

HILLTOP HERALD

**JUNE
2018**

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Dear Friends,
 On June 15th and 16th, Chris Stahlinski and I are going to the Massachusetts Conference Annual Meeting in Springfield, MA. This is the annual gathering of delegates from UCC churches around the state. This body, made up of clergy and lay people, will worship and learn together. We will also take up various issues that are presented to us, by discussing, discerning and voting on them. Some of the issues are more benign, like the Conference's annual budget. Some of the issues are more contentious, like voting to become an Immigrant-Welcoming Conference. Other topics to be discussed are timely and important as well, like Calling for a Conference-Wide Responses to Bullying.

However, probably the most transformative issue we will discuss and vote on is whether to become a new conference, joining with the Connecticut and Rhode Island Conferences. It's not appropriate to say that the conferences would be merging, because they won't be. We are going to vote on whether to create a new non-profit charitable corporation that is made up of the three UCC conferences of southern New England. Once the Attorneys General of CT, RI and MA allow it to go forward, and once the UCC General Synod ratifies it, in January 2020 the new entity will become operational as a "conference." After that, the three "historic conferences" will continue to exist, but their function will be much more limited. They will, however, continue to oversee their endowments. Nothing we are proposing precludes us from - nor commits us to - a full merger at some later time. This change also should have no impact on the associations, so we will still be part of the Metro Boston Association. There will also be no immediate effect on staffing, although staffing changes will probably occur in the future after the new Board of Directors is assembled.

At the June Annual Meeting, all three conferences have to vote independently. If they all vote affirmatively to create a new entity, then the three historic Conferences (MA, CT, RI) will bring to General Synod in June of 2019 a resolution to change our name and boundaries. (General Synod is the nationwide gathering of the United Church of Christ, which happens every two years.) This resolution would take effect on 1/1/2020. If Synod votes to affirm that resolution, then when the resolution takes effect (1/1/2020), the standing of the Associations automatically migrates from the historic Conference to the newly created Conference.

On that 1/1/2020, the new conference becomes operational. This is when the Conference Minister(s) begin to report to the Board of the new conference. From here on, contributions (from churches, individuals, etc.) will be made to the new conference. All staff members will also be paid as staff of the new conference.

You're still reading! Praise God, it's a miracle. I know this is a lot of information (although it barely scratches the surface!) If you want to learn more, go to MACUCC.org and there are links right on the homepage where you can learn more about the proposed new conference. You are also welcome to speak with me at anytime, I am happy to discuss this further.

Chris and I will report back after the meeting with an update on how it all transpired. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers on June 15th and 16th. Thank you!

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Angela V. Wells

Angela



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS!

MUSIC SUNDAY: 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!

Youth Choir

YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT ON JUNE 10 AT 2PM

UCC Burlington's Youth Choir will perform a free concert on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 2pm in the church to celebrate the release of their CD *From Our Hearts*. The CD is a collection of their favorite anthems from the many years they have been singing together. This concert will be the farewell performance of this talented trio, because two of the girls are graduating from Burlington High School this June and heading off to college. We invite you to share in their beautiful music as we wish them well in their future endeavors. The members of the group are Kristen Harder, Laura Harder, and Diana Sears. You can read more about them below:

Kristen Harder

Kristen Harder is a sophomore at Burlington High School where she is a member of Select Singers and Chorus. She has been a member of the Youth Choir at the UCC for many years. She also plays the flute and was in the Middle School Symphonic Band as well as being a part of the Junior and Senior Regional District Chorus for 3 years. She is also a member of the varsity gymnastics team, an editor of the literary and art magazine Collab, and is the president of the Arbor Club at BHS. Kristen enjoys spending time with her mom, sister, dog, family, and friends.

Laura Harder

Laura Harder is 18 years old. Next year she plans on studying Chemical Engineering at the University of Rochester. She loves singing in church choir and the BHS Select Singers, playing field hockey, and studying science. She has also performed in the Northeastern Junior and Senior District choruses, the spring musical, and the BHS Red Trebles. She loves spending time with her sister Kristen, her mother, her dog Daisy, her best friend Diana Sears, and her other friends.

Diana Sears

Diana Sears began singing at a very young age. Diana has been singing with the UCC Burlington Youth Choir since the age of five, and has sung with her school chorus in both middle school and high school. A member of the Burlington High School Select Singers, she performed at Carnegie Hall in 2017. Diana was selected to sing with the Northeastern Junior District Chorus (2015), and the Northeastern Senior District Chorus (2018). In addition to singing, Diana enjoys theater, and has appeared in Burlington High School's productions of "Pippin" and "Fahrenheit 451." Diana plans to major in music at college, with a concentration in voice.

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.

SUMMER MUSICIANS WANTED!

The choirs' last Sunday of the program year is June 17 (Father's Day). We will need musicians – solos, duets, or groups – for the rest of the summer. Volunteers need only to perform one piece of music during a service. If you can lend your talent for one Sunday, please contact Joe Stoddard at music@uccburlington.org or (781) 346-3900.

JUNE REHEARSALS

The choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, June 6. Youth Choir will meet from 5:00pm-5:45pm, and the adults will meet from 7:15pm-9:00pm. There will be no other choir rehearsals this month.

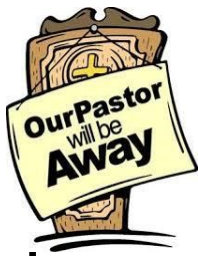
Keep in touch!

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Twitter: @uccbmusic

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

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



PASTOR OUT OF TOWN!

From Monday June 25th- Thursday June 28th, Angela will be in Birmingham, Alabama. She has been asked to join a coalition of church leaders from the United States and other countries to learn about how the church can respond to the sins of our past, which we have not reckoned with. The group will visit the Southern Poverty Law Center, as well as the new lynching museum and memorial in Montgomery, Alabama. Pastoral Coverage will be determined.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP UPCOMING MEETINGS

If you are part of the C.E.G., please make sure you have these dates on your calendar. If you are not part of the C.E.G. and you'd like to be, then feel free to join us!

Monday, June 11th at 7:00pm: Mission In-Site Meeting.

We will discuss the hard data, demographics and trends of our town. Who is actually here? Who will be here in 10-20 years? What does it look like their needs, habits, priorities and values are? All will be discussed at this meeting.

Saturday June 23rd from 8:30am-11:30am (or so): Prayer Walk.

We will be divided into pairs to walk different neighborhoods of our town. The purpose of this walk is observation and impressions, allowing the spirit to move through us as we walk. It's about using all our senses to connect with our town by being fully present in the environment. Then, we will gather back together as a group to discuss what left an impression, what stood out, what surprised us, what confirmed our suspicions, etc.

Please be in touch with Angela if you have any questions or comments.



TRUE NORTH COFFEE SHOP PASTOR HOURS!

Join Rev Angela at True North,
204 Cambridge Street, anytime for a chat!

Tuesday June 5th: 4pm-6pm
Thursday June 7th: *Cancelled.*
Tuesday June 12th: 4pm-6pm
Thursday June 14th: 9am-11am
Tuesday June 19th: 4pm-6pm
Thursday June 21st: 9am-11am
Tuesday June 26th: *Angela in AL*
Thursday, June 28th: *Angela in AL*



UCC FLEA MARKET

June 2 9-1pm (cancelled if rain)

Rent a table call Bobbie at 781-272-4547

(only 15 to rent)

25% of your proceeds come back to the church!

Donate items to our church table!

Contact Deb Raymond for questions!

857-373-9156

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to Laura Harder for Lay Leading Children’s Sunday. Thank you, Thank you! to the Sunday School students for participating in all aspects of the service as greeters, acolytes, ushers, singing an anthem, & a rousing Pentecost cheer!

4 Students finishing 2nd grade this year were awarded bibles: Cam Bonnell, Kiera & Liam Egan, Ali & Peter Wisniewski. In addition Emi Watanabe is finishing 3rd grade, but was not with us last year so she was awarded a bible.



Sunday School will continue for 3 weeks after Children’s Sunday. The last day is **June 10**.



SUMMER ALERT!

CE is planning a “do at home” activity where students can share their summertime experiences with other UCC members!

Please see the CE board in the hall between the sanctuary & Ed bldg. for pictures & Intergenerational activities.



YOUTH SERVICE GROUP

Community Meal

The Youth Service Group is putting the final details in place to hold the 1st Community dinner. Details to follow soon.

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday June 3 right after church (from noon-2pm) Hike/Walk Land Locked Forest in Burlington - an activity for all ages. Enjoy a quick sandwich & cookie right after church to fuel up before we leave for the Forest. It is the woods – there are uneven surfaces and you may want to bring bug replant. It is about a 1 hour walk. We will carpool from church. Please **RSVP to Deb Raymond: 857-373-9156** (cell), sign up on list at coffee hour or email at cedirector@ucburlington.org.



On **June 10** we look forward to the Confirmation class being Confirmed after a year of study and activities with Angela, Deb Glancy and their mentors. There will be a special reception after service to honor their Confirmation.

MISSIONS NEWS!



RED WAGON

The PHP "Vacation Lunch Program for Kids " runs during the SUMMER school break

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 weeks 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 **JUNE 24th** and we will bring them forward during the service.

ROSIE'S PLACE-BOSTON

Thank you to all who volunteered to do into Boston on May 12th.

Our next day to prepare, cook and serve a meal will be in September. Keep your eyes open for more information if you would like to attend.

CLOTHING DONATIONS!

Thank you everyone for your clothing donations over the past year...we will be collecting again in the Fall.

However the LTLC — Lowell Shelter is in need of the following items for MEN & WOMEN:

Low ankle SOCKS-Underwear-Deodorant

See the bin outside the church office!



Thank you!

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

C4C will meet all summer at 1:00 in the conference room. All are welcome to join us. If you are not a crafter than just come for the conversation. We have a stash of prayer shawls and lap robes for anyone to give to someone they feel would benefit from the support the shawl or blanket offers. There are always prayer squares available outside the office. Feel free to take as many as you or someone you know could use. Sometimes having them close at hand in different places is a help.

REQUEST FROM THE BOARD OF MISSIONS!

Missions is currently reviewing the list of organizations to which we send your money.

If you have any particular cause you are passionately in favor of (or opposed to) please speak to someone on the Missions Board.

It's 10% of your pledge; wouldn't you like a voice in how it is spent?

48th Boston Pride Festival

Saturday, June 9

11am to 6pm at Boston City Hall Plaza



BLANKET SUNDAY

Thank you to all who gave so generously to our Blanket Sunday drive. Each \$5 purchased helps supply blankets and resources to those who have been hit by disasters or homelessness!

Our church will again be marching with the Mass Conference delegation of Open and Affirming Churches. Our church always has a very good turnout 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.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!!
The UCC FALL FAIRE will be held
Saturday, November 3, 2018.
Mark your calendars!!!

Shirley Fong & Wynelle Scenna are the Co-Chairs. We are busy making plans for the event. There will be a CRAFT FAIR, LUNCHEON & DINNER featuring the SILENT AUCTION and raffles.

Kari Lynch will be our **SILENT AUCTION** coordinator.
Please consider donating items for the Silent Auction.

This is a big fundraiser.

Examples of items of value: paintings, timeshare, vacation home stay, child care service, theater tickets, Red Sox tickets, Patriot tickets, Celtic tickets, Bruin tickets, pet sitting, teaching a class, etc. There will be forms in September for submitting to KARI (at least two weeks in advance.)

She must prepare the bidding sheets and keep a record. It is major work to organize.

We will also feature a **LIVE AUCTION**.

We are seeking gift cards from local businesses: salons, restaurants, shops & services.

Give the gift cards to Kari or Shirley.

We are looking for a **children's activity coordinator** to plan games, face painting, decorate cupcakes to just names a few ideas.





This year's **dinner** will be put together by a group of wonderful **MEN CHEFS!**
Stay tuned for the menu announcements. Tickets will be available Sept- Nov. 3.

CE will be collecting items for **RAFFLE BASKETS** valuing between \$25-\$35

We will also feature a bake sale, gently used jewelry and used book sale!

Thank you, Shirley Fong
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AND

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Terry McNutt
 Anna Karwan's Mom
 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
 John Getsinger's grandson Zach
 Joe Stoddard's husband Paul
 Elise Surko
 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
 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



BABY NEWS!

Paul and Jane Raymond welcomed their second great-grandchild Athena Raymond, born March 22nd! She is the second daughter for Noah & Mikayla Raymond. All are healthy and happy!

Kelly Sievert had a baby Boy on May 14th, Lowen William Brennan Sievert. Both are doing well!

Tom & Bobbie Killilea enjoyed the birth of their granddaughter Brielle Marie, born on May 21st. Congrats to Erin, Franklin and big brothers Dominic and Dante. All are well!



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

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

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1p setup 6-8p Burlington Day Care	 UCC Flea Market 9-1p (Cancelled if Raining)
3 10:30a Communion School Music Appreciation Sunday   Intergenerational Hike at Noon	4 7:30p AA 7:30p Trustees	5 4-6 True North Pastor Hours 6p SLAA 7:15p Deacons	6 1p C4C 5:15p Youth Choir 7p Scouts 7:15p Choir	7 NO True North Pastor Hours 9a 411 Wellness	8 Montessori Last Day of Yearly Program 1/2 Day! 12:30p World Of Learning Graduation	9  Boston Pride Festival
10  10:30a Worship School  2p Youth Concert	11 7:30p AA	12 4-6 True North Pastor Hours 6p SLAA	13 1p C4C 7p Scouts	14 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 9a 411 Wellness	15	16
17 10:30a Worship  Happy Father's Day	18 7:30a AA	19 4-6 True North 6p SLAA Pastor Hours 7:15p PC	20 July/Aug Hilltop Deadline 1p C4C 7p Scouts	21 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 9a 411 Wellness	22	23
24 10:30a Worship Red Wagon Noon Called to Care  Community Meal "Youth Svc Group"	25 7:30a AA	26 6p SLAA NO True North Pastor Hours	27 10:00a Hilltop Folding AND Luncheon 7p Scouts	28 NO True North Pastor Hours	29	30 1-4p Possible Shower Rental

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