

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL
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"I Delight in You" by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

SUNDAY'S THEME:

***First Sunday in Lent: Again and again God chooses us and
leads us to repair***

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

FEBRUARY 20, 2021

WORSHIP 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*

February 17 Zoom at 7pm Ash Wednesday Service (don't forget your ashes)

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

February 21 Zoom at 10:30am - Joint service with Pastor Angela and Interim Pastor Ginger Bove

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani
Music: Mark Omobono
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

February 28 Zoom at 10:30am (Pastor Angela's last Sunday before her leave)

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



Ash Wednesday Service

We will have an *Ash Wednesday service on Zoom on Feb. 17th at 7pm.*

You all should have received a packet of ashes in the mail. We invite you to impose ashes on

yourself during the service. If you are alone you can do this in front of a mirror. If you will be worshipping with others in your home, we will invite you to impose ashes on each other. While doing this you will say the words, ***"You are dust, and to dust you shall return"***.

Please join us for this powerful service which will help us set our intentions for the season of Lent. Use the same Zoom link that we use for Sunday morning worship which can be found on our website: uccburlington.org



Introducing... Our Interim Pastor!

Rev. Ginger Bove will be our Interim Pastor from March 1st-May 31st while Pastor Angela is on parental leave. Her first Sunday leading worship will be March 7th. However, she will be with us for worship and coffee hour on Sunday, February 21st, so we hope you'll join us for that service and have a chance to meet Ginger. Here is a little bit about her:

Rev. Virginia "Ginger" Bove is a part-time chaplain at Lahey Hospital here in Burlington. She pastored churches over a fifteen-year period in Massachusetts and in Birmingham, Alabama. Before turning to a full-time hospice position, Ginger's last position in a congregational setting was to see the United Church of Christ in Pelham, Mass. (outside of Amherst) through its final seven years. She worked full-time in hospice until her son was born in 2007, and then took the part-time position at Lahey in 2013, serving in Pelham part-time during those years. She cherishes the work of pastoral care, and enjoys teaching and preaching. As she is originally from South Carolina, you may hear her refer to you as "y'all" here and there! In her personal life, Ginger enjoys travel (when possible), hiking and reading. She is married to Eric Bove, and they have a son, Jeremy, age 13 3/4.

Covid Vaccine for Burlington Seniors

We know there is a lot of confusion about how seniors 75 and up can get the Covid vaccine. It has been brought to our attention that the Council on Aging is keeping a

running list of folks who want the vaccine, so when Burlington gets vaccines for that age group, they'll work their way down the list. All you need to do is call the Council on Aging to be put on the waiting list. We hope this information is helpful.



The Burlington Public Library is holding a drive-thru food drive to benefit People Helping People's food pantry.

The drive will be February 20 from 10:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the curbside library tent. "In the past, we have held a program that allowed residents to donate food items in order to pay off library fines, Library Director Michael Wick said." Even though the library is now fine free, we hope to keep up the tradition as a way to serve our community."

The pantry is seeking non-perishable, future-dated foods including: one to two-pound bags of jasmine and basmati rice, two-pound bags of sugar and flour, side dishes (quinoa, au gratin potatoes, flavored rice or pasta, etc), healthy snacks, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, spaghetti, pancake syrup, coffee, tea, cocoa, vegetable oil and jelly.

They also need personal care items like shampoo, toothpaste, tissues and dish soap.

Anti-Racism **Accountability Group**

Staying vigilant about racism and the ways we were complicit in perpetuating it is very important. All are welcome to join our Anti-Racism Accountability Group as we work together to dismantle personal, interpersonal, systemic and institutional racism.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

Email Pastor Angela and she'd be happy to send you the Zoom link.

While Pastor Angela is on leave, Sarah Clark will be hosting these discussions.



Donating Your Stimulus

A church member recently contacted the church to tell us that they're going to donate their stimulus funds to People Helping People or Rosie's Place, since they have been minimally impacted by the Coronavirus. This is a friendly reminder that if you don't need your stimulus money, there are many worthwhile organizations who would greatly appreciate your generosity.

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=NVBjdjZmQWZzOG94UzNWSFNuZlhHQT09>

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.



DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Lowell Transitional Life Center is always in need of the following:

Warm coats - Sweat shirts - gloves
heavy socks - jeans

Clothing for Lowell Transitional Living Center will be taken to Lowell THIS WEEK. If you have donations please place them in the hall outside Sewell Hall.

There is an area marked for them.

Thank You Missions



If you liked the wine offered at our Online Auction from Scout & Cellar you can still order through Jessy McNeil. Check out the site and email Jess at: JMcNeilRD@aol.com

THE CLEAN-CRAFTED DIFFERENCE

For a wine to be considered Clean-Crafted™, it goes through two rounds of independent lab testing to guarantee that it's free of yucky stuff like synthetic pesticides and chemical additives and has fewer than 100ppm of total sulfites. We also evaluate and review farming and production practices to confirm that they are, in fact, Clean-Crafted. **Why do we do this?** Because we hold ourselves to a higher standard. Because we're committed to offering a more natural, altogether better-tasting wine experience.



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.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Craig Baker
- 1 Ted Brierley
- 2 Gordon Brown
- 5 Mark Flecchia
- 6 Alan Wright
- 7 Karen Beck
- 7 Kellsee Lynch
- 7 Chris Cahoon
- 10 Kelly Forbush
- 10 Sue Staten-Kassirer
- 11 Sebastian Griep
- 13 Amy Todd
- 14 Karin Keyser
- 15 Elaine Carpenter
- 16 Virginia Mungillo
- 19 Donna Flecchia
- 22 Robert Knudsen
- 24 Julia Lynch
- 27 Lynn Tirrell
- 27 Sharon McDonough

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!



Betty Knowles

Joe Stoddard's Mom, Lillian

Dave Ireradi's son Dano and Dad

Pastor Angela's Mom Kim having surgery

Kari Lynch's aunt Evelyn

Claire Simas and granddaughter Danielle

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

Barbara Moran

Sue Wisniewski's Dad

Rev. David Smith

Wynelle Scenna

Scott Carpenter and Joyce Carpenter

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

Kelly Sievert's brother, Geoff

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

Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian

Barbara Leonard

Anne Stafford, son Bill and grandson Zach

Bill Beyer's sister Jane Moberg and friend Frank

Luella Brown

Jean Bastos
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 children who have been so effected by this pandemic, with isolation.

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

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