

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



**COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Join us in person or join us on Zoom

Sunday mornings at 10:30am

**During Advent we will begin at 10:20am to enjoy
some of our favorite Advent Hymns**

UPCOMING WORSHIP*

THIRD Sunday of Advent December 12th

Worship Begins at 10:20am Advent Hymn Sing

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ed Koonz
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Advent Candles: John Heald and Everett Langley
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Head Usher: Dave McNeil
Usher: John Heald
Greeter: Cindy Phillips
Collector: Deb Raymond
Flowers: Joe Stoddard
Nursery:
Coffee Hour: Cindy Phillips
Sunday School: Deb Raymond

RECLAIMING CHRISTMAS SERVICE 7pm In-Person and Zoom

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ed Koonz
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Soloist: Sarah Clark
Lay Leader: Volunteer Needed

FOURTH Sunday of Advent December 19th (Christmas Pageant) 10:20am

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ed Koonz

Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani
Advent Candles: Volunteer Needed
Head Usher: Dick Butler
Usher: Karen Butler
Greeter: Jan McSheffrey
Flowers: Poinsettias from the Congregation
Collector: Dick Butler
Nursery:
Coffee Hour: Jan Costa

**We are looking for a variety of people to read
for our Christmas Eve Service at 4pm.
YOUNG AND OLD are welcome!**

Please let Pastor Ed or Bobbie know if you can volunteer.

TO JOIN US VIA ZOOM LIVESTREAM!

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, **our Lay Leader**, 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.

***Here is the link for worship: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/756975189>**

PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL THE ARTICLES IN
THIS WEEKLY!



Greetings UCC Burlington!

SOME THINGS TO KNOW

Please leave your mask on for the entirety of the service. There will be parts of the service where you'll be invited to participate and all participation is optional according to your comfort level.

We will have time for coffee and conversation after the service in Sewall Hall. Just go through the doors at the front of the Sanctuary and walk straight down to Sewall Hall.

We will no longer pass the infamous red Friendship Pads. Instead, those of you who are worshipping with us in person have a **Friendship Slip attached to your bulletin.** Please take a moment to fill this out and put it in the basket during the collection of the

offering. This will help us keep track of attendance, and, in the very unlikely event of a COVID outbreak, it will help us with contact tracing.

We will also share our worship service on Zoom as we have every Sunday. Join us!

**BE SURE TO READ THROUGH THE DECEMBER HILLTOP
FOR ALL THE UPCOMING EVENTS AT OUR CHURCH~**



**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS
CANDLE LIGHTING**

We are looking for families, committees, friends to light our Advent / Christmas wreath for the following worship services:

December 19 Volunteer(s) needed
December 24 Lucy Damiani & Family

Please contact the church office! uccburlington@gmail.com

Rides to Church Needed!

As you read the above information from our Deacons Committee, we are reopening our church for in-person worship starting July 11th. Our beloved church member, Alan, is eager to join us for worship but he will need a ride. He lives in Waltham and he is vaccinated! If you have any questions, you're welcome



to reach out to Dave Ierardi (508) 692-8584. Thank you!



CHOIR REHEARSAL

We are so very excited to have our choir back in worship!

Rehearsal will take place in person at church on

Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Contact Joe Stoddard if you are interested in joining us!

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS!

Before Covid, remember how beautiful our sanctuary looked at Christmas decorated with Poinsettias? We are bringing them back this year! You should have received a slip in your December Hilltop Herald. If misplaced no worries just let us know how many plants (\$10 each) and who are you honoring. Just send to the church office at: **UCC 6 Lexington Street, Burlington, MA 01803 and please write Poinsettias on the memo line.** You can donate your plant (deacons will be delivering to a variety of folks who have been on our prayer list) or you can take your plant after our 4pm Christmas Service.



Please note the deadline is December 12th!

REMINDER

Please be sure to return your Pledge Card and Time and Talent Survey.

We are very blessed to have all of you as part of our church family!



Join us at the Wish Tree at the Burlington Mall.

Shop for Christmas Gifts for those children in Burlington who would otherwise not have a Christmas. Pick up a card, purchase your gift and return it with the card to the Wish Tree Table located on the second floor at the Burlington Mall.

A huge thank you to all our church volunteers who worked at the Wish Tree on November 26 and December 6.

Merry Christmas!

PAJAMA AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE!

**Please turn in your purchases of pajamas, underwear etc.
for PHP by Wednesday, today, December 8th.**

There are two bins where you can place them, one is outside Bobbie's office and the other is in the driveway, in front of Susan Eby's house at 1 Saint Marks Road, Burlington. Both bins are clearly marked.

The Missions committee and PHP thank you for taking the time to purchase these gifts

for the children of Burlington.

OUR PARSONAGE IS FOR RENT:

12 Lexington Street, Burlington (also known as our parsonage).

4 Bedrooms all with hardwood floors including a master suite, 3 full baths and a 2-car garage.

The kitchen contains stainless steel appliance and was just recently repainted. The house contains a walk up attic for storage and an unfinished basement. The back yard is fully fenced in.

House is available to rent today for a 12-month lease.

Rental cost is \$3200 per month. Please contact the Trustees if you know of anyone who has interest.

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

On Thursday, December 9th the group will actually meet here at church!

Come and join us at 1pm.

C4C has changed the knitted shawl pattern for the prayer shawls. We are trying to use yarn that has been donated to us for our prayer shawls and lap robes. So we are making the shawls out of strips of yarn. So if you would like to knit a strip they are 24 inches long and any width between 3 and 6 inches. Members say that they can knit an entire strip when watching a sports game. If you want yarn e-mail Susan Eby.

As the days get cooler we will be going back to zoom meetings rather than meeting out of doors.

Join Zoom Meeting on Thursdays at 1pm

<https://zoom.us/j/95879026186?pwd=NVBjdZmQWZzOG94UzNWSFNuZlhHQTo9>

Meeting ID: 958 7902 6186

Passcode: 01803

Thanks for your support of the Missions committee.



DONATIONS NEEDED!

The LOWELL TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER is always in need of the following for the fall season:

Specific items needed for just MEN:

Jeans, sweat-shirts, underwear, socks, heavy winter coats

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

Drop off to the church office.

Clothing will be delivered MID-MONTH.



Pastoral Care

If you are in need of pastoral care please be sure to call the church office and we will return your call as soon as possible. Interim Pastor Rev. Ed Koonz will be available beginning Sunday, November 28th. He can be reached at reved85@aol.com or by phone at 603-620-4498.

Financial Assistance

If you or your family experienced 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.

People Helping People

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.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

4	Janet Knudsen
13	Andrew Olney
15	Kristina Duran
17	Michael Tredeau
17	David McNeil
18	Lance Olney
18	Riley Tredeau
19	Lauren Costa
21	Madelyn Lewis
23	Gideon Spearson
26	Robert Stahlinski
29	Maddy Bonnell

MONTESSORI SCHOOL-DOWNSTAIRS

Monday-Friday from 8-6pm!

SEWALL HALL RENTERS

AA MEETING MONDAYS 6:30-9PM

SCOUTS THURSDAYS 7-9pm

Dinner Rentals Various Days and Times

Please ***DO NOT*** interrupt when they are in session!

The logo for "Prayer Concerns" features the words in a white, cursive script font. The text is set against a green rectangular background that has a bright, glowing light effect emanating from behind the letters. The entire logo is framed by a thin black border.

Tom Killilea

Joyce Carpenter- surgery

Marilyn Langley's cousin Kevin and friend's son Kevin

Cindy Phillips friends Kathy & Michael-Cancer

Lucy Damiani's friend Anthony Desmond-Cancer

Passing of Julie Lewis' Uncle

Joe Stoddard's Mom Lillian

Alan Wright's cousin Tim

Barbara Moran

Anne Stafford

Luella Brown

Dave Ieradi's Dad and son Dano

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

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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