

HILLTOP HERALD

November 2016

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Dear Friends,

Over the summer, a dear clergy colleague of mine visited our church. She is currently in between churches, so each week she worships with a different congregation. On this given Sunday, I had no idea that she was coming to our church, nor did I tell anyone who she was. As far as everyone knew, she was just a random visitor. Well, I spoke with her recently, and she said, that we are, by far, the friendliest church she has visited, hands down! She said that lots of people at our church greeted her, invited her to coffee hour, and even made sure she had a bulletin. She said that nobody was pushy and some people said they hoped she'd come back soon.

After hearing this testimony, it made me beam with pride. See, I know we are a friendly church, but then the cynical voice inside my head says, "*But Angela, every church thinks they're friendly!*" However, this confirmed for me, that in fact, we are friendly, and not in an exclusive, only-friendly-to-our-friends, kind of way. And even beyond Sunday morning welcoming of new folks, we extend kindness to each other, especially when we are in need. We also extend it to the community, we're one of the most generous and active congregations in town, despite being one of the smaller ones. My friends, the truth is that we are doing something right. Sure, we always have room for improvement, but we have something really, really good going on at 6 Lexington St.

As we enter this time of thanksgiving and gratitude, I invite you to think about what your life would be like if the church

wasn't a part of it. What if you never got to see any church members ever again, never got to attend a church event, or serve on a committee, or come to worship on Sunday morning, ever again? What if it all suddenly disappeared? I am sure there would be big holes in all of our lives. So, as you are expressing gratitude for the blessings in your life, please include the church in your list.

And the church wouldn't be possible if not for each of you who makes it the community that it is. So, as your pastor, here's my personal note of thanks and gratitude. Thank you, each of you, for the love and time and energy you put into making our church what it is. Thank you for bringing your full selves to our community, foibles and all. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor, to serve you, for it is a real pleasure. I often tell people that even though I have been with you all for almost four years, it still feels to me like we're in the honeymoon phase of our partnership in ministry.

Thank you, church, for being you, for sharing God's kindness with the world, and for working to make sure our church is around for many generations to come.

With Lots of Love and Gratitude,

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

November Rehearsals

The Adult Choir will rehearse on Nov. 2, Nov. 16, and Nov. 30 from 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm. The Youth Choir will rehearse on Nov. 16 and Nov. 30 from 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm.

Join the Choir for Christmas!

Even if you can't sing throughout the year, we'd love to have you for Christmas! Put our Advent/Christmas rehearsals on your calendar – Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 14, and 21. We'll be singing for both Christmas Eve services this year.

Children's Choir

Calling all children under 12! Joe would like to gather a special group of singers for the early Christmas Eve Service. Please call him at 781-346-3900 or email him at music@uccburlington.org if you would like your child to participate. Potential rehearsals right now are right after church on Dec. 4, 11, and 18, with a warm-up rehearsal before the Christmas Eve Service.

Special Musicians

We will be treated to the organ music of Aline Beck on Nov. 13 and 27. We are also very grateful to Sarah Clark, who will be our soloist on Nov. 13; and to Debbie Claar, who will be the soloist on Nov. 27.

Coffeehouse

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffeehouse this year! We had a very successful year thanks to all of you who came and listened to our music and enjoyed the pies! Thanks to everyone who baked pies, helped out in the kitchen, helped with setting up and breaking down tables. We are very grateful to our emcee, Mike Tredeau, and to our musicians – Sarah Clark, Ben Silver, Debbie Claar, Ann-Marie Messbauer, Joe Stoddard, Robert Scenna, Ted Brierley, and Theo Brierley – who helped make the evening so special.

Deacons' Special Music Fund

We are very grateful to Nancy Davis for her recent donation to the Special Music Fund this past month. Nancy's donation is in memory of Ann T. Miller, who especially loved the organ music at our church.

Keep in touch!

Email: music@uccburlington.org

Twitter: @uccbmusic

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

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

NEXT GIFT CARD ORDERS DECEMBER 11 JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!

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

Dec 11

Receive Cards

Dec 18 (in time to mail for Christmas gifts)

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Sanctuary ceiling will be getting a facelift. Quality Painting will be setting up early November to scrape and paint our ceiling. It will look great just in time for Thanksgiving. No more peeling paint. One more thing to be Thankful for!





ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be on Monday, November 21st at 7:00pm at St. Mark's Church. It is sponsored by the Burlington Interfaith Clergy Group. We will experience a multitude of faith traditions and celebrate our unity and our beautiful diversity. All are welcome to attend this powerful service!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sunday School Update: We are starting our Second Unit. It is called "Telling Stories" and runs October 16-November 20th. The passages from Luke's gospel deal with important life qualities such as persistence in pursuing justice, humility, the importance of prayer, and welcoming the outsider.

Youth Group Plans:

Our Middle School and High School youth and friends attended an afternoon of bowling at King Lanes in Burlington.

Oct. 30 during church service, "Service Sunday" – The Sunday School class and youth of all ages will provide for coffee hour and help make brownies for fair on Nov. 5

Nov. 13 at 4pm a youth planning meeting for our MLK Service.

Nov. 20 or 27 TBD Boda Borg.

Adult Ed Looking Ahead- Mark Your Calendars!

During Advent, Pastor Angela will lead a 4-week Adult Ed Bible Study on the Book of Ecclesiastes, in the Old Testament. This isn't a well-known book, but it's full of thought-provoking scriptures that we will mull over together during the Advent Season. We will meet on **Thursday nights at 7:30, starting December 1st and going through December 22nd.** Hope you can join us!



FALL FAMILY FAIR RAFFLE BASKET INFO:

For those that have signed up to contribute raffle baskets:

Completed baskets should be brought downstairs to Skelton Hall no later than Sunday, 10/30 so that the CE committee members may wrap them for display at the fair the next week. Anyone submitting a basket after 11/30 is requested to complete the final wrapping. On a **note card** please name your basket and list its contents. This should be **attached to the basket**. As a guide line, the contents of the basket should be worth from around **25-30 dollars**. No alcohol should be included. If your basket is worth much more, consider donating it as an item for the silent auction. Thanks for your contributions! Please email Jan Costa for questions at jancosta124@gmail.com

The Nominating committee will be starting work soon to fill some important roles for the coming year. In the meantime, if you have an interest in a committee or officer position, please let Janet Knudsen, Marcia Rich or Carol Downing know!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Please submit your Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Surveys for 2017 by the Ingathering on Sunday, November 20th. Having an accurate idea of pledged income allows us to better plan the budget for the upcoming year.



FALL FAMILY FAIR NOVEMBER 5TH!



JOIN US AT THE FAIR BETWEEN 9-2PM FOR:

Children's crafts/games
Jams-Jellies-Soups-Sauces-Baked Goods
Plants
Books
Crafts
Christmas Ornaments and more!
(come take a chance at our PIE Throwing event)
Raffles and Silent Auction Items*

FALL FAMILY FAIR DINNER AT 6PM

Delicious Spaghetti Dinner with Meatballs, Sauce and Bread
Generously donated by the *Chateau*, Salad and for dessert
Brownies a la mode
(ice cream from Schoolhouse!)

\$12 Adults, \$5 Children 5-12 and Kids under 5 FREE
(\$35 for a family 4-6)

Call the office to reserve your ticket NOW 781-272-4547

*Winners to be announced at Dinner

**Bring family, friends and neighbors.
It's sure to be a great day of fun and fellowship!**



BOARD OF MISSIONS

RED WAGON



ROSIE'S PLACE

Our volunteers went into Boston to serve lunch to a whopping 186 needy women and children back in September. We will volunteer again on January 4th a Wednesday. We appreciate any travel size toiletries to bring into Boston that day. If you would like to join us please contact Jan McSheffrey at 781-454-6050 or 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:

100% Juice
Salad Dressing

Please bring items to worship on **November 27th** and we will bring them forward during the service.



BAKE TABLE AT THE FALL FAMILY FAIR-NOVEMBER 5TH

The Church Faire is coming! Missions will be tending the bake table and the breakfast window. If you can donate baked goods or other edible items, please bring to the Ed Building Hall on Friday, November 4th from 6-8 or drop off Saturday morning before 9 AM.

Gluten Free and Sugar Free items are needed.

Please label the ingredients so that Anyone with allergies will be aware of the contents.

CITY MISSION IS COLLECTING SWEATSHIRTS AND SWEATERS FOR KIDS

Sweatshirts and Sweaters will be collected beginning November 1st! New items for infants through xl for teens are greatly appreciated.

See the Bin at Coffee Hour.



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HAITIAN HURRICANE RELIEF

In place of our Love Office on November 13th we will have a special collection for the Haiti Relief. Your donation is very important to help with the devastation from this last Hurricane. We thank you for your generosity!



WAYS TO HELP AT CHRISTMAS!

People Helping People will start the *"Wish Tree"* at the Burlington Mall around Thanksgiving! Dates will be available for signups at coffee hour. If you have interest in volunteering, please see **Joyce Carpenter**. We usually ask volunteers to work 2 hour shifts on our volunteering days! It's quite rewarding to see those young and old who have been buying WISHES for children over the years. AND to see new faces inquisitive about the process!

In addition, **Ginger Mungillo** will have information for folks who would like to buy underwear and pajamas for those recipients of the Wish Tree.

People Helping People is a community based organization that helps those in need locally.

Worship Participation Schedule

Nov 6
10:30am
Communion Preparers: Kay Shute-Anna Karwan
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Head Usher: Mark Flecchia
Ushers: Mark & Donna Flecchia
Kari Lynch-Deb Raymond
Greeters: Jean Bastos-Volunteer
Church School: Jan Costa-Chris Stahlinski
Nursery Coverage: Alison Dunbar-Nicole Flecchia
Flower Deliverer: Not Needed Today
Collector: Marcia Rich
Coffee Host: Everett Langley-John Heald
Bakers: Everett-John-Sue Trefethen

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.

Nov 13
10:30a m
Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani
Head Usher: Everett Langley
Ushers: Everett-John Heald-Bill Hitchcock-Michael DeLuca
Greeters: Claire Simas-Volunteer
Church School: Larainne Wilson-Susan Eby
Nursery Coverage: Alison Dunbar-Dakoye Damali
Flower Deliverer: Jessy McNeil
Collector: Carol Downing
Coffee Host: Deb Glancy-Donna Ferro
Bakers: Deb Glancy-Donna Ferro-Jean Baker

Organist: Aline Beck
Soloist: Sarah Clark

INGATHERNG OF FOOD-PLEDGES!

Nov 20
10:30am
Lay Leader: Craig Baker
Head Usher: Dave Ierardi
Ushers: Dave-Mark Flecchia-Marge Zamanian-Marcia Rich
Greeters: Kay Shute-Volunteer
Church School: Larainne Wilson-Damali Dakoye
Nursery Coverage: Alison Dunbar-Donna Flecchia
Flower Deliverer: Bev Maher
Collector: Everett Langley
Coffee Host: Marge Zamanian
Bakers: Marge Zamanian-Nancy Davis

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Nov 27
10:20am*
Lay Leader: Laura Harder
Head Usher: Janine Towle
Ushers: Janine-Dick & Karen Butler-Chris Stahlinski
Greeters: Anne Stafford-Volunteer
Church School: Larainne Wilson-Kari Lynch
Nursery Coverage: Alison Dunbar-Lucy Damiani
Flower Deliverer: Sue Trefethen
Collector: Marge Zamanian
Coffee Host: Susan & Nelson Eby
Bakers: Susan-Cindy Phillips-Jane Raymond

Organist: Aline Beck
Soloist: Debbie Claar

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Dec 4
10:20*
Communion Preparers: Jessy McNeil
Lay Leader: Janet Knudsen
Head Usher: Bill Hitchcock
Ushers: Bill-Dave Ierardi-David Hooper-Janet Hooper
Greeters: Barbara Moran-Volunteer
Church School: Deb Raymond-Jan Costa
Nursery: Alison Dunbar-Bev Maher
Flower Deliverer: Marge Zamanian
Collector: TBA
Coffee Host: Janine Towle
Bakers: Janine-Shirley Fong-Janet Knudsen

*Join us at 10:20am during Advent to sing some of our most favorite Christmas Hymns!

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
M-F Montessori 8-5:30pm		1 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 7:15p Deacons	2 1p C4C No Jr Choir 7p Scouts 7:15 Choir	3 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 6p Hall Table Setup 7:30p Vision Team Meeting	4 ALL DAY! Fair Setup!	5 9-2pm Fall Family Fair 6p Dinner and Silent Auction 
6 8:45a Meditation 10:30a Communion Service & Church School 11:30a Called to Care	7 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p Trustees 7:30p AA	8 10a Missions Meeting 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	9 1p C4C No Jr Choir 7p Scouts No Adult Choir	10 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	11 Veteran's Day Holiday!	12
13 8:45a Meditation 10:30a Worship Baptism & Church School 4p Youth Group	14 3:30p Irish Step 6:45p CE Meeting 7:30p AA	15 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 7:15p Parish Council Meeting	16 1p C4C 5:45p Jr Choir 7p Scouts 7:15 Choir	17 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	18	19
20 8:45a Meditation INGATHERING! 10:30a Worship & Church School Food & Pledges 11:30a Food Sorting 4-7p Distribution of Food to Families Youth Event TBD	21 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p AA	22 4-6p True North Pastor Hours HILLTOP ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER	23 1p C4C No Choirs 7p Scouts	24 NO True North Pastor Hours Happy Thanksgiving! 	25 Office Closed	26 9:30a Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent
27  First Sunday in Advent 8:45a Meditation 10:20a Worship & Church School Red Wagon Youth Event TBD	28 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p AA	29 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	30 9:30a Hilltop Folding 1p C4C 5:45p Jr Choir 7p Scouts 7:15 Choir			

Join us at 10:20am each Sunday of Advent to sing some of our favorite Christmas Hymns!

THANKSGIVING IN-GATHERING OF FOOD
for the Burlington Food Pantry
Sunday, November 20th during Worship
One of the most important traditions in the life of our Church!



Our church is blessed to serve as the **collection point** for all the food donations from local churches, the Temple and organizations to provide Thanksgiving baskets to Burlington families, in dire financial need, as well as the elderly, shut-ins, and veterans. Our Youth volunteers will have responsibility for sorting and packaging the food prior to distribution to those families identified by the Burlington Food Pantry.

Last year we provided food for a complete Thanksgiving Dinner for over **180** families. The need is even greater this year!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: HELP ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20. SEE THE SIGNUP SHEET AT COFFEE HOUR AND VOLUNTEER TO SORT FOOD, DELIVER FOOD TO SHUT-INS, HAND OUT FOOD, TRANSPORT LEFTOVERS TO THE PANTRY, ETC.

This is a short list – but we need **DOZENS AND DOZENS** of each item! Fresh vegetables (potatoes, squash, green beans, carrots, etc.) will be purchased, so if you would like to make a monetary contribution instead of food, such donations would be welcome. Checks should be made payable to ***People Helping People***.

We are requesting the following list of foods for Thanksgiving dinners.
PLEASE ONLY NEW PURCHASES, NO EXPIRED DATES!

Chicken Broth	Corn	Cornbread Mix
Gravy	Cranberry Sauce	Mayonnaise

On behalf of People Helping People, thank you for sharing so generously!
Your donations will ensure that everyone in Burlington
will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

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IN-GATHERING OF 'PLEDGES', FOOD AND OFFERINGS
WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 20th

As part of our Thanksgiving Worship on November 20th we will all come forward with our offerings, pledges, time and talent survey and our food for the pantry.

As one church family, we will thank God for the many Blessings in our lives!

PEOPLE TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Carol Downing's husband Ron	Dorothy Murdoch's daughter Judy
Sheila Vitale	and brother Frank
Bobbie Killilea's friend's granddaughter	Lucy's cousin Brad Stanley
Chloe Peterson-very sick	Dot Drinkwater
Arun Arumugam's brother, Prithiviraj Arumugam	Ruth Reddig
Ruth Roach	Everett Langley and his brother George
Nick Ciano's Mom Jenny	John Heald's sister Susan & Mom
Joe's parents Joseph & Lillian, niece Kari,	Aimee Tredeau's friend Amanda
and former student Ian	Barbara Moran's friend Heather
Woody Knowles wife Betty	Kerry Beyer
Kendra's Grandfather Phil	Ginger Mungillo's son, Jim
Joyce Carpenter's grandnephew baby Logan	Fred Garside
Claire Simas and her daughter	Alan Wright's Mom Mary
Jessy McNeil's Brother Mel, Mom and Sister Grace	
Anne Stafford's grandsons Tyler and Zach	

JOYS/CONCERNS

Our sympathy to Forrest and Betty Knowles on the passing of their dear friend Jack McCabe who has been on our prayer list. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Our deepest sympathy to Aline Beck and her family on the recent passing of her dear sister, Eleanor Amidon. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Also heartfelt condolences to Janice and Augie Grace and their family and friends on the recent passing of Augie's brother Martin. He will be missed.

May all the memories and love you shared with those who passed, help you through this sad time. We keep you all in our prayers!

NOVEMBR BIRTHDAY WISHES

1	Christopher Silva	19	Marcia Rich
2	Billy Forbush	20	Kyla Candelino
3	Joyce Carpenter	21	Thelma Tibbitts
3	Elizabeth Silva	21	Jeremy Todd
5	Scarlett Costa	21	Katherine Bond
6	Elizabeth Forbush	21	Barbara Nee
6	Ken Keyser	22	Rollie Damiani
9	Berj Zamanian	23	Carol Downing
10	Geoffrey Fong	25	Elizabeth Downing
10	Collin Sears	25	Kristina Miller
11	Keri Beyer	27	Elizabeth Sims
18	Aline Beck		



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Happy Thanksgiving

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