

**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!

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

"WELCOME SUNDAY"

ZOOM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

10:30AM

Join us with your favorite breakfast food for our Welcome Sunday coffee hour on ZOOM Livestream (recipes below)

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*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!*

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP\*

### September 13 WELCOME SUNDAY Worship - Zoom Livestream at 10:30am

Pastor: Pastor Angela Wells-Bean  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Deb Glancy  
Music: Sarah Clark/Tom Palance/Oaul Meneghini  
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

### September 20 Zoom Livestream at 10:30am

Pastor: Pastor Angela Wells-Bean  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski  
Music: Debbie Claar

**\*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 or email them to me [RevWells@uccburlington.org](mailto:RevWells@uccburlington.org) before Saturday night.*

Thank you.

Angela

### Summer Meditation

All summer long we have been incorporating meditations into our worship services. This past Sunday was the last of the summer series, but we have included the meditation here so you can continue the practice in your own life if you so choose.

As Christians, we have opened up our hearts to the gift of God's generosity and compassion working within our own lives. We cannot necessarily control what is happening in the world but with God's guidance, we can certainly affect how we interact with ourselves and each other. When we recite the Loving Kindness meditation, it is an opportunity to acknowledge how the grace of God is influencing every pore of our being.

Recite the meditation by opening, softening and allowing God to shine within you.

Breathe in. Breathe out. Breathe in. Breathe out and recite:

May I be well

May I be filled with joy

May I practice loving kindness

May our loved ones be well

May our loved ones be filled with joy

May our love ones practice loving kindness

May those I have challenges with be well

May those I have challenges with be filled with joy

May those I have challenges with practice loving kindness

May all be well

May all be filled with joy

May all practice loving kindness

May you start or continue to make it a daily practice until its message resonates so deeply within you that at times of great joy and great challenges, it comes whispering

back to you like a “feather on the breath of God” (Hildegard von Bingen).

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**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: 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.

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**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!

### **OVERNIGHT BREAKFAST CASSEROLE**

8 slices of bread  
1/2 Tsp salt  
1/2 LB. grated sharp cheese  
6 eggs  
1 LB. sausage, cooked and drained  
2 C. milk

- Spray 9 X 12 inch dish with pam.
- Place bread, as a liner, in bottom of pan.
- Sprinkle with cheese and cooked sausage.
- Mix together eggs, milk, salt and pepper; pour over sausage and cheese.
- Cover and refrigerate overnight.
- Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes, until eggs are set.

VARIATIONS: BACON, HAM, KIELBASA, OR MIX 2 DIFFERENT KINDS OF MEATS.

### **OVERNIGHT FRENCH TOAST**

1/4 cup (4 tbsp) butter, melted  
3/4 cup packed light brown sugar  
1 loaf brioche or challah (French bread loaf can be used) sliced into 1 1/2 inches thick slices  
8 eggs lightly beaten  
1 cup whole milk  
1 tbsp vanilla extract  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
1/4 tsp ground ginger  
1/2 cup pecans, measure then chopped  
1/8 tsp salt

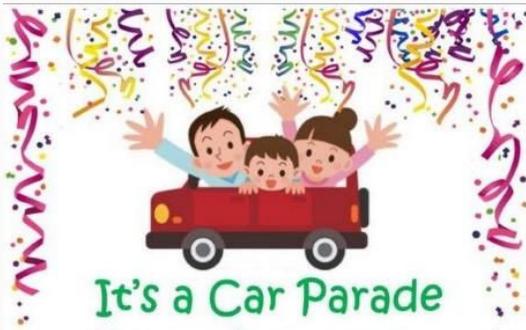
(optional) maple syrup and powdered sugar topping

In a small bowl combine brown sugar and melted butter and pour into the bottom of a 9 x 13 baking dish

- Arrange slices of bread in the baking dish overlapping if necessary
- Combine milk, eggs, vanilla, salt, cinnamon, and ginger in a bowl and pour evenly over bread slices
- Sprinkle chopped pecans over bread slices
- Wrap tightly with plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator for 4-12 hours
- In the morning, take the casserole out of the fridge for a least 10 minutes while you are preheating your oven to 350 degrees
- Bake casserole for 30-35 minutes. If top starts browning too quickly, please foil loosely over the top of the casserole for the last 10 minutes or so. You want it to cook long enough to make sure the bottom part is cooked but don't dry it out completely.

***More recipes next week and in the upcoming Sunday Bulletins!***

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## **WELCOME SUNDAY CAR PARADE!!!**

Although we can't see everyone on Welcome Back Sunday, 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.

## Discussion with Debby Irving, author of Waking Up White

A few years ago, we had a church book discussion about the book Waking Up White. The author, Debby Irving will speak on **Tuesday, Sept. 29th at 7pm** on Zoom, followed by a Q&A. Her talk is entitled, "I'm a Good Person! Isn't that Enough?" This talk is sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Libraries.

In order to get the Zoom link, you need to click here to register:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/8015982998109/WN\\_zzhzheMhRVGp1Q3oYgl2ww](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/8015982998109/WN_zzhzheMhRVGp1Q3oYgl2ww)

## CHURCH YARD SIGNS NOW AVAILABLE

We have ordered yard signs to help get the word out about our church.

If you would like one in your yard, please email Angela and she'll drop it off at your house. These are for folks in Burlington and beyond! The cost of the signs is \$13, so if you want 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.



**During fall and winter months.** We are organizing Social-Spiritual Circles. What are they? Small, focused gatherings (10 people or less) in Sewell Hall. Each circle will have a facilitator and we will focus our conversations around a shared topic. We'll meet for just an hour.

**What will you need to do?** Find a circle that interests you, register, and then show up wearing your favorite face mask. We will be spaced 6 ft apart. We can't have food, but feel free to bring a bottle of water. These are meant to be fun and informal. You don't need to be an expert and you don't even have to be a talker. Just come to enjoy the topic and the company.

**Social-Spiritual Circle Schedule:** Save the dates!!! Information about each topic and registration details will be coming. If you don't receive the weekly email blasts, but you want to attend one of the circles, please call Bobbie in the office. Helpful Hint: Start reading *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd now!

Topic	Day	Date	Time	Sign Faci
Social Distancing Get Together	Thursday	September 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	Chris

Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	September 26 <sup>th</sup>	6 PM	Deb
My Favorite Authors	Thursday	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	7 PM	Mar
My Favorite Authors	Saturday	October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 PM	Mar
Guided Meditation	Wednesday	October 7 <sup>th</sup>	7 PM	Deb
Guided Meditation	Wednesday	October 14 <sup>th</sup>	7 PM	Deb
Social Distancing Get Together	Thursday	October 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	Chri
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	October 17 <sup>th</sup>	6 PM	Deb
The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd	Wednesday	October 21 <sup>st</sup>	2 PM	Rev.
The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd	Sunday	October 25 <sup>th</sup>	2 PM	Rev.
Favorite Bible Passages	Tuesday	November 10 <sup>th</sup>	10 AM	Rev.
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	November 14 <sup>th</sup>	6 PM	Deb
Favorite Bible Passages	Monday	November 16 <sup>th</sup>	7 PM	Rev.
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	December 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 PM	Deb

## Singers and Instrumentalists Needed

Since we are continuing to offer worship online, we need singers and instrumentalists to share their talents with us on Sunday mornings. You can volunteer to sing or play just one solo during the service, or you can volunteer to lead the singing for the entire service or do anything in between! You do not have to be a regular Choir member to volunteer. If you'd like to offer your skills, please contact Joe Stoddard at [music@uccburlington.org](mailto:music@uccburlington.org) or (781) 346-3900.



**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](mailto:uccburlington@gmail.com) or call the office 781-272-4547 during those times.

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### Job Opportunity

An elderly man in Burlington is looking for an assistant caregiver nightly from 11pm-1am to help with bedtime care. There would be another caregiver there, so this person would be assisting them. Pay is \$25/hour. Please let Jessy McNeil know if you're interested. She can be reached at 508-631-0025



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### 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:**

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

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).

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## **NEWS FROM THE CRAFTERS**

We continue to meet on Wednesdays either via zoom or in an outdoor setting with social distancing.

All are welcome to join our ZOOM meetings. Call Susan Eby for details. Crafters continue to create items such as prayer shawls, fingerless mittens and hats which we plan on distributing at the end of the year.

There are masks and ear savers available to all who desire them. Bobbie has a supply in the office or you can email or call Susan Eby.

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### 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](mailto:somobono.photography@gmail.com) or go to her GoFundMe page. Here's the link: [gofundme.com/f/stephanie-omobono-photography-frontstepsproject](https://gofundme.com/f/stephanie-omobono-photography-frontstepsproject).

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

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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** 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.



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES!

- 3 Eric Forbush
- 4 Dominic Ramirez (Killilea)
- 7 Nick Nowell
- 7 Wayne Higden
- 8 Steve Samarjian
- 9 Peter Silva
- 10 Katherine Baker
- 11 Kate Byers
- 18 Samantha Flecchia
- 18 Jackson Towle
- 24 David Hooper
- 25 Conrad Fong
- 26 Lucy Damiani
- 27 Shirley Garside
- 28 Forrest Knowles

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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! JOIN THEM ON ZOOM!**

**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

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**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!

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The logo for "Prayer Concerns" is a horizontal rectangular banner with a green-to-yellow gradient background. The words "Prayer Concerns" are written in a white, elegant cursive script across the center of the banner.

Flecchia Family on their recent house fire!

Wynelle Scenna

Stephanie & Mark Omobono baby arriving in March 2021!

Michael & Julie Lewis baby arriving in December 2020!

Friend of Aimee Tredeau, Mercedes and her kids, Malki and Zaire

Pastor Bruce recovering from acute leukemia and a bone marrow transplant

Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian

Carol and Ron Downing's 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

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

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  
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BE SAFE!

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