

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



COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!

Join us in person or join us on Zoom

Sunday mornings at 10:30am

In person, remember your mask.

Joining us on Zoom find the link on our website uccburlington.org

UPCOMING WORSHIP*

January 16, 2022 10:30am

Interim Pastor:	Rev. Ed Koonz
Organist:	Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Soloist:	Debbie Claar
Lay Leader:	Sally Willard
Head Usher:	Deb Glancy
Usher:	Dick Butler
Greeter:	Jan McSheffrey
Collector:	Marcia Rich
Nursery:	Chris Stahlinski
Sunday School:	Deb Raymond-remotely

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 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!**



Dear UCC Burlington Congregants,

As you know from the news, the COVID-19 Omicron variant is rampant across the country. Although its infection is most dangerous to those who are not vaccinated, it can also infect and sicken those who are fully vaccinated.

To reduce risk to members of our congregation, the following measures will be put in place:

- 1. Adult Choir and Coffee Hour will be suspended.**
- 2. We wish to reduce the number of in-person worship congregants.**

If you are able, please remotely participate in worship service using Zoom. The Zoom meeting link and bulletin are posted on our church website: <http://uccburlington.org/>

3. If you come to the sanctuary for in-person worship, please wear a mask and socially distance yourself from others.
4. Church School will be fully remote.

These measures will remain in place until the Board of Deacons have an opportunity to discuss the matter again. The next Deacons Meeting is on Tuesday, 01 Feb 2022.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
The Board of Deacons

PS: If you don't quite remember how to use Zoom and you need a helping hand, please call Deb Glancy at 617-281-6697.

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 contact tracing.

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

PASTORAL CARE

IF YOU HAVE NEED FOR URGENT PASTORAL CARE, contact Pastor Ed anytime via

phone or text at 603-620-4498.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE PASTORAL CONVERSATION, with Pastor Ed at your home or in the office, please contact him via text, phone, or e-mail (RevEd85@aol.com) to make an appointment.



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Due to the increase in COVID cases, we are suspending Choir.

If you would like to share a solo, or music, please feel to contact

Joe Stoddard, Jr.

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!



In-gathering is the official end to the Finance and Stewardship season...but it really isn't. The campaign isn't over until we have the funds and volunteer commitments needed to fulfill our missions for the upcoming year.

At this point, we have received 75% of the pledges we expected based on last year's participation. With 25% of the expected pledges outstanding, we are shy of our expected budget needs by 32%.

This year's *Time and Talent Survey* was lighter than we hoped for as well, with far fewer people submitting a time and talent form than in prior years. Three areas that are in extreme need of volunteers are: Finance and Stewardship (F&S), Trustees and Clerk. On In-gathering Sunday, I promised \$100 donations for each person that signed up for F&S, Trustees or HR Committees. We had one volunteer come forward for the HR Committee. **I renewed the challenge, but am adding the Church Clerk role to that offer. (You volunteer your time, and I'll provide additional funds to help the budget. Win-Win!)**

Please consider what contributions you are able to make to the church this year, both in time and in funds. We need your support to keep the missions of this church blooming. **If you want to learn more about any committee or role, please reach out to a committee member or contact Michael Lewis.**

You do not need to be a member to pledge your time or funds to this church. This church is here for all. As our logo says, ***ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL ARE LOVED.*** As chair of the Finance and Stewardship committee I'll add, **ALL ARE NEEDED.**



IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!

We have a few girl scouts in our church family. They are trying to raise money by selling girl scout cookies to help fund programs for their troops.

If you would like to buy a box or more, just contact Tonia Egan or Sue Wisniewski. We have a sheet at coffee hour, but at the moment we are not holding coffee hour due to COVID numbers. But stay tuned for more information on that issue!

So please, help our young people, support our Girl Scouts!

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.



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

This month Missions and C4C are collecting items for LTLC and the Veterans. There is a clearly basket outside Bobbies office for these items. Items will be delivered the last week in January.

Items needed:

**Hats
gloves
scarves
new men's socks**

Hats and scarves can be hand knitted, clean but slightly used or new.

Men's Socks need to be new

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.

Join Zoom Meeting on Thursdays at 1pm

<https://zoom.us/j/95879026186?pwd=NVBjdZmQWZzOG94UzNWSFNuZlhHQTo9>

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.

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 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 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.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- 6 Nelson Eby
 - 7 Ali & Peter Wisniewski
 - 8 Kathy Olney
 - 18 Beverly Maher
 - 19 Erin Killilea
 - 21 Dante Ramirez (Killilea)
 - 22 John Heald
 - 26 Sara Goodrich-Beyers
 - 26 Stephen Landry (our Sexton)
 - 28 Tom Killilea
 - 28 Jan McSheffrey
 - 31 Kristin Duran
-

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!



Congratulations to grandparents Chris and Gary Stahlinski on the birth of their granddaughter Arya. Daughter to Rob and Shirley! All are doing well!

Walter Landin on the passing of wife, June

Lucy Damiani

Tom Killilea-Hospitalized

Joyce Carpenter

Marilyn Langley's cousin Jack and friend's son Kevin

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!

*Copyright © *2022|* *United Church of Christ, Congregational*, All rights reserved.*

Our mailing address is:

6 Lexington Street

Burlington, MA 01803

781-272-4547

website: <http://ucburlington.org>

church office: ucburlington@gmail.com

Interim Pastor, Rev. Ed Koonz

reved85@aol.com
