

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

Sunday's theme is:

Jonah and Jesus' Disciples: Answering God's Call

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

JANUARY 24, 2021
WORSHIP
ZOOM LIVESTREAM
at 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*

January 24-Zoom at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Music: Sarah Clark
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

January 31, 2021 Zoom at 10:30am

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

Thank you.
Angela

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

BELL RINGING ON JANUARY 19TH

The incoming Biden Administration has organized a Covid-19 Memorial on this Tuesday, January 19th, the day before the inauguration. They're asking churches to ring their bells as a gesture of unity and support for those who have been impacted by Covid-19.

At 5:30pm on Tuesday, Deb Glancy and Sally Willard will be ringing our church bell 50 times, one time for each state, in a national moment of unity and remembrance.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our proposed budget is \$197,400 and we currently have 75 pledges for \$172,000 which is 87% of our goal.

Donating Your Stimulus

A church member recently contacted the church to tell us that they're going to donate their stimulus funds to People Helping People or Rosie's Place, since they have been minimally impacted by the Coronavirus. This is a friendly reminder that if you don't need your stimulus money, there are many worthwhile organizations who would greatly appreciate your generosity.

Anti-Racism Group: New Date and Time!

The Anti-Racism Accountability Group has moved our meetings to the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm. **Our next meeting is on January 27th at 7pm.** We will be partnering with Burlington Against Racism (BAR) to take actionable steps to address racial inequities in our town. Stay tuned for updates on those meetings. For now, our next meeting is on January 27th. Everyone is invited to this group as we work to root racism out of ourselves and our community. Please email Pastor Angela if you'd like to join us and she can send you the Zoom link.

RevWells@UCCBurlington.org

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.

**ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS FOR YEAR 2020
along with any HILLTOP HERALD articles
ARE DUE INTO THE OFFICE
BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 22!**

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

**Due to the increase in COVID cases we have decided to meet on ZOOM
at 1pm on Thursdays. The Link is below:**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95879026186?pwd=NVBjdldmQWZzOG94UzNWSFNuZlhHQT09>

Meeting ID: 958 7902 6186

Passcode: 01803

Thank you to everyone who made hats, gloves, mittens for school age children. These were donated to the WISH TREE.

HATS/SCARVES for the HOMELESS

Looking for something to do this winter? If you are a knitter or can crochet you could be creative and make hats or scarves for the homeless who are serviced by the Lowell transitional center or for the homeless veterans. C4C has patterns and yarn if you need them. They will be in a box outside Bobbie's office. Or contact Susan Eby ([mmoosie@hotmail.com](mailto:mooosie@hotmail.com)). Thanks for your support of the Missions committee.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Lowell Transitional Life Center is always in need of the following:

Warm coats
Sweat shirts
gloves
heavy socks
jeans

There is an area under the coat rack at church to drop off such items.
They can be used or new!

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Burlington's food pantry is in need of the following items:

vegetable oil, jelly, canned tomatoes, jasmine and basmati rice.

There is a bin in the parking lot at St. Mark's Church
where you can easily drop off items.

Thank you!

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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

6 Nelson Eby
7 Ali & Peter Wisniewski
8 Kathy Olney
18 Bev Maher
19 Erin Killilea
20 Ruth Reddig
21 Dante Ramirez (Killilea)
22 John Heald
26 Sara Goodrich-Byers
26 Stephen Landry (Sexton)
28 Jan McSheffrey
28 Tom Killilea
31 Kristin Duran
31 Marie Perrot

MONTESSORI SCHOOL-DOWNSTAIRS

Monday-Friday from 8-6pm!

SEWALL HALL RENTERS

MONDAYS 6:30-9PM AA MEETING

WEDNESDAYS 7-9pm SCOUTS

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

Joe Stoddard's Mom, Lillian

Allen Wright

Marcia Rich's sister-in-law Jennifer upcoming surgery

Claire Simas

Marj Zamanian's son-in-law's friend Brendon Casey

Barbara Moran

Sue Wisniewski's Dad

Rev. David Smith

Wynelle Scenna

Scott Carpenter

Joyce Carpenter

Howie & Charlotte Blaney's daughter-in-law Carey

Pastor Angela's Mom Kim

Kelly Sievert's brother, Geoff

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

Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian

Barbara Leonard

Anne Stafford, son Bill and grandson Zach

Betty and Woody Knowles, their friend Janet Hurley

Bill Beyer's sister Jane Moberg and friend Frank

Kendra Griep's grandfather

Luella Brown

Jean Bastos

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!

*Copyright © *2020|* *United Church of Christ, Congregational*, All rights reserved.*

Our mailing address is:
6 Lexington Street
Burlington, MA 01803
781-272-4547
website: <http://uccburlington.org>
Pastor: [Rev. Angela Wells-Bean](mailto:revwells@uccburlington.org)
revwells@uccburlington.org
[church office: uccburlington@gmail.com](mailto:uccburlington@gmail.com)