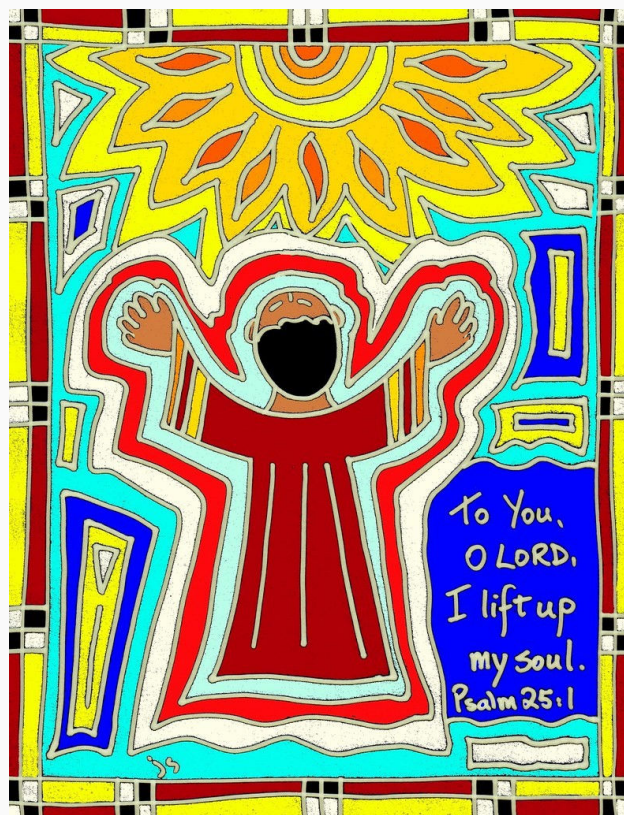


**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
CONGREGATIONAL  
6 LEXINGTON STREET  
BURLINGTON, MA 01803**



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

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**SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

**ZOOM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP**

**10:30AM**

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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 27 Zoom Livestream at 10:30am**

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean  
Pianist: Aline Beck  
Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani  
Music: Amelia and Julie Lewis  
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

**October 4 Communion Sunday Zoom Livestream at 10:30am**

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean  
Pianist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.

Lay Leader: Marcia Rich  
Music: TBD  
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

**\*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

**PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL THE ARTICLES IN  
THIS WEEKLY!**

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**SUMMER MEDITATION**

All summer long we have been incorporating meditations into our worship services. 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).



## OUR YARD SALE

Thank you for helping in so many ways...

Names and faces are more than keen,  
As I recall the events of September 19.  
Recent friends I've been happy to meet.  
Knowing you has been a grand treat.

Old-timers I've known from eons ago.  
Working hard, though our pace is now slow.  
Stepping more lightly, taking care not to fall.  
But rolling up sleeves and giving our all.

From hanging the banner from the choir loft  
To hauling boxes both heavy and soft.  
Unpacking and sorting and pricing, too.  
The tasks were many that fell to you.

Thousands of items priced to sell.  
Toys and puzzles and many a bell.

Glasses, vases, and dishes galore.  
Good grief... could there possibly be anymore ?

Paintings and prints, donations were key.  
Clothes and books and many a flea.  
The rain stayed hidden, nowhere around.  
The breeze was refreshing, cooling the ground.

Standing guard til midnight chimed  
Then came the sun and all was fine.  
Greeting the public with eyes that smiled.  
Giving a bargain to a mother and child.

The goal was to make a handsome sum.  
But, as always, it's more about the fun.  
Thanks to you all from A to Z.  
A greater group there could never be.

With gratitude and affection,  
Joan Zink

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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: 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.

### **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.

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Join us for JEOPARDY on September 26th at 6pm. This will be the  
beginning of our tournament sessions! We will have one tournament  
per month. Please contact  
Deb Raymond to attend: Cell 857-373-9156 or [angelfoods@msn.com](mailto:angelfoods@msn.com)

**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!

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Sig Fac</b>
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

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## 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.



## 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 Jessie McNeil know if you're interested. She can be reached at 508-631-0025

## 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.

**They could use many of the following:**

**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).

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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.



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

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

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### **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.

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## 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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### MONTESSORI SCHOOL-DOWNSTAIRS

**Monday-Friday from 8-6pm!**

#### SEWALL HALL RENTERS

**MONDAYS 6:30-9PM AA MEETING**

**WEDNESDAYS 7-9pm SCOUTS - meeting elsewhere outside while the weather holds up**

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

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## A Thank You note from the Plaisted and Samarjian Families



## Prayer Concerns

Scott Carpenter-hospitalized after a fall  
Charlotte Blaney's daughter-in-law Carey Blaney-heart issues  
Pastor Angela's Mom Kim following surgery  
David Ierardi son Dano and partner Alisha  
Prayers for Brianna, lost her boyfriend in a car crash and  
her grandmother is very sick with COVID

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Kelly Sievert's brother, Geoff, who is very ill and waiting for a heart transplant  
Flecchia Family on their recent house fire!  
Wynelle Scenna  
Friend of Aimee Tredeau, Mercedeas 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

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Jim Mungillo

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

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