

MAY 2021 HILLTOP HERALD

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Dear Church Family,

As the weather warms up, and we are more apt to venture outside, what are your plans this spring? We are still in the midst of a pandemic; even with vaccinations increasing, we still remain diligent in our social distancing. Will you be gardening more, sitting outside on your deck listening to the birds sing? Having back yard gatherings? Whatever your plans, it certainly feels good to see many of our families and friends in a safer environment. We here at church hope to have some social gatherings for you to see church members. Be sure to read our Deacons Snippet in the Hilltop to find out the upcoming dates.

As we come closer to Mother's Day it's nice to remember those who have guided us, whether it was a Mother, Aunt, God-parent, or Close Friend, we are thankful to have someone special in our lives.

"Thank you for standing by me and lending an ear.

For helping me out by just being near.

Thank you for cheering me on or saying a prayer.

For holding me up, showing you care.

Thank you for making me laugh and giving me hope.

For showing support and helping me cope.

Thank you for all that you've done and all that you'll do.

I am so very fortunate to have someone like you."

-Linda Nielson

Until we are able to meet as a church family here in our sanctuary, we hope you remain safe, happy and healthy!

Sincerely,

The Deacons





Social gatherings are resuming! The first one is scheduled for Sewall Hall on **Wednesday, May 5 at 9:30 am**; the second one will be held outside, weather permitting, on **Wednesday, May 19, at 9:30 am**. Contact Chris Stahlinski at 781-325-6546 or cmlynch51@yahoo.com to sign up. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

If you have any suggestions or requests for discussion topics for future gatherings, please let Chris know.

The sense of the Deacons was that Holy Week services went well, although technical problems prevented the Sunrise service from being on Zoom, and that the palm crosses mailed out in the Easter letter were well received.

The Deacons know the congregation is eager to return to the sanctuary and will be following state and local COVID data closely. They are also monitoring both the CDC and UCC Conference websites for guidance on when and how worship services can be held safely.

Memorial donations have been received in honor of Betty Knowles, Ruth Reddig and Dave Williamson.

A revision of the Memorial Fund Policy is under way. The last time it was updated was 2017.



Betty Knowles

Our Choir family extends its condolences to Woody Knowles on the passing of his wife, Betty. Betty was a long-time member of the UCC Burlington Choir, and anyone who ever knew Betty knows what an amazing supporter she was of music here at the church and in the community.

Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. (1 Jn. 3:2)

Thank you, Special Musicians!

Our sincere thanks to Ted Brierley, Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Laura Nowell, Liz Silva, Will Silva, Lee Tirrell, Aimee Tredeau, and Deana Tredeau, who shared their wonderful musical talents with us during month of April.

It was such a pleasure to hear Lee Tirrell’s beautiful baritone as he sang “Were You There” on Maundy Thursday. We hope we can hear him again in person in church soon!

Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Laura Nowell, Liz Silva, and Will Silva all joined together to make Easter Sunday a wonderful worship experience. Will Silva jumped in at the last minute to save the day on Easter Sunday and provide accompaniment for the wonderful singing voice of his mom, Liz, when his dad Chris got sick during Holy Week. Our volunteers were joined by professional trumpeter Jay Daly, who did amazing work recording his performances for us. And of course, we could not have put it all together without Michael Lewis’s audio and video editing skills.

April was the first time in a long while that we were treated to Ted Brierley’s singing and guitar playing since he and Tina have moved to (quite appropriately) Harmony, Maine. Ted and Debbie Claar made their own arrangement of a hymn to turn it into a beautiful duet that they shared with us on the Third Sunday of Easter. Although they were in separate states, they sang together thanks to the technological expertise of Michael Lewis.

Thank you to everyone who has been sharing their musical talents!

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Music Volunteers for May

We are very grateful to all our volunteer musicians who will help lead worship in May!

Sunday, May 2 (5th Sunday of Easter): Julie Lewis, alto; and Aline Beck, pianist

Sunday, May 9 (6th Sunday of Easter): Sarah Clark, soprano

Sunday, May 16 (Ascension Sunday): **volunteer still needed**

Sunday, May 23 (PENTECOST): Debbie Claar, soprano

Sunday, May 30 (Trinity Sunday): Julie Lewis, alto

Summer Musicians

Believe it or not, it's not too early to think about performing for summer services! We welcome singers and instrumentalists to share their talents with the congregation. Please email Joe Stoddard at music@uccburlington.org if you are interested in helping.

Deacons' Special Music Fund

The congregation is very grateful to these members and friends who have donated to the Deacons' Special Music Fund recently:

- Aline Beck, in memory of Betty Knowles and Ruth Reddig
- Charlotte & Howie Blaney, in memory of Betty Knowles
- Barbara Garland, in memory of Betty Knowles

Deacons' Special Music Fund Music Sunday Appeal

In celebration of Music Sunday, you have the opportunity to give a gift to the Deacons' Special Music Fund. The Deacons' Special Music Fund supports bringing in professional musicians for special services and purchasing music to supplement our vocal and instrumental repertoire. If you would like to donate this year, you can use the form below and mail your check to the church, or you can visit <http://uccburlington.org/giving/> and click on "Online Giving". This will bring you to a page where you will see "Special Funds". Fill in the amount you would like to give next to "Deacons' Special Music Fund", choose the frequency (for example, one-time donation), the date on which you'd like to make your donation, and click "continue" to take the necessary steps to finish your transaction. Thank you very much for your support!

Instagram and YouTube

Our music program is venturing into the realm of Instagram! Come follow us! Look for us as "uccburlingtonchoirs". And if you know any tricks for posting on Instagram (especially how to have a video preview show instead of a blank screen), please get in touch with Joe Stoddard!

Believe it or not, we even have a YouTube channel! Right now, it's under Joe Stoddard's name, but that is only because he can't figure out how to change the name of the channel without changing the name on his church email account! There is also a YouTube account for the whole church, where you can find videos of every Sunday's service. That account is under the name "uccburlington".

Keep in touch!

Email: music@uccburlington.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

Instagram: [uccburlingtonchoirs](https://www.instagram.com/uccburlingtonchoirs)

Twitter: [@uccbmusic](https://twitter.com/uccbmusic)

YouTube: Joe Stoddard





Easter began with the God group participating in the Sunrise service. Ali, Peter, Keira and Liam provided the closing reading for the service. They along with the other members of the God group made drawings with the letters SUNRISE. The readers displayed the letters while reading an Easter saying using that letter. Thanks kids, you did great job and were an important part of the service.



Each child in the Jesus group was assigned letters to decorate, together spelling Happy Easter and Hallelujah. An Easter saying was assigned to each letter. The families made a video of the kids displaying their letters and reading. This was shown on Easter Sunday as a greeting to the church. Awesome job, kids!



On the 1st Sunday of each month, both groups gather together. This month happened to be Easter Sunday. We celebrated the April birthdays (Brody & Emi). Kristen Watanabe was our Meet the Congregant guest. She talked about the nursery and informed us she was starting a teaching job that Monday. We also read the Easter story, played a jelly bean guessing game and made chocolate fondue to dip our pretzels in.

Attendance has been down in Sunday School. This being the case, beginning May 2nd and going forward **ALL kids (Jesus and God groups)** will be together in Sunday School.

2021 Zoom Sunday School Calendar - Sunday School Schedule 10:30 -11:30

5/2 ALL KIDS Communion, Meet the Congregant

5/9 ALL KIDS Mother's Day

5/16 ALL KIDS

5/23 ALL KIDS

5/30 ALL KIDS Memorial Day

6/6 ALL KIDS Rehearsal for Children/Youth Sunday.

6/13 ALL KIDS Children/Youth Sunday. The Children and Youth provide the entire church service.



RED WAGON

For the month of May the Pantry needs the items listed below. You may deliver these items to the storage container in the parking lot at Saint Mark's Church any day of the week up until sunset.

Items needed:

- Basmati Rice-Pasta and Sauce-coffee-tea
- Any type of shampoo, toothpaste, tissues and dish soap is always welcome!
- And lastly, all size diapers from newborn to 5T and baby wipes.

We thank you as always for being so generous to others!

LOWELL TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER

Donated items are taken to the Center in Lowell once a month. The kind of clothing needed has changed from winter clothes to spring and summer clothes. Specific items needed for just MEN:

Jeans, t-shirts, hoodies, socks, underwear, sneakers.

MISSIONS UPDATE!



CALLED TO CARE

A HUGE thank you to Called to Care for all the cards, visits, and phone calls to our church members who have been going through difficult times! Also, Easter baskets were assembled and distributed to church seniors who live alone.

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

Great news! Spring has arrived and we are looking forward to meeting out of doors. In the meantime we still meet on Thursdays at 1 via Zoom. We are looking forward to the fair and some of us are knitting items for the fair. We are also creating *purple hats* to donate to an organization whose goal is to make people aware of the dangers of *shaken baby syndrome*. If you are a knitter or can crochet please think about making items for us to distribute such as hats, baby blankets or prayer squares.



MISSIONS FINANCES

In April we made the first of four disbursements to the SNEUCC (Southern New England UCC, formerly the Mass. Conference) for Basic Support. We also made \$400 donations to 7 Benevolences: Casa Myrna Vazquez, City Mission Society, Habitat for Humanity-Lowell, Pine Street Inn, Planned Parenthood League of MA, Project Care and Concern (Sister Joyce), and Rosie's Place. In addition, we sent a one-time donation of \$400 to the Congregational Church in Austin, Texas, for their Texas Disaster Relief efforts.

Missions receives 10% of pledged income. Please see the 2020 Annual Report, page 15, for a full list of the 21 Benevolences we supported last year. We researched all of these to be sure they are still active, and they are. We plan to support this same group of 21, with the addition of an organization focusing on environmental concerns. If anyone has a suggestion for an environmentally-oriented organization which is working in the area of recycling plastic or trying to help with the problem that plastics pose to our environment please let Missions know about it. We have set aside money to donate to such an organization in our 2021 Benevolences budget.



Join the **TRUSTEES** for our Annual Church Cleanup Day on **May 8th (Saturday) at 9am.**

Work will be done outside.

Masks and social distancing will apply.

All hands welcome!

Joys & Concerns

Elaine Glancy
 Chris Silva
 Anne Stafford, son Bill-very sick
 and grandson Zach
 Alan Wright's cousin Tim
 Ron Downing
 Barbara Moran
 Joyce Carpenter
 Lynn Tirrell
 Luella Brown
 Claire Simas
 Joe Stoddard's Mom, Lillian and
 friend's Uncle Thomas
 Paul Mouratidis' Mom and Dad
 Dave Ierardi's Dad and son Dano
 Kari Lynch's aunt Evelyn, and brother-in-law
 Marj Zamanian's son-in-law's friend Brendon
 Sue Wisniewski's Dad
 Wynelle Scenna
 Scott Carpenter
 Howie & Charlotte Blaney's
 daughter-in-law Carey
 Kelly Sievert's brother, Geoff

Friend of Aimee Tredeau, Mercedes,
 kids Malki and Zaire have a new home and new baby
 on the way!!!!
 Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian
 Bill Beyer's sister Jane, friend Frank
 Jean Bastos
 Rev. Elizabeth King
 Jan Blandino
 Bobbie Martino
 Barbara Garland
 Jessy McNeil's brother Mel and sister Grace
 Henry Knopp
 Dot Drinkwater
 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!

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Our sympathy to Molly Kyokunda on the passing of her dear brother living in Uganda. Prayers to Molly, Damali, Precious and their extended family on his loss.

Our sympathy to Alan Wright on the passing of his dear friend.

Our sympathy to our former Student Minister Rev. Pam Emslie and family on the passing of her father.

"Dear UCC Community:

Mark and I are blown away by the generosity we have received from UCC as we awaited the arrival of baby Thomas! We feel so incredibly blessed to be a part of such an amazing community. We look forward to the day when we can introduce him to everyone in person!

Love Mark, Stephanie, James and Thomas Omobono"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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| 1 | Joe Stoddard | 16 | Karen Butler |
| 1 | Dennis Huebner | 17 | Theo Brierley |
| 4 | Rachel McNeil | 19 | Kari Lynch |
| 7 | Rev. Angela Wells-Bean | 20 | Cindy Phillips |
| 8 | Janet Chin | 21 | Jane Raymond |
| 11 | Aimee Tredeau | 21 | Brielle Ramirez (Killilea) |
| 12 | Sally Mansfield-Smith | 23 | Jennifer McDonough (Eby) |
| 12 | Everett Langley | 24 | Lee Tirrell |
| 14 | Jennifer Baylor | 24 | Stephanie Samarjian |
| 15 | Marj Zamanian | 28 | Eliot Spearson |
| 15 | Alex Lewis | 31 | Lorna Scolponeti |

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

May 2 Communion Service 10:30am on Zoom

Pastor: Interim Pastor Rev. Ginger Bove
Pianist: Aline Beck
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Music: Julie Lewis, Alto
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

May 9 Worship Service 10:30am on Zoom (Mother's Day)

Pastor: Interim Pastor Rev. Ginger Bove
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
Music: Sarah Clark, Soprano
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

May 16 Worship Service 10:30am on Zoom

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

May 23 Worship Service 10:30am on Zoom

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

May 30 Worship Service 10:30am on Zoom (Memorial Weekend)

Pastor: Interim Pastor Rev. Ginger Bove (Her last Sunday with us!)
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: TBD
Music: Julie Lewis, Alto
Sunday School: TBD-Deb is off

June 6 Communion Service 10:30am on Zoom (Rev. Angela's Sunday back with us)

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

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Montessori School M-F 8-5p	Martial Arts Various hours Early evening!					1
2 10:30a Zoom Communion Worship	3 6:30p AA 7:30p Trustees	4 7p Deacons	5 9:30a Social Gathering Sewall Hall 7p Scouts	6 1p C4C Zoom	7	8 
9 10:30a Zoom Worship Mother's Day! 	10 6:30p AA 6:30p CE Mtg	11	12 7p Scouts	13 1p C4C Zoom	14	15
16 10:30a Zoom Worship	17	18 7p PC Mtg	19 9:30a Social Gathering Outside Lawn 7p Scouts	20 1p C4C Zoom	21 June Hilltop Article Deadline	22
23 10:30a Zoom Worship 	24 6:30p AA	25	26 7p Scouts	27 1p C4C Zoom	28	29
30 10:30a Zoom Worship Rev. Ginger's Last Day with us!	31  Memorial Day (Office Closed) 6:30p AA					

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