

**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!**

OCTOBER 4, 2020

WORLD COMMUNION AND MISSION SUNDAY*

Be sure to have your bread and drink ready for worship!

ZOOM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

10:30AM

***GUEST SPEAKER**

We will have a guest speaker during our Zoom Livestream.

Jane McNinch, People Helping People Coordinator,
will share how the pantry has responded to the community's needs
during this ongoing pandemic.

*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*

October 4 Communion Sunday Zoom Livestream at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
Music: TBD
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

October 11 Zoom Livestream at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Laura Nowell
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 before Saturday night.*

Thank you.
Angela

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

MEDITATION

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).



A NEW CHURCH SHED!

Dear Church Members ,

I have begun work on my Eagle Scout project. This is a requirement for me to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. For my project I am working with the UCC Church in Burlington where we hold our troop meetings. I am grateful to the church for providing this space to the troop. As a result, I decided to do my Eagle Scout project at their church to show my gratitude. I will remove their old and broken shed, dispose of it and construct a new shed in its place. I wish to ask for your help in this endeavor. I am raising money to purchase the materials needed to complete my project. I would really appreciate any donations and it would mean a lot to the church. If you wish to donate please Venmo it to

http://Www.venmo.com/eaglescout2020_Myer.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

Duncan Myer

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

TONIGHT AT 7PM ON ZOOM!

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



We are not having a Fall Family Fair this year, which is very sad, but we have found a way to adapt. We are going to have an **ONLINE AUCTION!**

Here are the auction details:

It will be live online from Nov. 7th-Nov. 14th. You'll receive the website link for the auction a few days before it begins, and it will be accessible from our church website. On Saturday, Nov. 14th at 7pm we will have a Zoom Auction Party! We'll go through the items one by one, announcing winners and encouraging people to bid higher :) Mark your calendars for Saturday night, Nov. 14th at 7pm. If you can't participate in the Zoom party, that's okay, all the bidding will take place through the website. As the auction nears its end, you'll need to keep an eye on your items to see if you've been outbid. You'll also receive email notifications regarding your bidding status. All payments will be received through credit cards online. We encourage you to share the auction website far and wide and invite friends, neighbors and family members to participate. However, each item will say whether it can be shipped or not. Some items will have to be picked up at church, something to be mindful of for bidders who are not local.

How and what to donate:

We are looking for the following: Timeshares, Vacation homes, Pet sitting, Dinnerware, Glassware, Baskets with themes, Baskets from businesses, Sports equipment, Dinners, Tea parties or other experiences, Wine, Jewelry, Crafts, Woodworking, Artwork, Autographs, Collectibles, Rounds of Golf, Gift cards for florists, salons, fitness centers, restaurants, auto repair, grocery stores, etc. The possibilities are nearly endless! Our only request is that unless something is antique or collectible, that it be brand new.

Kari Lynch is coordinating all donations, you can contact her with questions at digby@rcn.com. ***All items need to be dropped off at church by Monday, Nov. 2nd. That's a hard deadline***, as we need time to get all the items uploaded onto the auction website. When you drop off your item, you'll be asked to fill out a form with a description of it, along with its value and the minimum price at which you think it should be sold. The form will also be available in the upcoming weeks in the weekly blast.

The people coordinating the auction are: Kari Lynch, Joan Zink, Deb Raymond and Rev. Angela Wells-Bean. You can speak with any of us if you have questions.

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.



FAVORITE AUTHOR GATHERING!

Please contact Marcia Rich if you would like to attend our next Social/Spiritual Gathering on October 1st 7pm. (There is only ONE person signed up and we need a

few more). Bring the name of your favorite author and maybe a few book selections.

Remember to wear a mask! We will meet in Sewall Hall.

Marcia can be reached at: marmisuri@gmail.com

During fall and winter months. We are organizing Social-Spiritual Circles. What are they? Small, focused gatherings (10 people or less) in Sewall 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!

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Sign Fac</u>
My Favorite Authors	Thursday	October 1 st	7 PM	Marc
My Favorite Authors	Saturday	October 3 rd	2 PM	Marc
Guided Meditation	Wednesday	October 7 th	7 PM	Debl
Guided Meditation	Wednesday	October 14 th	7 PM	Debl
Social Distancing Get Together	Thursday	October 15 th	9:30 AM	Chris
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	October 17 th	6 PM	Deb
The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd	Wednesday	October 21 st	2 PM	Rev.

The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd	Sunday	October 25 th	2 PM	Rev.
Favorite Bible Passages	Tuesday	November 10 th	10 AM	Rev.
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	November 14 th	6 PM	Deb
Favorite Bible Passages	Monday	November 16 th	7 PM	Rev.
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	December 5 th	6 PM	Deb



WINE ORDERS - PROCEEDS COME TO THE CHURCH!

With most of us are dining in these days - ever wonder what wine goes best with your fine home cooked meal or take out order? Jessy McNeil has joined with Scout and Cellar wine to start a fundraiser. These wines are pesticide free, sulfite free with no added sugar. They offer a variety of reds/white/blends and sparkling clean crafted wines. With the holidays fast approaching and travel restrictions; would you consider visiting my website for stress-free gift shopping deliver at your doorstep! They also have 2-bottle gift packs which makes a wonderful holiday gift. All proceeds go towards our church fundraising goals. Orders over \$100 receive free shipping. You simply visit Jessy's website, place your order and your items will be delivered directly to you. Please reach out to her if you need assistance in ordering (508) 631-0025.

Thank you,

Jessy McNeil

scoutandcellar.com/jessymcneil

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 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).

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

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



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.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 2 Betty Knowles
- 2 Rob Costa
- 2 Paul McDonough
- 3 David Leonard
- 3 Precious

Kabagahya

- 5 Nicholas Ciardi
 - 19 Adric Tredeau
 - 20 Nicholas Turgiss
 - 21 Gary Stahlinski
 - 22 Deana Tredeau
 - 25 Joan Proctor
 - 27 Julie Lewis
 - 28 Karen Calandrelli
 - 31 Steve Fennelly
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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!



Lynn & Lee Tirrell's brother-in-law Don

Scott Carpenter

Charlotte Blaney's daughter-in-law Carey

Pastor Angela's Mom Kim

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

Kelly Sievert's brother, Geoff

Flecchia Family on their recent house fire!

Wynelle Scenna

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 who recently fell

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

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