

HILLTOP HERALD—June 2021

Rev. Angela V. Wells-Bean
Pastor

Sally Willard
Moderator

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“For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven”

When Simon and Garfunkel famously paraphrased the Biblical passage from Ecclesiastes 3, they believed they were addressing an audience with circumstances unique to that particular time in history. But the message is as relevant today as when it was first inscribed in the Old Testament thousands of years ago. According to the Liturgical Calendar we have entered the Season after Pentecost which runs from May 30-August 29. Christ’s message to his disciples after Pentecost was to spread the good news of Christ’s resurrection and to begin establishing churches. For us it is the time to seek and accept the guidance of the Spirit for this church in our day.

We are so glad to have Rev. Angela Wells-Bean back from parental leave! We are eager to see how much Soren has grown and to visit with baby Emerson! The news that we will have her only until the end of August was received with surprise, disappointment, sadness, and ultimately acceptance. In our almost 300 year history this church has had many pastors. There is always reluctance to let the outstanding ones answer the call to share their ministry in other places.

So, the Season after Pentecost will be busy this year. Five members have already volunteered to serve on the Search Committee for an Interim Pastor. They will have support from Angela and from the SNEC UCC (conference) to find the right person to lead us during the time it takes for discernment and to complete the search for a settled pastor. Later on the Congregation will elect 9 members to serve on the Settled Pastor Search Committee.

As we gradually come out of the seclusion forced upon us by the pandemic people are eager to worship in the sanctuary. The Deacons have been grappling with this issue for months and the answer has always been to wait until we were certain it was safe to gather. The guidance is changing rapidly so hopefully we will be able to hear Angela preach from the pulpit before long! The plan, however, is to continue to broadcast the service on line for those who cannot attend in person.

When you are at the church you will see a new granite bench across the driveway from the sanctuary doors. This was donated in memory of our longtime member and friend David Williamson who passed away this winter. The inscription on the bench is “Good to Be With You”. If you knew Dave, you can imagine him smiling and speaking those words.

Not coincidentally, the color for the Season after Advent is green, the color of growth. May we seek and find the guidance of the Spirit during these next three months as we grow in community and commitment to this church. As we journey together, it is good to be with you!

The Deacons

PASTOR'S PAGE

Thank you to the following Deacons who, over the past few month, have written the cover page for our Hilltop Herald Newsletter while Pastor Angela was on Parental Leave: Chris Stahlinski, Bobbie Killilea and Lucy Damiani.



DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

With state restrictions changing frequently, a safe return to the sanctuary continues to be a focus of the Deacons' meetings. As long as social distancing is needed, attendance would be limited to about 40 people. The Deacons also must consider the nature of the service that can be offered, such as the ability to read responsively, sing, pass communion and collection plates and friendship pads, and have a choir and coffee hour. A decision for a return date will be made when more detailed recommendations become available.

The next social gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, at 9:30 am. Sign-up is required; contact Chris Stahlinski at 781 325 6546 or cmlynch51@yahoo.com.



Deb Glancy will be the Deacons' representative for the committee that decides on Church Service Awards. The Awards are given to graduating high school seniors who have participated in church and community activities.

Called to Care has been busy. The group sends monthly cards to and sometimes calls people who have very limited ability to leave their homes and to others as needs, such as illness or family deaths, occur.

Donations in memory of Ruth Reddig and Betty Knowles have been made to the Deacons Special Music Fund. This fund provides some of the musicians and singers for special services and pays for other costs not covered by the church budget.

MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM

Dear UCC Burlington Members,

Thank you for your *gracious* welcome to me, even though most of us didn't see each other and very few of us met in person! It was a good experience for me to get back to preaching after a hiatus. I must admit that it was strange not being able to look out at faces in a sanctuary for reactions. However, I worked with an amazing and fun team of technological geniuses, headed by Michael Lewis. The rest of you know who you are. (Consider your backs patted in praise and gratitude for bearing with me!) You are so blessed as well with such a knowledgeable and committed Music Director in Joe Stoddard. Thank you to all of the soloists who graced our morning worship! And I meant it when I said that I would have enjoyed joining the Sunday School children with Deb Raymond. They are so interactive and creative under her leadership.

Last but not least, my thanks go to Bobbie Killilea. She is such a warm and loving person, and so capable of running this ship called the United Church Christ, Congregational of Burlington.

Peace and Good Health to All of You,
Rev. Ginger Bove



May was a busy month for the Sunday School children. The beginning of the month the kids made and sent 30 cards to congregants celebrating spring.

The kids decided to hold a fundraiser to save polar bears, an endangered species, and the rain forest, which provides for so many animals, insects and plants. The **World Wildlife Fund** fit the bill as that organization supports those needs. They implemented a fundraising walk on May 23. They requested pledges and then walked paths on the Burlington Town Common.

The Sunday School thanks the congregants, friends and families for their donations and supporting them and the cause they felt was important.



Peter



Ali & Keira



Amelia, Julie, Alex,



Peter, Ali, Keira, Amelia, Alex, Tadashi, Kristen

Looking forward to Children/Youth Sunday 6/13. Make sure you Zoom into church on this date! The service will come to you live from outside our church. Live for the PARTICIPANTS only. **Not** live for the congregation.

The CE committee is sad to inform you that our nursery attendant Kristen Watanabe will be resigning on June 13th. She has been a faithful, kind nursery attendant for the past 3 years & of late Sunday School Assistant. We wish Kristen the very best as they move to NH. We will miss her dearly.

2021 Sunday School Calendar

Sunday School Schedule 10:30 -11:30

5/30 ALL KIDS

Memorial Day on Zoom. Miss Kristen will be the teacher.

6/6 ALL KIDS

Mandatory rehearsal for Children/Youth Sunday at church 10:30 – 11:30

6/13 ALL KIDS

Children/Youth Sunday. A service of celebration of summer & milestones.
The Children & Youth provide the entire church service.
This is the last day of Sunday School.



THANK YOU, SPECIAL MUSICIANS!

The congregation is incredibly grateful to Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Amelia Lewis, Julie Lewis, and Mark Omobono for sharing their talents as soloists and leaders of song during the month of May!

JUNE MUSIC VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, June 6 (2nd Sunday after Pentecost) – Mark Omobono, tenor
Sunday, June 13 (3rd Sunday after Pentecost and Children's Sunday) – Sarah Clark and Ruth Goodrich-Byers
Sunday, June 20 (4th Sunday after Pentecost, Fathers' Day, and Music Sunday) – Ted Brierley, Debbie Claar, and Ann-Marie Messbauer
Sunday, June 27th (5th Sunday after Pentecost and Open and Affirming Sunday) – Julie Lewis, alto

SUMMER MUSICIANS

We need singers and instrumentalists to share their talents with the congregation! As of this writing, we do not know whether our services will be online or in person during July and August, but either way, we hope you will consider being summer soloist! Please email Joe Stoddard at music@uccburlington.org if you are interested in helping.

DEACONS' SPECIAL MUSIC FUND

We are incredibly grateful to the following friends and members of the church who have recently donated to the Deacons' Special Music Fund:

- Charlotte & Howie Blaney, in memory of Betty Knowles
- Katie & Marc Frigon, in celebration of Joe Stoddard's birthday
- Barbara and David Leonard, in memory of Betty Knowles

DEACONS' SPECIAL MUSIC FUND MUSIC SUNDAY APPEAL

In celebration of Music Sunday, you can 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 in the Hilltop 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", 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, FACEBOOK, AND YOUTUBE

Instagram has proven to be a great way for us to reach out to people! The UCC Burlington Choirs account keeps gathering more followers and reaching more people. Look for us as "uccburlingtonchoirs" on Instagram. We are also on Facebook as "UCC Burlington Choirs". 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 is under Joe Stoddard's name, but that is only because he cannot 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
YouTube: Joe Stoddard



For Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers,
Brothers, Uncles, and Caregivers!
Happy June 20th to all!

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... "DAD!"

Author Unknown

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR OUR INTERIM PASTOR

Thank you to the following people who have volunteered to serve on the Search Committee for the Interim Pastor:

Karen Ciardi, Mark Omobono, Deb Raymond, Marcia Rich and Chris Stahlinski. Lee Tirrell is our alternate if needed.

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.

Blessings!

MISSIONS UPDATE!



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

C4C was able to hold this month's gathering outside. It was lovely to be out in the fresh air and as long as weather permits we will meet out of doors through the summer. We are all working on different projects such as hats, including baby hats, scarves and shawls. Thinking positively, we discussed projects we might make for sale at a fall fair and possible donations for the auction.

We thank Woody Knowles for donating to the Church most of Betty's craft supplies. Several of us sorted, packed and stored these items in the Skelton Hall kitchen.



RED WAGON

The Burlington Pantry is in need of the following items:

coffee, tea and cocoa, basmati rice, dish soap, shampoo, tissues, toilet paper, jelly, pancake syrup, and 2 lb boxes of sugar

Drop off in the POD at St. Mark's Church

Also monetary donations are always welcome:

People Helping People
P.O. Box 343
Burlington, MA 01803

MISSIONS SNIPPET:

We are supporting the Conference at the level they suggest: (5% of total pledged income).

This month payments will be made to;

- Disabled Veterans
- Grow Clinic
- Heifer International

We are also able to support; UCC Church Service Award, Peace Scholarship, a Mission Speaker and 21 Benevolences.

Missions met on May 10th via Zoom. Our next meeting will be on June 14 at 7PM via Zoom.

We continue to support LTLC through donations of men's summer clothing. These items are taken to the center once a month.

We are looking into finding and donating to an organization which will help India in their fight against Covid-19.



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 Ed Building entryway.



TRUSTEES AND SPRING CLEANING

Our annual spring cleaning day was recently held. The trustees with assistance from the Boy Scouts, recently spent a Saturday getting the church ready for the Summer. The scouts raked the lawns and removed lots of leaves, trash and downed twigs. The trustees worked on the fence between the parking lot and Ed Building. The last section of the fence was pushed way back from the snow and needed replacing. The trustees also did some pruning of one of the maple trees on the lawn and did some work on some of the Ed building downspouts. Thanks to all who helped us!

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Lewis Family on the loss of a dear cousin

Jaime Cahoon on the loss of her friend

Savanah's dad due to Covid-19

Joe Stoddard's Mom, Lillian and
his sister Jacque Foster

Joan Zink's sister-in-law Diane Page

Elaine Glancy

Alan Wright's cousin Tim

Ron Downing

Barbara Moran

Joyce Carpenter

Lynn Tirrell

Anne Stafford, son Bill very ill!
and grandson Zach

Luella Brown

Claire Simas

Paul Mouratidis' Mom and Dad

Dave Ierrdi's Dad and son Dano

Kari Lynch's aunt Evelyn, and brother-in-law

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

The Country of India!

All our graduates-Hooray!

Our First Responders! Our caregivers!

Urgent Care workers!

Military here and abroad!

BE SAFE!

JUNE BIRTHDAY WISHES TO....

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|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | Nancy Davis |
| 3 | Susan Eby |
| 4 | Jessy McNeil |
| 5 | Bailey Towle |
| 6 | Soren Wells-Bean |
| 9 | Brenda Cahoon |
| 15 | Jan Costa |
| 16 | Joyce Baylor |
| 20 | Joshua & Jason Cahoon |
| 23 | Ann Ayer |
| 23 | Bobbie Killilea |
| 27 | June Landin |
| 30 | Donna Ferro |



WORSHIP PARTICIPATION



June 6 Communion Worship Service via Zoom at 10:30am

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

June 13 Children's Sunday Worship Service via Zoom at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Our Youth
Music: Sarah Clark-Ruth Goodrich-Byers
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

June 20 Music Sunday/Father's Day Worship Service via Zoom at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
Music: Ted Brierley, Debbie Claar, and Ann-Marie Messbauer

June 27 Worship Service via Zoom at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Music: Julie Lewis

July 4 Communion Worship Service via Zoom Ecumenical Worship with the Presbyterian Church **Link and time will be provided as the Presbyterian Church is hosting!**

Pastor: Rev. Trina Portillo
Lay Leader: Volunteer from our church

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Welcome Back Pastor Angela!	1 6p Martial Arts 7p Deacons Mtg	2 7p Scouts	3 1p C4C 6p Martial Arts	4	5
6 10:30a Communion Worship 10:30a SS Rehearsal for Children's Sunday	7 6:30p AA 7:30p Trustees	8 9:30a Social Gathering on Church lawn 6p Martial Arts	9 7p Scouts	10 1p C4C 6p Martial Arts	11 Montessori last day of the school year!	12
13 10:30a Children's Sunday 	14 Montessori Summer Program begins 6:30a CE Mtg 6:30p AA 7p Missions Meeting	15 6p Martial Arts 7p PC Meeting	16 9:30a Church Parking lot to Be relined (painted) 7p Scouts	17 1p C4C 6p Martial Arts	18	19
20 10:30a Music Sunday Worship  	21 6:30p AA	22 HILLTOP ARTICLES DUE For JUNE! 6p Martial Arts	23 7p Scouts	24 1p C4C 6p Martial Arts	25	26
27 10:30a Worship	28 6:30p AA	29 9:30a Hilltop Folding and Mailing! 6p Martial Arts	30	July 1 6p Martial Arts	July 2	July 3

UCC
6 Lexington Street
Burlington, MA 01803
Address Service Requested

To:



JUNE 2021

DEACONS' SPECIAL MUSIC FUND DONATION

Name(s)_____

Address_____

Amount of Donation:_____ **Please make your check payable to UCC Burlington and write "Deacons' Special Music Fund" on the memo line. Kindly mail your check to UCC Burlington, 6 Lexington St., Burlington, MA 01803.**

My donation is (please check one and fill out as appropriate):

_____in celebration of Music Sunday and in honor of all of our musical volunteers

_____ in honor of _____

_____ in celebration of _____

_____ in memory of _____

_____ other (please specify):_____

THANK YOU!