

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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

NOVEMBER 29, 2020
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*

November 29 - First Sunday in Advent - Zoom Livestream at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani
Music: Sarah Clark
Sunday School: Deb Raymond
Advent Candles: Marcia Rich and John Getsinger

December 6-Second Sunday of Advent Zoom at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean

Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
Candle Lighters: The Lewis Family
Music: Liz & Chris Silva and Julie Lewis
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

December 9 Reclaiming Christmas Worship via Zoom 7pm

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
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](tel: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!



ADVENT CANDLE PACKETS

We hope you all have received your Advent Candle Packet that was mailed out recently. If you haven't received one and would like one please contact Bobbie and she will mail it out to you. We will use these candles during our Advent Worship Services beginning November 29th and our Christmas Eve Service. All Services will be on Zoom Livestream!

Also we need candle lighters for Christmas Eve. If you are interested please contact Pastor Angela revwells@uccburlington.org. We will film in the sanctuary ahead of time at your convenience.

Are you Zoom Meeting Savvy?

UCC Burlington is looking for a few good people to be a backup Zoom host or a rotating Zoom cohost for our weekly Zoom church services. Gratefully, we have been able to rely on Michael Lewis and Sally Willard to manage our weekly Zoom logistics. Even though Michael and Sally are steady contributors, it is important to have back-up support especially if someone is sick, out-of-town, or simply needs a break.

If you are interested in being a Zoom host back-up or a rotating cohost,



please let Deb Glancy know
(debglancy03@gmail.com). We'll
provide instruction, coaching, and
lots of support. We are seeking 5-6
people who would be willing to serve
this very important role. Please
consider how your skills can support
this need. Thank you very much.

Wish Tree underwear and pajama drive:

The items you have purchased for the Wish Tree underwear and pajama drive need to be turned in by Dec. 3. There is a bin outside Bobbie's office and at 8 Garrity Road, Burlington, to receive your donations. Please turn in your purchased item **unwrapped and with the green card** identifying who needs the item attached.

We are still looking for 5 more people to purchase and donate items. E-mail Susan Eby @ mmooise@hotmail.com if you would like to buy an article of clothing for a child.

We thank everyone who has kindly donated to this worthy cause!
Missions Committee



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

C4C will be meeting weekly in Sewall Hall on Thursdays starting at 1PM. Currently we are creating hats and scarves for Burlington children aged pre-school through High School. We are also making mittens for preschoolers. These will be donated to the Wish Tree for distribution along with the Christmas baskets. If you would like to make hats, mittens or scarves and donate them there is a bin for these items outside the office.

THE WISH TREE IS BACK AT THE BURLINGTON MALL

Make a child's wish come true! Stop by the Wish Tree Table and select a card. Purchase the gift and return it to the table.

COATS FOR KIDS!

City Missions is again collecting NEW coats for all age children, toddler to High School. This includes a special need for large adult coats. There is a bin outside Bobbie's office for any NEW winter coats you may wish to donate. ***DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 11th!***

OR.....

You may order a coat online and send it directly to the Collection Center at:

First Parish Westwood
ATTN: City Mission

252 Nahatan Street
Westwood, MA 02090

SPORT THEMED MASKS

Masks made with material featuring all four Boston professional sports team have been made. These are two sided and have different sports team on each side. They are free as long as the supply lasts. We are asking you to give a donation to the Church to offset the price of the fabric. Talk to Bobbie or Susan Eby about seeing the masks.

ANTI-RACISM ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP CONTINUING

The Zoom Anti-Racism Accountability Group is going strong.

Thank you to everyone who has been participating.

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:
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.

SOCIAL/SPIRITUAL DISTANCE SCHEDULE in SEWALL HALL

Remember to wear your MASK

TOPIC

DAY

DATE

TIME

SIGN UP WITH
FACILITATOR



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



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

Bobbie will be in the office Monday - Thursday 9-3pm for any items that may need to be dropped off. There is a security system, just be sure to ring the bell and she will let you in!

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.



NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS!

1	Chris Silva
2	Billy Forbush
3	Elizabeth Silva
5	Scarlett Costa
5	Cameron Bonnell
6	Elizabeth Forbush
6	Ken Keyser
10	Geoffrey Fong
11	Keri Beyer
18	Aline Beck
19	Marcia Rich
21	Thelma Tibbitts
21	Jeremy Todd
21	Barbara Nee
22	Rollie Damiani
23	Carol Downing
29	Kiera Egan
29	Liam Egan

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!



Donna Ferro's friend Jamuna Manjunatha
Bobbie Killilea's sister Karla w/health issues
Karen Ciardi's Mom and Dad, Dottie & Bill
Rev. David Smith

Mark & Stephanie Omobono's neighbors Richard & Eleanor
Wynelle Scenna

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

Howie & Charlotte Blaney's daughter-in-law Carey
Pastor Angela's Mom Kim

David Ierardi's parents, son Dano and his 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

Friend of Aimee Tredeau, Mercedes and her kids, Malki and Zaire
Pastor Bruce recovering from acute leukemia

Mark Flechia's mother Vivian who recently fell

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

Barbara Leonard
Claire Simas and her grandson
Anne Stafford, son Bill and grandson Zach
Joe Stoddard's mom Lillian
Betty and Woody Knowles, their friend Janet Hurley
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! Our caregivers!

Urgent Care workers!

Military here and abroad!

BE SAFE!

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