schools donated \$25 to People Helping People. Great job everyone!

All the Sunday School participants should have received a package in the mail for our May 31st worship. If not please contact Miss Deb. Included were 2 balloons for each child. **Please attend Zoom Church on May 31st with your balloons blown up.** It is Pentecost Sunday and we are going to celebrate! Please be ready at the beginning of the Children's time, Mr. Michael will put you all on screen waving your RED balloons!

Plans are moving forward on the Children/Youth Sunday Service on June 14th. The children/youth will provide the entire Service as they did last year, only via Zoom Livestream. As always, Bibles will be awarded, High School Seniors will be recognized, Volunteers will be honored. **Practice for Sunday School will be online via zoom on Saturday June 13 at 10 AM sharp.** Please use the same link you use to access the Sunday Worship Service (found on our website at [UCCburlington.org](http://UCCburlington.org).) If you have trouble with zoom, please contact Deb for assistance at 857-373-9156. Information will be distributed to parents describing each person's roll.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sunday School Adventure planned for July 20th will not be held this year due to the social distancing guidelines from our Church & the Governor.

### INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Ten cars participated in our 2nd Intergenerational UCC parade. This was the Mother's Day/Spring Celebration Car Parade. There were more elaborate decorations on cars and more enthusiasm from both the parade participants and the parishioners we drove past!

As we passed sixteen homes, there were signs of love and greeting from people and families on their lawns. Lots of horns and waves from the parade participants. Even interest and waves from Burlingtonites out walking. This was UCC out in the community at their best, thank you all! Go on the UCC website to see videos by Jessie McNeil and pictures by Alan Beck.

The June event at Walden is also cancelled.



## MISSIONS UPDATE!

### RED WAGON

Due to our COVID-19 pandemic we are unable to meet and bring our food forward during worship service. The Burlington Pantry is still in need of any and all donations, including non-perishables, diapers, wipes and monetary donations. There is a storage bin in the parking lot of St. Mark's church (where the pantry is located). If you are a shopper and find it safe to make a trip to the store, try to pick up a few extra items and drop them off.

If a monetary donation make your check out to PHP and send to :

PHP  
P.O. Box 343  
Burlington, MA.



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.



### CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

Thanks to modern technology we are still meeting via zoom. We are still receiving requests for face masks. If you need one please let Bobbie, Nancy Todd or Susan Eby know and we'll arrange for you to have masks. We are running out of cotton flannel in non-patterned neutral colors. If you have some you can spare please let Susan Eby know. We are also knitting ear savers which attach to the elastic of the masks so that the elastic is pulled away from the ears. These ear savers go across the back of the head and the elastic is slipped over the buttons on the end of the knitted band. So far they have gone to a local hospital. But if you or anyone you know needs one please let us know. But to make them we need  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch buttons. So please look through your button collection and if you have any let Susan or Nancy know and we'll arrange to get them.

Please stay safe and find ways to get outside to enjoy the spring days.

### MISSIONS SNIPPETS

- Benevolence payments were made to MA Council of Churches, SNECUCU, Disabled American Veterans, Heifer International, and LGBT Asylum.
- Rather than a special appeal, we will support Blanket Sunday through our benevolence funds.
- We will also respond to a special appeal from the Massachusetts Council of Churches called "OneChurchFund" to help those suffering from the effects of Covid-19. The amount and timing for both will be decided in June.
- Dennis has spoken with Sister Joyce regarding Project Care and Concern. Collection of clothing is on hold.
- Susan will represent Missions on the Student Award Committee.

## TRUSTEES SNIPPETS



### SANCTUARY PAINTING

If you haven't driven or walked by the church in some time we have been very busy with outside scraping and painting. **Blair Painting** is doing the work and it's coming along nicely. Payment will come from the insurance money received from the damage by a vehicle to the side of the church last November.



### CIRCULATOR PUMP REPLACED

We found one of our circulators to the LARGE furnace under Sewall Hall leaking water and repairing was not an option, so this unit had to be replaced.



### CLEANUP DAY AT UCC

The Scouts offered to do a cleanup day on May 2 (social distancing of course). We had a tree that came down and Mr. Meyer and Duncan kindly took care of this while others came and did some raking and cleaning of the driveway. Thanks Scouts!



# **GIANT YARD SALE**

## **RESCHEDULED TO: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2020**



Parish Council has approved a new date for our yard sale. As we all know, it's important to wait until people are comfortable being in close contact with one another and are not fearful of touching random objects. For those who have set aside items to donate, we greatly appreciate your storing them for a bit longer. We are looking to raise \$2000, the amount that is part of the 2020 budget.

These are the items we are looking for.  
If you can gather a few and store them til September, that would be wonderful.

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**  
dishes, glasses, silverware  
pots and pans, kitchen tools  
vases, decorative items  
suitcases, blankets

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

**OTHER HOLIDAY DECORATIONS**

**SPORTS AND EXERCISE EQUIPMENT**

**ARTWORK, PRINTS, AND PICTURE FRAMES**

**JEWELRY AND HANDBAGS**

**CRAFTS AND COLLECTIBLES**

**HARDWARE, TOOLS, ELECTRONICS**

**BOOKS, DVDS, CDS**

**TOYS, BICYCLES, PUZZLES, GAMES**

**OFFICE SUPPLIES**

**CLOTHES**

**SMALL FURNITURE**

Pastor Angela's dad, Jeff Wells  
 Anne Stafford home doing better,  
 Anne's son Bill diagnosed with COVID-19  
 and continued prayers for her grandson Zach  
 Donna Lee Glancy, her housemates and staff  
 Bill Livezey



Extra prayers for Conrad's Dad Gim  
 Dave Ierardi's son Dano and partner Alisha  
 Sarah Clark's mother-in-law Sandra  
 Jan Costa  
 Beth Hatcher  
 Jessy McNeil's friend K'ween  
 Joe Stoddard's mom Lillian  
 Betty Knowles (home) - 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  
 Alan Wright's friend Seth's Dad  
 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

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

## CONDOLENCES

Edith Entwistle a friend of our church family and former Burlington Teacher, passed away peacefully this May. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Heartfelt sympathy to Marge Zamanian, family and friends on the sudden passing of husband Berj. He will be missed by so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

## JUNE 2020

- 1 Nancy Davis
- 3 Susan Eby
- 4 Jessy McNeil
- 5 Bailey Towle
- 6 Soren Wells-Bean
- 9 Brenda Cahoon
- 15 Jan Costa
- 16 Joyce Baylor
- 20 Joshua & Jason Cahoon
- 23 Bobbie Killilea
- 27 June Landin
- 30 Donna Ferro



## WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

### **June 7 Communion Worship at 10:30am Livestream**

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani  
Music: Debbie Claar  
Children's Time: Deb Raymond

### **June 14 Children's Sunday Worship at 10:30am Livestream**

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Elizabeth Forbush  
Music: Julie & Amelia Lewis  
Children's Time: Deb Raymond

### **June 21 Music Appreciation & Father's Day at 10:30am Livestream**

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich  
Music: Sarah Clark  
Children's Time: Deb Raymond

### **June 28 Worship at 10:30am Livestream**

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Sally Willard  
Music: Laura Nowell  
Children's Time: Deb Raymond

### **July 5-Ecumenical Service Livestream with the Presbyterian Church 10:30am**

(That link will be on our website)

Pastor: Rev. Trina Portillo  
Organist: Presbyterian  
Lay Leader: TBD  
Music: Presbyterian  
Children's Time: Presbyterian



# June 2020-ZOOM Livestream Worship Continues!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  <b>7:30p AA</b> 7:30p Trustees	2  7:15p Deacons Mtg.	3	4	5	6  <b>Happy 1st Birthday Soren Wells-Bean</b>
7    10:30a Communion Worship ONA/Pride Celebration <b>Livestream!</b>	8  <b>7:30p AA</b>	9	10	11	12	13
14   10:30a Children's Sunday Worship <b>Livestream!</b>	15  <b>7:30p AA</b>	16  7:15p Parish Council Mtg.	17	18	19	20  <b>July/Aug Hilltop Herald Articles Due!</b>
21 <b>Father's Day!</b>    10:30a Music Appreciation Sunday <b>Livestream!</b>	22  <b>7:30p AA</b>	23	24  July/August Hilltop to be Mailed out!	25	26	27
28  10:30a Worship- Donate to PHP in lieu of our Red Wagon <b>Livestream!</b>	29  <b>7:30p AA</b>	30				 <b>Happy 4th July</b> <small>© wondercliparts.com</small>



DEACONS' SPECIAL MUSIC FUND DONATION

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Please make your check payable to UCC Burlington and write  
"Deacons' Special Music Fund" on the memo line. Kindly mail your check to UCC Burlington, 6  
Lexington St., Burlington, MA 01803.

My donation is (please check one and fill out as appropriate):

\_\_\_\_ my/our gift to the church's music ministry

\_\_\_\_ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ in celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU!



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