

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



**We look forward to welcoming you
when we're able to be back in our sanctuary!**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

ZOOM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

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!*

UPCOMING WORSHIP*

September 20 Zoom Livestream at 10:30am

Pastor: Pastor Angela Wells-Bean
Pianist: Aline Beck
Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski
Music: Debbie Claar

September 27 Zoom Livestream at 10:30am

Pastor: Pastor Angela Wells-Bean
Pianist: Aline Beck
Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani

Music: Amelia and Julie Lewis
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

***Here is the link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/756975189>

You need to download the ZOOM app on your ipad or computer.
If you cannot access it, you can always dial in on your phone and listen by audio.

The phone number is: 929-205-6099
Enter meeting ID: 756 975 189 when prompted.

You will receive a bulletin for the upcoming Sunday, via email with the hymns attached. This way you can have the bulletin with you at home while joining us for worship. During our Zoom worship, I will share prayer requests that I received throughout the week, *so if you have any prayers that you'd like shared on Sunday morning, please call me 727-776-7892 or email them to me RevWells@uccburlington.org before Saturday night.*

Thank you.
Angela

SUMMER MEDITATION

All summer long we have been incorporating meditations into our worship services. We have included the meditation here so you can continue the practice in your own life if you so choose.

As Christians, we have opened up our hearts to the gift of God's generosity and compassion working within our own lives. We cannot necessarily control what is

happening in the world but with God's guidance, we can certainly affect how we interact with ourselves and each other. When we recite the Loving Kindness meditation, it is an opportunity to acknowledge how the grace of God is influencing every pore of our being.

Recite the meditation by opening, softening and allowing God to shine within you.

Breathe in. Breathe out. Breathe in. Breathe out and recite:

May I be well

May I be filled with joy

May I practice loving kindness

May our loved ones be well

May our loved ones be filled with joy

May our love ones practice loving kindness

May those I have challenges with be well

May those I have challenges with be filled with joy

May those I have challenges with practice loving kindness

May all be well

May all be filled with joy

May all practice loving kindness

May you start or continue to make it a daily practice until its message resonates so deeply within you that at times of great joy and great challenges, it comes whispering back to

you like a "feather on the breath of God"

(Hildegard von Bingen).

ANTI-RACISM ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP CONTINUING!

The Zoom Anti-Racism Accountability Group is going strong. Thank you to everyone who

has been participating. We are moving to meeting bi-weekly rather than every week.

We'll meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

You can drop in at any time. The upcoming dates are as follows: Sept. 16th, Oct. 7th, Oct. 21st,

Nov. 4th, Nov. 18th, Dec. 2nd and Dec. 16th. Please email Pastor Angela if you'd like to participate

and she will send you the Zoom link. We'd love to have you join us.

Discussion with Debby Irving, author of Waking Up White

A few years ago, we had a church book discussion about the book Waking Up White. The author, Debby Irving will speak on **Tuesday, Sept. 29th at 7pm** on Zoom, followed by a Q&A. Her talk is entitled, "I'm a Good Person! Isn't that Enough?" This talk is sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Libraries.

In order to get the Zoom link, you need to click here to register:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/8015982998109/WN_zzhzheMhRVGp1Q3oYgl2ww

CHURCH YARD SIGNS

NOW AVAILABLE

We have ordered yard signs to help get the word out about our church.

If you would like one in your yard, please email Angela and she'll drop it off at your house. These are for folks in Burlington and beyond! The cost of the signs is \$13, so if you want to make a contribution to help defray the cost, we'd appreciate it, but you certainly do not have to.

Thank you for helping us spread the word about our wonderful congregation.



REMINDER

If you have news to share with the congregation please be sure to email it to:

uccburlington@gmail.com

OCTOBER HILLTOP HERALD ARTICLES ARE DUE

BY SEPTEMBER 20TH



OUR First Social Gathering is Thursday September 17th at 9:30am.

Hosted by Chris Stahlinski. If you would like to attend, please contact Chris at cmlynch51@yahoo.com The weather looks wonderful for an outside get together!

During fall and winter months. We are organizing Social-Spiritual Circles. What are they? Small, focused gatherings (10 people or less) in Sewell Hall. Each circle will have a facilitator and we will focus our conversations around a shared topic. We'll meet for just an hour.

What will you need to do? Find a circle that interests you, register, and then show up wearing your favorite face mask. We will be spaced 6 ft apart. We can't have food, but feel free to bring a bottle of water. These are meant to be fun and informal. You don't need to be an expert and you don't even have to be a talker. Just come to enjoy the topic

and the company.

Social-Spiritual Circle Schedule: Save the dates!!! Information about each topic and registration details will be coming. If you don't receive the weekly email blasts, but you want to attend one of the circles, please call Bobbie in the office. Helpful Hint: Start reading *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd now!

Topic	Day	Date	Time	Sig Fac
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	September 26 th	6 PM	Deb
My Favorite Authors	Thursday	October 1 st	7 PM	Mar
My Favorite Authors	Saturday	October 3 rd	2 PM	Mar
Guided Meditation	Wednesday	October 7 th	7 PM	Deb
Guided Meditation	Wednesday	October 14 th	7 PM	Deb
Social Distancing Get Together	Thursday	October 15 th	9:30 AM	Chri
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	October 17 th	6 PM	Deb
The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd	Wednesday	October 21 st	2 PM	Rev.
The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd	Sunday	October 25 th	2 PM	Rev.
Favorite Bible Passages	Tuesday	November 10 th	10 AM	Rev.
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	November 14 th	6 PM	Deb
Favorite Bible Passages	Monday	November 16 th	7 PM	Rev.
Jeopardy Tournament	Saturday	December 5 th	6 PM	Deb

Singers and Instrumentalists Needed

Since we are continuing to offer worship online, we need singers and instrumentalists to share their talents with us on Sunday mornings. You can volunteer to sing or play just one solo during the service, or you can volunteer to lead the singing for the entire service or do anything in between! You do not have to be a regular Choir member to volunteer. If you'd like to offer your skills, please contact Joe Stoddard at music@uccburlington.org or (781) 346-3900.



Job Opportunity

An elderly man in Burlington is looking for an assistant caregiver nightly from 11pm-1am to help with bedtime care. There would be another caregiver there, so this person would be assisting them. Pay is \$25/hour. Please let [Jessy McNeil](#) know if you're interested. She can be reached at 508-631-0025

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE AND OUR *RED WAGON!*

The Pantry is located at 1 St. Mark's Road, Burlington. There is a storage bin on site to drop off donations.

They could use many of the following:

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**.

NEWS FROM THE CRAFTERS

We continue to meet on Wednesdays either via zoom or in an outdoor setting with social distancing.

All are welcome to join our ZOOM meetings. Call Susan Eby for details. Crafters continue to create items such as prayer shawls, fingerless mittens and hats which we plan on distributing at the end of the year.

There are masks and ear savers available to all who desire them. Bobbie has a supply in the office or you can email or call Susan Eby.



Photos for People Helping People Fundraiser

Church member Stephanie Omobono has started a project here in Burlington called the Front Steps Project. She will come to your house and take portraits of your family. In lieu of paying for the photos, she asks that you make a donation to People Helping People. You can email her at gofundme.com/f/stephanie-omobono-photography-frontstepsproject or go to her GoFundMe page. Here's the link: somobono.photography@gmail.com

Thank you, Stephanie, for doing this wonderful fundraiser for People Helping People!

AMAZON SMILE NOW 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.

Reach out to Pastor Angela if you have any questions.



Giant OUTSIDE Yard Sale
Saturday, September 19th
Rain-date: September 26th

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

Yard Sale will be totally outside!

I will be looking for people to 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.

**Please email Joan Zink
and let her know where you can help!**

Joanzink1@me.com



Pastor Angela - Pastoral Care

If you are struggling during this time of social distancing, or if you just want someone to talk to, I am available for you. We can set up a time to talk via phone, FaceTime or Zoom, whichever you prefer. ***Please do not isolate yourself if you are struggling. You can email me or call me to schedule a time to talk,*** RevWells@UCCBurlington.org or 727-776-7892.

Church Office

The office will not be open to the general public. You can leave messages at the church office 781-272-4547, voicemail will be checked regularly. Please, please feel free to mail

pledges or donations to the church at 6 Lexington Street, Burlington, MA. 01803. The mail will be checked regularly as well. If you need help or concerns, please feel free to leave a message.

Financial Assistance

If you or your family experience financial struggles as a result of COVID-19, the church is here to help you. We have a Deacons Fund which can be used for emergency financial assistance. Please reach out to Pastor Angela or Deacons Chair, Deb Glancy debglancy03@gmail.com if you could use financial support. All requests are kept confidential.

Medication Assistance

If you are concerned about how you're going to get your medications during this time of social distancing, please contact Cindy Phillips. She can assist you. She can be reached at: 781-552-1034.

People Helping People

People Helping People has expanded its offerings to the community in light of COVID-19. If you or your family could benefit from receiving food through the food pantry, please contact the food pantry at 781-270-6625 or burlingtonpantry@gmail.com. In addition to non-perishable items, they have a wonderful array of fruits and vegetables. They're also offering lunch foods for families with children who normally receive their lunch at school.

Church Member Support

If you are elderly or immunocompromised or don't feel comfortable leaving your home, we have a team of church members who can run errands for you, including doing your food shopping. If this would be helpful for you, please reach out to Bobbie in the church office, or Pastor Angela.

Please continue your church pledges

The church is not insulated from the economic concerns regarding COVID-19. We will inevitably lose a lot of loose offerings because we won't be gathering for worship for so many weeks. That being said, the church still has fixed costs including utilities and

salaries. Please continue your weekly or monthly pledges, if you're able. **Checks can be mailed to the church** If you're able to make an extra contribution, that would be much appreciated. Thank you so much for helping to sustain our community during this time of uncertainty.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES!

- 3 Eric Forbush
- 4 Dominic Ramirez (Killilea)
- 7 Nick Nowell
- 7 Wayne Higden
- 8 Steve Samarjian
- 9 Peter Silva
- 10 Katherine Baker
- 11 Kate Byers
- 18 Samantha Flecchia
- 18 Jackson Towle
- 24 David Hooper
- 25 Conrad Fong
- 26 Lucy Damiani
- 27 Shirley Garside
- 28 Forrest Knowles

ONGOING REMINDERS ARE LISTED BELOW:

CHOIR REHEARSALS CANCELLED

COFFEE HOUR CANCELLED

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE (C4C) CANCELLED at church, but many are doing great projects at home! JOIN THEM ON ZOOM!

NURSERY/WORSHIP VOLUNTEERING CANCELLED

LTLC NEEDS T-shirts, jeans, underwear for men and women

Items can be dropped of at the church, just let us know!

BURLINGTON PANTRY NEEDS Diapers (sizes 4,5,6,7 & pullups) Also wipes!

Items can be dropped off at the storage bin at St. Mark's Church

MONTESSORI SCHOOL-DOWNSTAIRS

Monday-Friday from 8-6pm!

SEWALL HALL RENTERS

MONDAYS 6:30-9PM AA MEETING

WEDNESDAYS 7-9pm SCOUTS - meeting elsewhere outside while the weather holds up

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

Prayer Concerns

Charlotte Blaney's daughter-in-law Carey Blaney-heart issues
Stephanie Omobono on the loss of her grandfather
Pastor Angela's Mom Kim following surgery
David Ierardi son Dano and partner Alisha
Jeneice who had a baby and is hospitalized with unknown infection
Prayers for Brianna, lost her boyfriend in a car crash and
her grandmother is very sick with COVID
Kelly Sievert's brother, Geoff, who is very ill and waiting for a heart transplant
Flecchia Family on their recent house fire!
Wynelle Scenna
Pastor Angela & Andy baby arriving in March 2021!
Stephanie & Mark Omobono baby arriving in March 2021!
Michael & Julie Lewis baby arriving in December 2020!
Friend of Aimee Tredeau, Mercedes and her kids, Malki and Zaire
Pastor Bruce recovering from acute leukemia and a bone marrow transplant
Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian
Carol and Ron Downing's brother Charlie, hospitalized and Carol's sister-in-law Joan
Barbara Leonard
Claire Simas and her grandson
Anne Stafford, son Bill and grandson Zach
Jan Costa
Joe Stoddard's mom Lillian
Betty and Woody Knowles, their friend Janet Hurley
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
Kendra Griep's grandfather
Luella Brown
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

All our caregivers, military here and abroad, our First Responders
and Urgent Care workers!
BE SAFE!

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