

## HILLTOP HERALD MARCH 2021

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Greetings Members and Friends,

It is a blessing to be among you, albeit virtually for the time being!

Although I have lived in Massachusetts for decades, I still harbor some of the culture of the South. Having been raised worshipping and learning in a (moderate) Southern Baptist church, I understand the language of tradition:: "sin," "testimonies," "altar call," and the like.

Well, traditions and styles come in cycles. Drawing upon the theme "Again and Again," which Rev. Angela so beautifully set up in last month's introduction in this column, I believe that it's worth re-visiting some now unfashionable Christian concepts. So, my sermons over the next few weeks in Lent will explore a few of these outdated terms, looking at how they might serve us in our modern lives as we serve God and others. We will look at the concept of "godliness" to wonder, in the sometimes soullessness of contemporary life, what the term means, and how might it apply to our lives as Christians today. I hope that re-visiting this theme will give us strength for the journey through Lent. Spoiler alert: related concepts are "wisdom" and "mercy."

May God add a blessing to our reflections and to our attempts at "Godliness."

See you all soon!

Rev. Ginger Bove  
 Interim Pastor





Greetings UCC Burlington! The Board of Deacons hope you are doing well and are using this time of Lent to self-reflect and prepare yourselves for Easter.

As a congregation, we have a period of transition ahead of us, with Rev. Ginger Bove joining us during Angela's parental leave. We welcome Rev. Bove and look forward to her spiritual leadership. Deacons will be hard at work helping her to feel comfortable with our remote Zoom services and supporting her efforts with Lenten and Easter planning.

As you know, we sent congregants ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you or someone you know is not on our mailing list and you/they wish to receive future mailings, please call (781-272-4547) or send an email ([UCCBurlington@gmail.com](mailto:UCCBurlington@gmail.com)) to Bobbie Killilea, our church administrator, and provide the mailing address. We want to ensure that everyone receives worship material during the Lenten season.

As an ongoing reminder, if you or someone you know needs any help, either financially or with Zoom support, please reach out to the Deacons representative, Deb Glancy, at 617-281-6697. The church is here for you during your time of need.

### **Thank you. Special Musicians!**

We are most grateful to our volunteer musicians!

Sunday, March 7, 2021 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent) – Laura Nowell, alto; and Debbie Claar, soprano

Sunday, March 14, 2021 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent) – The Tredeau Trio (Aimee Tredeau, Deana Tredeau, and Sarah Clark)

Sunday, March 21, 2021 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent) – Debbie Claar, soprano

Sunday, March 28, 2021 (Palm Sunday) – Sarah Clark, soprano

### **A Personal Thank-You from Joe**

I have been very remiss in making sure to thank everyone who expressed their sympathy to me on the passing of my sister, Amy Gracia. Paul and I have been overwhelmed by the love and concern all of you have shown us. You have been an amazing support for us.

As I write this, I'm getting ready to take my husband to see his mother in New Hampshire because his father had a stroke two days ago. This is only the beginning of a long journey because his father also has Alzheimer's, and we will need to help arrange his care. I will be trying my best to keep up with church communications, and I ask your forgiveness in advance if I don't answer emails right away.

### **Deacons' Special Music Fund**

The church is very grateful to these recent donors to the Deacons' Special Music Fund:

-Barbara and David Leonard

-Stephanie and Mark Omobono

### **Keep in touch!**

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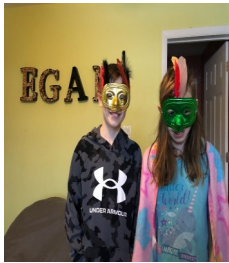




We have been having some Zoom fun. The God group played a *Fisher of Men* version of the game *Apples to Apples*. The Jesus group made *hug* cards to send or to give to someone that needed hug.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, both groups gather together. On 2/7 we celebrated the Jan and Feb birthdays (Peter, Ali & Sebastian). We hosted a guest (Jan Costa) for our Meet the Congregant Series and celebrated communion together. We also made and sent Valentine's Day cards to 37 homes.

You know Sunday School kids like to have fun, so we celebrated Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras, by making masks. Below are: Liam & Keira, Precious, Ali, Tadashi, Molly, Reid, Hope, Maddy & Brody.



## 2021 ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE 10:30 -11:30

- 2/28 God group.
- 3/7 **ALL** Sunday School-Communion, Meet the Congregant, Months' birthday party.
- 3/14 Jesus group.
- 3/21 God group. Deb is off Substitute teacher.
- 3/28 Jesus group **Palm Sunday**.
- 4/4 **ALL-Easter**. Sunrise Service, kids participate. Sunday school at 10:30.  
Hopefully the weather will be warmer and we can be outside for Sunday School by mid-April.

## INTERGENERATIONAL

Nothing planned at this time.



## MISSIONS UPDATE!

### RED WAGON

Thank you to those who brought items to the Food Drive at the Burlington Library on February 20th.

The pantry is always seeking non-perishable, future-dated foods including: one to two-pound bags of jasmine and basmati rice, two-pound bags of sugar and flour, side dishes (quinoa, au gratin potatoes, flavored rice or pasta, etc), healthy snacks, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, spaghetti, pancake syrup, coffee, tea, cocoa, vegetable oil and jelly. They also need personal care items like shampoo, toothpaste, tissues and dish soap.

### CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

We continue to meet via zoom on Thursday afternoons at 1. You are welcome to join us please contact Susan Eby for information.

C4C donated 26 hats, 2 fingerless mittens and 6 scarves to the Lowell Transition Living Center this month. Prayer squares are available in the office and if you know someone who needs the support of a prayer shawl please contact Susan Eby.

We are now making hats, fingerless mitten, and scarves for Veterans with the expectation they will be delivered before the middle of March.

Patterns and yarn are available outside of Bobbie's office.

### MISSION SPECIAL DONATIONS

There will be no special offering requests for One Great Hour of Sharing, Blanket Sunday and Neighbors in Need this year. Instead in 2021 Missions will give donations to each of these organizations from their yearly budget. Half of the Easter donations will go to People Helping People to support their much appreciated efforts to deliver food to those in need in Burlington.



### Church Yard Sale

If you would like to take responsibility for this fundraising event, please contact Parish Council to set a date. Joan Zink is unable to do this in 2021.

Joan, thank you for all your hard work!



Pastor Angela & Stephanie Omobono  
on their upcoming births!

Betty Knowles

Joe Stoddard's Mom, Lillian

Paul Mouratidis' Mom and Dad

Dave Ieradi's Dad and son Dano

Kari Lynch's aunt Evelyn

Claire Simas and granddaughter Danielle

Marj Zamanian's son-in-law's

friend Brendon

Barbara Moran

Sue Wisniewski's Dad

Rev. David Smith

Wynelle Scenna

Scott Carpenter and Joyce Carpenter

Howie & Charlotte Blaney's

daughter-in-law Carey

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

Bill Beyer's sister Jane  
and friend Frank

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

All our children who have been so effected  
by this pandemic, with isolation.

Our First Responders! Our caregivers!

Urgent Care workers!

Military here and abroad!

BE SAFE!



## ***MARCH BIRTHDAYS!***

- |    |                       |
|----|-----------------------|
| 3  | Cindy Brown           |
| 7  | Barbara Moran         |
| 7  | Paul Raymond          |
| 12 | Laura Nowell          |
| 14 | Josie Ursino          |
| 15 | Stephen Jacobs        |
| 17 | Erika Downing         |
| 26 | Laura Breau           |
| 26 | Libby Samarjian       |
| 28 | Alysa (Davis) Johnson |

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPATION**

### **March 7 10:30a Communion Worship w/Communion via Zoom**

Pastor: Rev. Ginger Bove  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski  
Music: Laura Nowell and Debbie Claar  
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

### **March 14, 10:30a Worship via Zoom**

Pastor: Rev. Ginger Bove  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Sarah Clark  
Music: Sarah Clark, Deana & Amiee Tredeau  
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

### **March 21, 10:30a Worship via Zoom**

Pastor: Rev. Ginger Bove  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich  
Music: Debbie Claar  
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

### **March 28 10:30a Palm Sunday Worship via Zoom**

Pastor: Rev. Ginger Bove  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani  
Music: Sarah Clark  
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

### **April 1 TBD Maundy Thursday Service**

Pastor: Rev. Ginger Bove  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Deb Glancy  
Music: TBD

### **April 4 10:30a Easter Sunday Worship w/Communion via Zoom**

Pastor: Rev. Ginger Bove  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar  
Music: TBD  
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

# March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30p AA 7p Deacons 7:30p Trustees	2	3 7p Scouts	4 1p C4C	5	6 All Day Pinewood Derby - Social Distance Event
7 10:30a <b>LENT</b> Zoom Worship w/communion <i>Welcome Interim Pastor Rev. Ginger Bove!</i>	8 6:30p AA 6:30p CE Meeting	9	10 7p Scouts	11 1p C4c	12	13 <b>Turn your clocks AHEAD Before BED!</b>
14 10:30a <b>LENT</b> Zoom Worship 1p Missions	15 6:30p AA	16	17  7p Scouts	18 1p C4C	19	20
21 10:30a <b>LENT</b> Zoom Worship	22 6:30p AA	23	24 7p Anti- Racism Mtg 7p Scouts	25 1p C4C	26	27
28 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 10:30a Zoom Worship 	29 6:30p AA	30	31 7p Scouts	April 1 Maundy Thursday	April 2 Good Friday	

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