

HILLTOP HERALD

MAY/2018

Rev. Angela V. Wells
 Pastor

Chris Silva
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Beloved Ones,

A poem, "On Mediating, Sort Of " by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, Mary Oliver:

*Meditation, so I've heard, is best accomplished
 if you entertain a certain strict posture.
 Frankly, I prefer just to lounge under a tree.
 So why should I think I could ever be successful?*

*Some days I fall asleep, or land in that
 even better place — half asleep — where the world,
 spring, summer, autumn, winter —
 flies through my mind in its
 hardy ascent and its uncompromising descent.*

*So I just lie like that, while distance and time
 reveal their true attitudes: they never
 heard of me, and never will, or ever need to.*

*Of course I wake up finally
 thinking, how wonderful to be who I am,
 made out of earth and water,
 my own thoughts, my own fingerprints —
 all that glorious, temporary stuff.*

So, the weather is warming up. People are moving again. They're out and about. Friends are getting together to dine al fresco. Sports are happening again in the fields across the street from the church. The tennis courts are full. New England is waking up from its long hibernation. We are like bees, coming out of our hive, starting to buzz around faster and faster so that we can enjoy the warmer temperatures and longer days. Weddings, graduation parties, backyard bbq's, pool parties, tis the season. Amidst all this activity, I invite you to slow down as Oliver invites us to. There is so much beauty to behold, the crocuses are bursting through the ground, the daffodils are blooming, the birds are chirping. But if we are too busy buzzing around, we won't notice God's abundant beauty all around us. Before you know it, it will be fall and winter and all the foliage will be dormant before we've even had a chance to enjoy it. So while we are waking up and clearing our eyes of the sleepiness of winter, I am kindly reminding you to not to get so busy that you don't notice the beauty blossoming all around you. After all, we are all organic, the world was spinning before we got here and will keep on doing so after we're gone (God willing). You are important, and the things you need to tend to are important as well. But you aren't so important that you don't have the time to step back, pause, take a deep breath, and simply enjoy God's creative work at hand in the natural wonders all around us.

Happy spring.

Rev. Angela V. Wells

Love,
 Angela



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, May 1st: 4-6pm
Thursday, May 3rd: Cancelled.
Tuesday, May 8th: 4-6pm
Thursday, May 10th: 9-11am
Tuesday, May 15th: 4-6pm
Thursday, May 17th: Cancelled.
Tuesday, May 22nd: 4-6pm
Thursday, May 24th: 9-11am
Tuesday, May 29th: 4-6pm
Thursday, May 31st: 9-11am



WHILE THE PASTOR IS AWAY!

Angela will be out of town from Thursday, May 17th-Saturday, May 19th for her younger brother's graduation. Malcolm Wells will graduate from New College of Florida, Angela's alma mater, on Friday, May 18th.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP UPDATE

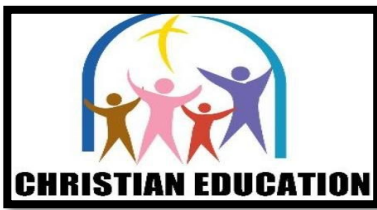
We have 11 people signed up for our Community Engagement Group. Our first meeting was held on Monday, April 30th. Thank you to everyone who is contributing to this effort, so that together we might identify Burlington's greatest needs and discern which one(s) we feel called to respond to. If you'd like to get involved, you still can! Please be in touch with Angela.



ICE Vigil

Did you know that Immigration, Customs and Enforcement (ICE) has ONE office for Enforcement and Removal Operations in the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont? All those states share one office. Do you know where that office is? It is in our little town of Burlington, Massachusetts.

Beloved ones, we have to respond to the grave injustices being carried out right under our nose at this office. The next opportunity for you to bear witness is at a **Jericho Walk on Monday, May 21st at 7:45am**. The offices are located at 1000 District Avenue, but they're intentionally hard to find in an unmarked building. If you'd like to go over together, let Angela know. You can park at the parsonage and she can drive you. And, remember that you can sign up to get up-to-date information about vigils at the ICE office by going to Bit.ly/burlingtoncluster and filling out the form. Please be in touch with Angela if you have any questions or if you want to learn about how to get more involved.



Thanks to all who helped plan and participated in all aspects of our Easter celebrations! These events included our egg hunt, providing the before church coffee hour, and children singing at the service!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday school children continue to be broken into 2 classes: the older kids are the “God” group, the younger kids are the “Jesus” group. The Sunday School is learning about Jesus coming to the disciples after Easter & the disciples’ fear, joy & secrecy. Children made their own secret codes in the fish symbol, peace signs & doves for ‘Peace be with you’ and played the True or False game for the doubting Thomas lesson.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY IS May 20 this year! The children that are ending 2nd grade this year will be awarded bibles. Teaching and nursery assistants, and graduating seniors will be recognized and the Church Service Award(s) will be presented. The Sunday School is practicing their last song of the school year, for Children’s Sunday as well as participating in the service as acolytes, greeters and ushers. It is also Pentecost Sunday, so it will be a celebratory service. Join us afterwards for our traditional “make your own sundae” ice cream buffet at coffee hour! Sunday School will continue for the 3 weeks after that - the last day is June 10 which is also Confirmation Sunday.

Please see the CE board in the hall between the sanctuary & Sewall Hall for pictures & Intergenerational activities.

YOUTH SERVICE GROUP The next meeting is **Tuesday, May 1 at 7pm**

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, May 12 4PM. Don’t be late! **Pool party** from 4-5 PM Billerica Boys & Girls Club. 19 Campbell Rd. Billerica Ph: 978 667-2193. All ages invited, but the Sunday School age kids will especially love this! **Please RSVP no later than 5/9 to Deb at 857-373-956, or see the sign up sheet at coffee hour.**



There are changing facilities available at the club. Bring your own towels. If there are more than 25 participants, which we hope happens, we will need a 2nd lifeguard. Children are welcome to invite friends to this event.



SUNDAY, JUNE 3 right after church. **Hike/Walk** the Land Locked Forest in Burlington. Enjoy a quick sandwich & cookie right after church to fuel up before we leave for the Forest.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Thanks to the Confirmation class for planning and participating in a moving Easter Sunrise Service! The next meeting is **May 20** to plan their **June 10** Confirmation service.

Save The Date! PRIDE June 9, 2018

This year’s Pride Parade will be Saturday June 9 at noon. Our church will again be marching with the Mass Conference delegation of Open and Affirming Churches. Our church always has a very good turn out for the parade and we have a great time, ALL ARE WELCOME!



There will be a sign up sheet at coffee hour.

There will also be 2 Pride Worship Services in the morning for those interested in attending. The UCC service is at Old South and the Interfaith service will be at Union Church on Columbus Ave. More specific information will be distributed as the date gets closer or you can see Sara Goodrich-Byers at coffee hour.

Thank You, Musicians!

Special thanks to our Youth and Adult Choirs for their beautiful music during Holy Week and Easter! We were blessed to have Bill Beyer, Dave Hooper, Laura Nowell, and Aimee Tredeau join us for the holiest days of the year. And thanks also to Sarah Clark and Aline Beck, who sang and played for us on Sunday, April 8 while Joe had a Sunday off.



VOICE AND ORGAN RECITAL SUNDAY, MAY 20 AT 3PM

Come hear tremendously talented Katie Frigon singing works from the Baroque period to modern jazz and Broadway!

Katie Frigon has been singing for as long as she can remember. Singing in choirs throughout middle school and high school, Katie decided to combine her life-long desire to teach with her love of music and become a music teacher. Katie received the Bachelor of Music degree from Gordon College in Wenham, MA. She later went on to receive the Master of Music in Music Education degree from Hartt School of Music in Hartford, CT. Katie currently teaches general music and chorus for the Marblehead Public Schools. In addition to teaching, Katie has also been singing solos at churches and events since college. For the past decade she has been a cantor at St. Richard Parish in Danvers, MA. She was also the featured soloist for the Enon Brass Ensemble in Wenham, MA. When she is not making music, Katie enjoys spending time with her family; her husband Marc and two children Emmett and Cora.

Joe Stoddard will be accompanying Katie and presenting a short organ recital as part of the program. He will be playing works by Dietrich Buxtehude and Hermann Schroeder. The entire program should last approximately one hour, with a reception following in the Sewall Hall (our BIG Hall). A free-will offering will be received at the concert to defray concert expenses and for the benefit of the church's General Fund.



YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT AND CD RELEASE: SUNDAY, JUNE 10 AT 2PM

Our Youth Choir will be recording a CD on Memorial Day weekend. The CD will be a collection of their favorite anthems from the years they have been singing together. They will be singing the music from their CD at a concert on Sunday, June 10 at 2PM in the sanctuary. At the concert, their new CD will be available for sale. There is no admission charge for the concert. Since two out of our three singers are graduating from high school and heading to college, the concert on June 10th will be their last performance. Come and enjoy their beautiful music!



Youth Choir's Last Service: Sunday, May 20 at 10:30AM

Please come support our Youth Choir as they sing their final service together at UCC Burlington. Diana, Kristen, and Laura have been making beautiful music together for many years. We are very fortunate that they have been willing to share their talents with us throughout the years, and that their families have been so supportive of their singing here at UCC Burlington.

Children's Choir Members Wanted!

Since our Youth Choir will be graduating this spring, Joe Stoddard will be organizing a Children's Choir to start in the fall. Joe, who has been an elementary school music teacher since 1994 and became a National Board Certified Teacher in 2009, is planning to put together an experience that will supplement and enrich the singing the children are already doing in Sunday School. Rehearsals will be a time to learn music for church, but also to play fun music games and learn about the voice and about music in an age-appropriate way. The rehearsals will either be on Wednesday afternoons or Sundays right after church, depending on the schedules of the families who want to be involved. Please contact Joe at music@uccburlington.org or (781) 346-3900 if your family is interested in being part of the new Children's Choir.



MUSIC SUNDAY IS JUNE 3

Usually, we celebrate Music Sunday on Father's Day, but because the church calendar is so busy this June, we will honor our choir and give thanks for the gift of music at a special service on Sunday, June 3 at 10:30AM. A Coffee Hour will follow the service to honor all of our music volunteers. Please come support all those who minister in our church through their music!

Choir Rehearsals in May

The choirs will rehearse every Wednesday in May. Youth Choir meets at 5:15 PM. Adult Choir meets at 7:15PM.

Keep in touch!

Email: music@uccburlington.org

Twitter: @uccbmusic

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

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

MISSIONS UPDATE!



RED WAGON PANTRY NEEDS

The PHP "Vacation Lunch Program for Kids" runs during school vacation.

We put together a menu of 5 lunches, 5 snacks plus 5 beverages. Once a week families pick up bags with the ingredients they need to prepare that week's worth of lunches and snacks. We have worked with a nutritionist to put together healthy menus based on the "My Plate" guidelines.

Please bring any of these items to worship on May 27th and we will bring them forward during the service.:

Portion sized healthy snacks such as: fruit cups, granola bars, mixed nuts, raisins, juice box sized milk or chocolate milk.

ROSIE'S PLACE-BOSTON

Volunteers will be heading into Boston on May 12th to prepare, serve and cleanup after a luncheon for homeless women. Thank you to all who have signed up. Questions, contact Jan Mcsheffrey at afdove@verizon.net

CHURCH SERVICE AWARD

Our graduating Seniors have been sent the UCC Church Service Award Application. The committee to review is in place.

The deadline for applications is May 6th.

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

It is hard to realize it is spring but the days are getting longer. We did have 4 Prayer Shawls blessed on Sunday. Three have already been delivered. There are several more in storage that can be used by anyone who has a need for them. Please see Bobbie in the office or Susan Eby and we will get you a shawl. We continue to meet every Wednesday and will meet all summer long too. Please feel free to join us in the conference room starting at 1PM.

BLANKET SUNDAY IS MAY 13TH MOTHER'S DAY!

Every donation of \$5 helps purchase a blanket to help keep those warm from natural disasters to displacement.

Make your check out to UCC and add *Blanket Sunday* on the memo line.

Thank you for your donation!

2018 SOCIAL JUSTICE INTERNS

City Mission invites rising high school juniors, seniors, and recent graduates who are interested in social justice to apply to our summer internship program! Interns will explore some of the root causes and consequences of poverty, inequality, and racism, as well as technical skills such as public policy research, service-learning, communications, and nonprofit organizational structure.

The program provides an incredible learning experience for Boston-area youth. One of our interns from last year shared, "I feel more aware of how unaffordable "affordable housing" really is in the city." This program includes learning activities to foster a deeper understanding of social justice and City Mission's commitment to educate, empower, and engage our community.

The **Social Justice Internship Program** runs for 4 weeks, beginning Monday, July 2 and concluding Monday, July 30, 2018. Each intern will work 13 hours a week and will be paid a stipend of \$175 per week. The schedule includes 5 hours on Mondays for group learning, and one 8-hour day to be arranged on an individual basis.

Applications for 2018 are open until **Friday, May 11, 2018**
please email komberg@citymissionboston.org.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM



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

(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: June 3rd (great for graduates, Father's Day, Vacations!)

Receive by: June 10th!



POST OFFICE FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Saturday May 12 the US Post Office is conducting its annual food drive. All food collected will be given to the People Helping People Burlington Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed at St. Margaret's Religious Education Building on Saturday May 12th from 1-6PM to sort and check the expiration dates on food donated.

Volunteer hours can be used towards community service hours for teenagers. If you are interested in helping and making a difference in your community, contact Judy Walsh at judyw621@gmail.com or (617)-797-6786 .

For more information about People Helping People see www.peoplehelpingpeopleinc.org



CHURCH WORKDAY

MAY 5th 9-1pm

The Annual Spring Clean Up Day will be held on May 5th 9-1pm.

The Trustees will be developing a list of jobs to be done that day. Signup sheets at coffee hour!

Please join us to help spruce up the church grounds!



Prayer
Requests

Terry McNutt
Anna Karwan's Mom
Deb Glancy's friend Steve
Anne Stafford's and grandsons Tyler and Zach
Marion Braley Freeman
Sara's friend Sarah
Karen Welch's friend June and brother Rick
Bobbie Martino
Barbara Garland
Luella Brown
John Getsinger's grandson Zach
Joe Stoddard's husband Paul
Elise Surko
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
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

*With
Sympathy*

Our deepest sympathy to the Tabaldi family and friends on the recent passing of June Tabaldi. She will be missed by many. We will keep you in our prayers.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO.....

1	Joe Stoddard	20	Cindy Phillips
1	Dennis Huebner	21	Jane Raymond
3	Ron MacKenzie	23	Jennifer Eby
4	Rachel McNeil	24	Lee Tirrell
7	Rev. Angela Wells	24	Stephanie Samarjian
8	Janet Chin	28	Nicholas Candelino
11	Aimee Tredeau	28	Diana Sears
12	Sally Mansfield-Smith	30	Lorna Scolponeti
12	Everett Langley		
14	Jennifer Baylor		
15	Marj Zamanian		
15	Alex Lewis		
16	Karen Butler		
17	Theo Brierley		
19	Kari Lynch		

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Worship Participation Schedule

May 6
10:30am

Communion Preparers: Dave Ierardi-Janice Grace

Lay Leader: Carol Downing
Head Usher: Conrad Fong
Ushers: Conrad-Gordon Brown
Marge Zamanian-Barbara Moran

Greeters: Susan Eby-volunteer
School: Jan Costa-Chris Stahlinski
Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Mark Flecchia
Flower Deliverer: Janice Grace
Collector: Jan McSheffrey
Coffee Hour: Jan McSheffrey
Bakers: Shirley Fong-Karen Welch

May 13 **Mother's Day**

10:03am

Lay Leader: Bill Hitchcock
Head Usher: Paul Raymond
Ushers: Paul-Jane Raymond
Dave McNeil-Marie Perrot

Greeters: Jan McSheffrey-Carol Downing
School: Deb Raymond-Susan Eby
Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Nicole Flecchia
Flower Deliverer: Bev Maher
Collector: Marcia Rich
Coffee Hour: Deb Glancy & Donna Ferro
Bakers: Sue Eby-Kay Shute

May 20 **Children's Sunday**

10:30am

Lay Leader: Laura Harder
Head Usher: Mark Flecchia
Ushers: Youth
Greeters: Youth
School: TBD
Nursery: Kristen Watanabe
Donna Flecchia

Flower Deliverer: Anna Karwan
Collector: Everett Langley
Coffee Hour: Ice Cream Social by CE
Bakers: Ice Cream Social by CE

May 27 **Memorial Weekend**

10:30am

Lay Leader: Emily DeLuca
Head usher: Dick Butler
Ushers: Dick and Karen Butler
Marcia Rich-John Getsinger

Greeters: Ginger Mungillo
School: TBD-Susan Eby
Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Karen

Ciardi

Flower Deliverer: Cindy Phillips
Collector: Marge Zamanian
Coffee Hour: Janine Towle
Bakers: Sally Willard-Marge Zamanian

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

Music Appreciation Sunday

June 3 Communion Prep:
Kay Shute-Barbara Moran
10:30am

Lay Leader: Karen Ciardi
Head Usher: Dave Ieradi
Ushers: Dave-Kari Lynch
Kellsee Lynch
Janine Towle

Greeters: Barbara Nadoff
School: TBD
Nursery: Kristen Watanabe
Jan McSheffrey

Flower Deliverer:
Marge Zamanian

Collector: Carol Downing
Coffee Hour: John Heal &
Everett Langley

Bakers: Shirley Fong
Karen Butler

MAY

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Montessori School Mon-Fri 8-6p</p>		<p>1 4-6p True North Hours 6p SLAA 7p Youth Service Group 7:15p Deacons</p>	<p>2 1p C4C 5:15p Youth Choir 7-9p Scouts 7:15p Adult Choir</p>	<p>3 9-11a True North Hours 6:15p CE Mtg</p>	4	<p>5 9-1pm</p>  <p>CHURCH WORKDAY</p> <p>4-9 Party Rental</p>
<p>6 10:30a Communion Worship-School Noon Missions Mtg</p>	<p>7 7:30p Trustees 7:30p AA</p>	<p>8 4-6p True North Hours 6p SLAA</p>	<p>9 10-11a Montessori 11:30a Clergy Group 1:30p C4C 5:15p Youth Choir 7-9p Scouts 7:15p Adult Choir</p>	<p>10 9-11a True North Hours Montessori Mother's Day Event-Sewall Hall</p>	11	<p>12 Rosie's Volunteers to Boston</p>  <p>4-5p Pool Party "All Ages"</p>
<p>13 MOTHER'S DAY! BLANKET SUNDAY 10:30a Worship-School Love Offering</p>	<p>14 7:30p AA</p>	<p>15 4-6p True North Hours 6p SLAA 7:15p PC</p>	<p>16 1p C4C 5:15p Youth Choir 7-9p Scouts 7:15p Adult Choir</p>	<p>17 9-11a True North Hours 9:30-11a 411 Wellness</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>4pm Party Rental</p>	19
<p>20 HILLTOP DEADLINE 10:30a Children's Sunday Worship Ice Cream Social Noon Called to Care</p>  <p>3-5p Concert</p>	<p>21 7:30p AA</p>	<p>22 4-6p True North Hours 6p SLAA</p>	<p>23 1p C4C 5:15p Youth Choir 7-9p Scouts 7:15p Adult Choir</p>	<p>24 9-11a True North Hours 9:30-11a 411 Wellness</p>	25	26
<p>27 10:30a Worship-School-Red Wagon</p> 	<p>28</p>  <p>Memorial Day! Office closed</p> <p>7:30p AA</p>	<p>29 4-6p True North Hours 6p SLAA</p>	<p>30 9:30a Hilltop folding 1p C4C 5:15p Youth Choir 7-9p Scouts 7:15p Adult Choir</p>	<p>31 9-11a True North Hours 9:30-11a 411 Wellness</p>		

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