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



BURLINGTON, MA

Join us in person or join us on Zoom

UPCOMING WORSHIP*

September 12 Welcome Sunday

Worship Leader: Rev. Fran Bogle Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr. Chris Stahlinski Lay Leader: Head Usher: Lucy Damiani Usher: Marcia Rich Greeter: Cindy Phillips Collector: Deb Raymond Flowers: Nancy Davis

Nursery: TBD

Coffee Hour: Nancy Todd

<u>September 19, 2021</u>

Pastor: Rev. Dr. David VanArsdale

Pianist: Aline Beck Lay Leader: Marcia Rich Head Usher: Deb Glancy Usher: John Heald Greeter: Lucy Damiani Collector: Dick Butler Flowers: Deana Tredeau Volunteers needed Nursery:

Coffee Hour: Aline Beck
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

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, **our guest preacher Pastor Megan**, 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.

*Here is the link for worship: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/756975189

PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL THE ARTICLES IN THIS WEEKLY!



Greetings UCC Burlington!

SOME THINGS TO KNOW

Please leave your mask on for the entirety of the service. There will be parts of the service where you'll be invited to participate and all participation is optional according to your comfort level.

We will have time for coffee and conversation after the service in Sewall Hall. Just go through the doors at the front of the Sanctuary and walk straight down to Sewall Hall.

We will no longer pass the infamous red Friendship Pads. Instead, those of you who are worshipping with us in person have a **Friendship Slip attached to your bulletin.** Please take a moment to fill this out and put it in the basket during the collection of the offering. This will help us keep track of attendance, and, in the very unlikely event of a COVID outbreak, it will help us with contract tracing.

We will also share our worship service on Zoom as we have every Sunday. Join us!



WELCOME SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH 10:30AM

As you know we usually have a feast for our Welcome Sunday. Due to COVID restrictions and to keep all of us healthy, this year we will have worship with our guests Rev. Fran Bogle and the Just Peace Players!

All ages (except Nursery) will be in the Sanctuary attending the full church service. But this will be no ordinary service, it will be a fun service with performers telling a story. They will perform *Hey, Save the Earth*. This performance shares true stories of people who are working to care for creation.

Following worship we will have Coffee and Conversation in Sewall Hall. Please join us!



Hello church friends,

Do you know someone that is looking for a few hours work Sun Mornings? Would they love to care for our nursery children Sunday Mornings? Below is the job description. Please send to anyone you know may be interested.

Position: Church Nursery Attendant

• Location: UCC Congregational Church, Burlington, MA

Job Description: Sundays from 10 AM - noon. Church is from 10:30 -11:30. The attendant is in the nursery $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before service & available to parents a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after service. This is a year round position. The childrens' age range is newborns to 4 years old.

Qualifications:

We welcome you to our church! We are seeking a fun, dependable person in our nursery. We have 2 newborns & approx.. 4 children 1 – 4 years. Applicant must be dependable & ready to hold the kids, change diapers, read bible & life stories to the children. There are 2 adults at least 18 with the children at all times. Child care experience necessary. At this time Covid vaccination & masks are required. Applicant must satisfactorily complete a Criminal background check.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please Email letter of intent, resume to:

cedirector@uccburlington.org

Rides to Church Needed!

As you read the above information from our Deacons Committee, we are reopening our church for in-person worship starting July 11th. Our beloved church member, Alan, is eager to join us for worship but he will need a ride. He lives in Waltham and he is vaccinated! If you have any questions, you're welcome to reach out to Dave Ierardi (508) 692-8584. Thank you!



SUNDAY FLOWERS

Now that we are back in our sanctuary, we want to beautify our space once again with fresh flowers. Please contact Bobbie in the church office if you'd like to donate flowers in honor or memory of someone. The cost is \$30 and you can take them with you after the service or choose to have them donated to someone in our community.





SOLOISTS FOR WORSHIP

We are seeking soloists for our summer worship services!

If you would like to lend your talents to our music ministry,
please get in touch with Joe Stoddard,
he would love to work with you!

INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve on the Interim Pastor Search Committee: Karen Ciardi, Mark Omobono, Deb Raymond, Marcia Rich and Chris Sthalinski. The alternate is Lee Tirrell.

Our church profile has been completed and is now posted on the UCC website. We are beginning the interview process.

SAVE THE DATE!

On September 26 from 3 to 7 on the commons there will be a Festival of Lights, Diwali, organized by some of our neighbors. The theme this year is Healing for Humanity and is being organized by the Burlington American India Foundation. There will be music, dancing, and food available.

We urge you to attend and enjoy the entertainment.



MOWING FOR BURLINGTON RESIDENTS

Burlington's Jay Barnes and others will mow your lawn for free if you are a Burlington resident in need. Examples of being a resident in need: Financial distress, elderly, veteran, single parent, or injured.

For additional information, Jay can be reached at <u>Jay.B.Barnes@gmail.com</u>, or either on Facebook at Buy Nothing Burlington, MA, and Burlington, MA Resident's Network.

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 (debglancyo3@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.



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

C4C continues to meet on a weekly basis and hopes to meet outside all of September, weather permitting.

The need for prayer shawls continues and we try to always have several in the

conference room closet. We wiull donating some handmade items for the Auction this fall and as always, we will give away scarves, hats, children's items and fingerless mittens in December.

We have received several bags of yarn so we have more yarn if you would like to knit a scarf or hat.

We continue to meet via Zoom but with the warmer weather we will meet in person out of doors.

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 LIVING 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.

Drop off to the church office.

Clothing will be delivered MID-MONTH.



Pastoral Care

If you are in need of pastoral care please be sure to call the church office and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Financial Assistance

If you or your family experienced 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.

People Helping People

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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 3 Eric Forbush
- 7 Dominic Ramirez (Killilea)
- 7 Nick Nowell
- 7 Wayne Higden
- 7 Steve Samarjian
- 9 Peter Silva
- 16 Katherine Baker
- 17 Kate Byers
- 18 Samantha Flecchia
- 18 Jackson Towle
- 18 Jared Ciano
- 24 David Hooper
- 25 Conrad Fong
- 26 Lucy Damiani
- 26 Shirley Garside
- 28 Forrest Knowles

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!



Jan McSheffrey-upcoming surgery

Christa Brown

Tom Killilea

Claire Simas

Joe Stoddard's Mom, Lillian and Husband Paul Mouratidis

Alan Wright's cousin Tim

Ron Downing

Barbara Moran

Joyce and Scott Carpenter

Anne Stafford

Luella Brown

Paul Mouratidis' Mom and Dad Dave Ireradi's Dad and son Dano Kari Lynch's aunt Evelyn, and brother-in-law Sue Wisniewski's Dad 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

All those people in Haiti!

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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