

October 2021 HILLTOP HERALD

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<p style="text-align: center;">Rekindle my desire, oh Lord, take me higher restore unto me the joy of knowing Thee.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Oh Lord, rekindle my desire, take and lift me higher set my heart for You afire so I may other's inspire!</p>

October in New England is so often a month of transition – a time to adjust to crisper days and longer nights. A time to marvel at the changing colors of the leaves, knowing too well that soon they will fall, and the trees will become barren. It is a time to cover barbeque grills, rake leaves, and begin preparations for the upcoming winter. It is a time to ready and steady ourselves. May we use this month to renew ourselves in God's grace and love; to reconnect with Him so that we have continued fortitude and strength to accept and enact the Spirit that lives in all of us.



FROM THE INTERIM SEARCH COMMITTEE

We are happy to announce our search for an Interim Pastor is over! While the process took a little longer than we anticipated we feel we have a perfect fit. Rev. Ed Koonz will be starting on Sunday, November 28th. His biography is below.

Our sincere thanks for everyone's support!

Your Interim Search Committee, Karen Ciardi, Mark Omobono, Deb Raymond, Marcia Rich,

Ed Koonz, who resides in Nashua, was born and raised in Shelburne Falls, MA; he graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. degree in Religious Studies from Brown University in 1977. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA and was ordained at the Church of the Beatitudes in Phoenix, AZ by the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ in 1985.

Rev. Koonz served as Associate Pastor of Neighborhood Church of Palos Verdes Estates, CA from 1985-1989. While there, he served on the El Camino Real Association Committee on Ministry and Southern California UCC Conference Committee on Special Events Worship Team. His community involvement included service as a Hospice Chaplain and Board Chair of Harbor Interfaith Shelter, an agency providing a continuum of services for homeless individuals and families.

From 1989-2010, Rev. Koonz was Pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC in Nashua. During his tenure, he served as President of the Nashua Area Interfaith Council, chaired the Hillsborough Association Committee on Church & Ministry and served on NH Conference UCC committees including the Faith Formation Committee, Interim Ministry Strategizing Team, and Fitness Review Response Team. While there, he co-founded the Nashua Caregivers, served on the Board of Nashua Home Health & Hospice, the Southern NH Medical Center Chaplain's Advisory Team, and chaired the Boards of Emmaus Counseling Institute and the New Hampshire Teen Institute.

After 21 years, Rev. Koonz went to serve as Pastor of Hampstead Congregational Church, UCC for 6 years. While there, he served on the Rockingham Association Committee on Church & Ministry, the NH Conference UCC Conference Board of Directors, and the NH Conference UCC Conference Minister's

Resource Team. He also co-developed and co-anchored a Cable TV program entitled *Spirited Life Today*.

In 2016, Rev. Koonz completed the Interim Ministry Network training for transitional ministries. He served for 2 years as Interim Senior Pastor at the Congregational Church of Laconia, UCC and for 3 years as Interim Pastor of the Congregational Church of Harvard, UCC

Prior to ordination, Ed worked in social services as a live-in residential counselor with developmentally disabled adults during college, a habilitation technician at Arizona State Hospital, and an eligibility worker with Arizona's Family Assistance Administration. He also trained in work methods analysis and served as a Administrative Social Services Delivery Specialist until discerning his call to church ministry at age 28.

Ed is married to Barbara, whom he met as a college student. Barbara is a retired educator with a degree in elementary and special education. She started Brookline, NH's public Kindergarten and, later, its Pre-school/special needs program. In addition, Barbara has taught parenting and sibling classes at the Southern NH Medical Center and works in Hospitality services. Barbara and Ed have three adult children: Justin, Alison, and Elizabeth - and two granddaughters, Luma, 6 and Niall, 3.

Ed currently volunteers as a NH Destination Imagination State Improv Challenge Master. He also enjoys bicycling, CROP walking and mountain hiking, and skiing - as well as learning about and collecting fine red wine.





Much time was devoted to the need for pulpit supply for the coming months and discussing the possibility of a bridge pastor to preach and do pastoral care until an interim pastor begins. This topic will be considered again at the next meeting when we are likely to have a better sense of when an interim pastor will begin.

The Deacons are monitoring Covid infection rates in Burlington and surrounding towns to assess the continued safety of worshipping in the sanctuary.

There was concern expressed about the problems with sound people joining services online are experiencing. The Deacons are working to address this through investigating improved internet connectivity in the sanctuary and reminding speakers to talk into the microphone and enunciate clearly.

The guest minister budget line item will be in a deficit for the year because of the need for more pulpit supply than envisioned when the budget was developed. This will be offset in the church operating budget as we are no longer paying a full-time pastor.

Memorial donations were received in honor of Wynelle Scenna.



Thank you, Special Musicians!

The church is very grateful to our volunteer musicians from September! We were blessed with the talents of Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Amelia Lewis, Julie Lewis, Mark Omobono, and Lee Tirrell. And special thanks to Aline Beck for substituting for Joe!

Choir Rehearsals

Our goal is to have the Adult Choir begin singing in worship again for Ingathering (Thanksgiving) Sunday. We are hoping to begin rehearsals at 7pm on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. No decision has been made yet on resuming Children’s Choir rehearsals.

Volunteer Musicians Needed

The delay in starting choir rehearsals means we still need the help of volunteer musicians for our worship services. We need people to help lead our hymn-singing and people to provide solos, duets, or trios – whether instrumental or vocal. If you can volunteer your talents, please contact Joe Stoddard at **music@uccburlington.org**.

Keep in touch!

- Email:** music@uccburlington.org
- Facebook:** www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs
- Instagram:** uccburlingtonchoirs
- Twitter:** @uccbmusic
- YouTube:** Joe Stoddard



WE'RE BACK!

Our 1st official Sunday School Class was held outside on one of the most beautiful days of the year! We talked about the transitioning of the minister at our church and about being kind and thoughtful to others. Jan Costa then lead us in making leaf imprints. We will use these to make cards that will be sent to parishioners, as a way to show kindness.

Sun Oct 31 Halloween is not far away! The Sunday School & Nursery will hold their Halloween party outside at the church that day during normal Sunday School time, 10:30 – 11:30. All the kids will wear their costumes and we will have fun and games.



CE board in the hall between sanctuary and education building:
Stop and take a look at the at the good looking group of Nursery and Sunday School kids in the summer!

We will continue to hold as many Sunday School classes outside as long as possible.
If we have an inclement Sunday, we will be inside.
Masks are mandatory at all times, inside or out.

THANKSGIVING IN-GATHERING



We will be holding a drive-through food drive on **Saturday, November 20th from 10am - 2pm** at UCC for Thanksgiving items! If you are unable attend church in person on In-Gathering Sunday, November 21st, but would still like to donate Thanksgiving food, you may bring your donations to the food drive. There will be attendants there to take your donations straight from your car!

The requested items are: chicken broth, cornbread mix, stuffing (bags or boxes), canned corn, mayonnaise, gravy, and cranberry sauce.



RED WAGON

The Burlington Pantry is in need of the following items:

- 2 pound bags Sugar
- shampoo
- pancake syrup
- honey

Drop items off at the pod at St. Mark's Church parking lot in Burlington. Monetary donations are always welcome. PHP, P.O. Box 343, Burlington, MA 01803

MISSIONS UPDATE!

GREAT NEWS!

The Pumpkin Patch is back this year. Members of the congregation will be selling Pumpkins on Thursday October 7 and 14 from noon to 6PM. Also plan on buying your pumpkins at the Patch. It's out of doors, local and all proceeds go to PHP. The pumpkins are grown on a Native American reservation in New Mexico as one of their fundraisers.



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE



C4C continues to meet on a weekly basis and hopes to meet outside a few more times, weather permitting. The need for prayer shawls continues and we try to always have several in the conference room closet. We will be donating some handmade items for the Auction this fall and as always we will give away scarves, hats, children items and fingerless mittens in December.

LOWELL TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER

LTLC, is always in need of clothing for men including socks, sturdy shoes, underwear, pants and warm winter coats for their clientele. Also needed are sleeping bags. Donated items are delivered to Lowell once a month. Leave the items under the coat rack right inside the Ed. Building entry way.



Andy McMahon, executive director of the Lowell Transitional Living Center, LTLC, will be our guest speaker during the October 10th service. He fills a key role in managing operations, community relationships and program staff. Andy has been with LTLC for 3 years, he came to LTLC from the Daybreak Shelter in Lawrence. He will tell us more about the services LTLC offer, a little about the organization's history and homelessness in general. Please make a special effort to come to Missions Sunday.

MISSION FINANCIAL REPORT:

In August, we disbursed \$500 to Strengthen the Church, mailed to SNEUCC. We also disbursed \$400 each to Cooperative Elder Services, Reach Beyond Domestic Violence, Mission of Deeds, Science with a Mission, and Special Ops Wounded Warriors. In addition, we sent a check for \$250 to the Presbyterian Church for the interfaith Peace Scholarship.

In September disbursements of \$400 will be made to VNA Hospice Care and Neighbors in Need.

On October 10th, Missions Sunday, a check for \$300 will be presented to Andy McMahon, director of LTLC, who will speak during the service that day.



Jonathan Leonard
Barbara and David Leonard
Rob Costa
Paul Mouratidis
Tom Killilea
Marilyn Langley's friend Linda's son Kevin going
through aggressive chemotherapy
Claire Simas
Joe Stoddard's Mom, Lillian
Alan Wright's cousin Tim
Ron Downing
Barbara Moran
Joyce and Scott Carpenter
Anne Stafford
Luella Brown
Paul Mouratidis' Mom and Dad
Dave Ileradi's Dad and son Dano
Kari Lynch's aunt Evelyn, and
brother-in-law
Sue Wisniewski's Dad
Kelly Sievert's brother, Geoff
Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian

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

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

1 Roberta Low
2 Rob Costa
2 Paul McDonough
3 David Leonard
4 Precious Kabagahya
5 Nicholas Ciardi
19 Adric Tredeau
20 Nicholas Turgiss
21 Gary Stahlinski
22 Deana Tredeau
25 Joan Proctor
27 Julie Lewis
28 Karen Calandrelli
31 Steve Fennelly



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 3 Communion Worship 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Teri Motley
 Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
 Music/Solo: Debbie Claar
 Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
 Head Usher: Dave McNeil
 Usher: Marcia Rich
 Greeter: Samantha Ellis
 Collector: Marcia Rich
 Flowers: Bobbie Killilea
 Nursery: Chris Stahlinski
 Coffee Hour: Anna Karwan
 Sunday School: Deb Raymond

October 24 Worship 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Megan Snell
 Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
 Music/Solo:
 Lay Leader: Deb Glancy
 Head Usher: Marcia Rich
 Usher: Chris Stahlinski
 Greeter: Cindy Phillips
 Collector: Marcia Rich
 Flowers:
 Nursery:
 Coffee Hour: Cindy Phillips
 Sunday School: Deb Raymond

October 10 Love Offering-Mission Sunday

Worship Guest: Andy McMahon
 Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
 Music/Solo:
 Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski
 Head Usher: Richard Butler
 Usher: Karen Butler
 Greeter: Cindy Phillips
 Collector: Dick Butler
 Flowers:
 Nursery:
 Coffee Hour: Donna Flecchia
 Sunday School: Deb Raymond

October 31 Worship 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Megan Snell
 Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
 Music/Solo:
 Lay Leader: Mark Flecchia
 Head Usher: Dave McNeil
 Usher: Marcia Rich
 Greeter: Chris Stahlinski
 Collector: Joan Zink
 Flowers:
 Nursery:
 Coffee Hour: Marj Zamanian
 Sunday School: Deb Raymond

October 17Worship 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Megan Snell
 Organist: Judy Carlson
 Music/Solo:
 Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani
 Head Usher: Chris Stahlinski
 Usher: Dave McNeil
 Greeter: Deb Glancy
 Collector: Everett Langley
 Flowers:
 Nursery:
 Coffee Hour: Aline Beck
 Sunday School: Deb Raymond

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Montessori School M-F 8-5pm</p> <p>Martial Arts Various days And times</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Pumpkin Patch begins at St. Mark's Church. Noon-6pm Shop local and support our local Pantry! </div> 					1	2
<p>3 WORLD COMMUNION 10:30a Communion/SS</p>	<p>4 6:30p AA</p>	5	6	<p>7  Noon-6p UCC Pumpkin Patch Volunteers 1p C4C</p>	8	9	
<p>10 MISSION SUNDAY 10:30a Worship/SS</p>	<p>11 6:30p AA</p>	12	13	<p>14  Noon-6p UCC Pumpkin Patch Volunteers 1p C4C</p>	15	16	
<p>17 10:30a Worship/SS</p>  <p>ONLINE AUCTION Begins!</p>	<p>18 6:30p AA</p>	<p>19 7p PC Meeting</p>	20	<p>21 1p C4C</p>	22	<p>23 6-11p Rental (5pm Setup)</p> <p>Auction ENDS!</p>	
<p>24 10:30a Worship</p>	<p>25 6:30p AA</p>	26	27	<p>28 1p C4C</p>	29	<p>30 6-10p Rental (4pm Setup)</p>	
<p>31 10:30a Worship/SS & Halloween Event</p>							

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TO:



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