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HILLTOP HERALD

JUNE 2017

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Dear UCC Family,

Our denominations, both the Congregational Church and the United Church of Christ, come out of the Reformed tradition. Martin Luther started this movement in 1517 when he broke away from the Catholic church, for a whole host of reasons. This year is the 500th anniversary of that split. In June/July of this year, there will be a global gathering in Leipzig, Germany, to celebrate this important anniversary. This gathering is organized by the World Communion of Reformed Churches. There will be representatives from reformed traditions all over the world. I was asked to attend this gathering on behalf of the United Church of Christ, along with 6 other delegates from across the UCC. It was a privilege to be asked, and I will report back after my trip as to what took place. I will leave here on June 24th. After the conference concludes on July 7th, I will stay in Europe for a few extra weeks to have a Wells eurotrip vacation with my family. Because the conference and my vacation are nestled together, I will be out of town for just short of a month, which is a really long time. I don't like being away from you all that long and I don't like being out of the pulpit that long. Unfortunately, it's just how things are working out this year. But not to worry, you all will be on good hands, here's what the Sunday worship schedule looks like while I am away:

June 25th: Our own Debbie Claar will be preaching! Worship at 10:30am
July 2nd: We will worship at the Presbyterian Church at 335 Cambridge St. at 9:30am
July 9th: Kate Byers will be guest preaching, you don't want to miss it! First summer Sunday service at 9:30am.
July 16th: Guest preacher Rev. Megan Snell, former pastoral resident at Wellesley Village Church (and younger than me, if you can believe it!), service at 9:30am.

As for pastoral concerns, I will make sure that someone is on-call in case of any emergencies and I will get their contact information out to you. The good news is that I will be back just in time for our church's 285th anniversary celebration on July 23rd! If you are in town, you'll want to make sure you come to church that Sunday!

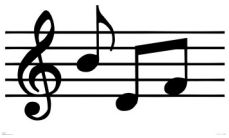
Love,

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 NOTES



June Rehearsals

The Adult Choir will rehearse on June 7 and June 14 at 7:15 pm. The Youth Choir will not rehearse in June, but they will sing for Pentecost Sunday, June 4.

Music Sunday

We invite you to join us for a special celebration in thanksgiving for the gift of music in the life of our church on Sunday, June 18 at the 10:30 AM service. Trumpeter Tom Palance will join our choir in providing music for this service. A special coffee hour will follow to thank all of our choir members for their service this year and to remember with love our choir member Suzanne Trefethen, who passed away during this church year.

Thank you, Choir Members!

Please take a moment on Music Sunday – or any Sunday! -- to thank our choir members for their ministry of music. Our Youth Choir members are Kristen Harder, Laura Harder, and Diana Sears. Our Adult Choir members are: Arun Arumugam, Aline Beck, Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Bill Hitchcock, Dorothy Murdoch, Tom Spearson, Lynn & Lee Tirrell, Nancy Todd, and Deana Tredeau. We are also very grateful for Bill Beyer, Charlotte & Howie Blaney, Ted Brierley, David Hooper, Julie Lewis, Laura Nowell, and Don Walker, who joined us for special occasions throughout the year.

Thank you, Arun!

Our thanks and best wishes to Arun Arumugam, who sang with the choir this year but has now headed back home to India to be with his family. We are so grateful that we had a chance to welcome Arun as a member of our church family this year, and we hope he will return to us soon!

Summer Musicians Needed

The choirs begin their well-deserved summer vacation right after Music Sunday. We are in need of volunteers to provide special music for our summer services. You would only need to provide one vocal or instrumental solo for a Sunday service if you volunteer. If you're interested in volunteering, please see Joe Stoddard at church or send him an email at music@uccburlington.org.

Deacons' Special Music Fund

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

-Ken and Jean Baker, in memory of Joseph Stoddard, Sr.
-Marion Braley-Freeman, in memory of Joseph Stoddard, Sr.
-Debbie Claar, in memory of Joseph Stoddard, Sr.
-Nancy E. Davis, in memory of Joseph Stoddard, Sr.
-Bobbie & Tom Killilea, in memory of Joseph Stoddard, Sr.
-Bobbie & Tom Killilea, in celebration of Joe Stoddard's birthday
-Ann & Charles Onthank, in memory of Joseph Stoddard, Sr.
-The Polish Women's Business & Professional Club of New Bedford, in memory of Joseph Stoddard, Jr.
-Jane & Paul Raymond, in memory of Joseph Stoddard, Sr.
-Anne Stafford, in memory of Joseph Stoddard, Sr.
-Marjorie & Berj Zamanian, in memory of Joseph Stoddard, Sr.

A Personal Note from Joe

I am so grateful to this congregation for hosting the memorial service for my father in late April. Thank you so much for your kind expressions of sympathy, for attending his service, for the cards and gifts, and for your donations in his memory to the Deacons' Special Music Fund. Paul and I, my siblings and their families, and my aunts and uncles and cousins were all touched by your kindness to us.

Keep in touch!

Email: music@uccburlington.org
Twitter: @uccbmusic
Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs
Google+: Joe Stoddard (music@uccburlington.org)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Saturday, June 10th - Boston Pride Parade - Bring your children and march with us in Pride as we support our LGBT brothers and sisters and the Open and Affirming commitment of our church!

Sunday June 11th – Youth Sunday (ALL youth who wish to participate will have roles) and Ice Cream Social. See Jan or Larainne with questions.

Saturday June 24th @ 5:30 p.m. – Lowell Spinners Game – Let's close the church school year with a fun event! Tickets start at $6. Bring a friend! ALL Church Members are invited! See Larainne with questions or to reserve these discounted tickets for your family! Day of tickets are more expensive and don't guarantee that we can sit together! I would like to order them by Monday, May 22nd.

We are also continuing our LAST Sunday School Unit of the Year "Fresh Winds Blowing" which will run to June 4th.

Last summer we had great fun following Flat Jesus adventures. This summer, Angela and CE are preparing "Church to Go boxes" for all families! More details are coming!

Blessings, Larainne

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering to be a coffee hour host. We have had a few hosts remove themselves from duty and now our numbers our low. If we get three or four more hosts people would only have to host once every other month or so. If you would like more info please email Janine Towle at msjaninetowle@gmail.com.

JUNE TRUE NORTH SCHEDULE

June 1st: 9am-11am
June 6th: 4pm-6pm
June 8th: 9-11am
June 13th: 4-6:00pm
June 15th: 9-11am
June 20th: 4-6pm

Pastor Angela's True North hours will be suspended after June 20th and will resume in the fall, after Labor Day. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to her directly if you'd like to get together. She'd be happy to catch up with you by appointment. Hint hint: She loves taking walks and dining al fresco in the summertime!

T-SHIRTS WITH OUR CHURCH LOGO! AND BOSTON PRIDE DAY!

Preordered shirts will be available for pickup Friday June 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 at the Church or at Coffee Hour on June 11. Additional Shirts will be available for purchase for $15 at Coffee Hour beginning June 11. Show your love for Burlington UCC by wearing it on your chest! Order forms available at coffee hour, in the church office, or email your order to Goodrichbyers@gmail.com

Join us for the **Boston Pride Parade on June10th** (and wear your T-Shirt). See the signup sheet at coffee hour if you would like to join us at the parade!

MULTI-FAMILY FLEA MARKET
SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 9 -2PM RAIN OR SHINE

Clean-out your closets, attic, basement and garage. We will be having a FLEA MARKET. Consider donating items to the church table or reserve a table to sell your goods. Proceeds will support church programs.

You may be bring items to donate to the church table on Friday, June 16, 2-5pm or call the office to arrange drop-off.
Please label "For FLEA MARKET DONATION".
If you need help with donating items, let us know.

We are in need of helpers to set up at 7am, volunteers for the church tables, helpers to clean up and people to take our leftovers to BIG BRO/BIG SIS at STOP & SHOP, Sister Thrift and to Salvation Army in Wilmington.

Please see SIGN-UP SHEET at coffee hour.

If you are interested in reserving space and tables call the church office: (781)272-4547 or send a request to MICHAEL LEWIS: moderator@uccburlington.org
A donation of 25% of proceeds is requested.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to come and shop. It's always a fun event.

Co-Chairs: Michael Lewis & Shirley Fong / Assistants: Jan McSheffrey & David McNeil

NOTES OF GRATITUDE FROM THE TRUSTEES:

Nick Ciano and his crew for donating their time, talent and resources to renovating the Parsonage master bathroom and making assorted repairs to the Parsonage.

Paul Raymond who went beyond the call of duty and took it upon himself to cut up a tree that had fallen near the church and stacked all of the wood and branches so they could be removed.

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and their parents who volunteered their time to spruce up the area around the Church during the Annual Spring Clean Up day. Among the jobs they performed:
- Rake the yard
- Helped the Trustees sweep the sand from the parking lot
- Cut up a tree that had fallen and moved the wood and branches into the woods
- Dredged the drainage ditch in the yard to allow excess water from the parking lot to flow into the yard
- Cleaned out the window wells

Trustees Committee for working with the Scouts during the Spring Clean Up Day, installing new bulletin boards and miscellaneous cleaning duties.

To each and everyone of you, thanks and you are all truly awesome.

Conrad Fong
Trustees Chairperson

BOARD OF MISSIONS

ROSIE'S PLACE

Thanks to those volunteers who ventured into Boston in May for our day to prepare and serve lunch at Rosie's (a homeless shelter in Boston). Our next day to volunteer is Wednesday, September 20th 10:30-12:30.

Signup sheets will be out in late July.

Those interested contact Jan McSheffrey at afdove@verizon.net or 781-454-6050

TEAM AWESOME MISSION TRIP!

Our mission trip is coming up soon! Team Awesome has chosen to go to Farmington Maine this summer during the first week of August. Barbara Moran, Michael Lewis, Angela Wells, Nicole Flecchia, Nick Turgiss, Rachel McNeil, Kristen Harder, and Laura Harder will be going on the mission trip. We will be repairing houses for those who are unable to do it themselves or can't afford it, such as the elderly and disabled. Our work will include painting houses and repairing roofs, porches, steps, ramps, etc. You can help out Team Awesome by renting a kid. If you rent a kid, a member of Team Awesome will do household chores for you in return for funding for the mission trip. You can also help by sponsoring one of the members of Team Awesome. If you would like to sponsor one of the people going on the mission trip, please contact Michael Lewis or Kristen Harder.

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

C4C will continue to meet during the summer. Bring your craft an join us at 1:00 on Wednesday afternoons.

We meet in the Conference room which is air conditioned. In September we will begin working on projects for the Fall Fair.

Please feel free to stop by for a short visit or the entire afternoon. For more information talk to Susan Eby

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:

2 lb packages of Flour
2 lb packages of sugar
Juice
Juice packets

Please bring items to worship on June 25 and we will bring them forward during the service.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY SATURDAY JUNE10TH 8-3PM

We can meet at church at 7:30am (carpool?)

We can also bring a lunch and have a relaxing picnic.
More information forthcoming!

SAVE THE DATE

Our Meeting House will be 285 Years old on July 23, 2017.

Please come to church on Sunday, July 23rd 9:30am service to learn more about the building of our meeting house from Mike Tredeau.

Then stay after the service for a Summer Social Event with Special Music.

We are in planning stages but we will be looking forward to seeing many of you.

At long last, the UCC s once again sponsoring a night of intrigue, and most of all, fun! In other words, we're bringing back the **Murder Mystery and Dinner** event on ***Saturday, September 23, 2017*** and all donations will go to the general fund of the Church. There will be an "Island Theme" so prepare to set sail for some high adventure. Although Co-Directors Janine Towle and Debbie Claar are already on board, we need some more mates to help us make the event a success. Planning way ahead of time is key for this event so we need the following on board asap:

BEHIND THE SCENES DECK CREW

If you are interested in helping us coordinate the dinner, set up the cruise and launch the publicity, we need you to meet with us a couple of times in June so we can insure we have smooth sailing come September. Although we will most likely have a potluck "Island Theme", we will need Dinner coordinators, Servers and a Publicity coordinator. You can sign up at coffee hour over the next couple of weeks and we will have a planning meeting once our crew has volunteered.

ACTORS

If you have ever dreamed about being on the stage and want to make your debut or your return to the stage, WE NEED ACTORS FOR OUR SEA ADVENTURE. Please don't be shy as this is your opportunity to shine and collaborate with some great people! Please let us know if you are interested in playing one of the 14 colorful characters. There will be a sign-up sheet at coffee hour. The description of each part will be available and if you find one you just have to play, please put that part down on the sign-up sheet next to your contact info. Once we have our cast, we will begin the rehearsals in mid-August.

Here is the rehearsal schedule:

Sunday, August 20 Lunch and Read Through from Noon-2
Sunday, August 27 Noon-1* Specific Scene Work
Sunday, September 3 Noon-1* Specific Scene Work
Sunday, September 10 3-5
Sunday, September 17 3-5
Friday, September 22 7-9 RUNTHROUGH
Saturday, September 23 IT'S SHOWTIME FOLKS!

IF NOT FOR THE COURAGE OF OUR FEARLESS CREW OUR MYSTERY DINNER COULD BE LOST.
SO CLIMB ABOARD AND HELP US MAKE THE NIGHT A ROUSING SUCCESS!

GREEN TEAM WINS AWARD!

UCC Burlington has been working hard to live into stewardship over the past few years, and now the church has been recognized by the larger Mass Conference as a Level 1 Green Congregation.
To earn this honor, the church, led by its Green Team, completed 12 Eco-Stewardship items in the first level including creating a "Green Team," changing to more energy efficient lighting when replacing fixtures, LED holiday lighting, setting water heaters at 120* for efficiency, and broadcasting energy saving/eco-friendly tips to the larger congregation in our publications.

To view the larger Green Congregation challenge items please visit :http://www.macucc.org/greencongregations. It's worth noting that some items under level 2 and level 3 are also under way in our church! With a lot of hard work by Team Solar Light of Christ, UCC Burlington has voted to install solar panels on the education building and the contracts are being finalized now with a plan to have installation before the end of the year. These improvements all are only possible by the dedication of individuals to items that catch their attention, hard work of the trustees, and support of the congregation.

PEOPLE TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Sue Wisniewski
Marie Perrot
Karen Ciardi's Mom
Bev Maher
Jan Blandino and her great grandson Brandon Contoni
Anne Stafford, her son Kevin and grandsons Zach and Tyler
Claire Simas
Ken Baker
Elizabeth King
Luella Brown
Tom Killilea
Chris Cahoon
Janice Grace
Susan and Jen Eby's friend John
Carol Downing's husband Ron
Nick Ciano's Mom Jenny
Bobbie's friend John Ford-Cancer
Jessy McNeil's Brother Mel, Mom Ellen and Sister Grace
Dot Drinkwater
Ruth Reddig
Everett Langley and his brother George
John Heald's sister Susan & Mom
Aimee Tredeau's friend Amanda
Ginger Mungillo's son, Jim
Fred Garside
Dorothy Murdoch, her granddaughter Meghan and son Bob

CONGRATULATIONS

Baptized on May 21st, Ivan Alexander Scenna, son of Matt and Cynthia, grandson of Robert and Wynelle. Blessing to you all!

BABY NEWS! Elliot Richard Spearson, son of Caitlin and Tom Spearson was born on 5/28/17 at 1:54am, weighing in at 7 pounds 8 ounces! Congratulations and Blessings to all of you!

GRADUATES

-**Jaime Cahoon** graduated from Curry College and received her Nursing Pin. State Boards in June!
-**Nicholas Ciardi** graduated from UMass Dartmouth May 13
-**Nick Karwan** is graduating from Burlington High and will attend Fitchburg State University to pursue a degree in Media Arts and Communication.
-**Rachel McNeil** is graduating from Burlington High and will be attending Mt Holyoke in Western Mass in the Fall with interest in Neuroscience. This summer she will continue to work at Levant in Woburn with Micheal Lewis and Starbucks at Wayside Burlington.
-**Josephine Samarjian** will be attending Unity College in Maine majoring in Captive Wildlife Care and Education with a minor in Art. With this major she will be learning about advocating and conservation of wildlife. She hopes to be working with all kinds of animals in zoos as an educator and rescue facilities as a wildlife rehabilitator. More specifically she'd love to work with large cats in a sanctuary or a rehabilitation setting.

JUNE BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

1	Nancy Davis	16	Joyce Baylor	29	Valerie (Hooper) Rollo
3	Susan Eby	20	Joshua & Jason Cahoon	30	Donna Ferro
4	Jessy McNeil	23	Bobbie Killilea		
5	Bailey Towle	23	Kim Munch		
9	Brenda Cahoon	27	June Landin		
15	Jan Costa	28	Frances Nicoletta		

Worship Participation Schedule

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.

June 4	Communion Preparers: Kay Shute-Marge Zamanian	
10:30am	Lay Leader:	Michael Lewis
	Head Usher:	Janine Towle
	Ushers:	Janine-Wynelle Scenna
		Karen Ciardi-Chris Stahlinski
	Greeters:	Barbara Nadaff-volunteer
	School:	Jan Costa-TBA
	Nursery Coverage:	Nicole Flecchia-Damali Dakoye
	Flower Deliverer:	Not Needed Today
	Collector:	Karen Ciardi
	Coffee Host:	Donna Flecchia
	Bakers:	Donna-Barbara Moran-Nancy Todd

YOUTH SUNDAY and ICE CREAM SOCIAL

June 11	Lay Leader:	Chris Stahlnski
10:30am	Head Usher:	Conrad Fong
	Red Friendship Pads:	Amelia Lewis-Josie Ursino *(with help from parents)*
	Ushers:	Paul & Deb Ursino and Michael & Alex Lewis *(will light the candles)*
	Greeters:	Deb Raymond and Precious Kabagahya
	Offering:	Peter & Alice Wisniewski *(with help from Paul Raymond & Mark Flecchia)*
	Love Offering:	Autumn & Aiden Wilson *(with help from Paul Raymond, Mark Flecchia and Sheri Wilson)*
	Nursery:	Nicole Flecchia-Cindy Phillips
	Flower Deliverer:	Not needed today
	Collector:	Everett Langley
	Coffee:	Ice Cream Social by CE
	Bakers:	Christian Education

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY-FATHER'S DAY

June 18	Lay Leader:	Craig Baker
10:30am	Head Usher:	Marcia Rich
	Ushers:	Marcia-John Getsinger-Carol Downing-Donna Flecchia
	Greeters:	Nancy Davis-volunteer
	School:	Larainne-TBA
	Nursery:	Nicole Flecchia-Mark Flecchia
	Flower Deliverer:	Jess McNeil
	Collector:	Dick Butler
	Coffee:	Janine Towle
	Bakers:	Janine-Chris Stahlinski-Anne Stafford
June 25	Lay Leader:	Deb Glancy
10:30am	Head Usher:	Dave McNeil
	Ushers:	Dave-Barbara Moran-Gordon Brown-TBA
	Greeters:	Jean Bastos-volunteer
	School:	Larainne-TBA
	Nursery:	Nicole Flecchia-Jan McSheffrey
	Flower Deliverer:	Marge Zamanian
	Collector:	Marge Zamanian
	Coffee:	John Heald-Everett Langley
	Bakers:	John-Everett-Karen Welch-Shirley Fong

Ecumenical Service AT THE Presbyterian Church—NO Service HERE!

July 2	Lay Leader:	Chris Stahlinski
9:30am*	Collector:	Barbara Moran

Please note worship will change to 9:30am during July and August!

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Montessori School Mon-Fri 8-6pm				1 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	2 6-8p Burlington Day Care Rental	3
4 Pentecost 10:30a Communion	5 6:15p CE Mtg **7:30p AA** 7:30p Trustees	6 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 7:15p Deacons	7 1:00pC4C 7:15p Choir	8 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	9 11a Montessori Graduation Event 1p World of Learning Rental	10 **7:30a Habitat For Humanity** Boston Pride Parade
11 Youth Ministry 10:30a Youth Sunday Worship! Ice Cream Social Noon Music Committee Mtg.	12 **7:30p AA**	13 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	14 1:00p C4C 7:15p Choir Flag Day!	15 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	16 Yard Sale Items for Church table drop off between 2-5pm	17 **9-2pm UCC**
18 FATHER'S DAY! 10:30a Worship &	19 **7:30p AA**	20 First Day of Summer 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 7:15p PC Meeting	21 1:00p C4C **July AND August Hilltop Newsletter Articles DUE**	22 NO True North Hours	23	24 5:30p
25 10:30a Worship Red Wagon Noon Called to Care Meeting	26 **7:30p AA**	27 No True North Hours	28 9:30a Hilltop Folding 1:00p C4C	29 No True North Hours	30	

Please note *July 2nd* we will worship AT THE Presbyterian Church, 335 Cambridge Street at 9:30am. There will be NO Worship Service Here.
Also, Worship time for July and August will change to 9:30am!

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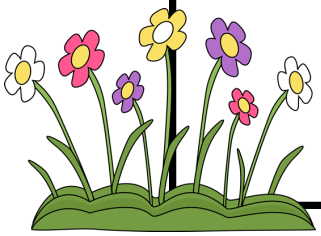
6 Lexington Street
Burlington, MA 01803
Address Service Requested



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