

HILLTOP HERALD

APRIL/2016

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Dear Friends,

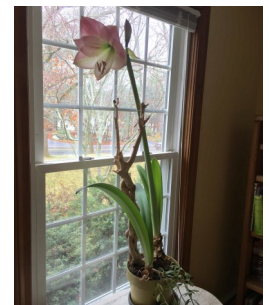
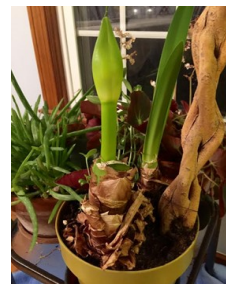
Before you read this article, I want you to sit or stand up straight, roll your shoulders a few times and take three deep breaths.

We have gone through some hard stuff lately, and it's time to lighten our burden. As a church, many of us have experienced personal losses, everything from jobs to loved ones to school rejection letters. As a church, we engaged with the topic of death and mortality for 5 weeks as many of us read the book, "Being Mortal" together. Our conversations were honest and at some times, difficult. It's hard to read an entire book in which we are constantly reminded that we are going to die. We also journeyed through Lent together, hearing the stories about Jesus' last weeks and days with his disciples, and we celebrated the last supper and extinguished his light on Maundy Thursday. We also mourned the loss of a long-time beloved member of our community, Nancy Playle. And then, as if all of that wasn't enough, mother nature decided to give us several inches of snow the week before Easter, which no doubt put many of us in a sour mood.

But let us hope and pray that the season of loss and darkness is behind us, as we have exciting things to look forward to. For one thing, the temperatures are warming and the sun is shining longer, praise God. For another thing, we have so much going on in the life of our church. This spring, we are getting a new sound system in the sanctuary, the first in over

25 years! We will also host our Massachusetts Conference Minister (details in another Hilltop article). We will celebrate Earth Day, we will confirm two young people, we will celebrate Children's Sunday and Mother's Day and Father's Day and graduations and we even have a Baptism scheduled. And we are expanding our witness to the wider world with a brand new website, check it out at www.uccburlington.org and we hung a beautiful banner on the Bedford side of our building.

Indeed, we are in a time of newness, of joy, of levity, and I hope that in your own lives, you find the time and space to celebrate this life and all that God is blessing us with. I will leave you with these two photos of the same Amaryllis flower. I took the first photo about two months ago, and I took the second photo just before Easter. May this be a visual sign that indeed, energy, life and love are blossoming all around us. All we have to do is pay attention.



With God's Peace,

Rev. Angela V. Wells

Rev. Angela Wells



We are on BCAT! Our services are being recorded so that they can be broadcast on BCAT, our local cable access channel. You can watch the service on Mondays at 4:30pm and Sundays at 6:00pm.

Please note, the only people whose faces are on camera are the choir and those who lead the worship service.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Thank you, Special Musicians!

We are very grateful to Lee Tirrell for singing two solos during the Maundy Thursday service this year. Lee sang a movement from *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Theodore Dubois as well as the spiritual "Were You There."

We were blessed to have Debbie Claar and Ted Brierley lead the music at the Easter Sunrise Service this year, and to have Kristen Harder sing at the service. Their musicianship is such a gift to our church! We are very grateful to David Hooper for singing with the choir for Easter. It's always great to have him in the baritone section!

It was a pleasure to hear the young voices of Peter Wisniewski, Ally Wisniewski, Paul Ursino, Cameron Bonnell, and Maddy Bonnell singing "New Hope" on Easter Sunday!

We are also very grateful to Aline Beck for filling in at the organ on the Third Sunday of Easter (April 10), as well as Debbie Claar and Ted Brierley for providing special music that day.



April Rehearsals

The **Youth Choir** will meet on Wednesday, April 13 from 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm.

The **Adult Choir** will rehearse on Wednesday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 20 from 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm. We always welcome new singers to join us!

April Concert - Sunday, April 24

You are invited to "Sacred Song in Revolutionary Burlington". A concert and lecture by the choral group Norumbega Harmony. The concert will be here in our church at 5pm on Sunday, April 24. It will feature sacred music sung in our church in the period from 1770 to 1820. There is no admission charge, but donations to the Deacons' Special Music Fund will be accepted.

Deacons' Special Music Fund

The Deacons' Special Music Fund paid for the brass quintet that played for our Easter Sunday morning worship. For Easter, a donation was made to the fund by Paul Mouratidis and Joe Stoddard in honor of the ministry of the choirs.

Keep in touch!

Email: music@uccburlington.org

Twitter: @uccbmusic

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

Google+: Joe Stoddard (music@uccburlington.org)

*****FOOD DRIVE*****



Feeding the Community

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE will be on hand at the Burlington Town Election on **Saturday, April 9th** accepting donations for the Burlington Food Pantry

Specific items that the Food Pantry would like donated are as follow:

Vegetable oil	ketchup	pancake syrup	all-purpose flour
granulated sugar	pasta sauce	salad dressing	toothpaste
boxes of tissues	shampoo	dish detergent	
individually-wrapped toilet paper		large cans of tomatoes (purée, crushed, etc)	

We ask that all the donations be within date (*no expired dates on the items*).

The Board of Directors of PHP is very thankful for all that the community of Burlington does for our organization! So please stop by our table during the town election, say hello, and donate one of the above mentioned items!

FROM THE GREEN TEAM



"Wings of Life"
Friday, April 15th 7 - 9 PM
Ed. Building (Big Hall)

Please join us for a stunning adventure full of intrigue, drama, and mesmerizing beauty.

Narrated by Meryl Streep, this intimate and unprecedented look at butterflies, hummingbirds, bees, bats and flowers is a celebration of life, as a third of the world's food supply depends on these incredible - and increasingly threatened - creatures.

This is a family friendly movie so bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and neighbors and learn how to help pollinators. We will also be offering some items to help you be more green as well as milkweed seeds for you to plant and grow to benefit butterflies.

SACRED SONG IN REVOLUTIONARY BURLINGTON

April 24th at 5:00pm

CONCERT and LECTURE by the choral group "Norumbega Harmony"
(see more details in the Music Ministry article)

EARTH SUNDAY-APRIL 24th!

Our Massachusetts Conference Minister will be visiting our church!



On Sunday, April 24th, we are going to celebrate Earth Sunday. The service will be hosted and organized by the Green Team. They have invited our Conference Minister, Rev. Jim Antal to preach because climate justice is one of his passions.

After worship, everyone is invited to a luncheon to share with Jim all that's going on in the life of our church. He wants to hear about our hopes, dreams and concerns. This will also be a great opportunity to hear about what is going on in the wider UCC. Everyone is welcome to attend, but we'd especially like all church leaders to be there, including the people on Missions, Finance and Stewardship and Parish Council. A signup sheet will be available, please let us know if you are going to attend so that we can plan the luncheon accordingly. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE! BOSTON PRIDE PARADE SATURDAY JUNE 11, 2016

We will be marching again this year with the Mass Conference delegation of Open and Affirming (ONA) churches. Pride is a fun filled day and it is open to **EVERYONE**. Participating in Pride is a great way for us to spread God's message of love and welcome for all people while demonstrating our commitment to being an Open and Affirming Congregation.

Look for more info and details to come in May.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School:

If you can believe it, Sunday School is starting the last official unit of the church school year! It is called "We are Easter People" and it will carry us through the Easter Season to Pentecost. After that, we will have some pre-summer sessions, Confirmation and Youth Sunday.

We will use this season of Easter as a time to hear the resurrection stories from the gospels, remembering the stories from Acts of the beginnings of the early church, and listening to letters of encouragement to this early church. We celebrate the rebirth and renewal of a group of discouraged, broken-hearted, fearful individuals who were seized with an unquenchable joy, and whose lives were filled with new meaning and purpose. Then, at Pentecost we celebrate not only the Holy Spirit poured out on the disciples but God's Spirit at work today, and the gifts of the Spirit we have each been given.

Past Events: An enthusiastic group of bowlers attended the CE sponsored bowling event at Kings Lanes on March 20. A great time was had by all who enjoyed food, fellowship and fun!

The traditional Easter egg hunt for younger children was held Easter morning before the church service. The kids had a great time searching for eggs hidden throughout Skelton Hall, and enjoyed a reading of the Easter story afterwards.

Attention all high school youth:

Our high school youth are invited to attend: **Youth AFIRE** (Acting Faithfully, Inspiring Radical Eco-Justice) Saturday, May 14, 9-5, Framingham, MA

Join high school aged youth of faith from around New England in an opportunity to educate, energize, and organize around, church-based responses to climate change and environmental injustice. Learn from young leaders and one another through worship, workshops, sharing meals together, and more!. Please contact Jan Costa: jancosta124@gmail.com

Job Openings! CE is continuing to search for applicants for 2 part time positions.

We are in need of a Church Nursery Attendant! They must have transportation and be available 10am-12pm on Sundays, including special services such as Easter Sunday and Christmas Eve. If you know of someone that is 18 or older and has excellent interpersonal skills, especially dealing with parents and children please have them contact Rev. Wells at UCCBurlington@gmail.com, (781-272-4547) or Jan Costa at jancosta124@gmail.com for further details.

We are also searching for a Youth Coordinator to foster a commitment to community, service and faith exploration among our middle and high school youth. The coordinator would organize and lead regular youth group gatherings. This position is for 10-12 hours per week for approximately 43 weeks. (contact info. is listed above)

The Sunday School and nursery are in need for volunteer assistants for April May and June. If you are able to help out, please sign up on the sheets available at coffee hour.



The Vision Team sponsors final conversation dates - let your voice be heard!

Please sign up below during coffee hour or by emailing Ted Brierley at tedtina@rcn.com or Debbie Claar at dsclaar@bu.edu. We look forward to meeting with you.

Sunday, April 3 at noon in the UCC conference room

BOARD OF MISSIONS

RED WAGON



ROSIE'S PLACE

We will be volunteering in Boston on May 7th (Sat) to prepare, cook, serve and cleanup for lunch at this homeless shelter for women. If you would like to volunteer please contact Jan McSheffrey at afdove@verizon.net



The last Sunday of the month we take a collection of specific items needed at the Burlington Food Pantry.

We have been asked to donate the following:

1 lb bags of carrots
Bags of apples
Pancake syrup
Vegetable oil

Please bring items to worship on April 24th and we will bring them forward during the service.



INFANT/CHILD CAR SEATS NEEDED!

Do you have an infant/child car seat taking up storage at your home? Here is a good place to donate! There is a great need in Mass for those families in need who cannot afford to buy one. Even if a family does not have a car, they cannot discharge a newborn from the hospital unless the family has a car seat. If you can help, just drop it off at the church! THANKS for help!

ON THE RISE

The Missions Board would like to offer a huge thank you to everyone who donated to our "On the Rise" collection. It is wonderful how quickly and generously you responded to our request for items on Alem's wish list. We have helped to make her transition out of homelessness much easier.

GIFT CARDS ARE AN ONGOING GIFT TO OUR CHURCH

When you buy or reload a gift card with Shop With Scrip, a percentage of what you spend comes back to the church. Our next round of ordering dates are timed perfectly for Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Also, remember all the local stores, restaurants, gas stations and movie theaters that you frequent on a regular basis.



Order by
4/24
6/5

Cards Delivered by
5/1
6/12

There are several ways to buy:

- Leave a completed order form and check made out to UCC Burlington (note "gift cards" in the memo line) in the Gift Card Orders mailbox in the church office.
- Order online at www.ShopWithScrip.com (use code BB483284315L1 to link your account to the church). Either leave a check in the Gift Card Orders mailbox in the church office, or use your own credit card to complete your online purchase. You can request traditional plastic gift cards or print paper gift cards from your home computer.
- See or email Nancy Todd to link your checking account to Shop With Scrip. This enables instant payments for your online orders -- and you can order any time, regardless of our batched ordering dates.



PEOPLE TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Bob Cuccio
 John Heald's sister Susan & Mom
 Dick Rockwell's friend Margot Blank
 Woody Knowles friend Jack McCabe
 Betty Knowles
 Claire Simas
 Kendra's grandfather, Phil
 Lorraine Suttie's mom
 Joyce Carpenter's grandnephew Logan
 John Heald's sister Susan and Mom
 Janet Knudsen's friend Helen
 Jessy McNeil's Brother Mel
 Anne Stafford's grandsons Tyler and Zach
 Dorothy Murdoch's daughter Judi and
 brother Frank Walton

Lucy's cousin Brad Stanley
 Dot Drinkwater
 Frank and Ruth Reddig
 Dot Talalas
 Everett Langley and his brother George
 Aimee Tredeau's friend Amanda
 Barbara Moran's friend Heather
 Kerry Beyer
 Ruth Roach
 Joe Stoddard's parents Joseph & Lillian, and
 Aunt Jacqueline and niece Kari Macrae
 Bobbie's sister Karen and family
 Ginger Mungillo's son, Jim

The people of Belgium, Syria, Iraq, Afghani-
 stan, Sudan, the Central African Republic and
 all places where war and violence persist

CONDOLENCES

Long time member Nancy Playle passed away in March. Please keep the Playle -Morison families and all their extended family members and friends in your prayers. Our heartfelt sympathy to all of you!

Also condolences to all those friends of the Bennett Family on the recent passing of Walter Bennett. Please keep his wife Dottie and their family in your prayers.

APRIL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

1	Alan Beck	25	Allison Phillips
9	Kristen Costa	26	Margaret Stewart
10	Josephine Samarjian	28	Kristen Harder
11	Janine Towle	30	April Hooper
12	Luella Brown	30	Mark Forbush
13	Tina Brierley	30	Patrick Barry
13	Pam Walker		
13	Brad Bond		
14	Wendy Sims		
14	Josephine Ursino		
15	Donald Walker		
19	Janet Hooper		
21	Shirley Fong		
23	Jaime Cahoon		
24	Oksana Turgiss		
24	Martin Rudzki		





Easter Plants Given in Memory and/or Celebration of:

Jean Bastos	Husband Joseph
Aline Beck	All my loved ones
Howie & Charlotte Blaney	A very special sister, Sue Trefethen and our precious choir!
Marion Braley-Freeman	The lives of my Loved Ones
Luella Brown	Loved Ones
Calandrelli & Huebner Families	Rindy and Mark Edward Huebner
Joyce Carpenter and Family	Bob Carpenter-Loving Husband, Father & Grandpapa
Sarah & Ryan Clark	Cheryl Gentile and Kathleen Seguin Clark
Costa Family	Friends and Family
Damiani Family	Dear Friends and Family
Eby Family	Loved Ones
Fong Family	Family, Friends & Neighbors
Garside Family	Our son, Timothy
Augie & Janice Grace	Jason Scott
Kendra Pulsifer Griep	My grandmother Kate
Bobbie Killilea	Hilltop ladies past and present!
Killilea Family	Our grandkids, Family and Friends
Janet & Bob Knudsen	Janet's dad, Arthur
Walter & June Landin	Albert Beck and Dorothy Landin
Bill Livezey	Nancy Livezey, Bill Livezey, Jr.
Roberta Low	David Low
Lynch Family	Loved Ones
Ron & Anne MacKenzie	Murray and MacKenzie Families
Ann T. Miller	Many Friends
Krisi Miller	Ashleigh Snelson
Barbara Moran	Loved Ones
Mungillo Family	Andrew, husband and father
Barbara Nadaff	Family!
Laura & Nick Nowell	Randy!
Roy & Nancy Nyren	The Congregation!
Paul Raymond	Ida Pollack
Marcia Rich	Graydon & Sue Rich, Harold & Thelma Neal
Shute Family	Family and Friends
Anne Stafford	My Family
Stahlinski Family	Loved Ones
Lee & Lynn Tirrell	Our Parents
Todd Family	Nancy's Mom
Mike & Deana Tredeau	Grandparents Tredeau & Bennett
Pam & Don Walker	Family and Friends
Rev. Angela Wells and Martin Rudzki	Rev. Kim Wells and Grazyna Rudzki
Robert Winsor	Wife, Samantha

Worship Participation Schedule

April 3
10:30am
Communion Preparers: David Ierardi & Terry McNutt
Lay Leader: Conrad Fong
Head Usher: Dave McNeil
Ushers: Dave-Marge Zamanian-Nick Karwan –Carol Downing
Greeters: Ann Miller-volunteer
Nursery Coverage: Mark Flecchia-Bev Maher
Flower Deliverer: Not needed today
Collector: Ken Baker
Coffee Host: Donna Flecchia
Bakers: Donna-Julie Lewis-Deana Tredeau

April 10
10:30am
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Organist: Aline Beck
Head Usher: Dick Butler
Ushers: Dick-Karen Butler-Kari Lynch-Michael Deluca
Greeters: Ginger Mungillo-volunteer
Church School: Larainne Wilson-Aimee Tredeau
Nursery: Sheri Wilson-Jan McSheffrey
Flower Deliverer: Anna Karwan
Collector: Dick Butler
Coffee Hour: Janet Knudsen
Bakers: Janet-Jean Baker-Joyce Carpenter

April 17
10:03am
Lay Leader: Laura Nowell
Head Usher: Everett Langley
Ushers: Everett-John Heald-Mark Flecchia-Ginger Mungillo
Greeters: Tina Brierley-volunteer
Church School: Aimee Tredeau and Volunteer
Nursery: Sheri Wilson-Sue Eby
Flower Deliverer: Cindy Phillips
Collector: Marge Zamanian
Coffee Hour: Jan McSheffrey-Carol Downing
Bakers: Jan-Carol-Karen Butler

April 24
10:30am
EARTH DAY!
Guest Preacher: Rev. Jim Antal
Lay Leader: Dave Hooper
Head Usher: Chris Stahlinski
Ushers: Chris & Gary Stahlinski-Jane Raymond-Kendra Griep
Greeters: Jan McSheffrey-volunteer
Church School: Larainne Wilson-Aimee Tredeau
Nursery: Sheri Wilson-Dakoye Damali
Flower Deliverer: Volunteer
Collector: Barbara Moran
Coffee Hour: Deb Raymond
Bakers: Deb-Sarah Goodrich-Shirley Fong

May 1
10:30am
Communion Preparers: Kay Shute-Marge Zamanian
Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani
Head Usher: Marcia Rich
Ushers: Marcia-Carol Downing
Bev Maher-Deb Raymond

Greeters: Claire Simas-volunteer
Nursery: Paul Raymond-Sara Goodrich
Collector: Marcia Rich
Coffee Hour: Janine Towle
Bakers: Janine-Cindy Phillips
Bev Maher

If you cannot participate in Worship or Nursery contact: Donna Flecchia at 781-272-4756

If you cannot host/bake contact Jane Raymond at 781-272-9647.

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 April Fool's Day!	2
3 8:45a Meditation 10:30a Communion Noon Vision Team Meeting	4 3:30p Irish Step 6p Body Sculp 7:30p Trustees 8p AA	5 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 6p Body Sculp 7:15p Deacons	6 1p C4C 7-9p Scouts	7 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 6p Body Sculp	8 5:30-9:30p Girl Scout Rental	9
10 8:45a Meditation 10:30am Worship Church School Noon Confirmation Class	11 10a Mission Mtg 3:30p Irish Step 6p Body Sculp 6:30p CE Mtg 8p AA	12 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 6p Body Sculp	13 1p C4C 5:45p Jr. Choir 7-9p Scouts 7:15p Choir	14 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 6p Body Sculp	15  7p Green Team Movie "Wings of Life"	16
17 8:45a Meditation 10:30a Worship Church School New Members Joining	18 3:30p Irish Step 6p Body Sculp 8p AA	19 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 6p Body Sculp	20 1p C4C 7-9p Scouts 7:15p Choir	21 MAY HILLTOP ARTICLE DEADLINE 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 6p Body Sculp	22	23
24  8:45a Meditation 10:30a Worship Guest Preacher Church School Red Wagon  5p Concert Norumbega Harmony	25 3:30p Irish Step 6p Body Sculp 7:30p Vision Team Meeting 8p AA	26 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 6p Body Sculp 7:15p PC Meeting	27 9:30a Hilltop Folding 1p C4C 7-9p Scouts	28 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 6p Body Sculp 7:30p Meeting in Conference room (M. Lewis)	29 Montessori Meeting 6-8pm Big Hall	30

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