

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL
6 LEXINGTON STREET
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SUNDAY'S THEME:

Fifth Sunday in Lent: Godly Mercy

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

MARCH 21, 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*

March 21 Zoom at 10:30am

Pastor: Interim Pastor Rev. Ginger Bove
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
Music: Debbie Claar
Sunday School: Chris Stahlinski (Deb is off today)

March 28 Palm Sunday Zoom worship at 10:30am

Pastor: Interim Pastor Rev. Ginger Bove

Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani
Music: Sarah Clark
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 16 Parish Council Meeting via Zoom Livestream 7:15pm

***Here is the link for worship:** <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, Rev. Ginger will share prayer requests received throughout the week, *so if you have any prayers that you'd like shared on Sunday morning, please email the church by Friday, uccburlington@gmail.com or call the office 781-272-4547.*

Thank you.

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



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. Welcome Ginger!

Rev. Ginger can be reached by email: ybove13@aol.com or leave a message on the church phone. 781-272-4547.



Welcome Emerson Wells-Bean. New son to Pastor Angela and Andy,
and baby brother to Soren. Born on March 11th!
All are doing well and very excited to have a new member of their family
and our church! Blessings to all!

Anti-Racism

Accountability Group

Staying vigilant about racism and the ways we're 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. We will meet on March 24th this month. **Sarah Clark** will be holding down the fort while Angela is away, so email her at stredauclark@gmail.com and she'd be happy to send you the Zoom link.



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=NVBjdZmQWZzOG94UzNWSFNuZlhHQT09>

Meeting ID: 958 7902 6186

Passcode: 01803

Thank you to all who made hats, gloves and scarves for the Lowell Transitional Center!

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.



Helping Those in Need

DONATIONS NEEDED!

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

Warm coats - Sweat shirts - gloves
heavy socks - jeans

Leave these items under the coatrack right inside the red doors to our building.



If you liked the wine offered at our Online Auction from Scout & Cellar you can still order through Jessie 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.



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. While Pastor Angela is on Parental Leave our Interim Pastor Ginger Bove along with our Deacons would be more than happy to connect with you.***

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 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..

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.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Cindy Brown
- 7 Barbara Moran
- 7 Paul Raymond
- 12 Laura Nowell
- 14 Josie Ursino
- 15 Stephen Jacobs
- 17 Erika Downing
- 26 Laura Breau
- 26 Libby Samarjian
- 28 Alysa (Davis) Johnson

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!



Prayer Concerns

The passing of Ruth Reddig, keep her family and friends in your prayers!

Barbara Moran

Rev. David and Sally Smith and extended family

Elaine Glancy-upcoming surgery

John Heald-upcoming surgery

Bill Zink

Joyce Carpenter-recovering from surgery

Lynn Tirrell

Sally Willard's friend Judy with new kidney

Anne Stafford, son Bill very ill! and grandson Zach

Luella Brown

Betty Knowles

Claire Simas

Stephanie Omobono baby due any day now!

Joe Stoddard's Mom, Lillian

Paul Mouratidis' Mom and Dad

Dave Ireradi's Dad and son Dano

Kari Lynch's aunt Evelyn, and brother-in-law

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

Sue Wisniewski's Dad

Wynelle Scenna

Scott 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

Bill Beyer's sister Jane, friend Frank

Jean Bastos
Rev. Elizabeth King
Jan Blandino
Bobbie Martino
Barbara Garland
Jessy McNeil's brother Mel and sister Grace
Henry Knopp
Dot Drinkwater
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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