

# HILLTOP HERALD OCTOBER 2020

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## WARRANT

### FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OCTOBER 18, 2020 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

#### Article I:

To approve Parish Council's recommendation to re-appropriate up to \$6,000.00 from the funds authorized to be borrowed, but not completely used from the Endowment Fund for repair of the steeple, to instead pay for the replacement of two (2) oil tanks for the Education Building heating system.

#### Article 2:

To hear any other matters necessary for the good of the Parish.



## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

We are a little over one month away from one of the most contentious presidential elections in modern history, and it's getting ugly out there. Really, really ugly. We, members of the Body of Christ, are human, with as many passionate ideas and opinions as anyone else, so it can be very tempting to get sucked into the vitriol. But I want to remind you that before we are Democrat or Republican, we are Christian. Before we follow Supreme Court decisions or laws passed by Congress, we follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, here are a few tips which I hope will help us stay sane and stay connected to our Christian identities as the election approaches:

**-Be conscientious about how you engage with the news**

With our hyperconnected 24/7 news cycle, it's really easy to get drawn in. Political campaigns, friends on social media, and talking heads will clamor for your attention. Sorting out all the information is exhausting and can be demoralizing. Don't get caught in the frenzy, choose when you want to engage, and which sources you'll connect with. Take media sabbaths as needed.

**-Keep your spiritual practices**

What do you do to reconnect with God and your inner self? Yoga? Read? Walk? Commune with nature? Run? Play with your children? Pray? Read the Bible? Listen to music? Make music? Do that. It will remind you that there is joy and meaning and belonging beyond the political sphere. It will keep you grounded and connected to God, who, believe it or not, is beyond our partisan in-fighting.

**-Know your story and why you engage**

We're all invited to participate in the political cycle as engaged and informed citizens. There are lots of ways to do this which are valuable and productive. You can donate to candidates who reflect your values, you can write postcards, you can volunteer for political campaigns. The list goes on. If you choose to engage, know why you are doing it. Is it just because you hate the other guy? I hope you have a better reason than that. What values are you trying to promote? Why? How do they connect with your identity as a follower of Christ? If you keep your "why" on the forefront of your mind, your political work will probably give you a deeper satisfaction, as it will be a literal expression of your values.

**-Remember the cloud of witnesses**

Our nation has been through *many* presidential election cycles. Leaders throughout the centuries have engaged with politics in different ways. Think about the giants who inspire you. Why? What did they do that made a difference? Think about what you're considering doing and how they would respond to a similar situation. How can you emulate them?

**-Pray for the "other"**

We are so divided into our partisan silos and echo chambers. It is really easy to use language that dehumanizes the people on the "other side." Don't get caught in the trap. Stay above the fray. Try praying for someone who disagrees with you, remember their humanity, ask God to grant you both patience, wisdom and clarity. This will help you stay compassionate, and I believe it's how Jesus would invite us to treat one another. Fighting with other people takes a lot of mental and emotional energy. If you resist this, your energy will be better spent on constructive, productive actions. See #3.

That's all I've got for now. Perhaps you have other tips for how to survive this election season? I'd love to hear them. We're in this together, and remember, we are Christians before we are anything else.

Sending Love and Solidarity,

Rev. Angela Wells-Bean

Source: "5 Things To Consider To Keep Yourself Sane This Election Cycle (And One Image From A James Baldwin Essay)," by Roger Butts. [Contemplativelight.org](http://Contemplativelight.org)



Happy Fall!

It was nice to see many of you on Welcome Back Sunday. We hope you had time to enjoy a special breakfast or lunch to help celebrate the day. If you decided not to make a French toast or sausage casserole last month, maybe you'll warm up your kitchens with a favorite bread or casserole throughout the fall and winter months. After all, there's never a bad time to enjoy a fresh banana bread!

Deacons would like to extend a big thank you to Deb Raymond and Kathy Hill. They mapped out and led a wonderful Welcome Back Sunday Parade. It was so very nice to see many of our congregants, such as Bill Livezey, Jean Baker, Paul and Jane Raymond, and Luella Brown -- just to name a few. As the driver of the car that brought up the rear, I can say that my family and I had a great time toodling around town in the parade.

**Spiritual-Social Circles are here!** Look at the schedule and be sure to sign up for one or many opportunities to see your friends. Space in each circle is limited, and you must sign up in advance. We need a headcount to set up Sewell Hall. Don't forget to bring and wear your mask. If you would like to facilitate a Spiritual-Social circle in 2021, contact Bobbie in the church office to find a time on the calendar.

Lastly, the church and the Deacons are here for you.

- Cooler weather is on its way and school is back in session. If you are experiencing a financial hardship and need a lending hand, the Deacons Fund was established to help you and your family. Because of your generous donations in the past, the church can help you today. Your confidential request can be made to either Deb Glancy, the Deacons Chair, or to Rev. Angela. Call either of us – Deb (617-281-6697) or Rev. Angela (781-272-4547).
- The sun is setting earlier, and cooler days might make you feel more isolated. If you're feeling a little out of touch and would like to connect with someone, let Jan McSheffrey or Rev. Angela know. Jan leads a team of folks who just loves to call others. Feeling too shy to call Jan? Look through the church directory and call someone you think could use a pick-me-up smile. We're all in this together and all of us could use an extra friend or two.
- Technology... Does it sometimes give you heartburn? If you're having trouble with your technology or you don't have technology, or you just need a little help with Zoom, call Deb Glancy at 617-281-6687. She's happy to see how she can help.



## MISSIONS UPDATE!

### RED WAGON

During this ongoing pandemic, please remember the Pantry is in need of more items to help feed our community. If you can help with and of the following items:

**pasta-sauce-canned tomatoes-broth-jelly  
flour and sugar-dish soap-canned vegetables**

Please feel free to drop items off in the storage bin located in St. Marks parking lot.

### CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

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. Nancy Todd just sent off 73 newborn hats to a program that is working to prevent shaken baby syndrome in newborn babies.



### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

### WORLD COMMUNION/MISSIONS SUNDAY

October 4th

Guest Speaker during Worship

The Guest Speaker for Missions Sunday/World Communion will be Jane McNinch, coordinator of the PHP Community Pantry. She along with Cheryl Barnes will explain the challenges the Pantry faces as a result of the current pandemic. We understand that many additional families and individuals have needed to seek assistance. What adjustments have been made to safely assist those in need? The demand for donations is greater. Are those needs being met? How have volunteers been affected? How will the In-Gathering be carried out this year? These are the topics we've asked Jane to speak about. We appreciate her willingness to share her thoughts and knowledge with us. We are grateful for the heartfelt work she and Cheryl and People Helping People and all the volunteers are doing during this difficult time.

### MISSIONS FINANCES

All payments are up-to-date.

### CLOTHING DONATIONS

Dennis will contact Sister Joyce of Project Care and Concern to see if there is a pick-up date planned for collecting the donations we continue to gather for her. The organization is based in Dorchester and provides social services to the area-wide population.

### PUMPKIN PATCH



In order to keep everyone safe who might organize, sell or buy pumpkins, the Pumpkin Patch has been cancelled for this year.



### Thank you, Musicians!

Our volunteer musicians continue to give of their time and talent to enrich our Sunday morning worship services. We are very grateful to all those who provided solos and duets in September: Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Amelia Lewis, Julie Lewis, and Mark Omobono. We are also very thankful that Aline Beck was able to fill in for Joe Stoddard at the piano for the last two Sundays of the month.

### 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.

### Keep in touch!

Email: [music@uccburlington.org](mailto:music@uccburlington.org)

Twitter: @uccbmusic

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs](http://www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs)

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL RECAP FROM CE DIRECTOR DEB RAYMOND**

One live and One Zoom Sunday School class have been held to date. I, for one, am so happy to see the faces of our kids again! On the Zoom weeks, the kids and I will be put into a breakout room, (this is a space separate from the church service on the computer, where we can have Sunday School). Some weeks the kids will participate in the children's time so they get to interact with the congregation.

As we all know it is difficult to hear through masks, especially if you are 6' apart. This was an issue for the live Sunday School class, and the social group meetings at the church. The problem was solved by a voice amplifiers donated by Kathy Hill in memory of Earline and Bill Willson. Thank you Kathy.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE—HELD 10:30-11:30AM (Past and Going Forward)**

9/13 Welcome Back Sunday!  
Sunday School-Outside for All  
12:30pm Car Parade Held  
9/20 Zoom Sunday School-Jesus Group  
9/26 6pm Jeopardy Tournament  
9/27 Sunday School-Outside for All  
10/4 Sunday School-Outside for All  
10/11 Zoom Sunday School-Jesus Group  
11/1 Sunday School-Outside for All  
11/8 Zoom Sunday School-Jesus Group  
11/14 6pm Jeopardy Tournament  
11/15 Sunday School-Skelton Hall, Sewall Hall  
11/22 Zoom Sunday School-God Group  
11/29 Zoom Sunday School-Jesus Group



## **INTERGENERATIONAL**

The Welcome Back Sunday Car Parade was a blast. It was so heart warming to see our friends from church at their homes. The Glancy/Ferro with Elaine and Skip vehicles takes the prize every time for the best decorated car with pinwheels on the car. Thank you to the Costa, Wisniewski and Eagan families along with Pastor Angela for participating in the parade. Thank you to all those we drove by for being outside to give us a wave.

## **JEOPARDY TOURNAMENT**

**So far 2 people are signed up for Jeopardy on Saturday 9/26/20.** Where are all you competitors from last year's game? Sign up now to make it even more fun! You can play as an individual, couple or family team. **Please sign up no later than Friday 9/25 at 5 PM.**

How it works: For the fall months, individual Jeopardy matches will be held on different dates in Sewell hall with up to 10 participants. People interested will sign up for 1 of the available dates. Person/group will sit 6' from the next participant at the match, masks required. There will be an 'Alex' posing the questions. The participants at each match will play the 2 Jeopardy rounds and the Final Jeopardy. The high scorer will advance to the finals. The matches can continue as long as there are new participants. The match will take 45 min – 1 hour. At least 1 question for kids in each category. The Jeopardy held last year was a great time!

The available dates are **SATURDAY: 9/26, 10/17, 11/14, 12/5.** If the matches are completed by December 5, the Finals will be held in January.



## FALL ONLINE AUCTION: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW!

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](mailto: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.

Our goal is to raise \$5,000.00 and WE CAN DO IT, but we all have to do our part! Thank you for helping us make this auction a success and we hope you can join us for the auction party on Nov. 14th at 7pm!



### 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](http://scoutandcellar.com/jessymcneil)



## OUR YARD SALE - Raised over \$4,000!

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



## SOCIAL-SPIRITUAL CIRCLE SCHEDULE

Save the dates!!! Groups of 10! 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!

**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.

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Sign up with Facilitator</u>
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	September 26	6 PM	Deb Raymond
My Favorite Authors	Thursday	October 1	7 PM	Marcia Rich
My Favorite Authors	Saturday	October 3	2 PM	Marcia Rich
Guided Meditation	Wednesday	October 7	7 PM	Debbie Claar
Guided Meditation	Wednesday	October 14	7 PM	Debbie Claar
Social Distancing Get Together	Thursday	October 15	9:30 AM	Chris Stahlinski
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	October 17 <sup>t</sup>	6 PM	Deb Raymond
The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd	Wednesday	October 21	2 PM	Rev. Angela
The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd	Sunday	October 25	2 PM	Rev. Angela
Favorite Bible Passages	Tuesday	November 10	10 AM	Rev. Angela
Favorite Bible Passages	Wednesday	November 11	7 PM	Rev. Angela
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	November 14	6pm	Deb Raymond
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	December 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 PM	Deb Raymond

### **BOOK DISCUSSION: BOOK OF LONGINGS, BY SUE MONK KIDD**

One of our Social Spiritual Circles being organized by the Deacons is a book discussion. On **Wednesday, Oct. 21st from 10-11am and on Sunday, Oct. 25th from 2-3pm**, we'll have the opportunity to gather at church to discuss the *Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. The intention is that you attend one session or the other.

Here's a little bit about the book: In her mesmerizing fourth work of fiction, Sue Monk Kidd takes an audacious approach to history and brings her acclaimed narrative gifts to imagine the story of a young woman named Ana, who marries Jesus. Their marriage evolves with love and conflict, humor and pathos in Nazareth, where Ana makes a home with Jesus, his brothers, and their mother, Mary. Ana's pent-up longings intensify amid the turbulent resistance to Rome's occupation of Israel, partially led by her brother, Judas. Grounded in meticulous research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus's life that focuses on his humanity, *The Book of Longings* is an inspiring, unforgettable account of one woman's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place and culture devised to silence her.

All are welcome to be part of the discussion. Pastor Angela will host both sessions. Please email her if you'd like to participate.



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS!

Scott Carpenter-hospitalized  
 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 kids, Malki and Zaire  
 Pastor Bruce  
 Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian  
 Carol and Ron Downing's brother Charlie  
 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  
 Our First Responders  
 All our caregivers, military here and abroad

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

2	Betty Knowles	20	Nicholas Turgiss
2	Rob Costa	21	Gary Stahlinski
2	Paul McDonough	22	Deana Tredeau
3	David Leonard	25	Joan Proctor
3	Precious Kabagahya	27	Julie Lewis
5	Nicholas Ciardi	28	Karen Calandrelli
19	Adric Tredeau	31	Steve Fennelly



### OUR SINCERE THANKS!

Many thanks to members of the congregation who sent us sympathy cards, flowers and offers of help from our Pastor. A big thank you to the Called to Care Group for all the cards we received this past year. The work they do is so meaningful especially during these trying times. A special thank you to Bobbie who made sure we receive the weekly bulletin.

Sincerely,  
 Jean and Melody Baker

Our families wish to convey our sincerest appreciation for your prayers and support of our parents, Ruby and Roger Plaisted's passing. Thank you for all your thoughtfulness and special cards you sent during this difficult time. We appreciated it so much!

The prayer shawl you made for my mother was so kind and brought comfort to her and our whole family in her final days.

Having a congregation to turn to in a difficult time is truly a gift from God and we feel so blessed.

The Plaisted & Samarjian Families

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jimmy Tomaswick (son of Jamey and Cindy (Tirrell) Tomaswick) and his bride, Colleen Busnach, who were married on September 29th in Plymouth, NH. After a delay of four months due to Covid 19, the couple was wed in a ceremony officiated by the groom's uncle, Rick Tirrell, of Nokesville, VA.

# Worship Schedule

## **October 4-Communion-Zoom Livestream at 10:30am (World Communion/Missions)**

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

## **October 18-Zoom Livestream at 10:30am**

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Deb Glancy  
Music: Laura Nowell, Liz and Chris Silva  
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

## **October 25-Zoom Livestream at 10:30am (All Saints Day)**

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar  
Music: Sara Clark, Aimee and Deana Tredeau

## **November 1-Communion-Zoom Livestream at 10:30am**

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

## **OCT. 25TH - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

This year, we are celebrating All Saints Sunday on Oct. 25th. We will have a photo slideshow on Zoom so we'll be able to see photos of people who have been saints to us in our lives. If you have someone who has been a saint to you (living or deceased), **please email a picture of them to Pastor Angela by Sunday, October 18th.** Also, please include their relationship to you. Thanks so much!

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