

# HILLTOP HERALD

APRIL 2018

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Beloved Ones,

As we settle into the Easter Season, let us take a moment to reflect upon the conditions in which God's beloved son was raised. He was born in a foreign town, Bethlehem, his parents forced to go there because it's where Joseph's family was originally from. They presumably knew no one in town. When he was a young boy, they had to flee to Egypt because Herod was threatening to kill all the young boys, in an attempt to find and kill Jesus. Jesus spent his life on the road, ministering in different towns and communities. Jerusalem was his spiritual home, but he was even rejected there by the locals and the authorities. This sense of home, of identity, of belonging, is a nebulous one for Jesus. And yet, we place so much emphasis on it. We want to know where people are from, where they were born, where they were raised. It's not enough that someone is contributing to society, paying taxes, working, volunteering, or raising a family. It matters not how long someone has lived somewhere, what's important is what their papers say.

Right here, in Burlington, families are being torn apart because their papers say different things. Because mom or dad is not a US citizen. It doesn't matter that she doesn't have a criminal record. It doesn't matter that he's the breadwinner and his deportation will force the family to go on government assistance. It doesn't matter that they've lived here for 25 years. It doesn't matter that their children are *legal citizens*. It doesn't matter that she got an education here. It doesn't matter that he left his country of origin because his other family members were killed and he feared that he was next. It doesn't matter that their child needs life-saving care at a local hospital. It doesn't matter that she left because her only options in her home country were to be a prostitute for a gang or be killed because she knew too much. These people are being told to report to the Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) Offices right here in Burlington with their travel documents in hand, because they're going to be deported. Children are being deported; chairs in classrooms are filled one day and empty the next, with no explanation given to the teacher or students. What we are doing to families in our communities is cruel and unjust and, as people of faith, we have a moral responsibility to make our voices heard. Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," (Matthew 25:35). In the Good Samaritan story, Jesus tells us that we are to care for anyone who has a need, because that person is our neighbor. Ephesians 22:19 says, 'So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God.'

There are currently vigils being held on an as-needed basis at the ICE Offices, which are located at The District off of Mall Rd. **If you'd like to be kept informed about upcoming vigils, please sign up for The Burlington Cluster at [Bit.ly/burlingtoncluster](http://Bit.ly/burlingtoncluster).** The organizers are also trying to organize Jericho Walks, which would take place at the same day/time each week, and we'd walk around the ICE Building in order to be a more consistent presence and to offer support to anyone who may need to check in that day. If you'd like to help organize a Jericho Walk, (they're looking for different houses of worship to sponsor them), please email me at [RevWells@UCCBurlington.org](mailto:RevWells@UCCBurlington.org).

Faithful folks, we have a sacred opportunity to pray with our feet, with our signs, with our voices, and with our presence. Won't you join me in offering support and solidarity to our undocumented neighbors and their families?

With Love Out Loud,

*Rev. Angela V. Wells*

Rev. Angela Wells





**Coffee and Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:45am** in Sewall (Big) Hall prior to our 10:30am Easter Worship Service. Provided by our Christian Education Committee.

**Easter Sunrise Service AT 6:30am.** Planned by our Confirmation group, we will gather across Bedford Street, near the tennis courts, for the service. Dress warmly! Donuts, hot chocolate /coffee provided by Deb Glancy and Donna Ferro after the service!

**Easter Festival Service begins at 10:15** as we decorate our beautiful floral cross and listen to music from Joe Stoddard and a brass quintet. At 10:30am our service will begin and we will celebrate Communion. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate love's ultimate triumph over evil. Coffee & fellowship to follow.



### TRUE NORTH PASTOR HOURS

Join Rev. Angela at True North Coffee Shop, 204 Cambridge St., Burlington on the following days. However, her office is always open. Come and Chat!

- Tuesday, April 3rd: 4:15-6pm
- Thursday, April 5th: 9am-11am
- Tuesday, April 10th: Cancelled, Angela out of town
- Thursday, April 12th: Cancelled, Angela out of town
- Tuesday, April 17th: 4pm-6pm
- Thursday, April 19th: 9am-11am
- Tuesday, April 24th: 4pm-6pm
- Thursday, April 26th: Cancelled, Angela at conference



Angela will be out of town from Monday, April 9th through Monday, April 16th. She has been asked to guest preach at the church where she was raised in Florida, Lakewood United Church of Christ, in honor of their 50th anniversary, on April 15th. Arianne Kindle, the Executive Director of the Kindle Center in Burlington, will be the guest speaker at our church that day. She will speak about the world from the perspective of people with Autism, and how the church can be supportive of people with Autism and their families. Rev. Heather Hinton of the Second Congregational Church in Winchester will be on call for emergency pastoral coverage. She can be reached at: [508-685-1994](tel:508-685-1994).



### BLESSING OF THE SOLAR PANELS APRIL 22 AT 10:20AM DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

Many have been asking, "When will we bless our new solar panels?" Book the date: April 22 Earth Day. There couldn't be a better day to celebrate the panels which were installed so that our congregation could be better stewards of this lovely earth. We have a fun packed service planned. Here is what you'll need to know:

**Earth Day, April 22, 2018**

**The service will start early. Please arrive at 10:20 a.m.  
We will be meeting outside (rain or shine-hopefully shine)  
Wear green!**

Invite your friends who are committed to being good stewards of the environment.

Following the blessing we will progress into the sanctuary for the service.

Following the service ReVision Energy, our solar panel partner will be holding an open house so people can learn more about this renewable energy option which saves the environment and you money.

We are also planning a fun, and easy, craft-like activity for kids and adults.

In honor of Earth day, we would like to make a few green suggestions for that day:

- Take a shorter shower. Better yet, take a Navy shower: wet, turn off the water, lather, turn the water back on and rinse.
- Carpool to church, or up the ante and bike or walk to church.
- Bring your favorite coffee mug. Even better, bring and leave your less than favorite coffee mug for future use at coffee hour.



## **THANK YOU, MUSICIANS!**

Special thanks to organist Aline Beck and soprano Sarah Clark for filling in for Joe and the choir on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 8.

## **APRIL REHEARSALS:**

The choirs will rehearse every Wednesday in April except for April 4.

Youth Choir will meet from 5:15pm-5:45pm, and Adults will meet from 7:15pm-9pm.

We always welcome new singers!



## **VOICE AND ORGAN RECITAL-MAY 20TH**

Soprano Katie Frigon and organist Joe Stoddard will present an hour-long recital at 3pm on Sunday, May 20th in the sanctuary. A free-will offering will be taken for the benefit of the church's General Fund. A reception will follow in the Education Building. Come join us for this musical afternoon!

Keep in touch! Email:

music@ucburlington.org Twitter: @ucbmusic

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs](http://www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs)

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

## **PROJECTS**

You may have seen in the March Hilltop that the various church committees are working on proposals to be presented to our very generous donor. That process is underway.

If you have any ideas of projects that you think should be considered to enhance our church's missions, please funnel them through the related church committee. The deadline for committees to submit researched proposals is May 7, 2018.

As the spokesperson for this effort, I have heard of many creative ideas and requests. Our church members are thoughtful about this opportunity and looking for ways that we can better walk in the way of Jesus as a church community. I feel blessed to be part of this loving, generous and respectful community.

May Jesus bless your efforts on these proposals, which I know he already has because of why we are working on them!

Thank you, Gail

## MISSIONS UPDATE!



### RED WAGON

The last Sunday of the month we take a collection of non-perishable items needed at our local Pantry here in Burlington. There are families in need of diapers size 3-4-5 and baby wipes. Also needed:

Boxes of Tissues and Vegetable Oil

Please bring to worship on April 29th and we will have the children bring them forwarded during the service.

### ROSIE'S PLACE-BOSTON

Our next volunteer day is on Saturday, May 12th 10-12:30pm.

There will be a signup sheet at coffee hour. Contact Jan McSheffrey at [afdove@verizon.net](mailto:afdove@verizon.net) if interested.



### CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE



Among several projects the C4C is involved in is making hats for the babies in the neonatal unit at Tufts Medical Center. Recently we sent them a number of hats that looked like bunnies because of the knitted ears we attached to them. Also we are making hats for Dana Farber chemo patients. We recently delivered a dozen hats to them which were well received. Crocheted hats for use in the summer are needed so if you would like to make some we will see that they get to Dana Farber. As this winter seems to keep on going we also are going to make more fleece scarves for the homeless in Lowell and the Veterans.

As an ongoing project several of the group are making lap robes and prayer or comfort shawls. Every week during Sunday Service we are reminded about family members and friends who are in need of our prayers and support. There are lap robes and prayer shawls always available to be given to these people who are mentioned out loud or are in our private prayers. If you would like to give a lap robe or shawl to any of these people; they are stored in the Conference room. Reverend Angela, Bobbie Killilea, or any member of C4C can share with you our collection.

All are welcome to spend time with us on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3. We meet in the conference room. We also have a stash of yarn, cotton quilting material and counted cross stitch kits for anyone who would like to use these material.

As the saying goes- "It Takes a Village to raise a child" and it takes many hands to make these handmade items and get them to the people who need them. We thank all of the people who donate yarn, cotton material, and craft kits. Thanks is also extended to those people who say they are not creative with their hands; however, they take time from their lives to help deliver our projects where they are needed. We also like to extend thanks to those people who cannot make our weekly meetings but do work on projects at home and donate their finished projects.



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Easter Sunday:** Easter egg hunt at 9:45 in Sewall Hall (Big Hall)  
Children will hear a story & then find the eggs!  
Children will sing Jump, Shout in Church.  
There will be Sunday school after Children’s story



**Sunday School:**

The Sunday school children are broken into 2 classes, older & younger. The children gave themselves names. The older kids are the God group, the younger kids are the Jesus group.

In March we talked about God’s creation. The God group played a trivia game that moved them along a path of pictures in nature, the younger children made a mobile of things in the sky. They were very busy practicing their rousing Easter song.

**Children’s Sunday** will be May 20 this year. The children that are ending 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this year will be awarded bibles. Sunday School will continue for the 3 weeks after that, the last day is 6/10.



**Youth Service Group:** Money Madness was a great success, brought out all our competitive nature. 3<sup>rd</sup> place was our Choir and Staff, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the Back Section, and our winner—the Front Section.! Thank you very much to all who participated. Nina Merriam & Sam Flechia were crazy fast rolling all those pennies and coins (banks don’t have machines to roll change). We raised a total of \$489!

***Stay tuned for info on the FIRST dinner.***

**Intergenerational Activities:**

3/17 was game night with Irish music, decorations, pizza & green cookies. All the older kids & adults played a rousing build a spaceship game. Very strategic & lots of fun!

### **PLANNED ACTIVITIES:**



**Friday April 20 at 7 pm** High School & Adult movie night. View the moving documentary: “Becoming Bullet Proof”. A story of persons with disabilities; making a movie. Stay for a discussion after the movie facilitated by Deb Claar. Popcorn & beverages provided.

**Saturday May 12 at 4PM.** Don’t be late!

Pool party from 4-5 PM Billerica Boys & Girls Club.

All ages invited, but the Sunday School age kids will love this!



**Sunday June 3 right after church.** Hike/Walk Land Lock Forest in Burlington.  
Enjoy a quick sandwich & cookie right after church to fuel up before we leave for the Forest.

PEOPLE TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS



Anne Stafford, grandson Tyler,  
 grandson Zach and a young friend Amanda  
 Marion Braley Freeman  
 Sara's friend Sarah diagnosed with Cancer  
 Karen Welch's friend June and brother Rick  
 Bobbie Martino-shut-in  
 Barbara Garland  
 Luella Brown  
 John Getsinger's grandson Zach  
 Joe Stoddard's husband Paul Mouratidis  
 Elise Surko-with Hospice  
 Wynelle Scenna's brother  
 Conrad Fong  
 Steve Fennelly  
 Ann Onthank  
 Bill Livezey's daughter-in-law's sister Susan  
 Jessy McNeil's brother Mel and sister Grace

Henry Knopp  
 Jan Blandino and her great grandson Brandon  
 Elizabeth King  
 Dorothy Murdoch's granddaughter Meghan  
 and son Bob  
 Carol Downing's husband Ron  
 Bobbie & Tom's friend John  
 Dot Drinkwater  
 Ruth Reddig  
 Everett Langley's brother George  
 John Heald's sister Susan & Mom  
 Aimee Tredeau's friend Amanda  
 Ginger Mungillo's son, Jim  
 Fred Garside

And all those effected by the recent hurricanes,  
 fires and senseless violence here and worldwide!



1 Alan Beck  
 9 Kristen Costa  
 10 Josephine Samarjian  
 11 Janine Towle  
 12 Luella Brown  
 13 Tina Brierley  
 13 Pam Walker  
 14 Brad Bond  
 14 Josephine Ursino  
 15 Donald Walker  
 19 Janet Hooper  
 21 Shirley Fong

23 Jaime Cahoon  
 24 Oksana Turgiss  
 25 Allison Phillips  
 28 Kristen Harder  
 30 April Hooper  
 30 Mark Forbush



Deepest sympathy to Pam Hayes and their entire family on the recent passing of her dear mother Barbara Hayes. Barbara was a dear friend and long time member of our church. She will be missed!

**WORSHIP  
PARTICIPATION  
SCHEDULE**

April 1 2018  
 10:30am Communion Prep: Jessy McNeil-Jan McSheffrey  
 Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani  
 Head Usher: Marcia Rich  
 Ushers: Marcia-John Getsinger  
 Carol Downing-Nick Karwan  
 Greeters: Barbara Moran-Anne Stafford  
 School: Deb Raymond -Jessy McNeil  
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Mark Flecchia  
 Collector: Everett Langley  
 11:30am Coffee Hour: Susan & Nelson Eby  
 Bakers: Susan-Shirley Fong-Karen Welch

April 8  
 10:30am Lay Leader: Michael Lewis  
 Head Usher: Dave McNeil  
 Ushers: Dave-Kari Lynch  
 Kellsee Lynch-Dave Ieradi  
 Greeters: Janice Grace  
 School: Deb Raymond- Roberta Low  
 Nursery: Kristin-Karen Ciardi  
 Flower Deliverer:: Marge Zamanian  
 Collector: Marge Zamanian  
 Coffee Hour: Donna Flecchia  
 Bakers: Sally Willard-Cindy Phillips

April 15  
 10:30am Lay Leader: Deb Claar  
 Head Usher: Janine Towle  
 Ushers: Janine-Karen Butler  
 Dick Butler-Deb Glancy  
 Greeters: Karen Butler  
 School: Deb Raymond-Jan Costa  
 Nursery: Kristin-Paul Raymond  
 Flower Deliverer: Cindy Phillips  
 Collector: Carol Downing  
 Coffee Hour: Kay Shute -Jane Raymond  
 Bakers: Kay-Jane-Emily DeLuca

April 22  
 10:30am Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski  
 Head Usher: Everett Langley  
 Ushers: Everett-John Heald  
 Paul Raymond-Jane Raymond  
 Greeters: Wynelle Scenna  
 School: Deb Raymond- TBA  
 Nursery: Kristin-Sarah Goodrich  
 Flower Deliverer: Nancy Davis  
 Collector: Wynelle Scenna  
 Coffee Hour: Green Team  
 Bakers: Green Team

April 29 Lay Leader: Sarah Clark  
 10:30am Head Usher: Bill Hitchcock  
 Ushers: Bill-Mark Flecchia  
 Donna Flecchia  
 Sally Willard  
 Greeters: Kay Shute  
 School: Deb Raymond-TBA  
 Nursery: Kristin-Damalie  
 Flower Deliverer: Bill Livezey  
 Collector: Dick Butler  
 Coffee Hour: Christian Ed  
 Bakers: Christian Ed

May 6 Communion Preparers: Dave Ierardi  
 10:30am Janice Grace  
 Lay Leader: Carol Downing  
 Head Usher: Conrad Fong  
 Ushers: Conrad-Gordon Brown  
 Marge Zamanian  
 Barbara Moran  
 Greeters: Sue Eby  
 School: Deb Raymond-Chris S.  
 Nursery: Kristin-Mark Flecchia  
 Flower Deliverer: Janice Grace  
 Collector: Barbara Moran  
 Coffee Hour: Jan McSheffrey  
 Bakers Jan-Shirley Fong  
 -Karen Welch

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

If you cannot host/bake Contact:  
 Janine Towle at 781-272-7679 or  
 msjaninetowle@gmail.com

# April 2018

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat                       |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|---------------------------|
| 1 <br>6:30a Easter Sunrise Service<br>9:30a Egg Hunt<br>10:15a Easter Service & Coffee Hour following | 2<br>7:30p AA<br>7:30p Trustees   | 3 <br>4-6p True North Hours<br>6p SLAA<br>7:15p Deacons | 4<br>1p C4C<br>No choir rehearsals<br>7-9p Scouts  | 5<br>9-11a True North Hours<br>    | 6<br>5:30p Girl Scout PJ Dance   | 7                         |
| 8<br>10:30a Worship School<br>Noon Missions Meeting  | 9<br><b>Rev. Anglea Out of office Thru 4/16</b><br>6:15p CE<br>7:30p AA | 10<br>No True North Pastor Hours<br>6p SLAA  | 11<br>1p C4C<br>5:15p Youth Choir<br>7-9p Scouts<br>7:15p Adult                                | 12<br>No True North Pastor Hours  | 13<br>5:30p Scouts   | 14                        |
| 15<br>10:30a Worship School  | 16<br><b>PATRIOT'S DAY -Office Will be closed</b><br>7:30p AA           | 17 <br>4-6p True North Hours<br>6p SLAA<br>7:15p PC    | 18<br>1p C4C<br>5:15p Youth Choir<br>7-9p Scouts<br>7:15p Adult Choir                          | 19<br>9-11a True North Hours<br> | 20<br><b>MAY HILLTOP ARTICLES ARE DUE!!!</b><br>7pm<br> | 21                        |
| 22<br><b>10:20a</b> Worship School-Blessing Solar Panels<br>  | 23<br>7:30p AA  | 24 <br>4-6p True North Hours<br>6p SLAA               | 25<br>9:30a Hilltop Folding<br>1p C4C<br>5:15p Youth Choir<br>7-9p Scouts<br>7:15p Adult Choir | 26<br>No True North Pastor Hours<br><b>UCC Fundraiser at UNO's Woburn ALL DAY EVENT!</b>                              | 27   | 28<br>Party Rental 6-11pm |
| 29<br>10:30a Worship School-Red Wagon needs<br>   | 30<br>7:30p AA  |  |  |   |  |                           |



There are several ways to buy:

-Leave a completed order form and check made out to UCC Burlington in the Gift Card Orders mailbox in the church office. (Note "gift cards" on the memo line.)

-Order online at [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://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.

Remember you get your gift cards at full value and a percentage comes back to the church. It's a win win for all!

**Order by  
April 29th**

**Receive Cards by  
May 6th (in time for Mother's day!)**

### CHURCH FUNDRAISER ON APRIL 26TH

Take the day off and let someone else do the cooking.!

Enjoy either dine- in or take-out **ALL day on April 26th**. Up to **20%** of your order, including drinks, will come back to the church. If you purchased any UNO Gift Cards through or Gift Card program be sure to use them that day!

Please be sure to cut and take the coupon with you and present it to your server or at takeout.

*Thanks for supporting the church!*



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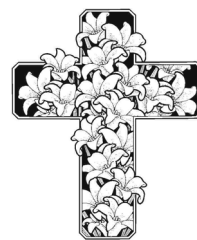
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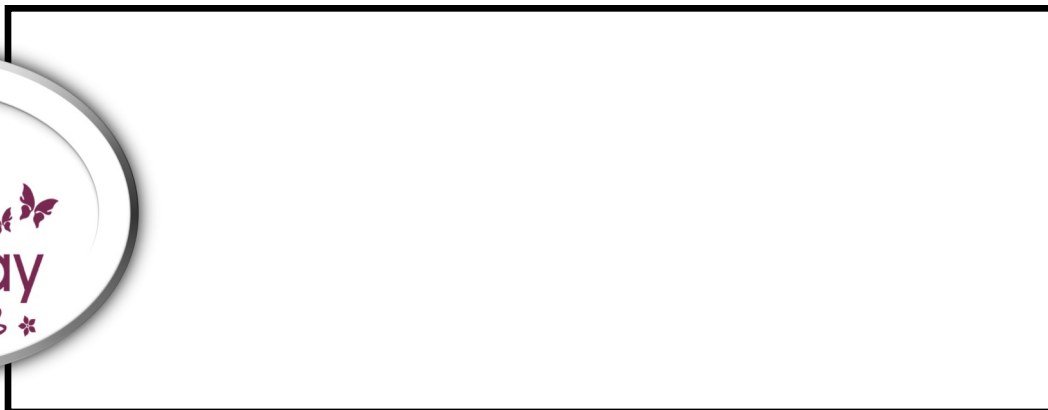
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## EASTER PLANTS GIVEN IN MEMORY/CELEBRATION/HONOR OF:

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Marion Barley-Freeman          | Debbie and all other Loved Ones                                |
| Aline Beck                     | All my Loved Ones  |
| Karen & Dick Butler            | Loved Ones   |
| Calandrelli & Huebner Families | Rindy & Mark Edward Huebner                                    |
| Carpenter Family               | Bob Carpenter  |
| Costa Family                   | Family, Friends and Family                                     |
| Damiani Family                 | Loved Ones   |
| Nancy Davis                    | Ginger Mungillo, speedy recovery                               |
| Eby Family                     | Loved Ones   |
| Mark & Donna Flecchia          | Edward Flecchia, Sr.   |
| Fong Family                    | Raymond Liu & George Li, Family, Friends & Loved Ones          |
| Garside Family                 | Our son, Tim & loved ones                                      |
| Deb Glancy & Donna Ferro       | Our parents and grandparents who have gone before us!          |
| Janice & Augie Grace           | Our beloved brother Jason Scott Grace                          |
|                                | Manny, Irene and Martin  |
| Bill Hitchcock                 | Lillian & Bill Hitchcock and                                   |
|                                | Second Parish Minutemen of Woburn                              |
| Janet & David Hooper           | Aunt Marjie  |
| Bobbie Killilea                | My Hilltop Ladies, past and present                            |
| Killilea Family                | Our Family and Friends   |
| David & Barbara Leonard        | Our Loved Ones   |
| Nina Merriam                   | Nina Lyde  |
| Krisi & Amanda Miller          | Our Papa – Andy Mungillo                                       |
| Barbara Moran                  | Loved Ones   |
| Ginger Mungillo                | Mother, Alice Adlham Garrett                                   |
| Laura Nowell                   | Randy and Loved Ones   |
| Roy & Nancy Nyren              | The Pastor and Congregation                                    |
| Marie Perrot                   | Marie-Josephe & Albert Perrot                                  |
| Deb Raymond                    | Sunday School Children & Youth Service Group                   |
| Marcia Rich                    | Graydon & Sue Rich and Harold & Thelma Neal                    |
| Shute Family                   | Much Loved Family and Friends                                  |
| Anne Stafford                  | Barbara Hayes  |
| Stahlinski Family              | Loves Ones   |
| Paul Mouratidis & Joe Stoddard | Aspasia Mouratidis, Apolonia, Samuel, and Joseph Stoddard, Sr. |
| Lynn & Lee Tirrell             | Our parents Louise & Calvin Palmer and Doris & Elliott Tirrell |
| Todd Family                    | Friends and Family   |



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