

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL
6 LEXINGTON STREET
BURLINGTON, MA 01803



DECEMBER 8
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Carol Sing at 10:20am
Worship-School-Love Offering
10:30am

*We believe that God calls us to love unconditionally, following the example of Jesus Christ. Recognizing that all people are equal in the sight of God, **we seek to be an inclusive and respectful community for persons of every color, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability and economic means.** In our calling to express the love and welcome of Christ, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person, and*

declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation. We strive to respond to the needs of our town and world with practical deeds of love. We welcome individuals and families of every configuration into the full life and ministry of this church. Join us on our faith journey!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

DECEMBER 8 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT-Worship time at 10:20AM

Lay Leader	Lucy Damiani
Head Usher	Dave McNeil
Ushers	Dave & Jessy McNeil-Gordon Brown-Sally Willard
Greeter	Karen Butler
Advent Candlelighters	Carol Downing-Jan McSheffrey
Nursery	Kristen Watanabe-Mark Flecchia
School	Deb Raymond-Donna Ferro
Collector	Deb Raymond
Coffee Hour	Susan Eby and Nelson Eby
Bakers	Karen Welch-Jean Baker

December 15 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT-Worship time at 10:20am in Sewall Hall-Christmas Pageant

Lay Leader	Sally Willard
Head Usher	Mark Flecchia
Ushers	Mark & Donna Flecchia-Jan McSheffrey-Marge Zamanian
Greeter	Barbara Moran
Advent Candlelighters	C4C
Nursery	Kristen Watanabe-Bev Maher
No Sunday School	
Collector	Marge Zamanian
Coffee Hour	Christian Ed
Bakers	Christian Ed

***Join us at 10:20am each Sunday of Advent** for a hymn sing before worship begins. There will be special booklets in the pew for you to pick your favorite. (No Red Hymnals they are in this packet for easier viewing)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday December 3

Not Your Average Joe's Fundraiser - All Day!

Deacons Meeting 7:15pm

Wednesday December 4

True North Pastor Hours 8:30-10:30am

C4C 1:00pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm

Sunday December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

Carol Sing 10:20am

Worship-School-Love Offering 10:30am

Mission Meeting-Conference Room Noon

Youth Choir Noon



TRUE NORTH PASTOR HOURS

at True North Coffee Shop

204 Cambridge Street, Burlington

Angela now has new True North hours.

She will be there on **Wednesdays from**

8:30-10:30am.

December 3

December 11

December 18

December 25 No Pastor Hours

January 1, 2020 No Pastor Hours

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

You might recall at the annual meeting, a LONG time ago, February 3rd, we asked folks to contribute to our United Church Mission

(formerly called Our Church's Wider Mission and collected as membership dues).

As we approach the end of the year, we wanted to make one more request.

These funds are put towards the greater church funding.

If you haven't already done so, please consider a \$25.00 donation per person.

This year's Stewardship theme is ***The Way.***

Jesus refers to himself and his commitment to a cruciform **Way** of life as,
"I am the way" John 14:6

A "GREEN" CHRISTMAS!!!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We hope you ate your fill and enjoyed time with family and friends. Regardless of how full you felt after your tryptophan high, we bet you still had leftovers cluttering your fridge. This green message is all about left overs.

Here are some friendly suggestions that show that with a little planning or ingenuity, even left overs represent an opportunity to reduce your carbon footprint:

- Google how long food lasts and what items freeze well.
- Plan your meals so that you do not waste your left overs.
- Find an interesting alternative way to use the leftover. (For example, turn the leftover squash into squash soup...and then freeze it.)
- Because reusing plastic is the better choice than recycling, consider saving resealable plastic containers, e.g. cottage cheese containers. Wash them well and reuse them to store your left overs. (Google to see which plastics are safe to reuse and how to clean them.)
- Avoid plastic wrap or plastic storage bags. Neither of these are recyclable. Aluminum foil is recyclable. Better yet, purchase some of the reusable silicon lids.

The holidays have multiple events, many with the potential of leftovers and doggie bags. When you go out to a restaurant or a party, put a storage container or two in your car to bring the goodies home. If you forget your container, consider if the food can be packed in tin foil rather than accepting a Styrofoam container.

With a little planning and a lot of caring, we can make steps to reduce our carbon foot print. These suggestions are small in scope but big because you will lead by example. The more people that speak up for this earth the more normal it will become. If we all do a little bit better, the earth will too.

BELOW ARE GIFT GIVING IDEAS!



WARM COATS, GLOVES, MITTENS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

CITY MISSION BOSTON is in need of NEW WARM Coats, gloves and mittens for all our Neighbors In Need. (No fleece or softshell light jackets, they need

proper heavy coats) These are for all ages from Infant to Adults (Adult XL, XXL, are always needed!)

If you can't purchase a coat please think about getting warm gloves or mittens!

There is a bin outside the church office - deadline for giving is **December 15th!**



**NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE'S FUNDRAISER TO
BENEFIT UCC
WAYSIDE COMMON
BURLINGTON, MA**

December 3- Tuesday
December 10- Tuesday
December 17- Tuesday
December 24- Tuesday
December 31- Tuesday

Grab your family, friends, co-workers and enjoy lunch/dinner on the above dates and 15% of your food bill will be donated to the church. How easy is that! Just take the flyer with you (found at coffee hour) or we can mail one to you if needed, present it to your server and be sure the bill reflects the fundraiser.

Merry Christmas to you and the church!

**December 15 at 3pm
Holiday Revelry
Concert & Holiday Social with the**

"Three of Cups "

Debbie Claar and Ann-Marie Messbauer

Join us at 3 pm as sweet strains of carols and
wassailing songs waft in the air.

A great time to celebrate the season with wonderful friends.

We will have refreshments and a sing-along!

Tickets \$10

(Tickets on sale now!)

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCHEON DECEMBER 18 AT NOON HERE IN SEWALL HALL



There is a signup sheet for potluck
(main dish, side dish, salad,
desert). Even if you can't provide a
dish, join us for great conversation.

We will also remember Marion
Braley-Freeman on this day, it would
have been her 100th Birthday!



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE C4C

In the next few weeks we will sort the
remaining fair items for distribution. If
you know of an organization we might give
items to please let one of us know. All are
welcome at our meetings, every
Wednesday 1-3pm in the church
conference room.

*(Susan Eby will send an email if
cancelling for December 4th)*

C4C is collecting unsigned Christmas cards for the inmates at the prison in Billerica. There is a box marked cards for inmates outside the office. We will be collecting them until the last week in November. Thank you in advance for sharing your left over cards.

CHURCH NAME TAG

Now that worship is back in full swing, it is really nice for all of us to wear our NAME TAG so everyone will be able to match a name with a face. If you have lost yours, just leave a note on Bobbie's desk in the church office and she will be more than happy to make you a new one!



NEW COFFEE HOUR COORDINATOR UPDATE!

We want to thank Donna Ferro, Jan McSheffrey and Cindy Phillip who have offered to coordinate coffee hour on a short term basis. If you would like to host/bake please see the signup sheet in the hallway near the church office!

JERICO WALK

The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1pm there will be a walk the the ICE offices located at 1000 District Avenue, Burlington.

The next date is December 17

Please be in touch with Pastor Angela if you have questions or if you would like to carpool. She attends each month and it would be great to have some UCC Burlington representation!

THE GREEN TEAM INVITES YOU
TO TAKE THE STRAW
CHALLENGE!

Thank you to all who have taken the STRAW CHALLENGE! If you visit a restaurant, etc. please remember to SKIP THE STRAW, bring your own, or just don't use one. (We do recognize that some people need straws for health reasons).



Bronze – Is the simple pledge to tell the server when placing an order that you do not want a straw. “I would like to help the environment, no straw please.”

Silver – The silver level takes this just a little further by actively bringing your own straw and I again say, “No straw for me. I don’t need a straw, I’ve brought my own because straws are bad for the environment.”

Gold – Gold takes the prior levels a step further by trying to influence the restaurant’s straw distribution practice. With this level, people would ask to speak with the manager of the establishment and ask the manager to change their practice and only distribute straws when the customer asks for one. Changing the straw distribution policy will save the restaurant money and save the environment.
Win-win!!!

People Helping People Raising Funds to purchase Holiday Dinners for families in the Community of Burlington

Burlington’s People Helping People is a non-profit organization. Under the umbrella of

PHP is the Burlington Food Pantry, the Covenant for Basic Needs and the Holiday Wish Tree. Over 225,000 pounds of food will be distributed in 2019 to families of the Burlington Community Food Pantry.

In addition to receiving their monthly food distribution in December we would like to once again provide the families with resources to enjoy a holiday dinner with their family.

People Helping People is holding their 9th Annual Capital Grille Raffle for a chance to win a \$1,000 gift certificate to the Capital Grille in Burlington. The prize, which covers dinner for six, including wine, was donated by the Capital Grille at 10 Wayside Road in Burlington.

Raffle tickets are just \$20 each and can be purchased from the following:

- -Janet Sullivan Fitzgerald sullivanfh@comcast.net,
- -Dan DiTucci at Spencer Cleaners at 271 Cambridge Street 240 Middlesex Turnpike
- -John & Shannon at A Whole Bunch of Flower Market, 326 Cambridge St., Burlington
- -They can also be purchased through our website www.peoplehelpingpeopleinc.org Just click on the tab that says "Events & Fundraising"

The Tickets will be sold during throughout December.

So think about helping those in need during this holiday season and
purchase a \$20 raffle ticket!

The drawing will the first week of January!

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

JUST A REMINDER.....

WE HAVE RENTERS USING SEWALL HALL WEEKLY

MONTESSORI SCHOOL Monday-Friday from 8-6pm

Please remember there is a large school pickup at 3pm.

So the parking lot will be very busy!

MONDAYS 7:30-9PM AA MEETING

WEDNESDAYS 7-9pm SCOUTS

THURSDAYS 6:30-7:30PM PRIVATE GROUP MTG

Please **DO NOT** interrupt while they are in session!



**LTLC - Lowell Shelter is in need of the following
items
for MEN and WOMEN**

**Sweatshirts
Coats
warm socks
Gloves
Hats
Warm clothing**

There will be a bin outside the church office if you can
donate any items.

Thank you!



BURLINGTON PANTRY IS IN NEED!

The Burlington Food Pantry currently helps 13 families with children under the age of 2.

They are in need of diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, 7 and pull ups!)
ESPECIALLY wipes.

If you are able to donate please bring to church anytime and place into the BLUE bin outside the church office.

Thanks so much!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/NURSERY

Nursery Coverage/Worship

We are in need of coverage in our Nursery on Sunday mornings!

Also worship volunteers are always needed.

Please contact Donna Flecchia
at dmflec@gmail.com



CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Children's Choir will rehearse at noon after
Sunday worship

Adult Choir will rehearse Wednesdays at 7:15 pm

Keep in touch!

Email: music@uccburlington.org

Twitter: @uccbmusic

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

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



***If any of the people listed below are doing better,
please let us know.
The list is long and we are praying some are on the
mend
and our prayers have helped!***

John Heald's passing of a close friend and co-worker

Joyce Carpenter's Nephew

Cindy Phillips on the passing of her Mom, Norma

Libby Samarjian on the passing of her Mom Ruby Plaisted

Karen Ciardi's Dad

Janet Knudsen on the passing of her Mom

Bill Beyer's sister Jane Moberg and friend Frank

Tonia Egan's daughter Keira

Anna Karwan

Claire Simas-upcoming surgery

Mark Flecchia's mom Vivian

Kendra Griep's grandfather

Luella Brown

Dick Rockwell

Michael Lewis on the passing of his grandfather

Carol and Ron Downing, and daughter Elizabeth in ICU

Conrad Fong

Alan Wright's friend Seth's Dad

Anne Stafford-hospitalized, her son Bill and grandson Zach

Brian Stahlinski while working in South Korea

Woody & Betty Knowles and friend Janet Hurley

Jean Bastos

J. Beyers (Relative of Kate)

Dave Williamson

Rev. Elizabeth King

Jan Blandino

Bobbie Martino

Barbara Garland

Ann Onthank-Hospitalized

Jessy McNeil's brother Mel and sister Grace

Henry Knopp

Dot Drinkwater

Ruth Reddig

Everett Langley's brother George

John Heald's sister Susan & Mom

Jim Mungillo

Tom Killilea's niece's husband Jason and co-worker's 22 year old son

BOTH diagnosed with cancer

All our caregivers, military here and abroad and our First Responders!

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