

HILLTOP HERALD JULY AND AUGUST 2020

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Dear Church Family,

Before I get into my article for the month, please know that I am thinking about you and I miss you. I feel disconnected from most of you and I wonder how you're doing, how you're holding up. Maybe at the beginning of the pandemic you were running on adrenaline, but we're 3 months in. How are you doing now? How is your family and how are your children? How is your spirit? If you need a listening ear or a word of support, I am here for you and I'd love to hear from you.

Now, as is our usual summer tradition, this year we're going to have a Summer Sermon Series. Because of all that's going on in the world, and because the *Book of Joy* resonated with so many of us, my sermon series will continue with this theme. Our eight summer services will focus on the Eight Pillars of Joy. The schedule is as follows:

July 5th: Worshipping with the Presbyterians

July 12th Topic: Perspective

July 19th Topic: Humility

July 26th Topic: Forgiveness. I'll be on vacation, pulpit supply will be provided by Megan Berkowitz (our planned interim sabbatical pastor)

August 2nd Topic: Acceptance. Presbyterians will worship with us, Debbie Claar is leading service because I will be on vacation.

August 9th Topic: Humor

August 16th Topic: Gratitude

August 23rd Topic: Compassion

August 30th Topic: Generosity

Our summer services will also begin with a Loving Kindness Meditation, so that we can help heal the world, beginning with ourselves. Understanding our emotions and how we respond to them is the first step towards treating others with love, kindness and compassion.

I am looking forward to worshipping with you on Zoom.

With Love and Support,

Rev. Angela Wells-Bean

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UCC BURLINGTON NEEDS YOU!

You! Yes, you! Don't turn around, this isn't for anyone else. This was written specifically for you. Sure, it's in a message being sent to a lot of people, but rest assured, I was thinking of you when I wrote this.

We need a volunteer. Someone who is organized. Someone who can estimate how long a job would take, or how many volunteers would be needed to complete it. And yes, that person, is you! We need a volunteer for Finance and Stewardship.

Now, before you say anything, let me clarify, being on F&S does not mean you call up people and ask them for money. That's not how the committee functions. No one is comfortable with that, and it doesn't really work anyway. We've got other plans, neater plans, funner plans!

Consider who you'd be working with: Angela, John Heald, John Getsinger. That's right, two John's for the price of one! And, frankly, some of the nicest people on the planet.

Consider also that for as long as you're on F&S, Nominating committee won't hound you to join anything else!

Please contact Michael Lewis at your earliest convenience to let him know you are ready! dmichaellewis@gmail.com or 617-281-8651

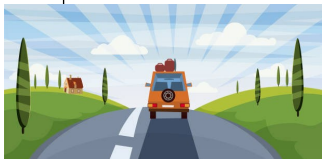
ANTI-RACISM ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP

Our first 3 gatherings will be the first 3 Wednesdays in July. **We'll meet from 7:00pm-8:00pm on July 1st, 8th and 15th.** Depending on how things go, we will plan future gatherings. Pastor Angela is going to send out an important introductory email and the Zoom invitation, so if you want to participate, please email her at RevWells@UCCBurlington.org and she'll put you on the list. For those who have already reached out and expressed interest, thank you for wanting to participate in this important work.

SAFE CHURCH UPDATE

The safe church committee has been meeting all summer to work on making our property safer for all of us. We received the grant money from the Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant. We are now working on signing a contract with Action Lock and Key who is going to install electronic locks on the Education Building doors, Sanctuary Doors, and the door going down into Skelton Hall. We will also have video doorbells on the Education Building doors and the door going into Skelton Hall. We're also working on having the interior sanctuary doors replaced (the swinging brown ones). Stay tuned for details and feel free to reach out to Pastor Angela if you have any questions.

PASTOR ANGELA'S VACATION



She will be on vacation from July 20th-August 6th. Our guest preacher on July 26th will be Megan Berkowitz, our planned interim sabbatical pastor. And our guest preacher on August 2nd will be Debbie Claar. We will host the Presbyterian Church (via Zoom), on August 2nd.



On June 14th, in spite of Children/Youth Sunday being on Zoom, not live in the church, the kids provided a fabulous Service! They are quite an accomplished group of kids. Elizabeth Forbush is a natural leader, and Amelia & Julie's duet was just so beautiful. Thank you for readings by Ali, Peter, Emi, Sebastian, Keira, Liam, Hope & Molly, Maddy & Precious. Congrats again to Kristen Harder on her high school graduation, and Jared Ciano & Kristen Duran on their college graduation. Way to go Amelia & Josie graduating to 3rd grade and receiving their Bibles. And the special guests, some of the UCC college students, were just the icing on the cake!

Our program would be nowhere without our volunteers, so thank you again! CE Director Deb Raymond apologizes for being remiss in thanking the CE board for all their support and input to the Faith Formation programs.

FURTHER PLANNING

Plan for 2nd Annual Sunday School Adventure. There is a possibility this could happen in the summer. The State guidelines on gatherings are being reviewed at this time. Further information will be disseminated to parents.

Plans for Fall programming are in the works for whatever Covid-19 throws at us.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Feedback on the decision to continue with online worship until at least the end of August has been positive. The Deacons, along with CE Director Deb Raymond and Music Director Joe Stoddard, will meet July 14 to discuss the safety, timing and operational details of returning to the sanctuary.

On Sunday July 5th our congregation will participate in the Presbyterian online service, see more in the Hilltop and watch for further information and the link in upcoming emails and bulletins.

Pastor Angela and the Called to Care group are doing an outstanding job of reaching out with cards and phone calls to members and friends of the church whose social contacts may be extremely limited during the pandemic.

Memorial gifts have been made in remembrance of Ken Baker and Berj Zamanian.



GUEST PREACHER ON JUNE 28TH

As our June Pride celebrations draw to a close, we welcome the Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath (she/her/hers) as our guest preacher. (Pastor Angela will still be part of the service). Pastor Heidi is a preacher, teacher, chaplain, writer, and activist. She is a leader and former professional organizer in the LGBTQ+ communities. Her other passions include: examining whiteness, and empowering women and girls. Queer, feminist, and liberation theologies are central to Heidi's grounding in all of her work. She currently serves as Interim Chaplain and Director of Religious and Spiritual Life at Phillips Exeter Academy. Heidi shares her life with her spouse, the Rev. Dr. Emily C. Heath (they/them/theirs), and their two cats, Atticus and Windsor.

There will be a Q&A after the service so people can be in dialogue with Heidi and continue to learn from her wisdom.



Thank you, Special Musicians!

We were very blessed to have Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Ruth Goodrich-Byers, Amelia Lewis, Julie Lewis, Laura Nowell, and Mark Omobono as soloists during the month of June.

Summer Musicians

We welcome singers and instrumentalists to share their talents with the congregation. We have a few volunteers for the summer, but we need more! You only need to be willing to share one song during the worship service, but if you would like to lead the singing for the entire service, you're very welcome to do that. Please email Joe Stoddard at music@uccburlington.org if you are interested in helping out.

Fall Schedule

As of this writing, we do not know when we will be able to worship together in the sanctuary, so it is not possible to schedule choir rehearsals for September. The Board of Deacons is monitoring the health crisis and will update us as they are able to.

Deacons' Special Music Fund – Music Sunday Appeal

Thank you so much to our donors to the Music Sunday Appeal! As of the publication date of this newsletter, the church has received generous donations from:

- Debbie Claar, in tribute to all the choirs and the wonderful work they do
- David and Barbara Leonard
- Bill Livezey, in memory of Nancy Livezey
- Chris and Gary Stahlinski
- Joe Stoddard and Paul Mouratidis, in thanksgiving for the work of the Adult and Children's Choirs
- Joan Zink

Keep in touch!

Email: music@uccburlington.org

Twitter: [@uccbmusic](https://twitter.com/uccbmusic)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs



RED WAGON-PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

The Pantry's numbers are up at least 30% since COVID-19. In April we supported a record of 201 families, and we continue to sign up new families every week. **We are extremely low on the following items:**

- canned tomatoes**
- pasta sauce**
- broth**
- jelly**
- flour and sugar**
- dish soap**
- canned vegetables (except corn and green beans)**

If you would rather make a monetary donation you can make a check out to PHP and mail it directly to PHP, P.O. Box 343, Burlington, MA 01803. Questions please contact them at 781-270-6625 or burlingtonpantry@gmail.com.

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

C4C will continue to meet this summer. We are going to try meeting out of doors with safe social distancing practices. When weather, especially temperature, does not permit this we will meet via Zoom.

Some of us are making items for the fall Fair and we are sharing ideas about future projects. We will continue to make masks and offer them to anyone who needs them. Also ear savers seem to be really needed by hospital staff and many of us are knitting them. Each ear saver needs two 3/4 or 1 inch buttons. If you have an old button collection please think about donating these two sizes of buttons to us. They do not have to match as we find it fun to make funny button combinations. We have already donated over 150 ear savers which required 300 buttons. Thanks in advance and we will gladly pick them up from your mail box. Lastly but not least please stay safe!

MISSIONS SNIPPITS

-Benevolence payments were made to Grow Clinic, Hope Group, NE Center for Homeless Vets, and Rosie's Place.

-Finances were reviewed. After all planned Disbursements and Benevolences are paid, we anticipate a year-end balance of just under \$50. Barbara is double-checking the figures. This is good, as we will meet all our obligations. It's less good that we can't support any additional appeals in 2020.

-Missions has been "meeting" through email. Thankfully we will meet June 29th, socially distancing, in Barbara Moran's backyard.

CHURCH SERVICE AWARD AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE



This year Kristen Harder received the Church Service Award. Kristen will be attending the University of Rhode Island where she will be a pre-med major concentrating on cell and molecular biology. During her high school years Kristen participated in a number of clubs and school activities including mentoring, working in the Science Center, and organizing the Arbor Club. She was a National Honor Society member and the Valedictorian of her graduating class at Ayer Shirley Regional High School. Within the church community, Kristen was a member of Team Awesome which did community service in Maine. She was a member of the Junior Choir which often sang for services and recorded a CD titled "From Our Hearts". We wish Kristen all success as she continues her education at the University of Rhode Island.

OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES

Hats off to Jared Ciano who graduated from Champlain College with a degree in Game Design and minor in Business Administration. And Kristina Duran graduated from Quinnipiac University. Best wishes to both!

Giant Yard Sale
Saturday, September 19th, 9-2
Rain Date, Sept. 26th



We ask your indulgence and understanding with this different scenario for the 2020 yard sale.

YARD SALE WILL BE TOTALLY OUTSIDE!

Please deliver donations as early as possible on Friday, Sept. 18th.

As of now we cannot store items in the church ahead of time.

It may still be a requirement to wear masks outside.

Setting up tables, sorting, and pricing will be, frankly, laborious while wearing a mask. We are helping our workers if they can be spared carrying boxes up from Skelton Hall or out of Sewall Hall.

Early in August, I'll ask Bobbie to send out a Yard Sale Blast.

I'd like to ask who can help with the following tasks:

Friday, Sept. 18th

- A) Setting up tables outside from 8-9 a.m.
 - B) Unpacking, sorting, and pricing from 9-9.
- Whatever hours you can.

Saturday, Sept. 19th

- C) Helping with sales from 8:30 - 11:30.
- D) Helping with sales from 11:30 - 2:30.
- E) Breaking down the yard sale. Returning tables to Sewall Hall.
- F) Transporting unsold items to Savers, the Used Bookstore, or packing up for disposal.

At that time, please let me know by emailing back with the letters A, B, C, D, E, and/or F.

True, this will mean that everything will be outside during the night. The plan is to ask someone or sit outside from 9 p.m. til midnight as a deterrent to any funny business. After midnight most people are settled in at home.

I believe the risk is worth the reward.

Thank you very, very much!
Joan

joanzink1@me.com



TRUSTEES UPDATE!

We are still in the midst of painting our church building. Here is the back of the church which was hit by the vehicle last November. The shutters will be going up after the final touches. Blair Painting has done a wonderful job!

FALL FAMILY FAIR WANTED: COMMITTEE MEMBERS



A committee of 4-5 people is needed in order for the Fair to take place this fall in November. We can meet and divide up the tasks, so that no one is over-burdened. These are difficult times. There are questions that need to be asked. For example, if we are not back worshipping in the sanctuary, can we still hold an event inside in Sewall Hall? Should we not have a dinner and live auction this year for safety sake? Could we hold a silent auction, including donated items and gift cards, in a different format? Pastor Angela mentioned a very successful online auction held at another church that raised thousands of dollars. Should we be extra cautious and postpone the Fall Fair, holding a Spring Family Fair instead? I'd be happy to be part of a 4-5 (or more) committee to receive feedback and help sort out the responses to these questions. Please let me know if you would like to help in any way. Joan Zink, joanzink1@me.com

AMAZONSMILE ALSO ON AMAZON MOBILE

When our church first signed up to receive donations through Amazon Smile, people lamented that you couldn't do it on the mobile app. Well, now you can! Go into the main menu on Amazon on your phone, scroll down to "Settings (with the American flag next to it)" and that will bring up another menu that includes "AmazonSmile," click on that and choose our church. On the iPhone, you'll have to turn on notifications for Amazon in order for it to work.

Happy shopping and donating at the same time!



Extra prayers for Conrad's Dad Gim
 Anne Stafford home, doing better
 Anne's son Bill diagnosed with COVID-19
 and continued prayers for her grandson Zach
 Jan Costa
 Lynn Tirrell - still healing from her fall
 Beth Hatcher - healing from a fall
 Bill Livezey
 Joe Stoddard's mom Lillian
 Betty Knowles, friend Janet Hurley
 Dave Ierardi's son Dano and partner Alisha
 Sarah Clark's mother-in-law Sandra
 Roberta Low's friend Doug
 Anna Karwan and her family
 Joyce Carpenter's Nephew
 Bill Beyer's sister Jane Moberg and friend Frank
 Claire Simas, her grandson and friend Barbara
 Mark Flecchia's mom Vivian

Kendra Griep's grandfather
 Luella Brown
 Carol & Ron Downing
 Alan Wright's friend Seth's Dad
 Jean Bastos
 J. Beyers (Relative of Kate)
 Dave Williamson
 Rev. Elizabeth King
 Jan Blandino
 Bobbie Martino
 Barbara Garland
 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's co-worker's 22 year old son
 All our caregivers, military here and abroad, our
 First Responders and Urgent Care workers!
 BE SAFE!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

3 Marc Towle
 3 Bobbie Martino
 4 Eric Duran
 8 Brian Stahlinski
 9 Walter Landin
 9 Melissa Olney
 9 Carl Dove
 10 Bill Beyer
 14 Peggy Derick
 14 Jerad Stahlinski
 14 Nancy Todd
 21 Sam McNeil
 21 Dick Butler
 23 Alana Shirley
 27 Aidan Breau
 28 Natalie Gillingham
 29 Amelia Lewis
 29 Bill Livezey
 30 Cy Todd



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

1 Marina Ciardi
 2 Deborah Claar
 7 Will Silva
 8 Sarah Clark
 9 Florence Forbush
 9 Deb Glancy
 10 Jennifer Turgiss
 11 Melissa Breau
 12 Wynelle Scenna
 15 Sally Willard
 17 Jacob Goodrich-Byers
 17 Nicole Flecchia
 20 Jane Forbush
 22 Ruth Goodrich-Byers
 25 Kathy Olney
 25 Michael Lewis
 26 Laura Harder
 26 Brian Hooper
 29 David Breau
 31 Paul Ursino

SLIGHT ZOOM CHANGES

In order to increase the security of our online services, we are creating a digital waiting room so that the Zoom host (Michael Lewis or Sally Willard) knows who is entering the service. If they don't recognize the name, they'll ask you your name before admitting you into the service. To make things easier on all of us, please update your Zoom account so that your first and last name are on display. Thank you.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

JULY

July 5 Ecumenical Service WITH the Presbyterian Church at 10:30am

ZOOM Information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81652315347?pwd=cEVvVUNYYUFxWkZ3cUVJellYaHZZUT09>

Meeting ID: 816 5231 5347

Password: 326910

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdhRl8P73n>

Pastor: Rev. Trina Portillo
Organist: Presbyterian Member
Lay Leader: UCC Volunteer
Music: Presbyterian Member
Children's: Presbyterian Member

July 12 Zoom Livestream 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
Music: Sarah Clark

July 19 Zoom Livestream 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, jr.
Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski
Music: Debbie Claar

July 26 Zoom Livestream 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Megan Berkowitz
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: TBD
Music: TBD

AUGUST

August 2 Zoom Livestream 10:30am (Presbyterians will be joining us)

Guest Preacher: Debbie Claar
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Presbyterian volunteer
Music: Sarah Clark

August 9 Zoom Livestream 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
Music: Debbie Claar

August 16 Zoom Livestream 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski
Music: TBD

August 23 Zoom Livestream 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Sarah Clark
Music: TBD


August 30 Zoom Livestream 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Mark Fleechia
Music: TBD

September 6 Zoom Livestream 10:30am-TBD Labor Day Weekend

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: TBD
Music: TBD

July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7p Anti-Racism Mtg	2 9-3p Church Office open	3	4 
5 10:30am Livestream with the	6 7:30p Trustees 7:30p AA	7 9-3p Church Office open	8 7p Anti-Racism Mtg	9	10	11
12 10:30A Livestream Worship	13 7:30p AA	14 9-3p Church Office open 7p Deacons	15 7p Anti-Racism Mtg	16 9-3p Church Office open	17	18
19 10:30A Livestream	20 7:30p AA	21 9-3p Church Office open	22	23 9-3p Church Office open	24	25
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