

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



~ASCENSION SUNDAY~

SUNDAY'S THEME

"Baptized with the Holy Spirit"

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

UPCOMING WORSHIP*

May 16 Worship on Zoom at 10:30am

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

May 23 Worship on Zoom at 10:30am

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clothes to Lowell Mid-May
World Wildlife Fund Walkathon May 23

***Here is the link for worship:** <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, Rev. Ginger will share prayer requests received throughout the week, *so if you have*

any prayers that you'd like shared on Sunday morning, please email the church by Friday, uccburlington@gmail.com or call the office 781-272-4547.

Thank you.

PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL THE ARTICLES IN
THIS WEEKLY!



Introducing... Our Interim Pastor!

Rev. Ginger Bove will be our Interim Pastor from March 1st-May 31st while Pastor Angela is on parental leave. Her first Sunday leading worship will be March 7th. Welcome Ginger!

Rev. Ginger can be reached by email: ybove13@aol.com or leave a message on the church phone. 781-272-4547.

These times, they are a-changing...

By now, you've probably received the letter from Angela announcing her intention to take a role at the Naples UCC church in Florida. While we respect her decision to be closer to family, it is a loss for our congregation.

It is important to keep in mind that our church is nearly 300 years old, and has had a wide range of pastors throughout the centuries. We find ourselves at a new

transition, and it is a time of inward reflection, determining what kind of church we are, and what kind of church we want to be.

To that end, it is time to find an interim pastor. For that, we need an interim selection committee. Historically, that has consisted of 5 people (and one alternate) who would meet, interview, and choose an interim pastor. ***Our target for committee selection is the end of May. This will allow the committee to start meeting in June, so as to have enough time to find an interim pastor to join us in the Fall.***

We also need to find 9 more people for the settled pastor committee, but that is at least a year away.

As someone who served on the settled pastor selection committee previously, I can tell you that it is a very involved, but very rewarding experience. I am honored to have been given the opportunity to serve in such a capacity and hope you will consider the possibility for serving on one of the committees.

In the next two weeks, we will be reaching out to people, but if you are interested, please reach out to our moderator, Sally Willard, directly at moderator@ucburlington.org.

If you have any questions about either committee, feel free to reach out to Sally or myself at dmichaellewis@gmail.com, and I will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Sincerely,
Michael Lewis



SOCIAL GATHERING AT UCC

Our first Social Gathering took place May 5th. We had a nice group of 8 of us.

The next gathering will take place on **Wednesday, May 19th at 9:30am** outside on the church lawn, weather permitting. If you would like to join us, contact Chris Stahlinski at cmlynch51@yahoo.com



The Sunday school kids are having their own Fund-raising walk on May 23rd.

They chose **World Wildlife Fund**, a non-profit organization. This organization saves endangered species including the Polar Bear and the rain forests. They will walk the paths of Burlington common to raise funds for WWF. WWF's use of science and technology for conservation has allowed them to protect many species.

If you would like to sponsor the kids in their effort, you may make a donation to the Fund by leaving it at the church office or send to:

UCC Burlington, 6 Lexington St. Burlington, MA 01803

Checks made out to WWF.

(We will include **your** donation with the **kids'** donations.)

Thank you!

Any questions to Deb Raymond Cell: 857-373-9156 or angelfoods@msn.com

Anti-Racism Accountability Group

Staying vigilant about racism and the ways we're complicit in perpetuating it is very important. All are welcome to join our Anti-Racism Accountability Group as we work together to dismantle personal, interpersonal, systemic and institutional racism.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm. **(May 26th)**

You can contact Sarah Clark at stredeauclark@gmail.com and she'd be happy to send you the Zoom link.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Children/Youth Sunday on 6/13/21, is sneaking up!

I want to make sure we acknowledge all 2021 High School & College Grads.

I am looking for information on your plans.

The people I know of are:

High School: Elizabeth, Will & Riley

College: Jackson, Rachel, Stephanie & Jo, William Forbush

Med School: Nick Corwin

Could I please get all the students Cell Numbers & Email Addresses

(I have #'s for: Elizabeth, Rachel, Stephanie & Jo)

If you have a graduate not listed, or I have the wrong information, please contact:

Deb Raymond C:857-373-9156. Email angelfoods@msn.com



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

We continue to meet via Zoom but when the warmer weather comes we will meet in person out of doors. We are thinking positively about next fall's fair and will begin to make things for sale at the fair.

Join Zoom Meeting on Thursdays at 1pm

<https://zoom.us/j/95879026186?pwd=NVBjdlZmQWZzOG94UzNWSFNuZlhHQTo9>

Meeting ID: 958 7902 6186

Passcode: 01803

Thanks for your support of the Missions committee.



DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Lowell Transitional Life Center is always in need of the following for Spring and Summer:

Specific items needed for just MEN:

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

Leave these items under the coatrack right inside the red doors to our building.

They are still in need of warm clothing! Drop off to the church office.

Clothing will be delivered MID-MAY.



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. While Pastor Angela is on Parental Leave our Interim Pastor Ginger Bove along with our Deacons would be more than happy to connect with you.***

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 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..

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.



MAY BIRTHDAYS!

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

MONTESSORI SCHOOL-DOWNSTAIRS

Monday-Friday from 8-6pm!

SEWALL HALL RENTERS

AA MEETING

MONDAYS

6:30-9PM

SCOUTS

WEDNESDAYS

7-9pm

MARTIAL ARTS

Various days and times during the week

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



Congratulations to Julie Lewis and family on the birth of a baby girl to her cousin

Amanda

Blessings to all!

Elaine Glancy

Alan Wright's cousin Tim

Ron Downing

Barbara Moran

Rev. David and Sally Smith and extended family

Joyce Carpenter

Lynn Tirrell

Anne Stafford, son Bill very ill! and grandson Zach

Luella Brown
Claire Simas
Joe Stoddard's Mom, Lillian
Paul Mouratidis' Mom and Dad
Dave Ireradi'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
Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian
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

Prayers to all those in India dealing with COVID
Those affected by Gun Violence

***If any are doing better please let us know if we can remove
from our prayer list***

Our First Responders! Our caregivers!
Urgent Care workers! Military here and abroad!
BE SAFE!

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