

HILLTOP HERALD APRIL 2021

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Dear Church Family and Friends,

As you think about spring and Easter, caterpillar changing to butterflies, eggs hatching chicks, bulbs blooming into flowers and an empty tomb showing our risen Lord, may you enjoy the following poem.

Also, we would like to welcome the new life our congregation has been blessed with over the past three months, Maddy Lewis, Emerson Wells-Bean and Thomas Omobono!

AGAIN & AGAIN, THE SUNRISES

In Italian, the phrase, "to give birth"

Literally means, "to bring into the light."

A mother will labor for hours and days,

Breaking herself for you,

Whispering between fractured breaths,

"This is my body, broken for you."

A mother will do this as long as it takes

So that you, her beloved,

Have a chance at life.

So that you, her beloved,

Can feel the warmth of the light.

And after all that pain,

The sun will rise.

The doctor will put a baby on her chest.

The mother will hold her child as if

Letting go is indeed physically impossible.

She will breathe easy,

And then she will whisper softly,

"All this time,

All these deep breaths...

It was love, again and again and again."

It is childbirth,

But it is also resurrection.

A body broken.

Breath fractured.

A long night.

A sunrise.

Breath returned.

New life,

And a love that won't let go.

Friends, maybe Easter is just God whispering,

"All this time,

All these deep breaths...

It's been love, again and again and again."

I think we've been standing in the light all this time.

Now that I think of it, isn't it warm?

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May the Peace, Joy and Love of the Easter season be with you and your family.

The Board of Deacons





Maundy Thursday Service on April 1st at 7:00pm Join us on Zoom livestream and we will partake in Communion. Because it is a candlelight service, you're invited to have a candle near you during the service which we will all extinguish together at the end.



Come Join Us: In Person Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am on April 4th

The service will also be live streamed via Zoom for those of you who prefer to participate in your pjs! Log onto the church Zoom link as usual.

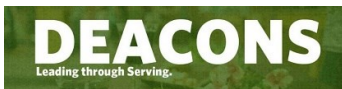
Where will we meet? Outside the church, by the front stairs on the Lexington Street side of the lawn.
How do I prepare? We are maintaining COVID-19 precautions. We will maintain 6 ft. social distancing from one another. Masks must be worn at all times. There will be no mingling before or after the service. We will definitely wave to one another and smile through our masks. As is customary to our Sunrise services, seating is not provided. Wear warm and comfortable shoes. The service is only about 30 minutes long.

What should I expect? Rev Bove will lead us in scripture, music, and prayer, and some of our Sunday School students Ali, Keira, and Liam, will share a reading with us. Unfortunately, we cannot sing while in person. But we can definitely sway, clap, or snap to the music.

What if it rains? Drizzle will not stop us from meeting in person, but a full rainstorm may prevent us from meeting. If it rains, tune into Zoom. We'll pay attention to the weather forecast, and if possible, we'll post a note on the church website if there is time to cancel in-person worship. Worst case - bring an umbrella or tune into Zoom.



Easter Festival Worship will be Zoom livestream at 10:30am. We again ask you to join us with Communion during the service. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate love's ultimate triumph over evil.



It's hard to believe spring is here and that we'll soon be celebrating Holy Week and Easter in just a few days. If you haven't received your Easter letter and palm cross, please let Bobbie know. The letter will have details about all the Holy Week services. March 28 Palm Sunday Service at 10:30 AM on Zoom, April 1 Maundy Thursday candlelight and communion service at 7:00 PM on Zoom, April 4 Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 AM live outside and on Zoom Our Easter Festival service at 10:30 AM on Zoom.



Now that the pandemic numbers are decreasing, and more people are getting vaccinated the Deacons are looking forward to planning some **Social Distance Gatherings**. Please reach out to any one of the Deacons with your thoughts or ideas of what you would enjoy.



Thank you, Special Musicians!

The church is most grateful for the generosity of Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Laura Nowell, Aimee Tredeau, and Deana Tredeau, who shared their music with us during the month of March.

Music Volunteers for April

Our deepest thanks to these volunteers who will be providing music for us in April:

- Thursday, April 1, 2021 (Maundy Thursday) – Debbie Claar and Lee Tirrell
- Sunday, April 4, 2021 (Easter Sunday at 10:30) – Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Laura Nowell, and Liz and Chris Silva
- Sunday, April 11, 2021 (2nd Sunday of Easter) – Laura Nowell
- Sunday, April 18, 2021 (3rd Sunday of Easter) – Ted Brierley and Debbie Claar
- Sunday, April 25, 2021 (4th Sunday of Easter) – The Tredeau Trio (Sarah Clark, Aimee Tredeau, and Deana Tredeau)

New Volunteers Welcome!

Some of our music volunteers have been busy expanding their families lately, so they would love some help with leading worship from other members and friends of the congregation! We're very happy that Ted Brierley will be joining us to share his talents, and we'd love to welcome more folks! If you'd like to share your music – whether for one solo during a service or to lead all the music for a worship service – please contact Joe Stoddard at music@uccburlington.org or (781) 346-3900.

Maundy Thursday Music

On Maundy Thursday, we will welcome violinist Lisa Brooke once again. Lisa will be playing settings of "The Old Rugged Cross", "O Sacred Head Now Wounded", and Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus", in addition to helping accompany all the hymns. Debbie Claar and Lee Tirrell will be our soloists.

Easter Sunday Music

At the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday, Jay Daly will be our trumpeter. He will be playing a host of Easter favorites, including "Jesus Christ is Risen Today", "Thine is the Glory", and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee". Our singers will be Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, and Laura Nowell. We will also be treated to the guitar playing and singing of Liz and Chris Silva.

New Instagram Account!

Our music program is venturing into the realm of Instagram! Come follow us! Look for us as "uccburlingtonchoirs".

Keep in touch!

Email: music@uccburlington.org

Instagram: [uccburlingtonchoirs](https://www.instagram.com/uccburlingtonchoirs)

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs



WELCOME TO CE!

SUNDAY SCHOOL Stephanie Omobono joined the CE committee. Welcome Stephanie and congratulations on your new son, Thomas!

On the 1st Sunday of each month, both groups gather together. On 3/7 we celebrated the March birthdays (Josie & Miss Deb). Jan McSheffrey was our Meet the Congregant guest. Jan is a nurse, so she gave us some informative statics about babies. She explained what she does for our the church and closed with some funny jokes. Thank you Jan!

We worked on our project for Easter and closed by celebrating communion together.



The Sunday school is going to be very visible during Holy Week. The kids will be involved in the Palm Sunday and Easter Services. Please join us at church live on Easter morning for the Sunrise Service at 6:30am (also Zoom livestream). Remember to wear your mask and social distance. We are also asking everyone not to stay and mingle after the service outside. Some of our God group will be doing a reading. All the kids will be on Zoom for the Easter Service at 10:30 am.

2021 Zoom Sunday School Calendar / Sunday School Schedule 10:30 -11:30

- 3/28 Jesus group Palm Sunday
- 4/4 ALL kids-Easter: Sunrise service 6:30am, God group participating. Sunday school on Zoom 10:30am
- 4/11 God group
- 4/18 Jesus group. Deb Off. Kristen will lead Sunday School
- 4/25 God group
- 5/2 ALL kids
- 5/9 Jesus group

INTERGENERATIONAL

Nothing planned at this time.



MISSIONS UPDATE!



RED WAGON

In 2020 People Helping People supplied food and toiletries to 1,177 families. For the month of April the Pantry needs the items listed below. You may deliver these items to the storage container in the parking lot at Saint Mark's Church any day of the week up until sunset.

Items requested for April are;

- Jasmine and Basmati Rice, Coffee, Dish Soap, Pasta and Sauce,
- Any type of shampoo, toothpaste, tissues and dish soap is always welcome !
- And lastly, all size diapers from newborn to 5T and baby wipes.

We thank you as always for being so generous to others!

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

C4C made and donated 12 hats and a scarf to the Disabled Veterans. We continued working on prayer shawls and lap robes this month. Rev. Bove blessed several prayer shawls and a lap robe for us. These will be distributed to several people during the end of March or beginning of April. If you know of someone who could use the support a prayer or comfort shawl please let Bobbie, Susan Eby or Rev. Bove know.



We continue to keep the basket of prayer squares filled. Rev Bove also blessed these and we are going to make Rev. Bove 2 dozen prayer squares for her ministry.

We continue to meet via Zoom but when the warmer weather comes we will meet in person out of doors. We are thinking positively about next fall's fair and will begin to make things for sale at the fair.

MISSIONS SNIPPET!

The Missions committee met for its monthly meeting on March 14. We again met via Zoom. The committee is working on finalizing the list of benevolences we will be supporting this year. Also we will need to determine how much will be donated to each one. This work will hopefully be finished at our next meeting on April 11.



LOWELL TRANSITIONAL LIFE CENTER

The donations for LTLC are delivered to the Center in Lowell once a month. In April we will deliver items around the 15th of April. They still need warm men's clothing.

Joys & Concerns

John Heald - recent surgery	Kari Lynch's aunt Evelyn, and brother-in-law	Jean Bastos
Barbara Moran-failing eyesight	Marj Zamanian's son-in-law's friend Brendon	Rev. Elizabeth King
Rev. David and Sally Smith and extended family	Sue Wisniewski's Dad	Jan Blandino
Elaine Glancy-upcoming surgery	Wynelle Scenna	Bobbie Martino
Joyce Carpenter-recent surgery	Scott Carpenter	Barbara Garland
Lynn Tirrell	Blaney's daughter-in-law Carey	Jessy McNeil's brother Mel and sister Grace
Sally Willard's friend Judy with new kidney	Kelly Sievert's brother, Geoff	Henry Knopp
Anne Stafford, son Bill very ill!	Friend of Aimee Tredeau,	Dot Drinkwater
And grandson Zach	Mercedes and her kids, Malki and Zaire	Everett Langley's brother George
Luella Brown in Rehab	Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian	John Heald's sister Susan & Mom
Claire Simas	Barbara Leonard	Jim Mungillo
Joe Stoddard's Mom, Lillian	Bill Beyer's sister Jane, and friend Frank	
Paul Mouratidis' Mom and Dad		
Dave Ireradi's Dad and son Dano		



BABY NEWS!

Congratulations to Pastor Angela and Andy Wells-Bean on the recent birth of their son, Emerson Andring Wells-Bean. Little brother to Soren. Emerson was born on March 11th, 9lbs even! We are so happy for all of you!

Congratulations to Stephanie and Mark Omobono on the birth of their son, Thomas Leighton. Little brother to James. Thomas was born on March 16th, 8lbs 14 oz. We are also so very happy for you and your family!

CONDOLENCES TO:

- Woody and David Knowles on the passing of Betty. She will be missed by her extended family and friends! We send our deepest sympathy to all.
- Lucy Damiani on the passing of her niece Lisa. Our deepest sympathy.
- Ruth Reddig's family and friends on Ruth's recent passing. She will be so missed! Our condolences!
- Kendra Griep and family on the passing of Kendra's grandfather, our deepest sympathy!
- Roberta Low who lost her good friend Doug. We are sorry to learn of his passing!
- Andy Wells-Bean on the passing of his grandmother, our deepest sympathy to all!
- Alan Wright on the passing of his Uncle Bruce. Our sincere condolences!
- Gail Ciano on the passing of her beloved dog, Carmella. Sorry for your loss!



1	Alan Beck	14	Josephine Ursino
5	Martha Mary Ursino	15	Donald Walker
7	Brody Bonnell	19	Janet Hooper
9	Kristen Costa	21	Shirley Fong
10	Josephine Samarjian	23	Jaime Cahoon
11	Janine Towle	24	Oksana Turgiss
12	Barbara Leonard	25	Allison Phillips
12	Luella Brown	28	Kristen Harder
13	Tina Brierley	30	April Hooper
13	Pam Walker	30	Mark Forbush
13	Brad Bond		

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

April 1 Maundy Thursday Service Zoom 7pm (communion and candles)

Pastor: Interim Pastor Rev. Ginger Bove
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Deb Glancy
Music: Debbie Claar and Lee Tirrell
Violinist: Lisa Brooke

April 4 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am live outside (masks/social distancing) also via Zoom

Pastor: Interim Pastor Rev. Ginger Bove
Worship Leader: Deb Raymond
Music: No singing/music being played

April 4 Easter Festival Service 10:30am via Zoom with Communion

Pastor: Interim Pastor Rev. Ginger Bove
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Deb Glancy
Music: Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Laura Nowell, Chris & Liz Silva
Trumpeter: Jay Daly
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

April 11 Worship via Zoom 10:30am

Pastor: Interim Pastor Rev. Ginger Bove
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
Music: Laura Nowell
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

April 18 Worship via Zoom 10:30am

Pastor: Interim Pastor Rev. Ginger Bove
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Mark Flecchia
Music: Debbie Claar and Ted Brierley
Sunday School: Kristen Watanabe (Deb is off)

April 25 Worship via Zoom 10:30am

Pastor: Interim Pastor Rev. Ginger Bove
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski
Music: Sarah Clark, Aimee Tredeau and Deana Tredeau
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

May 2 Worship with Communion via Zoom 10:30am

Pastor: Interim Pastor Rev. Ginger Bove
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Music: TBD
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

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April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1p C4C-Zoom  7p Zoom (Candles & Communion)	2 GOOD FRIDAY 	3
4  6:30a Easter Sunrise Live & Zoom  10:30a Easter Festival Zoom Communion	5 6:30p AA 7:30p Trustees	6 7p Deacons Meeting via Zoom	7 7p Scouts	8 1p C4C	9	10
11 10:30a Worship Via Zoom 1p Missions Meeting	12 6p CE Meeting 6:30p AA	13	14 7p Scouts	15 1p C4C	16	17
18 10:30a Worship Via Zoom	19	20 7p PC MTG	21 7p Scouts	22 1p C4C	23 Articles due for the MAY Hilltop!	24
25 10:30a Worship Via Zoom	26	27	28 7p Scouts 7p Anti-Racism Meeting via Zoom	29 1p C4C	30	