

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

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**COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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**Join us in person or join us on Zoom**

**Sunday mornings at 10:30am**

**During Advent we will begin at 10:20am to enjoy  
some of our favorite Advent Hymns**

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## **UPCOMING WORSHIP\***

### **RECLAIMING CHRISTMAS SERVICE 7pm In-Person and Zoom**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ed Koonz  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Soloist: Sarah Clark  
Reader: Marcia Rich

### **FOURTH Sunday of Advent December 19th (Christmas Pageant) 10:20am**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ed Koonz  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani  
Advent Candles: Jan McSheffrey and Carol Downing  
Head Usher: Dick Butler  
Usher: Karen Butler  
Greeter: Jan McSheffrey  
Flowers: Poinsettias from the Congregation  
Collector: Dick Butler  
Nursery: Donna Flecchia  
Coffee Hour: Jan McSheffrey

**We are looking for a variety of people to read  
for our Christmas Eve Service at 4pm.  
YOUNG AND OLD are welcome!**

**Please let Pastor Ed or Bobbie know if you can volunteer.**

**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, [uccburlington@gmail.com](mailto: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!

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**BE SURE TO READ THROUGH THE DECEMBER HILLTOP**

FOR ALL THE UPCOMING EVENTS AT OUR CHURCH~

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## RECLAIMING CHRISTMAS SERVICE

DECEMBER 16TH AT 7PM

(IN PERSON AND ZOOM LIVESTREAM)

Our Reclaiming Christmas Service will take place on Thursday, December 16 at 7pm. Sarah Clark will be our soloist. This year we will try to reclaim the meaning of Christmas and all that it brings. It is an opportunity to slow down amidst the hustle and bustle of the season and re-center ourselves. Please join us!

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## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**DECEMBER 19TH 10:20am**

Join us for our Christmas Pageant during the worship service.

Our Sunday school children will be participating in this event.

Please come and enjoy!

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**DECEMBER 24TH AT 4PM**

Join us on December 24th at 4pm for our Christmas Eve Service for young and old.

We will sing carols, light candles and prepare for the birth of Jesus!

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### **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!



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### **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

We are so very excited to have our choir back in worship!

Rehearsal will take place in person at church on

Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Contact Joe Stoddard if you are interested in joining us!

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## **POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS!**

Before Covid, remember how beautiful our sanctuary looked at Christmas decorated with Poinsettias? We are bringing them back this year! You should have received a slip in your December Hilltop Herald. If misplaced no worries just let us know how many plant (\$10 each) and who are you honoring. Just send to the church office at: **UCC 6 Lexington Street, Burlington, MA 01803 and please write Poinsettias on the memo line.** You can donate your plant (deacons will be delivering to a variety of folks who have been on our prayer list) or you can take your plant after our 4pm Christmas Service.



**Please not the deadline extended to Wednesday  
December 15th!**

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## **REMINDER**

Please be sure to return your Pledge Card and Time and Talent Survey.  
We are very blessed to have all of you as part of our church family!

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## **OUR PARSONAGE IS 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.

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### 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](mailto: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.

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### **CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE**

**On Thursday, December 9th the group will actually meet here at church!**

**Come and join us at 1pm.**

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=NVBjd1ZmQWZzOG94UzNWSFNuZlhHQT09>

**Meeting ID: 958 7902 6186**

**Passcode: 01803**

**Thanks for your support of the Missions committee.**

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# Helping Those in Need

## 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.**

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**NEWS**  
  
*From Our Church*

### **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. Interim Pastor Rev. Ed Koonz will be available beginning Sunday, November 28th. He can be reached at [reved85@aol.com](mailto:reved85@aol.com) or by phone at 603-620-4498.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

4	Janet Knudsen
13	Andrew Olney
15	Kristina Duran
17	Michael Tredeau
17	David McNeil
18	Lance Olney

18	Riley Tredeau
19	Lauren Costa
21	Madelyn Lewis
23	Gideon Spearson
26	Robert Stahlinski
29	Maddy Bonnell

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

**SEWALL HALL RENTERS**

**AA MEETING                      MONDAYS                      6:30-9PM**

**SCOUTS                              THURSDAYS                      7-9pm**

**Dinner Rentals                      Various Days and Times**

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



Tom Killilea  
Joyce Carpenter  
Marilyn Langley's cousin Jack and friend's son Kevin  
Cindy Phillips friends Kathy & Michael-Cancer  
Lucy Damiani's friend Anthony Desmond-Cancer  
Joe Stoddard's Mom Lillian  
Alan Wright's cousin Tim  
Barbara Moran  
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

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

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