

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL
6 LEXINGTON STREET
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We look forward to welcoming you
when we're able to be back in our sanctuary!

JANUARY 3, 2021
WORSHIP AND COMMUNION
ZOOM LIVESTREAM
at 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*

January 3-Communion Zoom at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Music: Sarah Clark
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

January 10-Zoom at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
Music: Mark Omobono
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](tel:727-776-7892) or email them to me RevWells@uccburlington.org before Saturday night.*

Thank you.
Angela

**PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL THE ARTICLES IN
THIS WEEKLY!**

REFLECTIONS OF 2020

Do you have any reflections you would like to share with the congregation?

Just send them along to Bobbie at uccburlington.org

We would love to hear your perspective of this past year!

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP UPDATED INFORMATION

In mid-November we sent out the promised preliminary budget figures for 2021. Since then we have had in-gathering Sunday and are a few weeks into Advent.

We wanted to reconnect and give you a status update of the pledges received to date.

	<u># of Pledges</u>	<u>\$ of Pledges</u>
This year to date	66	\$159,585.00
This time last year	66	\$150,000.00

We are slightly behind last years' submissions at this point in the Stewardship campaign. That is not really surprising given our remote status. Several people have mentioned they have yet to mail in their packets. Our goal is \$203,545, which means that we are 78.4% of the way there.

If you have not already done so, please submit your 2021 pledges and time and talent survey as soon as possible. Thank you for your support of this church.



Are you Zoom Meeting Savvy?

UCC Burlington is looking for a few good people to be a backup Zoom host or a rotating Zoom cohost for our weekly Zoom church services. Gratefully, we have been able to rely on Michael Lewis and Sally Willard to manage our weekly Zoom logistics. Even though Michael and Sally are steady contributors, it is important to have back-up support, especially if someone is sick, out-of-town, or simply needs a break.

If you are interested in being a Zoom host back-up or a rotating cohost, please let Deb Glancy know (debglancy03@gmail.com). We'll provide instruction, coaching, and lots of support. We are seeking 5-6 people who would be willing to serve this very important role. Please consider how your skills can support this need. Thank you very much.

**ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS FOR YEAR 2020
ARE DUE INTO THE OFFICE
BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 22!**



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

**Due to the increase in COVID cases we have decided to meet on ZOOM
at 1pm on Thursdays. The Link is below:**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95879026186?pwd=NVBjdjZmQWZzOG94UzNWSFNuZlhHQTo9>

Meeting ID: 958 7902 6186

Passcode: 01803

**Thank you to everyone who made hats, gloves, mittens for school age
children. These were donated to the WISH TREE.**

HATS/SCARVES for the HOMELESS

Looking for something to do this winter? If you are a knitter or can crochet you could be creative and make hats or scarves for the homeless who are serviced by the Lowell transitional center or for the homeless veterans. C4C has patterns and yarn if you need them. They will be in a box outside Bobbie's office. Or contact Susan Eby (mmoosie@hotmail.com). Thanks for your support of the Missions committee.

SPORT THEMED MASKS

Masks made with material featuring all four Boston professional sports team have been made. These are two sided and have different sports team on each side. They are free as long as the supply lasts. We are asking you to give a donation to the Church to offset the price of the fabric. Talk to Bobbie or Susan Eby about seeing the masks.



WINE ORDERS - PROCEEDS COME TO THE CHURCH!

With most of us are dining in these days - ever wonder what wine goes best with your fine home cooked meal or take out order? Jessy McNeil has joined with Scout and Cellar wine to start a fundraiser. These wines are pesticide free, sulfite free with no added sugar. They offer a variety of reds/white/blends and sparkling clean crafted wines. With the holidays fast approaching and travel restrictions; would you consider visiting my website for stress-free gift shopping deliver at your doorstep! They also have 2-bottle

gift packs which makes a wonderful holiday gift. All proceeds go towards our church fundraising goals. Orders over \$100 receive free shipping. You simply visit Jessie's website, place your order and your items will be delivered directly to you. Please reach out to her if you need assistance in ordering (508) 631-0025.

Thank you,

Jessy McNeil

scoutandcellar.com/jessymcneil



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

Bobbie will be in the office Monday - Thursday 9-3pm for any items that may need to be dropped off. There is a security system, just be sure to ring the bell and she will let you in!

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.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 29 Maddy Bonnell
31 Dorothy Drinkwater

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- 6 Nelson Eby
7 Ali & Peter Wisniewski
8 Kathy Olney
18 Bev Maher
19 Erin Killilea
20 Ruth Reddig
21 Dante Ramirez (Killilea)
22 John Heald
26 Sara Goodrich-Byers
26 Stephen Landry (Sexton)
28 Jan McSheffrey
28 Tom Killilea
31 Kristin Duran
31 Marie Perrot

MONTESSORI SCHOOL-DOWNSTAIRS

Monday-Friday from 8-6pm!

SEWALL HALL RENTERS

MONDAYS 6:30-9PM AA MEETING

WEDNESDAYS 7-9pm

SCOUTS

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



Joe Stoddard, Jr. on the sudden passing of his sister Amy Garcia

Claire Simas

Passing of Natalie Gillingham

Marj Zamanian's son-in-law's friend Brendon Casey

Tredeau Family friend Jeremy Watkins

Barbara Moran

Laura Nowell-doing well after knee surgery

Gail Ciano after a fall

Sue Wisniewski's Dad

Donna Ferro's friend Jamuna Manjunatha doing better

Karen Ciardi's Mom and Dad, Dottie & Bill

Rev. David Smith

Wynelle Scenna

Scott Carpenter

Joyce Carpenter

Howie & Charlotte Blaney's daughter-in-law Carey

Pastor Angela's Mom Kim

Kelly Sievert's brother, Geoff

Friend of Aimee Tredeau, Mercedes and her kids, Malki and Zaire

Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian

Barbara Leonard

Claire Simas and her grandson

Anne Stafford, son Bill and grandson Zach

Joe Stoddard's mom Lillian
Betty and Woody Knowles, their friend Janet Hurley
Bill Beyer's sister Jane Moberg and friend Frank
Kendra Griep's grandfather
Luella Brown
Jean Bastos
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

Our First Responders! Our caregivers!
Urgent Care workers!
Military here and abroad!
BE SAFE!

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