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



COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!

IN-GATHERING SUNDAY

Join us in person or join us on Zoom

Sunday mornings at 10:30am

UPCOMING WORSHIP*

November 21 In-gathering Sunday

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Megan Snell
Organist:	Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Music/Solo:	The Choir is back!!!!!
Lay Leader:	Marcia Rich
Head Usher:	Dick Butler
Ushers:	Dick and Karen Butler/John Heald/Everett Langley
	Dave McNeil/Deb Glancy
Greeter:	Deb Glancy
Collector:	Dick Butler
Nursery:	
Coffee Hour:	Joan Zink
Sunday School:	Deb Raymond

NOVEMBER 21 IS IN-GATHERING SUNDAY! PLEASE READ OUR NOTICE BELOW IN THE BLAST!

Rev. Dr. Megan Osborn Snell has been our Guest Pastor over the past 6 weeks. We thank her for worshipping with us. We have enjoyed her sermons and wish her well on your journey going forward!

First Sunday of Advent November 28th worship begins at 10:20am (Advent Hymn Sing)

Pastor:	Welcome Interim Pastor Rev. Ed Koonz
Organist:	Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Advent Candles:	Interim Committee Members
Lay Leader:	Chris Stahlinski
Head Usher:	Deb Glancy

Usher:	Dave McNeil
Greeter:	Lucy Damiani
Collector:	Marcia Rich
Flowers:	Debbie Claar
Nursery:	
Coffee Hour:	Marge Zamaian
Sunday School:	Deb Raymond

TO JOIN US VIA ZOOM LIVESTREAM!

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 Lay Leader**, 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*, <u>uccburlington@gmail.com</u> or call the office 781-272-4547.

Thank you.

*Here is the link for worship: <u>https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75697518</u>9

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!



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTING

We are looking for families, committees, friends to light our Advent / Christmas wreath for the following worship services:

December 5 December 12 December 19 December 24 Christmas Eve Worship at 4pm

Please contact the church office! <u>uccburlington@gmail.com</u>

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!





CHOIR REHEARASL

We are so very excited to have our choir back in worship! Rehearsal will take place i person at church on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Contact Joe Stoddard if you are interested in joining us!



IN-GATHERING FOR NOVEMBER!

We will be holding a drive-through food drive on Saturday, November 20th from 10am - 2pm at UCC for Thanksgiving items!

If you are unable attend church in person on In-Gathering Sunday, November 21st, but would still like to donate Thanksgiving food, you may bring your donations to the food drive. There will be attendants there to take your donations straight from your car!

WE NEED MANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: (No outdated items)

chicken broth, cornbread mix, stuffing (bags or boxes), canned corn, mayonnaise, gravy, and cranberry sauce.

Also, remember to return your Pledge Card, Time and Talent Survey and any donation you would like to make for the PHP Pantry (checks can be made out to PHP) by Sunday, November 21st.



Join us at the Wish Tree at the Burlington Mall.

Shop for Christmas Gifts for those children in Burlington who would otherwise not have a Christmas. Pick up a card, purchase your gift and return it with the card to the Wish Tree Table located on the second floor at the Burlington Mall.

Our church has been given two dates for volunteering at the table.

November 26th: We need volunteers (two hours shifts) December 6th: The slots are all filled

Please contact Aline Beck if you would like to volunteer at <u>alineabeck@yahoo.com</u>



GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Just in time for Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc. Remember each card purchased a percentage comes back to the church (at NO cost to you). Such an easy way to help with our Missions Programs, etc.

Orders should be placed online at **Shopwithscrip.com** Contact Nancy Todd (at <u>nancygtodd@gmail.com</u>) for assistance doing this.

Checks should be made out to UCC Congregational and left in the gift card mailbox at church, given to Nancy on Sunday , or mailed to her at 34 Greenwood Road, Burlington, MA 01803.

Deadline for submitting orders is Wed. November 17th.

Cards will be received before Thanksgiving.

FOR RENT:

12 Lexington Street, Burlington (also known as our parsonage).4 Bedrooms all with hardwood floors including a master suite, 3 full baths and a 2-car garage.

The kitchen contains stainless steel appliance and was just recently repainted. The house contains a walk up attic for storage and an unfinished basement. The back yard is fully fenced in.

House is available to rent today for a 12-month lease.

Rental cost is \$3200 per month. Please contact the Trustees if you know of anyone

who has interest.



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 (<u>debglancy03@gmail.com</u>). 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 has changed the knitted shawl pattern for the prayer shawls. We are trying to use yarn that has been donated to us for our prayer shawls and lap robes. So we are making the shawls out of strips of yarn. So if you would like to knit a strip they are 24 inches long and any width between 3 and 6 inches. Members say that they can knit an entire strip when watching a sports game. If you want yarn e-mail Susan Eby.

As the days get cooler we will be going back to zoom meetings rather than meeting out of doors.

Join Zoom Meeting on Thursdays at 1pm

https://zoom.us/j/95879026186?pwd=NVBJdlZmQWZzOG94UzNWSFNuZlhHQT09

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 the fall season:

Specific items needed for just MEN:

Jeans, sweat-shirts, underwear, socks, heavy winter coats

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 <u>debglancy03@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>burlingtonpantry@gmail.com</u>. 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.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Chris Silva
- 2 Billy Forbush
- 3 Elizabeth Silva
- 5 Scarlett Costa
- 5 Cam Bonnell
- 5 Elizabeth Forbush
- 6 Ken Keyser
- 10 Geoffrey Fong
- 11 Keri Beyer
- 18 Aline Beck
- 19 Marcia Rich
- 21 Thelma Tibbitts
- 21 Jeremy Todd
- 21 Barbara Nee
- 22 Rollie Damiani
- 23 John Getsinger
- 24 Carol Downing
- 25 Liam Egan
- 29 Kiera Egan

MONTESSORI SCHOOL-DOWNSTAIRS Monday-Friday from 8-6pm!

SEWALL HALL RENTERS

AA MEETING MONDAYS

6:30-9PM

SCOUTS

THURSDAYS 7-9pm

MARTIAL ARTS

Various days and times during the week

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



Carol Downing on the passing of her dear husband, Ron Marilyn Langley's friend's son Kevin Tom Killilea, brother Jim, Joe Stoddard's Mom Lillian Alan Wright's cousin Tim Barbara Moran Joyce and Scott Carpenter Anne Stafford Luella Brown Dave Ieradi's Dad and son Dano 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

Everett Langley's brother George John Heald's sister Susan & Mom Jim Mungillo

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