

HILLTOP HERALD

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Dear Beloved UCC Community,

It's a new year! Time to shake off the dust, stand up straight, hold our heads high and get ready for a new year! Okay okay, I know that's easier said than done. Many of us are feeling weary, worried about the future, not convinced that this year will be any better than last year. Well, I have good news for you! The Burlington Interfaith Clergy group is planning an event that I hope will brighten your spirits and put us in the right mindset for this new year. The truth is that most people are good, loving, accepting and generous. That might not be what we hear on the news every night, because unfortunately it's the people who act out who usually get the most media attention. Well, this event is called "Responding to Intolerance: An Interfaith Forum," and I hope it will be an inspirational reminder of all that is good in our community, so that we might continue to capitalize on the good that is in our midst. Here are the details of the event:

"Responding to Intolerance: an Interfaith Forum"

Sunday, January 8 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Islamic Center of Burlington
130 Lexington Street, Burlington, MA

In recent months there have been documented increases in incidents of intolerance, violence, discrimination and oppression both in Massachusetts and around the country. In response, the Bedford and Burlington Interfaith Clergy Associations are sponsoring an interfaith forum exploring ways that faith communities understand, experience, and respond to situations and incidents of intolerance. The Forum will be hosted by the Islamic Center of Burlington, and features a panel discussion with representatives of four traditions each reflecting on their own faith community's experiences of and teaching about oppression.

Panelists include:

Rabbi Susan Abramson of Temple Shalom Emeth in Burlington
Imam Shakeel Rahman Miah of the Islamic Center in Burlington
The Rev. Christopher Wendell of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bedford
Bishop Jared Koyle of the Billerica Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon).

Dinner follows the panel discussion. Guests are invited to bring a dessert to share (no alcohol). To observe the customs of the mosque, all attendees will be asked to remove their shoes upon entering, men and women will be seated separately for the panel discussion, and women's heads should be covered (some coverings will be available at the door).

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this event because I will be out of town at a conference, but I hope we have a large UCC representation. This is a chance for us to come together, as a community, at the start of this new year, to be reminded that we have so much more in common than we do difference, and we can work together to make the world a more just and peaceful place for all God's people.

Blessings to you and Happy New Year,

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

Thank you, Christmas Musicians!

A special thanks to all our musician volunteers who brought us their wonderful music on Christmas Eve, especially to our Adult Choir and our Youth Choir. Our Youth Choir members are Kristen Harder, Laura Harder, and Diana Sears. Our Adult Choir members are Arun Arumugam, Aline Beck, Bill Beyer, Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Bill Hitchcock, Dave Hooper, Dorothy Murdoch, Tom Spearson, Lynn & Lee Tirrell, Nancy Todd, Deana Tredeau, and Sue Trefethen.

January Rehearsals

The choirs will rehearse every Wednesday in January. Youth Choir will meet from 5:45pm-6:15pm, and the adults will meet from 7:15pm-9:00pm. We always welcome new singers!

Deacons' Special Music Fund

We are very grateful to these church members and friends who have recently donated to the Special Music Fund:

- Marion E. Braley, in honor of Saints Cindy Gilpin and Karen Welch
- Paul Raymond
- The Shute Family, in memory of family and friends
- Paul Mouratidis & Joe Stoddard, in honor of the choirs
- Anne Stafford, in memory of Ruth Roach
- Barbara Moran, in memory of loved ones
- Julie & Michael Lewis
- Nancy Todd
- Mike & Deana Tredeau

Keep in touch!

Email: music@uccburlington.org

Twitter: @uccbmusic

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

Google+: Joe Stoddard

(music@uccburlington.org)

A REQUEST FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is in need of people to serve on many of our church's boards and committees. Please contact Carol Downing, Marcia Rich or Janet Knudsen to discuss how you might best serve our church.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

We would like to thank everyone who has turned in their Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Surveys for 2017. If you are planning on turning them in and have not yet done so, we would greatly appreciate it if you could.

This will help us plan our upcoming Church year. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Happy New Year from the Christian Education committee and Larainne Wilson!!

The CE committee and congregation wish to give Larainne a huge "Thank you" for the wonderful job she did directing this year's Christmas Pageant. Also thanks go out to all those who volunteered to make it possible - the participants, those who worked behind the scenes and those who helped to create the Shepherds Pie/Angel Food cake lunch afterwards!

We look forward to a great year of continuing CE programs. Future plans include intergenerational events, bible and book studies, youth participation opportunities, and summer church activities for the Sunday School.

FAREWELL TO OUR NURSERY ATTENDANT!

Alison Dunbar our wonderful nursery attendant will be leaving us for a full time position elsewhere. We all wish her well and thank Alison for the great job she's done with our youngest members!

With Alison leaving we now have her position open. All interested people over the age of 18 should contact Rev. Angela Wells at RevWells@uccburlington.org

Once again we need volunteer teachers and assistants in the nursery and as Sunday School helpers!! Please contact Jan Costa at jancosta124@gmail.com or sign up on the sheets or available during coffee hour if you are able to help out. The nursery and Sunday School program can not effectively continue without volunteer help.. Thanks to all who support these programs!!!

MLK Day of Learning: Saturday, January 14, 2017, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., First Parish UCC, Brookline. Ages 7-adult welcome. Team Awesome participants, youth and families welcome! We will leave from UCC Burlington at 7:45. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for those 7-18. Lunch is included. Organized by City Mission Society.



TRUE NORTH HOURS

Please note Rev. Angela Wells will be at True North Coffee Shop on the following dates. However, her door is always open!

Tuesday, Jan. 10th from 4-6pm
Thursday, Jan 12th from 9-11am
Tuesday, January 17th from 4-6pm
Thursday, January 19th from 9-11am
Tuesday, January 24th from 4-6pm
Thursday, January 26th 9-11am

NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION!

Are you newer to our church? Are you interested in learning more about our theology, our denomination, and how things work behind the scenes? Are you interested in church membership and what that means?

Please join us for a New Members Class on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00pm. All are welcome, even if you aren't interested in joining at this time, you are invited to come to learn more about our community. Please RSVP to Angela (RevWells@UCCBurlington.org) if you plan to attend.

Also looking ahead, **our New Members Service will be on Sunday, February 5th**, for those of you who are interested in joining the church.

HOLIDAY SERANDE UPDATE!

THE CHARLIECHORDS, a cappella group, from Berklee College of Music delighted and entertained UCC with holiday tunes, spirited music and even energized the audience on Saturday, Dec. 3. Also, we were enchanted by the gifted musical talents of a few with their performance on guitars and the piano. This was the 4th year coming to UCC.

Special thank you goes to all those that baked cookies for additional fundraising which brought in \$228.00. Thank you to Barbara Moran and Gail Ciano for packing all the cookies! And thank you to Deb Raymond and Gail Ciano who did a great job selling tickets and cookies!

Thank you to Marcus Griep, audio tech! Thank you to Kellsee Lynch, Samantha & Nichole Flecchia for helping out during the evening. Thank you to Jan Costa and Kari Lynch for kitchen help.

Thank you to Dave McNeil, Conrad Fong and Geoffrey Fong for providing transportation to the 18 member group from Boston.

And most importantly, thanks to all of you who came and enjoyed the performance and a night of fellowship!

Benefits from this event of \$574, go to support TEAM AWESOME.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION: TIME TO SIGN UP!

During our stewardship campaign, do you love hearing people share about why they love the church? Well, good news! You are now going to hear those testimonies year-round, and you have an opportunity to share your own story. Starting in 2017, we will hear one reflection on the 3rd Sunday of each month, about why the church is a priority in someone's life. If you'd like to participate and share your story, please see the signup sheet at coffee hour to choose your month for next year. Please be in touch with Angela if you have any questions. Thank you!

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING!

A Program by Rabbi Susan Abramson!

**The Link below will take you to the Spiritually Speaking episode that is airing on BCAT featuring our Church!
Well Done!**

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=YASgR9LHKFo>

BOARD OF MISSIONS

ROSIE'S PLACE

We will volunteer again to Rosie's Place a shelter for women, 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



RED WAGON

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:

CEREAL
VEGETABLE OIL
JELLY

Please bring items to worship on
January 29th and we will bring them
forward during the service.

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE C4C

Crafters will continue to meet on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 or 4PM. Even if you do not consider yourself creative you are welcome to join us for company and conversation.

We are going to try once a month to work on a project for the fall fair.

The activities planned so far include:

Making Christmas balls with pictures of the sanctuary decorated for Christmas.

Making a small cloth advent calendar with button decorations.

Converting the many sheets we have collected into pillow cases. These will be given to an attendee who uses them to make dresses for girls in Africa.

For more information you may contact Susan Eby.



"Green Tip: With colder weather upon us, check your windows and doors for drafts to keep heat in and cold out. It's very easy to have missed the not-quite-closed or unlocked window and weather stripping that could use replacing. Make sure your heating vents are clear and there is room around your intakes for best airflow in your home." It REALLY makes a difference!

Christmas Poinsettia Plants Were Given in Memory/Celebration of:

Aline Beck	Al, my brother and two sisters
Marion Braley-Freeman	Family and Friends
Luella Brown	Husband Dick and Loved Ones
Dick & Karen Butler	Parents and Loved Ones
Joyce Carpenter & Family	Bob Carpenter
Costa Family	Friends and Family
Damiani Family	Loved Ones
Eby Family	Loved Ones
Fong Family	Family, Friends and Loved Ones
Garside Family	Our son, Timothy
Barbara Hayes	My Husband Bob and Son Rob
Dennis Huebner	Rindy and Mark Edward Huebner
Keyser Family	Hilda & Byron Campbell and Dorothy Talalas
Bobbie Killilea	My Hilltop ladies past and present
Killilea Family	Our Grandchildren and family past and present
Janet & Bob Knudsen	Arthur W. Mills
Walter & June Landin	Helen S. Macurdy, Beck Families
Lynch Family	Loved Ones
MacKenzie Family	MacKenzie and Murray Families
Barbara Moran	Husband, Mother & Father
Barbara Naddaff	For Peace on Earth
Marcia Rich	Sue & Graydon Rich and Thelma & Harold Neal
Wynelle & Robert Scenna	Loved Ones
Kay Shute	Family and Friends
Anne Stafford	Doug Stafford, Doug Hookway, Parents and Siblings
Stahlinski Family	Loved Ones
Staten Children	Our Parents Fred and Alice
Tredeau Family	Our Parents and Grandparents
Pam & Don Walker	Best Wishes to All!
Rev. Angela Wells	The amazing UCC Staff: Bobbie, Joe, Larainne, Alison and Steve!
Robert Winsor	Samantha Winsor

JANUARY BIRTHDAY WISHES

6 Nelson Eby	19 Erin Killilea
7 Ali & Peter Wisniewski	20 Penny Marsh
8 Kathy Olney	20 Ruth Reddig
9 Denise Reicher	22 John Heald
14 Bob Anderson	26 Sara Goodrich-Byers
16 Suzanne Trefethen	28 Tom Killilea
18 Bob Marsh	28 Jan McSheffrey
18 Beverly Maher	31 Kristin Duran



PEOPLE TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS



Anna Karwan's Mom Irene
Larainne Wilson and her Dad Allen Wilson
Sheri Wilson's nephew Tyler and her Mom
Deb Glancy's friend Mario
Jan Blandino and her great grandson Brandon
Contoni (only 6 and diagnosed with a rare cancer)
Nancy Todd's Mom Dot Gordon
Cindy Phillips Dad in Hospice
Chris Cahoon
Carol Downing's husband Ron
Sheila Vitale
Nick Ciano's Mom Jenny
Bobbie Killilea's friend little Chloe Peterson
and John Ford
Joe's parents Joseph & Lillian, niece Kari,
and former student Ian
Woody Knowles' friend Chris Carbeau's
grandson-serious health issues
Kendra's Grandfather Phil
Joyce Carpenter's grandnephew baby Logan
Jessy McNeil's Brother Mel, Mom and Sister Grace
Anne Stafford's grandsons Tyler and Zach
Dorothy Murdoch's daughter Judy and brother Frank
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
Ginger Mungillo's son, Jim
Fred Garside
Alan Wright's Mom Mary

CONDOLENCES

Our dear member Ruth Roach passed away in December. Please keep her many family members and friends in your thoughts and prayers. A long wonderful life! Ruth will be dearly missed!

Arun Arumugam's brother, Prithiviraj Arumugam passed away this week. Please keep Arun and his family in your prayers! Our deepest sympathy!

Worship Participation Schedule

January 1
10:30am
Communion Prep: Jan McSheffrey-Dave Ierardi
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
Head Usher: Dave Hooper
Ushers: Dave & Janet Hooper/Mark & Donna Flecchia
Greeters: Volunteers
Nursery Coverage: Sheri Wilson-Nicole Flecchia
Flower Deliverer: Not needed today
Collector: Carol Downing
Coffee Host: Kay Shute
Bakers: Kay-Jane Raymond-Jessy McNeil

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.

January 8
10:30am
Guest Preacher: Mark Flecchia
Lay Leader: Michael Lewis
Head Usher: Everett Langley
Ushers: Everett-John Heald-Carol Downing-Barbara Moran
Greeters: Bev Maher
Church School: Laraine Wilson-TBA
Nursery Coverage: Alison Dunbar-Paul Raymond
Flower Deliverer: BevMaher
Collector: Everett Langley
Coffee Host: Donna Flecchia
Bakers: Donna-Anne Stafford-Bev Maher

January 15
10:30am
Lay Leader: Deb Glancy
Head Usher: Mark Flecchia
Ushers: Mark-Chris & Gary Stahlinski-Dave Ierardi
Greeters: Luella Brown
Church School: Laraine Wilson-TBA
Nursery Coverage: Sheri Wilson-Sam Flecchia
Flower Deliverer: Marge Zamanian
Collector: Marge Zamanian
Coffee Host: Chris Stahlinski
Bakers: Chris-Bobbie Killilea-Wynelle Scenna

January 22
10:30am
Lay Leader: Craig Baker
Head Usher: Conrad Fong
Ushers: Conrad-Marge Zamanian-Kari Lynch-Kendra Griep
Greeters: Jean Bastos
Church School: Laraine Wilson-TBA
Nursery Coverage: Sheri Wilson-Damalie Dakoye
Flower Deliverer: Sue Trefethen
Collector: TBA
Coffee Host: Jan McSheffrey-Carol Downing
Bakers: Jan-Carol-Shirley Fong

January 29
10:30am
Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani
Head Ushers: Janine Towle
Ushers: Janine-Deb Raymond
Jane Raymond-Volunteer
Greeters: Janice Grace
Church School: Laraine Wilson-TBA
Nursery Coverage: Sheri Wilson-Donna Flecchia
Flower Deliverer: Cindy Phillips
Collector: Barbara Moran
Coffee Host: Barbara Moran
Bakers: Barbara-Hilary Bonnell

February 5
10:30am
Communion Prep: Donna Ferro-Deb Glancy
Lay Leader: Dave Hooper
Head Usher: Marcia Rich
Ushers: Marcia-Michael Deluca
Mark & Donna Flecchia
Greeter: Kay Shute
School: Laraine-TBA
Nursery: Sheri-Jan McSheffrey
Flower Delivery: Anna Karwan
Collector: Marcia Rich
Potluck Luncheon for Annual Meeting!
(Congregation-see sign up sheet!)

JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year!!  10:30am Communion	2 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p Trustees 7:30p AA	3 NO True North Pastor Hours 7:15p Deacons	4 Rosie's Volunteers To Boston 1p C4C 5:45p Youth Choir 7p Scouts 7:15p Adult Choir	5 NO True North Pastor Hours	6	7
8 10:30a Worship/ School 4pm Inter- faith Forum @ Islamic Center	9 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p AA	10 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	11 1p C4C 5:45p Youth Choir 7p Scouts 7:15p Adult Choir	12 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	13	14 Montessori Open House 9am MLK Day of Learning in Brookline
15 10:30a Worship/ School Moment of Reflection	16 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p AA	17 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	18 1p C4C 5:45p Youth Choir 7p Scouts 7:15p Adult Choir	19 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 7p New Members Class	20	21 Memorial Service & Reception George Skelton
22 10:30a Worship/ School	23 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p AA	24 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	25 1p C4C 5:45p Youth Choir 7p Scouts 7:15p Adult Choir	26 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	27	28
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Happy New Year!

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