

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



**We look forward to welcoming you when we're able to be
back in our sanctuary!**

JULY 26, 2020

"FORGIVENESS"

ZOOM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

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!*

UPCOMING WORSHIP*

July 26 Zoom Livestream at 10:30am

Pastor: Megan Berkowitz
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr. & Aline Beck
Worship Leader: Debbie Claar
Music: Laura Nowell

August 2 Ecumenical Worship Zoom Livestream at 10:30am

Worship Leader: Debbie Claar
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Presbyterian Volunteer
Music: Sarah Clark

***Here is the link:** <https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/756975189>

You need to download the ZOOM app on your ipad or computer.

If you cannot access it, you can always dial in on your phone and listen by audio.

The phone number is: 929-205-6099

Enter meeting ID: 756 975 189 when prompted.

You will receive a bulletin for the upcoming Sunday, via email with the hymns attached. This way you can have the bulletin with you at home while joining us for worship. 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 727-776-7892 or email them to me RevWells@uccburlington.org before Saturday night.*

Thank you.

Angela

Pastor Angela on Vacation

Angela will be on vacation from Monday, July 20th- Friday, August 7th.
Megan Berkowitz, our planned interim sabbatical pastor will be our guest preacher on July 26th. Debbie Claar will lead our joint worship service with the Burlington Presbyterian Church on August 2nd.

If you need pastoral care between July 20th-July 31st, please contact
Rev. Trina Portillo, the pastor at the Presbyterian Church.
Her number is 773-951-7820.

If you need pastoral care between August 1st-7th, please contact the
Rev. Reebee Girash, the pastor at Pilgrim Congregational UCC in Lexington.
Her number is 781-475-3741.



- July 26th Topic: Forgiveness. Angela will be on vacation, pulpit supply will be provided by Megan Berkowitz (our planned interim sabbatical pastor)
- August 2nd Topic: Acceptance. Presbyterians will worship with us, Debbie Claar is leading service because Angela will be on vacation.
- August 9th Topic: Humor
- August 16th Topic: Gratitude
- August 23rd Topic: Compassion
- August 30th Topic: Generosity

Loving Kindness Meditation

Those of you who were in worship on Sunday were able to experience our first Loving Kindness Meditation of the season. All summer long we will begin our services by centering ourselves with this meditation:

May I be well
May I be filled with joy
May I practice loving kindness

As you are all aware, we are in the midst of an extremely challenging time. However, as a people of faith, we can approach this time as an opportunity to explore practices that will more deeply sustain, unite and inspire us. Jesus often went off by himself to rest, restore, refill his cup and renew his relationship with God. Steven Smith of the Center for

Contemplative Mind in Society introduced the practice in this way: “We begin with loving ourselves, for unless we have a measure of this unconditional love and acceptance for ourselves, it is difficult to extend it to others. Then we include others who are special to us, and, ultimately, all living things. Gradually, both the visualization and the meditation phrases blend into the actual experience, the feeling of loving kindness.” This practice can deepen our communion with God, with Jesus, with ourselves and each other. We hope you'll join us for worship each Sunday in July and August as we'll offer the meditation to ourselves, then our loved ones, then those we have trouble with, and finally, the whole world.



What: Sunday School get together for all Sunday School Kids

When: Sunday, August 9, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Where: UCC Burlington Parking lot. We will use sidewalk, grassy area & parking lot.

If it rains, we will be in Sewall Hall.

Requirements: All attendees must wear a mask. All must be prepared to stay 6' from anyone that is not a family member. There will be no food. Kids can bring their own water bottles. Each attendee will have their own materials for each game or craft so they will not touch things other kids have touched.

Intent: To have fun together, to be part of the Church Service Children's Time & the end of the church service (The Benediction). We will be in our Jesus & God groups the majority of the time.

We will do sidewalk art, make flags, play competitive games.

***Please respond to Miss Deb Phone or text 857-373-9156
no later than Friday 8/7/20.***

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Bobbie Killilea will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-3pm.
If you need anything from her, please send her an email uccburlington@gmail.com or
call the office 781-272-4547 during those times.

FUNDRAISING MEETING

**There will be a fundraising brainstorming meeting TONIGHT, Tuesday, July
21 at 4:30pm in the outside open space at the church.
If you have any input or suggestions please feel free to join us.**



SOCIAL GATHERING

If you missed our last social gathering outside here at the church, we will have another one on Thursday, July 30th at 9:30am (rain-date is July 31st). We had about 15 folks

meet early July and it was so nice to see people in person. If you would like to join us please contact Chris Stahlinski at cmlynch51@yahoo.com or 781-325-6546.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE AND OUR *RED WAGON!*

The Pantry is located at 1 St. Mark's Road, Burlington. There is a storage bin on site to drop off donations.

For the second week in a row, the Pantry not been able to get an appointment at the Greater Boston Food Bank. As you know our numbers are up at least 30% since COVID-19. In April we supported a record of 201 families, and we continue to sign up new families every week. **We are extremely low on the following items:**

canned tomatoes	pasta sauce
broth	jelly
flour and sugar	dish soap
canned vegetables	
(except corn and green beans)	

If you would rather make a monetary donation you can make a check out to PHP and mail it directly to PHP, P.O. Box 343, Burlington, MA 01803. Questions please contact them at 781-270-6625 or burlingtonpantry@gmail.com.

PASTOR ANGELA APPEARANCE ON BCAT

Pastor Angela recently sat down with Linda McNamee, the host of the show Something to Talk About on BCAT. They discussed everything from the local Black Lives Matter Vigil, to misogyny in Burlington, to addressing racism in the schools, and of course, our moral imperative to be anti-racist Christians. Angela's interview with Linda is in the second half

of the show and begins at the 26:00 minute mark. If you've ever wondered what your pastor's candid thoughts are about these topics, take a look! You can click here to watch: <https://youtu.be/jPoTcxhWh1Q>

FACE MASKS* and C4C

If you don't have a face mask and would like one, please contact Nancy Todd, Susan Eby or the Church Office. We have folks who are putting some together for just that need. We have been very busy making many masks for healthcare workers and volunteers at some of the most vulnerable locations.

*To continue to make masks and ear savers we are in need of ¾" buttons and plain colored cotton flannel. If you have either the correct size buttons or the cotton flannel and want to share it with us please let Bobbie or Susan Eby know. If you need a mask or want to try an ear saver just let Bobbie, Susan Eby or Nancy Todd know. Ear savers basically pull the elastic of the masks off your ears. They also help make the masks fit a little tighter.

Thanks in advance and stay safe!



Photos for People Helping People Fundraiser

Church member Stephanie Omobono has started a project here in Burlington called the Front Steps Project. She will come to your house and take portraits of your family. In lieu of paying for the photos, she asks that you make a donation to People Helping People. You can email her at **somobono.photography@gmail.com** or go to her GoFundMe page. Here's the link: **gofundme.com/f/stephanie-omobono-photography-frontstepsproject**.

Thank you, Stephanie, for doing this wonderful fundraiser for People Helping People!

AMAZON SMILE NOW ON AMAZON MOBILE

When our church first signed up to receive donations through Amazon Smile, people lamented that you couldn't do it on the mobile app. Well, now you can! Go into the main menu on Amazon on your phone, scroll down to "Settings (with the American flag next to it)" and that will bring up another menu that includes "AmazonSmile," click on that and choose our church. On the iPhone, you'll have to turn on notifications for Amazon in order for it to work.

Reach out to Pastor Angela if you have any questions.



Giant OUTSIDE Yard Sale

Saturday, September 19th

Rain-date: September 26th

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.

Check your JULY/AUGUST Hilltop Herald for UPDATED INFO!

NEWS

From Our Church

Pastor Angela - 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 or 727-776-7892.

Church Office

The office will not be open to the general public. 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.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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!



JULY BIRTHDAY WISHES and virtual hugs to:

- 3 Marc Towle**
 - 3 Bobbie Martino**
 - 4 Eric Duran**
 - 8 Brian Stahlinski**
 - 9 Walter Landin**
 - 9 Melissa Olney**
 - 9 Carl Dove**
 - 10 Bill Beyer**
 - 14 Peggy Derick**
 - 14 Jerad Stahlinski**
 - 14 Nancy Todd**
 - 15 Elaine Glancy**
 - 21 Sam McNeil**
 - 21 Dick Butler**
 - 23 Alana Shirley**
 - 27 Aidan Breau**
 - 28 Natalie Gillingham**
 - 29 Amelia Lewis**
 - 29 Bill Livezey**
 - 30 Cy Todd**
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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 T-shirts, jeans, underwear for men and women

Items can be dropped of at the church, just let us know!

BURLINGTON PANTRY NEEDS Diapers (sizes 4,5,6,7 & pullups) Also wipes!

Items can be dropped off at the storage bin at St. Mark's Church

JUST A REMINDER.....

WE HAVE RENTERS USING SEWALL HALL WEEKLY

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

MONDAYS 7:30-9PM AA MEETING

WEDNESDAYS 7-9pm SCOUTS - CANCELLED

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



Congratulations to Nancy and Cy Todd on the birth of granddaughter Josephine, born to Amy and Ben!

Carol and Ron Downing's sister-in-law

Claire Simas, her grandson the passing of her dear friend Barbara

The passing of Libby Samarjian's dad, Roger Plaisted

Jaime Cahoon-surgery

Extra prayers for Conrad's Dad Gim

Anne Stafford home, doing better

Anne's son Bill diagnosed with COVID-19

and continued prayers for her grandson Zach

Jan Costa

Bill Livezey

Joe Stoddard's mom Lillian

Betty and Woody Knowles, their friend Janet Hurley

Dave Ierardi's son Dano and partner Alisha

Sarah Clark's mother-in-law Sandra

Roberta Low's friend Doug

Anna Karwan and her family

Joyce Carpenter's Nephew

Bill Beyer's sister Jane Moberg and friend Frank

Mark Flecchia's mom Vivian

Kendra Griep's grandfather

Luella Brown

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

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

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