

HILLTOP HERALD

OCTOBER 2016

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Dear Friends,

As we know, differences in religious belief and understanding have been the basis for many wars, deaths and disagreements throughout history. That's why the Pilgrims came to the New World, fleeing religious persecution and seeking religious freedom. The irony of what they did with their newfound religious freedom after landing on these shores is a topic for another time. My point is that all of the major world religions have violence and destruction as part of their history, and the conflicts continue around the world to this day.

The UCC is committed to standing against violence, oppression or discrimination in the name of religion. Your national offices are working hard to be in partnership with our Christian and interfaith partners around the world to ensure that we stay in dialogue with one another so that we can address disagreements and discrepancies before they escalate into conflicts. We also realize that people's religious identities are not what they used to be. Not only are people feeling more and more comfortable identifying as Atheist or Agnostic or "no religious affiliation," it's also becoming more common for people to claim multiple religious belonging (MRB), like Buddhist-Christian or Hindu-Christian. Likewise, people are being raised in households in which multiple religious traditions and rituals are observed. Some people call themselves religious hybrids.

I had to go to a meeting in September in Cleveland at our national offices because I am on a working group that is discussing how we can faithfully be Christian, and claim that identity, while also welcoming these folks who claim MRB into the life and community of our local churches. We are working on a resolution, which will be brought to General Synod (our bi-annual national UCC gathering) in Baltimore in 2017. We feel that we have a responsibility to faithfully respond to this growing trend, rather than stick our heads in the sand and pretend it doesn't exist. The resolution will involve many components including a renewed commitment to our Christian and interfaith partners, a scriptural and theological basis for why we value being in relationship with them, as well as a call to action to local churches to engage with other faith communities in their settings and to be welcoming to all people, regardless of what religious identities they claim.

We live in an exciting time, friends, as God is constantly at work in our midst offering us new ways to be in relationship with God and each other.

Your Partner in Ministry,

Rev. Angela V. Wells

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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 NOTES

We are very pleased to welcome a new tenor to our choir – Tom Spearson. Tom comes to us from the choir of Old South Church (UCC) in Boston and we are delighted that he has chosen to share his musical talents with us!

We are still in need of singers in all sections of the choir. Come join us for a few rehearsals and services! Rehearsals are from 5:45-6:15 on Wednesday nights for youth and 7:15-9:00 on Wednesday evenings for adults. In October, we will rehearse on October 5, 19, and 26. There will be no rehearsals on Wednesday, October 12 and the choir will not be singing on Sunday, October 16.

THANK YOU, ALINE!

Aline Beck filled in for Joe at the organ bench for the last two Sundays of August and she will be playing again on Sunday, October 16. We are very blessed to have a talented resident organist in our church!

COFFEEHOUSE

Don't forget to check out Debbie Claar's article in this newsletter for all the information you'll need about our Coffeehouse on October 15, 2016. We look forward to seeing you there!

DEACONS' SPECIAL MUSIC FUND

We are very grateful to Jan Costa for her recent donation to the Deacons' Special Music Fund. The Deacons' Special Music Fund makes it possible for us to hire guest instrumentalists for our services and to purchase a wide variety of choral music. We are very thankful to all who have contributed to help enhance the music program of our church.

KEEP IN TOUCH!

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UCC COFFEEHOUSE EVENT! OCTOBER 15 7-9:30PM

If you are looking to enjoy some great music over a cup of cider, coffee, tea and homemade pie, then come to the Coffeehouse sponsored by the UCC Music Committee on Saturday, October 15 from 7-9:30pm. We offer a harvest of great folk, Americana and bluegrass music and wonderful harmonies while showcasing seasoned local talent such as The Beyer Family (Cathy, Bill & Kerry), Ted Brierley, the Three of Cups (Debbie Claar & Ann-Marie Messbauer), Sarah Clark, Julie Lewis, Robert Scenna, Diana Sears, Joe Stoddard, Larainne Wilson's daughters and a featured guest from Temple Shalom Emeth: Ben Silver. The performer list may not be complete just yet but we've been working all summer to ensure that this will be a special evening and once again, a celebration of Harmony, Pie & Fellowship.

Admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 and you can pay at the door. Refreshments are included in the price of admissions. All proceeds will support the music program of the church. We look forward to seeing you there.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

Sunday morning worship is a collective effort and it takes the time and energy of many people to make sure that we have a meaningful service and coffee hour every Sunday. Two people who help the service run smoothly are the Lay Leader and the Head Usher, and we are currently very short on both. The more people we have, the less often you have to do it, so please consider helping to share the burden of responsibility. You might be wondering to yourself what those jobs entail, and if that's the case, you are in luck! Pastor Angela will host an information session on **Sunday, Oct. 16th right after church**. It will be a brief meeting in the Conference Room.

Please email her if you plan to attend: RevWells@UCCBurlington.org. If you want to be a Lay Leader or Head Usher and you can't make the meeting, she is happy to meet with you one-on-one. Thank you for considering helping our church in this very meaningful way!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Our church year got off to a wonderful start with Welcome Back Sunday and brunch hosted by Deacons and the Christian Education committees on September 11.

Adult Ed

Angela will begin a bible study on the book of Job on Sept. 22 @ 7:30 for 6 weeks. Participants are asked to bring a bible. An advent study of Ecclesiastes will also take place 4 Thursdays starting after Thanksgiving.

Sunday School

We are very excited to be starting a new Sunday School year! We are using the "Whole People of God" Curriculum (<https://wholepeopleofgod.com>). We are looking at ourselves as a "Community Under Construction" and will be studying Jeremiah, an old testament prophet who was a teenager when God called him to service. God gives us what we need (our tools!) to follow him and do his work.

We are still in need of volunteers to teach and assist in emergencies when the assigned person is unable to attend!

Upcoming Sunday School Staffing:

- 10/2 - Larainne and Susan Eby
- 10/9 - Jan and Damali Dakoye
- 10/16 - Larainne and Deb Raymond
- 10/23 - Larainne and Sue Wisniewski
- 10/30 - Larainne and Susan Eby (5th Sunday/Youth Setting Up Coffee Hour)

Youth Group

APPLE PICKING- at Parlee Farms.

The Youth Group and guests went to Parlee Farms this past September. They picked apples for apple crisp that the youth will serve on October 30th for coffee hour (the dessert for the Fair is new and exciting!) The Sunday School and Youth Group folks and their families will be providing coffee hour for the 5th Sundays in the month during this church year. The first one is Sunday, October 30th.

October Youth Group Meetings (This is a CHANGE!)

Because of Columbus Day weekend, we are changing the schedule of the youth group meetings for October!

They will be on:

Sunday, October 23rd- Bowling at Kings -- Bring a friend!

Sunday, October 30th - Meeting at the church - Fall Fair Prep

Both meetings will begin at 4! More information to follow!

STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON OCTOBER 23RD



The Stewardship and Finance Committee would like to invite you to the Stewardship Luncheon on Sunday, October 23rd following the service.

This year's theme is "Go and do the same" based on Luke 10:37.
We look forward to seeing you there.



GREEN THUMBS!

A big **Thank You** to Paul Raymond for making our grass always greener!
Over 25 years of mowing and trimming!
AND Nancy Davis for weeding and taking care of our outside/inside plants.

Our restrooms have some pretty décor thanks to Susan Eby and her crafters!

It's the little things that make a church
a home!

MEET OUR NEW MEMBER DEB URSINO

Deb Ursino joined our church this past April. She grew up in Braintree, and has been living in Burlington for nine years. Deb studied psychology at Bridgewater State and earned her Practical Nursing degree at Greater Lowell Tech. She works at EMARC in Burlington, a non-profit that provides day programs and other services for adults with special needs.

Deb has two children, who are actively involved in Sunday School and nursery: Paul, 7, and Josie, 4. The family also has two cats.

The Ursinos were introduced to our church by their good friends the Lewises. Deb says that she loved our church's message and wanted to become a part of that message.

NEXT GIFT CARD ORDERS DUE OCTOBER 16 AND DECEMBER 11

The timing of our next gift card orders is ideal for Fall occasions and holiday gift giving. Cards will be ready for delivery a week after the order dates. Please pick up an order form from the gift card mailbox in the church office, or order online at www.ShopWithScrip.com. (Use code BB483284315L1 to link your account to the church). Then leave your check in the "Gift Card Orders" mailbox. Visit the ShopWithScrip web site to learn about new merchants and special deals. See Nancy Todd for details about setting up a PrestoPay account. It's the fastest and easiest way to order and reload gift cards right from your computer. Remember that the church gets a percentage of every gift card purchased!



Order By
Oct 16
Dec 11

Receive Cards
Oct 23
Dec 18 (in time to mail for Christmas gifts)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

RED WAGON



ROSIE'S PLACE

Five volunteers went into Rosie's Place, a shelter for women in Boston, on September 21st to prepare, serve lunch and cleanup. Thank you to all who donated travel size toiletries and books. The ladies really appreciate these. Our church does good things!

We will be planning another day to head in to volunteer on January 4, 2017! More info to come. Thank you for your generosity!

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:

Coffee/Tea/single toilet paper

Please bring items to worship on October 30th and we will bring them forward during the service.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY NEIGHBORS IN NEED OCTOBER 2ND

On Sunday, October 2nd during worship we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and Neighbors In Need. NIN is a program that reaching people at home and abroad. This year food is the focal point where as "no child should go to bed hungry". Your support helps feed these children and more.

If you would like to donate, please send a check made out to UCC and on the memo line include NIN. Special envelopes will be in the pews on October 2nd. The Missions Committee thanks you for your support and generosity!

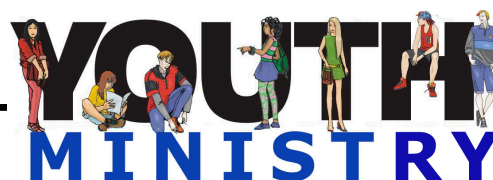


CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

Crafters are now in "Fair mode" We are making things for the Fair. The next 2 Wednesday we will be in the Ed building making items out of wine corks.

All are welcome to join us. We will start at 1PM on Wednesday and finish sometime after 3. If possible bring your glue gun and craft scissors. If you have questions please contact Susan Eby.

UPDATES FROM TEAM AWESOME



Thanks everyone who supported our Maintenance Madness project at the end of August! The exterior doors to the ed building received a fresh coat of paint, as did the ceilings in the hall and some of the window sills in the church building. It was a fun and productive morning, and we were very excited to give something back to the church.

We are looking forward to continuing the enthusiasm for service and spirituality in the coming year! Our next mission trip will be taking place next August in Chicago, Illinois. We will be working with DOOR, a faith-based organization that provides community outreach services throughout the city. Since we need put down a deposit soon, please email Michael Lewis at the following: (dmichaellewis@gmail.com) ASAP if your high school or college-aged child is interested in joining us. If you would like to learn more about DOOR and their mission work, check out their website: <http://www.doornetwork.org>.

Keep your eyes peeled for fundraisers throughout the coming year in preparation for our travels.

PEOPLE TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Arun Arumugam's brother,
Prithiviraj Arumugam
Jaime Cahoon
Ruth Roach
Karen Ciardi
Nick Ciano's Mom Jenny
Woody Knowles wife Betty and friend
Jack McCabe
Kendra's Grandfather Phil & Cousin Bucky
Ruth Roach
Joyce Carpenter's grandnephew Logan
Claire Simas and daughter
Jessy McNeil's mom, Ellen, brother Mel
and sister, Grace
Anne Stafford's grandsons Tyler and Zach
Dorothy Murdoch's daughter Judi
and granddaughter Megan

Lucy's cousin Brad Stanley
Dot Drinkwater
Ruth Reddig
Everett Langley and his brother George
John Heald's sister Susan & Mom
Aimee Tredeau's friend Amanda
Barbara Moran's friend Heather
Kerry Beyer
Joe Stoddard's, parents Joseph & Lillian,
niece Kari and former student Ian
Ginger Mungillo's son, Jim
Fred Garside
Allan's Mom Mary



CONDOLENCES

An important correction! In September's Hilltop it was stated IDA Currier passed away. I am sorry to say it was Eber Currier. He lived in New Hampshire. He and his wife Trudy were hugely involved in every aspect of the church when they lived here. Please extend our heartfelt sympathy to their family and friends. Keep them in your prayers!

Sadly member Ann Miller passed away unexpectedly. She spent a lot of time here with her church family. A very special lady! Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. She will be missed!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY WISHES

2 Betty Knowles
2 Rob Costa
2 Paul McDonough
3 Jason Marsh
5 Nicholas Ciardi
10 David McSheffrey
14 Elizabeth Bond
20 Nicholas Turgiss
21 Gary Stahlinski

22 Diane Higden
22 Deana Tredeau
25 Joan Proctor
27 Julie Lewis
28 Karen Calandrelli
31 Steve Fennelly



FALL FAMILY FAIR



Our Fair is coming up and we are in need of volunteers to work our many tables!

We will have a large Children's Fair as well as tables for Crafts, Plants, Books, Holiday Items, Food, Silent Auction, etc.

If you are able to give some time to this very important and fun event the hours are anytime between 8:30-2:30pm.

Then Dinner and Auction at 6pm.

There are signup sheets at coffee hour or you can talk with Deb Raymond directly at 857-373-9156 or angelfoods@msn.com

(You can drop book donations to the church at any time.)

We are in need of raffle baskets/silent auction items, crafts and more! Please let us know what you can contribute to make this a successful event!

Some ideas for auction would be timeshares, sporting event tickets, services (baby-sitting, handyman help, carpooling,) dinner & movie gift package, artwork and more! The sky's the limit! See forms at church or contact Kari Lynch directly at digby@rcn.com

Mark your calendar and bring family, friends and neighbors. It's sure to be a great day of fun and fellowship!



Worship Participation Schedule

October 2
10:30am

Communion Preparers: Jessy McNeil-Marge Zamanian
 Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
 Head Usher: Dave McNeil
 Ushers: Dave-Ginger Mungillo
 Mark and Donna Flecchia
 Greeters: Jean Baker-Volunteer
 Church School: Larainne Wilson-Susan Eby
 Nursery Coverage: Alison Dunbar-Lucy Damiani
 Flower Deliverer: Jessy McNeil
 Collector: Everett Langley
 Coffee Host: Chris Stahlinski
 Bakers: Chris-Jane Raymond-Bobbie Killilea

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.

October 9
10:30am

MISSIONS SUNDAY

Lay Leader: Mark Flecchia
 Head Usher: Deve McNeil
 Ushers: Dave-Jane Raymond-Dick and Karen Butler
 Greeter: Ginger Mungillo-volunteer
 Church School: Jan Costa-Damali Dakoye
 Nursery: Alison Dunbar-Paul Raymond
 Flower Deliverer: Bev Maher
 Collector: Marge Zamanian
 Coffee Host: Missions Committee
 Bakers: Missions Committee

October 16
10:30am

Lay Leader: Dave Hooper
 Head Usher: Lucy Damiani
 Organist: Aline Beck
 Ushers: Lucy-John Heald Everett Langley-Mark Flecchia
 Greeter: Luella Brown-volunteer
 Church School: Larainne Wilson-Deb Raymond
 Nursery: Alison Dunbar-Donna Flecchia
 Flower Deliverer: Sue Trefethen
 Collector: Marcia Rich
 Coffee Host: Jan McSheffrey
 Bakers: Jan-Karen Butler-Wynelle Scenna

October 23
10:30am

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Lay Leader: Michael Lewis
 Head Usher: Marcia Rich
 Ushers: Marcia-Bev Maher-Micheal Deluca-Nick Karwan
 Greeter: Carol Downing-volunteer
 Church School: Larainne Wilson-Sue Wisniewski
 Nursery: Alison Dunbar-Mark Flecchia
 Flower Deliverer: Anna Karwan
 Collector: Barbara Moran
 Coffee Host: Finance & Stewardship
 Bakers: Finance & Stewardship

October 30
10:30am

Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
 Head Usher: Conrad Fong
 Ushers: Conrad-Barbara Moran
 Gordon-Jane Raymond
 Greeter: Janice Grace-volunteer
 Church School: Larainne Wilson and Susan Eby
 Nursery: Alison Dunbar and Jan McSheffrey
 Flower Deliverer: Marge Zamanian
 Collector: Dick Butler
 Coffee Hour: Laraine Wilson 8
 & Sunday School

Nov 6 Communion Prep: Kay Shute-and Anna Karwan
 10:30a Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski
 Head Usher: Mark Flecchia
 Ushers: Mark-Donna-Kari Lynch
 Deb Raymond
 Greeter: Jean Bastos-Volunteer
 Church School: Larainne-Chris S.
 Nursery: Alison-Nicole Flecchia
 Flower Deliverer: Cindy Phillips
 Collector: Marcia Rich
 Coffee Host/Baker: Everett Langley
 Bakers: Everett & John
 Sue Trefethen

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:45a Meditation 10:30a World Communion	3 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p Trustees 7:30p AA	4 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 7:15p Deacons 7:30p Stewardship Meeting	5 1p C4C 5:45 Youth Choir 7-9p Scouts 7:15p Choir	6 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 12-6p UCC Pumpkin Patch Volunteers 7:30p Adult Ed	7	8
9 8:45a Meditation 10:30a Worship Church School	10 Columbus Day Holiday! No Irish Step 7:30p AA	11 10a Missions 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	12 1p C4C No Choir Rehearsals 7-9p Scouts	13 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 7:30p Adult Ed	14 6-10 Private Rental	15 11-6p UCC Pumpkin Patch Volunteers 7p UCC COFFEE HOUSE
16 MISSION Sunday 8:45a Meditation 10:30a Worship Church School Gift Card Deadline 11:30am Meeting	17 3:30p Irish Step 6:45p CE 7:30p AA	18 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 7:15p PC	19 1p C4C HILLTP DEADLINE November Articles Are due! 5:45 Youth Choir 7-9p Scouts	20 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 7p Stewardship 7:30p Adult Ed	21	22
23 8:45a Meditation 10:30a Worship Church School STEWARDSHIP Luncheon 4pm Youth bowling at Kings	24 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p AA	25 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	26 9:30a Hilltop folding & mailing 1p C4C 5:45 Youth Choir 7-9p Scouts 7:15p Choir	27 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 7:30p Adult Ed	28	29
30 8:45a Meditation 10:30a Worship Red Wagon Church School 4pm Youth at church for Fair Prep	31 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p AA			November 3 Fair Table Setup	November 4 Fair Setup All Day! (No other rentals)	November 5th 9-2pm FALL FAMILY FAIR 6pm Dinner Silent Auction

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