

HILLTOP HERALD

**OCTOBER
2018**

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Pastor*

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Dear Church,

The Community Engagement Group (which you can read more about in another article in the Hilltop) is in the process of having conversations with town leaders to learn about what they think the greatest needs of our town are. We recently met with someone who said that our town needs civility. This person explained that we don't know how to talk to each other across our differences. During the conversation, we all acknowledged that this problem goes way beyond our town. The partisan politics, the divisiveness, the bullying and name-calling that we see in the federal government is a terrible model, which is trickling down into our local communities. We are all retreating into our corners, we yell at each other on social media, we don't know how to have civil, respectful conversations. This person mentioned that our high schoolers are great about many things like LGBTQ rights and gender identity. They're very accepting and supportive of each other, but not when it comes to politics. They can't talk across the aisles, and it's probably in part because of the divisions they're seeing in our town, our state, our country, our world.

Our church might be able to respond to this problem in a constructive way. Our town might be able to address this issue somehow. But we don't need to wait for our institutions to teach us how to treat one another. Each of us, as people of faith, can model respectful behaviors in our lives, our workplaces, our social circles, our conversations over email and on Facebook and Twitter. If we believe that everyone is beloved in the sight of God, if we trust that everyone we talk to has positive intent, if we believe that everyone deserves to be heard and have their story or their perspective treated with respect, then we can have an influence in the spheres that we are a part of.

Each week, during the pastoral prayer, when I invite us to be in a time of silence, I offer the same silent prayer. I say, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, my rock and my redeemer." (Psalm 19:14) Maybe next time, before we speak or type our words, we can each offer this prayer, so that all of our words might be acceptable in the sight of God, our rock and our redeemer.

In Solidarity,

Rev. Angela Wells-Bean



Keep your eye out for **Stewardship** information on possible ways to take advantage of the current tax law when making your gifts. We count on your gifts to make possible a lot of positive good. So as we approach Stewardship Sunday (Oct 21st) we will be sharing financial information about church operations and programs so that you'll better understand what our needs and missions are for the upcoming year.

JERICO WALK

The Burlington Area Clergy 4 Justice (BAC4Justice) is organizing monthly Jericho Walks at the ICE Offices in Burlington. The purpose is to shed light on the unjust ways ICE is treating undocumented immigrants, refugees and those seeking asylum. From October-December, we are meeting on the 3rd Tuesday at 1pm for a Jericho Walk. The dates are Oct. 16th, Nov. 20th and Dec. 18th. Please be in touch with Rev. Wells-Bean if you have any questions, otherwise, all are invited to meet at 1000 District Ave. in Burlington to walk, pray, sing and bear witness with us.

OCTOBER TRUE NORTH HOURS

Please feel free to join Rev. Angela at True North Coffee Shop on any of the following days for a chat. Remember her door is always open!

Tuesday, Oct. 2nd: 4-6pm
Thursday, Oct. 4th: CANCELLED
Tuesday, Oct. 9th: 4-6pm
Thursday, Oct. 11th: 9-11am
Tuesday, Oct. 16th: 4-6pm
Thursday, Oct. 18th: 9am-11am
Tuesday, Oct. 23rd: 4-6pm
Thursday, Oct. 25th: 9am-11am
Tuesday, Oct. 30th: 4-6pm



NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Welcome, Roberta!

We are very happy to welcome Roberta Low to the choir. Roberta used to enjoy singing in school choirs and singing to her children, and we are delighted she is singing with us now!



The Adult Choir Needs You!

Drop in anytime to check us out and see if you'd like to join us! The adults will rehearse October 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 7:15pm. There will be no rehearsal on Halloween, October 31st. If you'd like more information, please see Joe after church or contact him at music@ucburlington.org or (781) 346-3900.

Thank you, special musicians!

Thanks to Aline Beck and the Tredeau Trio (Sarah Clark, Aimee Tredeau, and Deana Tredeau) for providing our music on September 23rd while Joe was away. We appreciate your ministry very much!

Children's Choir Rehearsals

Our Children's Choir rehearsals will be held every Sunday in October from 12-12:30, after the kids have a chance to get a snack at Coffee Hour. We play music games, do activities to explore our singing voices, and sing church songs, too!

Joe has tried reaching out to all the families in the church with children to include them, but if he has inadvertently missed you, please drop in at rehearsal sometime or contact him at music@ucburlington.org or (781) 346-3900 if your family is interested in being part of the new Children's Choir.

Keep in touch!

Email: music@ucburlington.org

Twitter: @ucbmusic

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

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



NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION!

Sunday School is back under way! We had 22 children at welcome back Sunday to begin the new year. So good to see our old friends back & new friends joining us.

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon, the Corn Hole Tournament took place on the lawn of the church. Some people may have secretly been practicing their bean bag tossing (Wynelle & Paul) because it was a very competitive game. After the tourney the group enjoyed a picnic dinner of sandwiches, salads & ice cream. Thanks to Sally & Kathy for assisting with set up.

UPCOMING INTERGENERATIONAL EVENTS

Intergenerational activities are meant for all ages to attend. Some activities are broken into age groups & some are all together.



FRIDAY OCTOBER 27TH AT 6PM GHOSTLY GALA

Come celebrate Halloween. Halloween is for all ages, we all love to wear a costume once a year! We've stepped it up a notch this year with more games & decorations! Pizza for dinner.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11TH AT 1PM POOL PARTY

Billerica Boys & Girls club. The kids have the shallow end, adults can do short laps in the deep end.



Dave Willaimson
 Deb Glancy's Uncle Donald, Aunt Rosemarie & Families
 Extra prayers needed for Rev. Elizabeth King
 Jan Blandino-hospitalized
 Tom Killilea
 Extra prayers needed for Aimee Tredeau's friend Amanda
 Karen Welch's sister-in-law's mom Joyce with hospice
 Nancy Todd's Mom
 Fred Garside
 Luella Brown
 Anna Karwan's Mom
 Anne Stafford's and grandsons Tyler and Zach
 Marion Braley Freeman and her niece Beth
 Sara's friend Sarah
 Karen Welch's friend June and brother Rick



Bobbie Martino
 Barbara Garland
 Conrad Fong
 Steve Fennelly
 Ann Onthank
 Jessie McNeil's brother Mel and sister Grace
 Henry Knopp
 Bobbie & Tom's friends John, Joy, Ed (all dealing with cancer)
 Dot Drinkwater
 Ruth Reddig
 Everett Langley's brother George
 John Heald's sister Susan & Mom
 Ginger Mungillo's son, Jim



2	Betty Knowles	21	Gary Stahlinski
2	Rob Costa	22	Deana Tredeau
2	Paul McDonough	25	Joan Proctor
5	Nicholas Ciardi	27	Julie Lewis
10	David McSheffrey	28	Karen Calandrelli
20	Nicholas Turgiss	31	Steve Fennelly

MISSIONS UPDATE!



RED WAGON

The Burlington Pantry is in need of the following items to stock their shelves:

Spaghetti sauce, canned tomato products, canned potatoes, beets, and spinach.

Bring to worship on **October 28** and we will bring these forward during Our Time of our Children

ROSIE'S PLACE-BOSTON

Thank you to those folks who came into Boston on September 12th to help prepare, serve, cleanup a luncheon for those homeless ladies at Rosie's Place.

Keep your eyes open for our next date if you would like to volunteer!

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE



The fall is coming and we are thinking about the coming winter and the people who can use our hats, mittens, scarves, shawls and lap robes. We have lots of donated yarn just waiting to be made into something creative. So if you have time for knitting this fall and need ideas or yarn just let us know.

We are also creating items for the Fair which is just a little over a month away. If you have a cute Idea or see one at a crafts Fair please take a picture and show one of the crafters.

Also we are collecting, through early November, unsigned Christmas cards for the inmates at the Billerica House of Correction. Leave them in the box in the office.

We continue to meet in the conference room at 1:00PM on Wednesdays. Please feel free to come and join us.



NEIGHBORS IN NEED OCTOBER 14TH DURING WORSHIP

During worship on October 14th we will take a special collection for our Neighbors in Need. Neighbors in Need is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. Special envelopes will be in the pews, or you can send a donation made out to UCC and add NIN on the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!



CHURCH SIGN UPDATE

A generous anonymous donor has offered to pay for a new sign for the church. Rev. Wells-Bean, Bill Beyer, Lucy Damiani and Michael Lewis are working on this project. We are currently in talks with the town to see what kind of sign we are allowed to have. We will continue to share updates with the congregation as we have them.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP

Our church formed a Community Engagement Group back in the Spring to learn more about the town's most pressing needs, and how our church might be called to address them. We analyzed data, we prayed, discussed, we went on prayer walks around town. Now, we have entered the final phase of the process. We are having conversations with 11 key town leaders who engage with different segments of the population. Lucy Damiani, Bill Beyer, Carol Downing, Roberta Low, Nancy Todd and Rev. Wells-Bean are conducting the conversations. After we review everything we've done all year, we will make a report to the congregation at the Annual Meeting about what we learned and what our recommendations are. Will you please hold us in prayer as we conduct these conversations?

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FOLKS EFFECTED BY THE RECENT GAS DISASTER!

Member, Joan Zink has connected with the LAZARUS HOUSE in Lawrence. They are taking a collection for those folks in the recent disaster in Lawrence, etc. Joan has offered to take our donations and personally deliver these items.

Please see the list of donations we can handle at the church. The bins will be marked outside the church office area

Accepting the following in-kind items...

- Seasonal clothing, outerwear, and seasonal accessories
- Boots
- Light, waterproof jackets
- Socks
- New underwear
- Clothing
- Baby clothing and toys
- Children's books only
- Used small appliances: toasters, microwaves, blenders, etc.
- Housewares: dishes, pots, pans, silverware, cups
- Home decor



THANK YOU JOAN!

info@lazarushouse.org
(978) 689-8575 Phone
(978) 682-7004 Fax



HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!!
THE UCC FALL FAIRE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
CRAFT FAIR 9-2pm
DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION 6pm



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 stays, child care service, theater tickets, Red Sox tickets, Patriot tickets, Celtic tickets, Bruin tickets, pet sitting, teaching a class, etc. **Please fill out the SILENT AUCTION form and submit 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.

Aimee Tredeau is our children's activity coordinator. She is planning games, face painting, cupcake decorating, etc. Bring your friends and their families for a fun time!!!!



This year's dinner will be put together by a group of wonderful MEN CHEFS! CHICKEN POT PIE or VEGETARIAN POT PIE, BAKED ZITTI, tossed salad, dinner rolls and apple crisp dessert. Beverages: Apple cider, coffee or tea.

Tickets:
 \$15 Adults
 \$12 Seniors / 65+
 \$8 Children / 8- 22yrs old
 Free for children under 8.

CHRISTIAN ED will be collecting items for RAFFLE BASKETS. Please bring items at least two weeks in advance for basket wrapping. Baskets will value \$25-\$30. See suggested list at coffee hour!

Please consider making items for the craft fair. Suggesting 6-12 items and please have a suggested price. Bring the crafted items to church Oct. 21-28, please label: FOR CRAFT FAIR with your name.

Some suggested items:

Knit goods, crochet items, homemade items, holiday ornaments, holiday decorations, baby gifts, pet gifts, wood crafts, hats, mittens, scarves, art work, etc. We will also feature a gently used jewelry and used books.

Not a crafter? **We need bakers for the Mission Committee's BAKE SALE TABLE:** cakes, pies, breads, cookies, jellies, relishes, etc. Bring items to church Fri. Nov. 2 or by 8:30am on fair day, Nov. 3.

We also need a good amount of COOKIES for our COOKIE WALK. This is new to the fair this year!

Lastly, VOLUNTEERS are needed on fair day. Look for sign-up sheets in the church office or on Sunday at the coffee hour counter. Please help out. It is a fun filled day and evening. It's great FELLOWSHIP! It is the church's largest fundraiser, our goal is \$10k. We can do it with your help!

INVITE your family, friends and neighbors to come shop and join us for dinner.
This is our opportunity to invite the Burlington community to help support UCC.

Thank you in advance to all the congregation and church committees.

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

October 7
10:30am

Communion Prep: Jessy McNeil-Kay Shute
 Lay Leader: David Hooper
 Head Usher: Dave McNeil
 Ushers: Dave McNeil-Conrad Fong-John Getsinger-Marcia Rich
 Greeters: Susan Eby
 School: Deb Raymond-Jan McSheffrey
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Donna Flecchia
 Flower Deliverer: Bill Livezey
 Collector: Marge Zamanian
 Coffee Hour: Barbara Moran
 Bakers: Barbara-Nancy Todd-Cindy Phillips

October 14
10:30am

Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
 Head Usher: Lucy Damiani
 Ushers: Lucy-Mark Flecchia-Karen Ciardi-Sally Willard
 Greeters: Janice Grace
 School: Deb Raymond-Susan Eby
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Michael Lewis
 Flower Deliverer: Nancy Davis
 Collector: Carol Downing
 Coffee Hour: Donna Flecchia
 Bakers: Donna-Marge Zamanian-Shirley Fong

October 21
10:30am

Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
 Head Usher: Paul Raymond
 Ushers: Paul-Chris Stahlinski-John Heald-Everett Langley
 Greeters: Barbara Moran
 School: Deb Raymond-Shirley Fong
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-TBD
 Flower Deliverer: Bev Maher
 Collector: Dick Butler
 Coffee Hour: Stewardship Sunday
 Bakers: Stewardship Sunday

October 28
10:30am

Lay Leader: Karen Ciardi
 Head Usher: Janine Towle
 Ushers: Janine-Wynelle Scenna-Karen and Dick Butler
 Greeters: Kay Shute
 School: Deb Raymond-TBD
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-Paul Raymond
 Flower Deliverer: Janice Grace
 Collector: Wynelle Scenna
 Coffee Hour: Barbara Moran
 Bakers: Barbara-Sarah Goodrich & Ruth

November 4
10:30am

Communion Prep: Deb Glancy-Donna Ferro
 Lay Leader: Carol Downing
 Head Usher: Marcia Rich
 Ushers: Marcia-John Getsinger-Donna Ferro-Deb Glancy
 Greeters: Wynelle Scenna
 School: Deb Raymond-Susan Eby
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe-TBD
 Flower Deliverer: Cindy Phillips
 Collector: Barbara Moran
 Coffee Hour: Chris Stahlinski
 Bakers: Chris-Susan Eby-Barbara Leonard

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

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pumpkin Patch (all month) at St. Mark's Church to support the Burlington Pantry Montessori School Mon-Fri 8-6p	1 7:30p Trustees 7:30p AA	2 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 6:30p-8p RAA 7:15p Deacons	3 1p C4C 7:15p Choir 7-9p Scouts	4 No True North Pastor Hours  Noon-6p UCC Volunteers at Pumpkin Patch 6-7p SLAA 7:30p Book Study	5	6
7 10:30a Communion- School	8 7:30p AA	9 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 7:15p Budget Meeting	10 1p C4C 7:15p Choir 7-9p Scouts	11 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 6-7p SLAA 7:30p Book Study	12	13 11-6p UCC Volunteers at Pumpkin Patch 
14 10:30a Worship School-Love Offering NEIGHBORS IN NEED Noon Missions Mtg	15 7:30p AA	16 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 6:30p-8p RAA 7:15p PC	17 1p C4C 7:15p Choir 7-9p Scouts	18 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 6-7p SLAA 7:30p Book Study	19	20 NOVEMBER HILLTOP ARTICLE DEADLINE
21 10:30a Worship School-Stewardship Sunday Stewardship Luncheon	22 7:30p AA	23 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	24 9:30a Hilltop Folding/Mail 1p C4C 7:15p Choir 7-9p Scouts	25 9-11a True North Pastor Hours 6-7p SLAA 7:30p Book Study	26 5pm ALL AGES Halloween Gala 	27 2p Dobbins Memorial Svc And Reception 6:30p Party Rental
28 10:30a Worship School-Red Wagon 	29 7:30p AA	30 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	31  9-9:30a Mont. School Party 1p C4C 7:15p Choir 7-9p Scouts			

SILENT AUCTION ITEM-2018

Name _____ Contact info _____

CONTRIBUTION: _____

Minimum Starting Bid \$ _____

(Return Slip to Kari Lynch or the church office)

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