

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

DECEMBER 13, 2020
ZOOM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP
10:30AM

Remember to have your advent candles ready!

*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*

December 9 Reclaiming Christmas Worship via Zoom 7pm

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

December 13-Third Sunday of Advent Zoom at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Sarah Clark
Candle Lighters: Roberta Low and Lucy Damiani
Music: Hope Calandrelli and Debbie Claar
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

December 20-Fourth Sunday of Advent Zoom at 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Laura Nowell
Candle Lighters: Glancy Family
Music: Deana & Aimee Tredeau and Sarah Clark
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

PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL THE ARTICLES IN
THIS WEEKLY!



Reclaiming Christmas Service

Wednesday evening December 9th at 7pm Zoom Livestream

We will have a Reclaiming Christmas Service in place of a Calming Christmas service. During this service we will remember that while we may have grief and disappointment there is still joy to be found in Advent and Christmas.



DURING WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 13TH

Join us Sunday December 13th for a special worship service at 10:30am on Zoom Livestream. Christian Education will have a Christmas Sunday School Event during worship. **The title is “The Night before Christmas” (a religious version).** This will be in place of the Sermon. Filming is taking place ahead of time with our Sunday School Families.



ADVENT CANDLE PACKETS

We hope you all have received your Advent Candle Packet that was mailed out recently. If you haven't received one and would like one please contact Bobbie and she will mail it out to you. We will use these candles during our Advent Worship Services at 10:30am and our Christmas Eve Service at 7pm. All Services will be on Zoom Livestream!



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.



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=NVBjdZmQWZzOG94UzNWSFNuZlhHQTo9>

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.

THE WISH TREE IS BACK AT THE BURLINGTON MALL

Make a child's wish come true! Stop by the Wish Tree Table and select a card.
Purchase the gift and return it to the table.

COATS FOR KIDS!

City Missions is again collecting NEW coats for all age children, toddler to High School. This includes a special need for large adult coats. There is a bin outside Bobbie's office for any NEW winter coats you may wish to donate. ***DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 11th!***

OR.....

You may order a coat online and send it directly to the Collection Center at:

First Parish Westwood
ATTN: City Mission
252 Nahatan Street
Westwood, MA 02090

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.

ANTI-RACISM ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP CONTINUING

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

Our last date is Dec. 16th at 7pm.

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.



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 Jessy'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!

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| 4 | Janet Knudsen |
| 13 | Andrew Olney |
| 15 | Kristina Duran |
| 17 | Michael Tredeau |
| 17 | David McNeil |
| 18 | Lance Olney |
| 18 | Ellen Salera |
| 19 | Lauren Costa |
| 23 | Gideon Spearson |
| 25 | Our Savior Jesus |
| 26 | Robert Stahlinski |
| 29 | Maddy Bonnell |
| 31 | Dorothy Drinkwater |

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!



Gail Ciano after a fall
Lewis Family whose cousin lost their baby
Sue Wisniewski's Dad
Donna Ferro's friend Jamuna Manjunatha
Bobbie Killilea's sister Karla
Karen Ciardi's Mom and Dad, Dottie & Bill
Rev. David Smith
Mark & Stephanie Omobono's neighbors Richard & Eleanor
Wynelle Scenna
Lynn & Lee Tirrell's brother-in-law Don
Scott Carpenter
Howie & Charlotte Blaney's daughter-in-law Carey
Pastor Angela's Mom Kim
David Ierardi's parents, son Dano and his partner Alisha
Prayers for Brianna, lost her boyfriend in a car crash and
her grandmother is very sick with COVID
Kelly Sievert's brother, Geoff
Friend of Aimee Tredeau, Mercedes and her kids, Malki and Zaire
Pastor Bruce recovering from acute leukemia
Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian
Carol and Ron Downing's brother Charlie and Carol's sister-in-law Joan
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
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

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

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