

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



Generosity art print by Jennifer Masters

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

AUGUST 30, 2020

GENEROSITY"

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*

August 30 Zoom Livestream at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean

Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Sarah Clark
Music: Amelia Lewis and Julie Lewis

September 6 Labor Day Weekend - Zoom Livestream at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: TBD
Music: Mark Omobono

***Here is the link:** <https://us04web.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](tel:727-776-7892) or email them to me RevWells@uccburlington.org before Saturday night.*

Thank you.
Angela

ANTI-RACISM ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP CONTINUING!

The Zoom Anti-Racism Accountability Group is going strong. Thank you to everyone who has been participating. We are moving to meeting bi-weekly rather than every week. **We'll meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm.**

You can drop in at any time. The upcoming dates are as follows August 19th, Sept. 2nd, Sept. 16th, Oct. 7th, Oct. 21st, Nov. 4th, Nov. 18th, Dec. 2nd and Dec. 16th.

Please email Pastor Angela if you'd like to participate and she will send you the Zoom link. We'd love to have you join us.

Pastor Angela Wants Your Summer Photos!

As part of our Welcome Back Sunday celebration, we're going to have a slideshow so that we can see what our church family was up to this summer! Pastor Angela needs you to send her one photo from your summer. It can be of you, your family, a scene from nature, or anything you want! **Just email the photo to Angela**

Revwells@uccburlington.org

by August 31st, and please include a caption/description with the photo.

Thank you!



Our last Summer Sermon will be:

August 30th Topic: Generosity

Loving Kindness Meditation

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 August as we'll offer the meditation to ourselves, then our loved ones, then those we have trouble with, and finally, the whole world.



WELCOME BACK SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 13TH!

We know it will feel strange not to be in the sanctuary. We also know it's a real bummer not to eat our delicious breakfast casseroles, baked breads, and fruit salad after service. But we don't want you to go without. We may not be able to cook for you this year, but we invite you to try making one of your favorite treats. ***Below are some of our favorite brunch recipes. Be sure to read the weekly email blasts, so you see them all!*** Feel free to bring and eat a favorite breakfast treat during our Welcome Back Sunday service. We can at least share a meal and a cup of coffee (or tea) in spirit.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY BANANA BREAD

Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour 9x5 loaf pan.

3 ripe bananas, well mashed

2 eggs, beaten until light

2 cups flour

3/4 cup sugar

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking soda

2 teaspoons cinnamon

1 teaspoon nutmeg

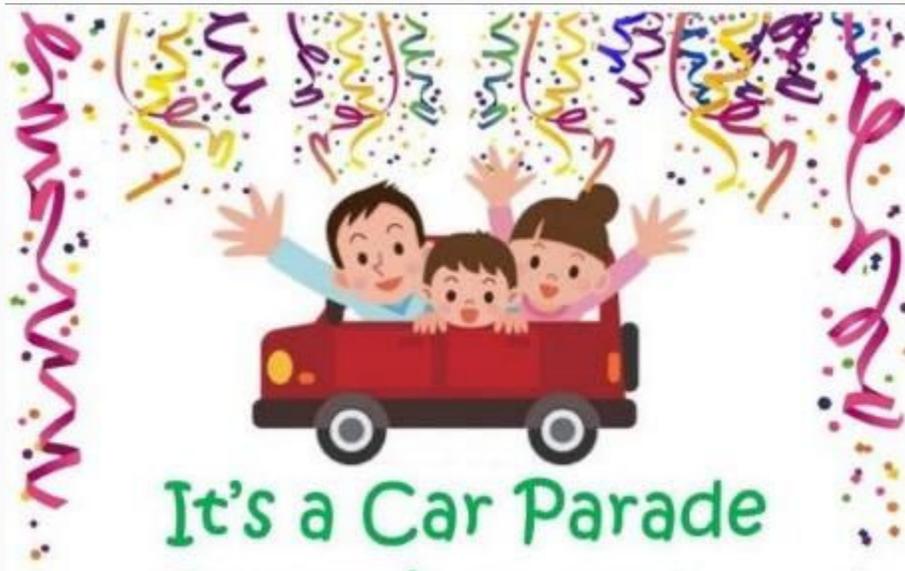
3/4 cup nuts, raisins, craisins, chocolate chips
(or some combination there of)
2 tablespoons melted butter

Mix bananas and eggs. Sift together dry ingredients and stir into banana/egg mixture.
Stir in melted butter and add nuts, etc. if desired.

Bake for one hour; test with toothpick. When the toothpick comes out clean,
remove from oven and turn onto a cooling rack. Cool completely before cutting.

Makes one loaf. All or parts of the loaf can be frozen!

More recipes next week and in the upcoming Sunday Bulletins!



SUNDAY

PARADE!!!

everyone on
y, we thought it

would be nice to have a Welcome Back Sunday Parade. Deb Raymond will be at it again, trying to devise the best route so we can drive around Burlington spreading our good cheer. It's a lot of fun waving to some of our congregants, their neighbors, and folks on the street. Start thinking about how you'll decorate your car and join us in the fun! More details to follow.



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Join us for worship online!

Sundays at 10:30am

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6 Lexington St.

to make a contribution to help defray the cost, we'd appreciate it, but you certainly do not have to.

Thank you for helping us spread the word about our wonderful congregation.

KEY FOB SECURITY SYSTEM FOR OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS!

We now have our security system in place for our Church Buildings (Sewall Hall-Red Door and Church Sanctuary- Black Door) and for the Sunday School area. Those who need to have access to the building as staff, committee chairs, treasurer, fundraising, etc please contact Bobbie to obtain a Key Fob (card) . If you were given a GOLD KEY that was used to gain access, that key needs to be returned. Your other master that you were using please remember you will need that key to gain access to the interior doors! If any questions, please contact Bobbie!

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.

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.

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**](mailto:burlingtonpantry@gmail.com).

NEWS FROM THE CRAFTERS

C4C has face masks available. Bobbie has some in her office or you can call Susan Eby at 272 3614 to obtain a mask.

C4C continues to meet on Wednesday afternoon's either in an outdoor setting with social distancing or via zoom. While not making items for a fall Fair we are still making things we can donate to people who need them at the end of the year. At the present time we have access to a supply of baby jars if you have a need for them.

Just let Susan Eby know how many.

Stay cool.



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comes back to the

-Order online at **www.ShopWithScrip.com**
(use code BB483284315L1 to link your account to the church). Either leave a check in the Gift Card Orders mailbox in the church office, or use your own credit card to complete your online purchase. You can request traditional plastic gift cards or print paper gift cards from your home computer.

-Send Nancy Todd an email with your order. nancygtodd@gmail.com

Remember you get your gift cards at full value and a percentage comes back to the church.
It's a win, win for all!

**Order by: September 7th
(just in time for that fall celebrations!)
Receive by: Mid-September!**



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

We ask your indulgence and understanding with this different scenario for the 2020 yard sale.

Yard Sale will be totally outside!

I will be looking for people to help with the following tasks:

Friday, Sept. 18th

- A) Setting up tables outside from 8-9 a.m.
- B) Unpacking, sorting, and pricing from 9-9.

Whatever hours you can

Saturday, Sept. 19th

- C) Helping with sales from 8:30 - 11:30.
- D) Helping with sales from 11:30 - 2:30.
- E) Breaking down the yard sale. Returning tables to Sewall Hall.
- F) Transporting unsold items to Savers, the Used Bookstore, or packing up for disposal.

**Please email Joan Zink
and let her know where you can help!**

Joanzink1@me.com



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.



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!



AUGUST BIRTHDAY WISHES and virtual hugs to:

- 1 Skip Glancy**
- 1 Marina Ciardi**
- 2 Debbie Claar**
- 7 Will Silva**
- 8 Sarah Clark**
- 9 Florence Forbush**
- 9 Deb Glancy**
- 10 Jennifer Turgiss**

- 11 **Melissa Breau**
 - 12 **Wynelle Scenna**
 - 15 **Sally Willard**
 - 17 **Jacob Goodrich-Byers**
 - 20 **Jane Forbush**
 - 22 **Ruth Goodrich-Byers**
 - 25 **Kathy Olney**
 - 25 **Michael Lewis**
 - 26 **Laura Harder**
 - 26 **Brian Hooper**
 - 29 **David Breau**
 - 31 **Paul Ursino**
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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!

MONDAYS 7:30-9PM AA MEETING

WEDNESDAYS 7-9pm SCOUTS - CANCELLED

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



Friend of Aimee Tredeau who lost her home in a fire. Please add Mercedes and her kids, Malki and Zaire to your prayers. If you can help them get back on their feet, please donate to their Go Fund Me link.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/23hz3eh400?utm_source=facebook

Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian

Carol and Ron Downing' brother Charlie, hospitalized and Carol's sister-in-law Joan

Barbara Leonard

Claire Simas and her grandson

Anne Stafford, son Bill and grandson Zach

Jan Costa

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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