

HILLTOP HERALD

**NOVEMBER
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Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

I am writing this article at the end of October and it has been a tough month. The Supreme Court Hearings. The hurricanes. The murder of Saudi-American journalist Jamal Khashoggi. The two African Americans shot at a Kroger by a man who had just tried to break into a predominantly black membership church. The shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. The 15 or so pipe bombs sent to prominent people around the nation. The group of thousands of migrants making their way to our southern border, and the vitriol being spewed about immigrants. Meanwhile, we're dealing with the constant rhetoric surrounding the upcoming midterm elections and ballot initiatives here in Massachusetts.

Do you feel overwhelmed? Tempted to turn off all media and hide from everything? Are you becoming disillusioned and hopeless? Or, maybe you've been so busy working on the Fall Family Fair that you've been too distracted to pay much attention. However you're feeling, this a friendly reminder from your pastor that you are allowed to rest. You are allowed to take breaks. You are allowed to temporarily tune out in order to recharge your batteries. But you must not abandon your role in this world. Each of us has a job to do, which is to spread goodness and love and to advocate for the least of these, as best we are able. This Thanksgiving, take a moment to thank God for all that you have been blessed with, and then continue the work to ensure that all people have such blessings. If you think that nothing you do will make a difference, then hear these words from Rev. Jim Antal, "However grim, reality cannot undermine or cancel the hope God offers us." Our faith tradition reminds us that the good always overcomes the bad, eventually. Love wins in the end. That is the resurrection and we are Easter people. Just look at the millions of people who have shown love and support to the Jewish community in light of the recent tragedy in Pittsburgh. When evil strikes, love descends with an exponentially greater force.

I am reminded of the quote attributed to The Talmud, which states, "*Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now, love mercy now, walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.*"

We must do what we can, in our time, in our place, to spread God's goodness and love with the world. Thank you for being you and for doing what you can. You are blessed and you are called to be a blessing to others.

In Love and Solidarity,

Rev. Angela Wells-Bean

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FALL FAMILY FAIR

NOVEMBER 3RD

**United Church of Christ, Cong'l
6 Lexington Street, Burlington**



**Crafts-Baked Goods-Used Books
Jewelry-Bid on Auction items**



9-2PM

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

9-2PM

**DINNER-SILENT/LIVE AUCTION and
RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED
6PM**

DINNER MENU

Choice of:

Chicken Pot Pie

Vegetarian Pot Pie

Baked Ziti

Salad-Apple Crisp

Cider-coffee-tea

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

(Call: 781-272-4547)

JOIN REV. ANGELA AT TRUE NORTH COFFEE SHOP ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DAYS. REMEMBER HER OFFICE IS ALWAYS OPEN!

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

Thursday, Nov. 1st: 9am-11am
Tuesday, Nov. 6th: 4pm-6pm
Thursday, Nov. 8th: Cancelled-meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 13th: 4pm-6pm
Thursday, Nov. 15th: 9am-11am
Tuesday, Nov. 20th: Cancelled-traveling
Thursday, Nov. 22nd: Cancelled- Thanksgiving
Tuesday, Nov. 27th: 4pm-6pm
Thursday, Nov. 29th: 9am-11am



ANGELA TRAVELING

Pastor Angela will be out of town from Tuesday, Nov. 20th- Saturday, Nov. 24th. She will be with Andy in Florida, celebrating Thanksgiving with her family. Rev. Trina Portillo of the Presbyterian Church will do pastoral coverage. She can be reached at: 773-951-7820.



MUSIC MINISTRY



It's beginning to sound a lot like... Christmas?

Yes, indeed, it is! The Choir is open for singers who want to help with Advent and Christmas music! We will start rehearsals for the season on Wednesday, November 28th. We would love singers in all sections to help enrich our musical offerings, especially for Christmas Eve. Come help us all get into the Christmas spirit!



Come Join our Choir!

Drop in anytime to check us out and see if you'd like to join us! The adult choir will rehearse November 7, 14, and 28 at 7:15pm. There will be no rehearsal on November 21st. If you'd like more information, please see Joe Stoddard after church or contact him at music@uccburlington.org or (781) 346-3900.



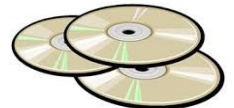
Children's Choir Rehearsals

Our Children's Choir rehearsals will be held on November 4, 11, and 18 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! We are planning on singing at the In-Gathering Service on Sunday, November 18. There will be no rehearsal on Sunday, November 25.

If your family is interested in being part of the new Children's Choir, please drop in at rehearsal sometime or contact Joe Stoddard at music@uccburlington.org or (781) 346-3900.

Youth Choir CD's at the Fall Fair

From Our Hearts, our recent Youth Choir CD, makes a great Christmas gift! It features Kristen Harder, Laura Harder, and Diana Sears, directed and accompanied by Joe Stoddard. Stop by the Music Committee's table at the Fall Fair on Saturday, November 3rd to pick up a CD or two (or three, or four!). The price is \$15 per CD, with all proceeds going directly to the Special Music Fund to offset the cost of the production of the CD.



Keep in touch!

Email: music@uccburlington.org

Twitter: @uccbmusic

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School is singing the song: the B-I-B-L-E each week. It's a simple song with a catchy tune. The focus in Oct. is the book of Mark, learning Jesus lesson that all are equal. The God group walked with James & John on the Road to Jerusalem with a game like hop scotch. They learned not be served but to serve, & the lessons Jesus taught as they walked. The Jesus group learned about who they are by making a poster with their name in the middle & surrounded by all the things they like & that are important to them.

INTERGENERATIONAL EVENTS

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

On October 20 over 30 scary cats, skeletons, monsters, dinosaurs, purple people eaters, sharks, witches, men from the deep, power ranger & faceless characters showed up in Sewall Hall that was transformed to a haunted hall. There was also a sweet spider man, puppy, cheerleader, cowgirl & princess. Even Lavern & Shirley showed up to eat pizza with us. There were tight matches of Halloween games, a dance off & parade. Thank you, Thank you to all that participated in turning the Ed Bldg into a haunted hall.



UPCOMING INTERGENERATIONAL EVENTS



Sunday November 11th 1 PM Pool Party Billerica Boys & Girls club. 19 Campbell Rd. Billerica MA The kids have the shallow end, adults can do short laps in the deep end. Please be on time, we only have pool for 1 hour & that hour goes fast. Bring your own towel. There is a boys & girls changing room that leads right out to the pool. The club provides balls & floaty toys for the pool. Bring your own wings & stuff your kids.

Must sign up no later than Wed. 11/7/18 at 5 PM. If we have more than 25 people, we need a 2nd Life Guard. We don't want anyone left out, but if we go over the 25 after 11/7, it is too late to get the 2nd Life Guard, so you will not be allowed to attend.

Please sign up at coffee hour, call or text Deb Raymond at 857-373-9156 .



MEATLESS RECIPES!

Our recent meatless potluck was a huge success! Thanks to all of you who contributed to a meatless dish and recipe. Thanks to Nancy Todd and Bobbie Killilea our Meatless Cookbook will be for sale at the Fall Family Fair. Also you can purchase a copy the following two Sundays after the Fair. The cost is \$5.00 each.

NEWS FROM TRUSTEES!

The combination steam/hot water boiler in the basement of the church has sprung a leak and needs to be replaced. Our plan is to get the new furnace installed in the next week or two. Please dress warm until so!

MISSIONS UPDATE!



RED WAGON

The last Sunday of the month we take a collection of specific needs for our local Burlington Pantry.

Bring to worship on **November 8th**
Coffee-Tea-bags of egg noodles

We will bring these forward during our
"Time For Our Children"

ROSIE'S PLACE-BOSTON

Our next date to volunteer at Rosie's to prepare and cook a meal for lunch will be January 12th. Volunteer sheet will be out soon if you want to sign up.

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

The Fair is here!!!!!! **We have made lots of items for the Fair.** Come see what has been created by many of our congregation. There are brightly colored hats, scarves and mittens, you can buy a scarf and a bear wearing a matching scarf, tumbled stone and sea glass creations, wooden items and lots of yummy goodies. Save your calories that week for the Fair because you will be tempted to buy cookies from the new Cookie Walk or the bake table. This is just a sample of the many items to be found at the Fair. Plus we can use your help staffing any one of the many tables.

What is not sold and other articles made for distribution will be sorted and delivered before the end of the year. If you have made articles for any of the many groups we support to **please deliver them to the Office or Susan Eby before Nov 15th**. Remember we give to The Veterans, Hospice, Dana Farber, Cradles to Crayons, Caty's Closet, The Transition Center in Lowell, and The Linus organization.

The **unsigned Christmas cards** you have donated will be delivered to the Bedford Unitarian Church the week after the Fair. So this is the last call for cards. **We stop collecting Nov. 3th**. We will collect cards again in January for next year.

Please feel free to join us on any Wednesday afternoon at 1:00PM. We have a relaxing time being creative and welcome any of you including people who just want companionship for an hour or two.



WISH TREE at the BURLINGTON MALL

Each year the Burlington People Helping People Pantry have a table setup at the Burlington Mall. This is a WISH LIST of items for CHILDREN and TEENAGERS of those families signed up with the Pantry. These wishes range from books, clothing, gift cards for those who would otherwise not have a Christmas! Stop by the table between November 23rd through December 12th to pick up a wish, purchase your wish and return it to the table.

UCC volunteers needed! Our dates to work at the table are: November 23rd Friday, noon-8pm, and December 3rd Monday, noon-8pm. The request is for two hours per team/person. If you would like to volunteer please contact Joyce Carpenter at Joycelee39@verizon.net or see the sign up sheet at coffee hour.

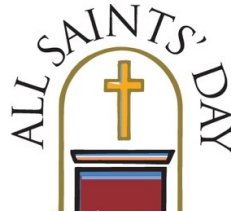
Christmas Blessings to all!
Missions Committee

**THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH 7PM**



The 39th Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service is happening again this year! It will be held at the Burlington Presbyterian Church at 335 Cambridge St., at 7:00pm. The service will be followed by a vegetarian reception. Please join us for this sacred event as we express our gratitude for all our blessings and celebrate the diversity of faiths in our town.

**NOVEMBER 4TH
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY!**



On this Sunday, everyone is invited to bring a picture or memento of someone who has been a saint in their life. During our worship service, we'll have an opportunity to share why that person was a saint to us and to place our mementos on the altar. Be sure to bring your pictures or items on Nov. 4th.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
UPDATE**

Your hard-working Community Engagement Group has been busy conducting interviews with key town leaders to identify the greatest needs in our town. This is just a reminder for those of you who are in the C.E.G., that we are having our November mini-retreat on Saturday, Nov. 10th from 9am-12pm in the church conference room.



On Sunday, Nov. 11th, we will be recognizing Veteran's Day during our worship together. This year is the 100th anniversary of the ending of WWI. We'll be participating in the Bells for Peace, organized by Veterans for Peace. We will ring our church bell 11 times at 11:11am. We will also recognize all our Veterans during the worship service. Paul Raymond will share a Veteran's Day reflection, including his dad's experience as a WWI veteran.

CHURCH SIGN UPDATE

The church sign team, Michael Lewis, Angela Wells-Bean, Bill Beyer and Lucy Damiani are hard at work. They connected with the town about what kind of sign we are allowed to have. They are also researching different sign options and consulting with different companies. Stay tuned for more updates.

THANKSGIVING IN-GATHERING OF FOOD
For the Burlington Community
Sunday, November 18, during Worship
One of the most important traditions in the life of our Church!



Our church is blessed to serve as the collection point for all the food donations from local churches, the Temple and organizations to provide Thanksgiving baskets to Burlington families, in dire financial need, as well as the elderly, shut-ins, and veterans. Our Youth volunteers will have responsibility for sorting and packaging the food prior to the distribution to those families identified by the Burlington Food Pantry.

Last year we provided food for a complete Thanksgiving Dinner for over 180 families.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED; HELP ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 SEE THE SIGNUP SHEET AT COFFEE HOUR AND VOLUNTEER TO SORT FOOD, DELIVER FOOD TO SHUT-INS, HANDOUT FOOD TO FAMILIES, TRANSPORT LEFTOVERS TO THE PANTRY, ETC.

This is a short list, but we need **DOZENS and DOZENS OF EACH ITEM!** Fresh vegetables (potatoes, squash, green beans, carrots, etc) will be purchased, so if you would like to make a monetary contribution instead of food, such donations would be welcome. Checks should be made payable to ***People Helping People*** please!

We are requesting the following list of foods
PLEASE ONLY NEW PURCHASES **(NO EXPIRED DATES)!**

Chicken broth
Gravy
Stuffing mix

Canned Corn
Cranberry Sauce

Cornbread Mix
Mayonnaise

On behalf of People Helping People, thank you for sharing so generously!
Your donations will ensure that everyone in Burlington will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving!

IN-GATHERING OF 'PLEDGES', FOOD AND OFFERINGS
WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 18TH DURING WORSHIP

As part of our Thanksgiving Worship on November 18th we will all come forward with our offerings, pledges, time and talent survey and our food for the pantry.

As one church family, we will thank God for the many Blessings in our lives!

WORSHIP SCHEUDLE FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2ND!

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-TBD
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe
 Mark Flecchia
 Flower Deliverer: Cindy Phillips
 Collector: Barbara Moran
 Coffee Hour: Chris Stahlinski
 Bakers: Chris-Susan Eby
 Barbara Leonard

Nursery Contact:

Donna Flecchia
 dmflec@gmail.com

Coffee Hour Contact:

JanineTowle
 msjaninetowle@gmail.com

November 11 10:30am Lay Leader: Michael Lewis
 Head Usher: Mark Flecchia
 Ushers: Mark and Donna Flecchia-Kari Lynch-Marge Zamanian
 Greeters: Anne Stafford
 School: Deb Raymond-TBD
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe
 Marcia Rich
 Flower Deliverer: Marge Zamanian
 Collector: Everett Langley
 Coffee Hour: Jan McSheffrey
 Bakers: Jan-Shirley Fong
 Cindy Phillips

November 18 10:30am **INGATHERING SUNDAY**
 Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani
 Head Usher: Conrad Fong
 Ushers: Conrad-Carol Downing
 Gordon Brown-Sally Willard
 Greeters: Jean Baker
 School: Deb Raymond-TBD
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe
 Bev Maher
 Flower Deliverer: Anna Karwan
 Collector: Marcia Rich
 Coffee Hour: Donna Flecchia
 Bakers: Donna-Carol Downing
 Karen Butler

November 25 10:30am Lay Leader: TBD
 Head Usher: Dave Ieradi
 Ushers: Dave-Lucy Damiani
 Paul and Jane Raymond
 Greeters: Ginger Mungillo
 School: Deb Raymond-TBD
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe
 Donna Flecchia
 Flower Deliverer: Bill Livezey
 Collector: Dick Butler
 Coffee Hour: Susan Eby
 Bakers: Susan-Marge Zamanian-Sally Willard

December 2 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Communion Prep:

Jan McSheffrey
 Nancy Davis

10:30am Lay Leader: Deb Glancy
 Head Usher: Dick Butler
 Ushers: Dick and Karen Butler
 Barbara Moran
 Mark Flecchia
 Greeters: Janice Grace
 School: Deb Raymond-
 Nursery: Kristen Watanabe
 Karen Ciardi
 Flower Del: Nancy Davis
 Collector: Marge Zamanian
 Coffee Hour: Janine Towle
 Bakers: Janine-Karen Welch
 Chris Stahlinski

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Montessori School Mon-Fri 8-6p				1 7:30p Scouts Help with Table Setup 6:30-7:30p SLAA-Conf. Room	2 ALL DAY Setup for the Fall Family Fair	3 9-2pm FALL FAMILY FAIR 6p Dinner Auctions! <i>Turn your clocks BACK!</i>
4 10:30a Communion Sunday School Noon Yth Choir	5 7:30p Trustees 7:30p AA	6 4-6p True North Hours 7:15p Deacons	7 1p C4C 7:15p Choir 7-9p Scouts	8 No True North Hours 6:30p SLAA	9 Dinner event	10
11  Veterans Day! 10:30a Worship-School Noon Yth Choir Noon Missions Mtg 1pm Pool Party	12 Veteran's Day Observed Office closed 7:30p AA	13 6-7p RAAI 4-6p True North Hours	14 7:15p Choir 7-9p Scouts	15 9-11a True North Hours 6:30p SLAA	16	17 1:30pm Hall setup For Ingathering. Pie Delivery/ rolls/etc.
18 10:30a Worship-School Noon Yth Choir In-Gathering  2-5p Food Pickup at UCC	19 7p Thanksgiving Interfaith Service @ St. Mark's Church 7:30p AA	20 DEC HILLTOP DEADLINE! No True North Pastor hours 6p BHS Dinner Rental 7:15p PC	21 No Choir 7-9p Scouts	22  Happy Thanksgiving! No True North Pastor Hours Church office Closed!	23 Church office Closed Today!	24
25 10:30a Worship-School -Red Wagon No Yth Choir	26 7:30p AA	27 6-7p RAAI 4-6p True North Hours	28 9:30a Hilltop Fold & Mailing 7:15p Choir 7-9p Scouts	29 9-11a True North Hours 6:30p SLAA	30	

UCC
6 Lexington Street
Burlington, MA 01803
Address Service Requested



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