

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

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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\*

### HOLY WEEK

#### **Maundy Thursday Worship**

**April 14 at 7pm In-person and Zoom**

Interim Pastor:	Rev. Ed Koonz
Organist:	Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Violinist:	Beth Wetly
Soloists:	Mark Omobono Lee Tirrell
Lay Leader:	Debbie Claar
Head Usher:	Deb Raymond
Usher:	Deb Glancy

Readers: Marcia Rich  
Chris Stahlinski  
Deb Glancy  
Deb Raymond

### **Good Friday Quiet Meditation**

**April 15 noon-3pm**

Film from SNECC at 2pm

### **Easter Sunrise Service**

**Outside (Top of Simonds Park) 6:30am In-person ONLY**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ed Koonz  
Lay Leader: Deb Raymond  
Participants: Sunday School Children

### **Easter Festival Service 10:30am**

**In-person and Zoom livestream**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ed Koonz  
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
Trumpeter: Vincent Monaco  
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich  
Head Usher: Dave McNeil  
Usher: Chris Stahlinski  
Greeter: Jan McSheffrey  
Flowers: Easter Plants  
Nursery: Rachel McNeil  
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

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

### **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.

PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL THE **NEW**  
ARTICLES IN THIS WEEKLY!



Dear Congregants,

The Choir is back with masks, the Sunday School children are gathering with masks!

The Deacons met and are asking the congregation to continue wearing masks through

the end of April. The numbers are coming up a little bit and we have also decided to ***NOT have coffee hour*** at this time. We will again revisit this at our May meeting. Stay tuned. Until then we are looking for people to participate in worship service. We have the same few people as Lay Leaders, Head Ushers, Ushers and Greeters. We would like to have some new faces join us!

- **If you would like to volunteer 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.

### **OUR EASTER OFFERING!**

The Easter Offering will be split three ways. 50% of the offering will be used by the Church to support its work. 25% of your offering will be sent to Church World Services for its relief work in Ukraine and 25% of your offering will be sent to Project Bread in Boston to support its work providing food for those who are experiencing food insecurity. Project Bread gives support to the Burlington Pantry.

Please make all checks payable to UCC Burlington. You may also send your check to the Church Office at 6 Lexington Street, Burlington or you can give your offering digitally using Vanco.

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## **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](mailto:RevEd85@aol.com)) to make an appointment.

## **HOLY WEEK AT UCC**

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP**

Join us on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> for our Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm. In-person and Zoom livestream worship. Communion and candles provided for in-person worship. Please remember to have your bread and drink ready if joining us on Zoom. We will have guest violinist Beth Wetly and soloist Lee Tirrell joining us for this very solemn worship service

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

Our Easter flowers will be arriving around 9:30am Friday morning, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to come and help foil the plants please feel free to come by about 10:30am.

### **GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION**

On Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> Good Friday we will have quiet meditation in the sanctuary. Drop in any time between noon-3pm. This is in-person only. Please remember to wear your mask. We may have the opportunity to view a film from the SNECC.

### **SANCTUARY DECORATING**

We will meet Saturday morning at 9:30am to decorate the sanctuary for Easter.

All are welcome to join the Deacons. Many hands will make light work.

### **EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP**

The Easter Sunrise Service on April 17 at 6:30am. We will meet across the street  
**AT THE TOP OF THE HILL AT SIMONDS PARK!** This will be an In-Person  
service ONLY.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for our Sunday school children at 9:45am  
OUTSIDE weather permitting!

### **EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

Our Easter Worship Service will begin at 10:30am with the decorating of our small  
cross on our communion table. The greeter will hand you a flower. Go forward to  
place your flower in the cross and then take your seat. We will have the pleasure of  
trumpeter Vincent Monaco performing during our service.

Please note there will be NO coffee hour following worship services.

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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 Beth Wetly 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.

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### **NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

#### **EASTER OFFERING**

The next special offering will be collected on Easter Sunday. 25% of the offering will be sent to CWS to be used specifically for their work in Ukraine. Another 25% of the offering will be sent to Project Bread for their work supplying food to people experiencing food insecurity in the Boston area, also included is the Burlington Pantry. The remaining 50% support church projects.

If you attend the Easter Service in person you can donate during the offering. If you attend via zoom you can send your donation as a check to UCC Burlington clearly marked for the "Easter offering."

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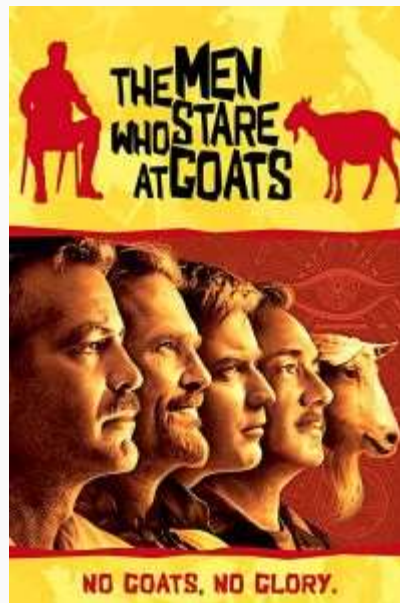
## GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Our gift card program is an easy way for you to order through Shopwithscrip and have paper or plastic gift cards for family and friends or for yourself. You can purchase the card at full value and Shopwithscrip gives a percentage back to the church (at NO cost to you). Such an easy way to raise money for the church projects.

Our next gift card order will be put in on April 24 (the Sunday after Easter), and the cards will be available the following Sunday, May 1st, just in time for Mother's Day! Orders can be placed on line at **Shopwithscrip.com**, by using a paper order form (picked up and then returned to the gift card mailbox in the church office) or by telephoning Nancy Todd to do it for you!

Checks should be made out to **UCC** and add "Gift Cards" on the memo line.

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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 is still meeting via zoom on Thursday afternoons from 1- 3PM. We are making strips for another prayer shawl this time in shades of blue. We are looking forward to moving our meetings out of doors as soon as the weather is warm enough. All are welcome to join us. Contact information can be obtained from 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.**

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## 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

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*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.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Alan Beck
- 5 Martha Ursino
- 7 Brody Bonnell
- 9 Kristen Costa
- 10 Josephine Samarjian
- 12 Barbara Leonard
- 12 Luella Brown
- 13 Tina Brierley
- 13 Pam Walker
- 13 Brad Bond
- 14 Josephine Ursino
- 15 Donald Walker
- 19 Janet Hooper
- 21 Shirley Fong
- 23 Jaime Cahoon

24 Oksana Turgiss  
25 Allison Phillips  
28 Kristen Harder  
30 Mark Forbush  
30 Kay Shute

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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!



Kellsee Lynch on her dancing debut in NYC  
Lucy Damiani

Marilyn Langley - Kidney Cancer

Cindy Phillips friend Ruth Ann

Debbie Claar on the passing of her Stepmom, and the passing of a friend  
living in New Mexico

Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn Larsen

Dave McNeil

Joyce Carpenter

Sally Mansfield's son, Mark who is ill

Anne Stafford

Tom Killilea and his brother Jim Killilea

Claire Simas

Sue Wisniewski's Dad, Bob Reimer

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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