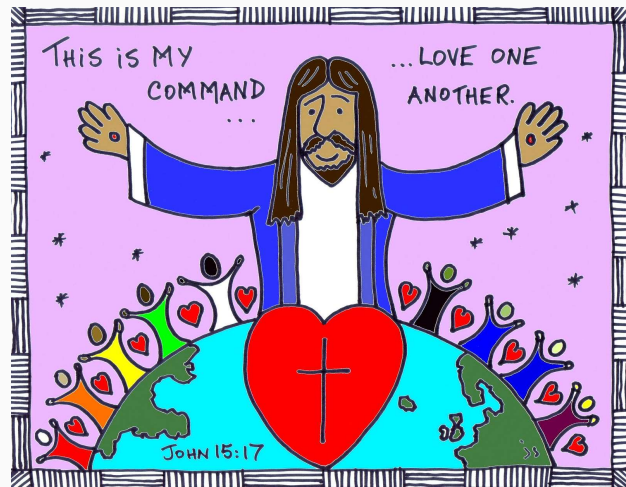


**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
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6 LEXINGTON STREET  
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**COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!**

**All are Welcome! All are Loved!**

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

**Sunday mornings at 10:30am**

## Joining us on Zoom!

You can find the link easily on our website:

[uccburlington.org](http://uccburlington.org)

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP\*

### March 20, 2022 10:30am

Guest Pastor:	Rev. Teri Motley
Organist:	Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader:	Lucy Damiani
Head Usher:	Dick Butler
Usher:	Karen Butler
Greeter:	Cindy Phillips
Flowers:	Marcia Rich
Collector:	Dick Butler
Nursery:	Bev Maher
Sunday School:	TBD

### 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 **NEW**  
ARTICLES IN THIS WEEKLY!



Dear Congregants,

Now that COVID-19 infection rates are on a steady decline, we welcome you back to in-person worship, Worship service begins at 10:30 am. Live Zoom streaming will continue to be available for those who cannot or who are not ready to join us in person. Choir will resume on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

To protect the welfare of ALL participants, we will continue to request that in-person attendees wear masks during service. We will maintain this practice until the weather

begins to warm and we can improve air circulation by opening windows.

In-person Christian Education has resumed. Children should wear their masks, too.

**We will not have Coffee Hour during March** – this gives us time to confirm that COVID-19 infection rates remain low, and it gives us time to seek Coffee Hour Host volunteers.

Deacons will meet again on April 5<sup>th</sup> and at that time we will review local COVID-19 infection rates. We anticipate resuming Coffee Hour on April 10<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday.

- **If you would like to volunteer to be a Coffee Hour host (coffee only) or serve in another role (e.g., lay leader, greeter, usher, nursery), please go to our SignUp.com page. Here is the link:**  
<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/567269842043/false?popup=true#/invitation>. **If you have difficulty using this site, please contact Donna Flecchia for help.**

For those of you who cannot or are not ready to join us in-person, we sincerely hope that you continue to join us over Zoom. We are doing our best to make the overall experience consistently better. If you have any recommendations, please contact Deb Glancy or Michael Lewis.

We look forward to welcoming everyone, near or far on Sunday.

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## PASTORAL CARE

**Pastor Ed will be out of the office through March 22nd.**  
**If you have a pastoral emergency you can contact**

**Rev. Heather Hinton directly at 508-685-1994.**

When Pastor Ed returns you can contact him by the following means:  
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](mailto:RevEd85@aol.com)) to make an appointment.

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## **CHOIR REHEARSALS**

### **Adult Choir Rehearsals**

Rehearsal will start at 7pm. If you're not comfortable coming to an evening rehearsal but you'd like to join us via Zoom, please contact Joe Stoddard at [music@uccburlington.org](mailto:music@uccburlington.org). We will be wearing masks at rehearsals and at Sunday services.

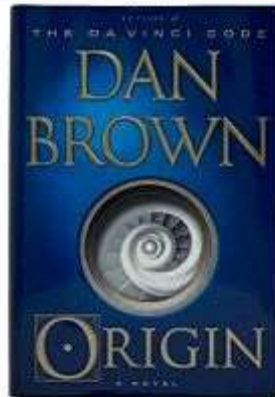


### **Children's Choir**

We're sorry we're not quite ready to bring the Children's Choir back yet, but please stay tuned for news!

### **Music for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday**

In addition to the Adult Choir, we will have two instrumentalists joining us for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. Violinist Lisa Brooke will be playing for the 7pm service on Maundy Thursday, April 14; and trumpeter Vincent Monaco will play for our 10:30 am service on Easter Sunday, April 17.



## **Intergenerational Zoom Book Group**

**Join the lively discussion!**

**Thursday, March 24, at 7 PM - lead by Deb Raymond**

**The book is "Origin" by Dan Brown**

This is a mystery thriller in the same style as his book *The Da Vinci Code*. Of course something is stolen! The story takes you through Spain with beautiful vivid descriptions of Spanish architecture as they chase the thief. What really seemed intriguing was his introduction of the age old question of science vs religion through artificial intelligence (AI). Or is it really a question of one vs the other?

The book can be read on electronic readers, borrowed from a library or purchased. If you would like to purchase, but have difficulty, please contact Deb. It would be great to have high school, college or 20 somethings in on the discussion.

**You may come in person to the conference room that evening or join on zoom at the same link as the Sunday service at:**

**Click <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/756975189> to join the book group.**

***If you cannot connect to Zoom, you can always call from your phone and***

***listen to the audio. The phone number is 929-205-6099 and the meeting ID is 756 975 189 when prompted.***

In case there is a glitch please send me your cell # or email address ahead of time.

Deb Cell's at 857-373-9156 or email [angelfoods@msn.com](mailto:angelfoods@msn.com)

Deb's cell: 857-373-9156.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING DEDICATION MARCH 27TH

On March 27 there will be a special offering to support One Great Hour of Sharing, OGHS. This offering will support OGHS efforts to help with the effect of natural disasters, war refugees and developing countries. When disaster strikes Church World Services, CWS, is the primary agency through which OGHS and the UCC give support for people and countries affected by disasters such as the Ukrainian war. There are envelopes for your donations in the back pew next to the bulletins. Alternately you can send your donation to the church office or donate digitally.



### **EASTER FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP!**

We are going to fill the sanctuary with flowers just as we have done in the past!

If you would like to order flowers for our Easter Service (10:30am on April 17th) you can fill out a form available in the Sanctuary and return it to the church office with your payment made out to UCC and Easter Flowers on the memo line.

If you would like to email the information send the following to Bobbie at [uccburlington@gmail.com](mailto:uccburlington@gmail.com)

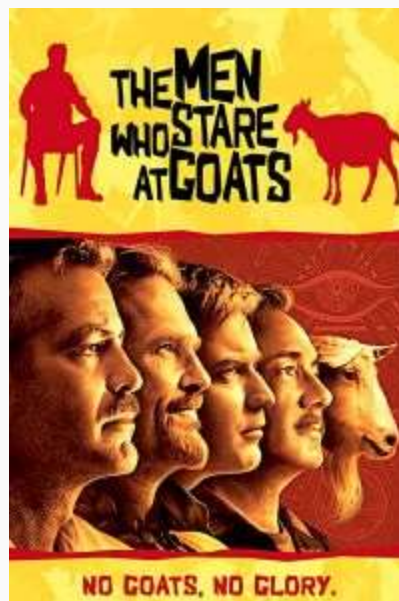
-How many plants (cost is \$10 each made out to UCC and add Easter Flowers on the memo line)

-Do you want to keep your plant or donate it for Deacons to deliver to someone on our prayer list

-Your plant is in memory/celebration/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS APRIL 10th!**

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### **MOVIE DISCUSSION!**

**new date is: APRIL 28 7PM**

We are piloting a Movie Discussion Group! Similar to a book club. A Netflix movie will drive questions, dialogue, and conversation!. The 1<sup>ST</sup> viewing and discussion group is on



a new day: April 28th at 7PM (Age range from high school on up!)

**The 1<sup>st</sup> movie is: The Men Who Stare at Goats**

It is a 2009 satirical dark comedy war film starring George Clooney, Ewan McGregor, Jeff Bridges, and Kevin Spacey. It was produced by Clooney's and Heslov's production company Smokehouse Pictures. The film is a fictionalized version of Jon Ronson's 2004 book of the same title of an investigation into attempts by the U.S. military to employ psychic powers as a weapon—which, in turn, is a companion to a British miniseries Crazy Rulers of the World.

**Option 1 - Watch the movie on your own Netflix account anytime prior to April 28th. The discussion will start at 7 on Thursday April 28TH**  
Click <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/756975189>

**Option 2 -Don't have a Netflix account? Watch as a group, as we Zoom share the movie with you.** Movie share will start promptly on Thursday April 28 at 5:15pm (movie is 1 hour 34 min) with the discussion to follow at 7. (This will give viewers a few minutes to stretch between movie and discussion).

Click <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/756975189>



## **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.

**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.**

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### **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.**



**RED WAGON**

Needed items at the Burlington Pantry:

Jelly

Coffee

Tea

Hot cocoa

Toilet paper

Facial tissue

Canned tomatoes

Individually wrapped kid's snacks

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

For more information about the Pantry

click on the link below:

<https://peoplehelpingpeopleinc.org/#>

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# NEWS

*From Our Church*

## **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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## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS!**

- 3 Cindy Brown
- 7 Barbara Moran
- 7 Paul Raymond
- 11 Emerson Wells-Bean
- 12 Laura Nowell
- 14 Josie Ursino
- 15 Stephen Jacobs
- 16 Thomas Omobono
- 17 Erika Downing
- 26 Laura Breau
- 26 Libby Samarjian
- 28 Alysa (Davis) Johnson

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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!

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# Prayer Concerns

Sally Mansfield's son, Mark who is ill

Joyce Carpenter upcoming surgery

Elaine Carpenter following surgery

Cindy and Jamey Tomaswick

Bill Livezey

Anne Stafford

Tom Killilea and his brother Jim Killilea

Claire Simas

Sue Wisniewski's Dad, Bob Reimer

Marilyn Langley's sister-in-law Mary Anne undergoing Chemo

Joe Stoddard's Mom Lillian

Alan Wright's cousin Tim

Barbara Moran

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

The people of Ukraine many prayers needed!

Our First Responders! Our caregivers!

Urgent Care workers!

Military here and abroad!

BE SAFE!

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