

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



COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!

All are Welcome! All are Loved!

Join us in person or join us on Zoom

Sunday mornings at 10:30am

In person, remember your mask and social distance.

Joining us on Zoom find the link on our

website uccburlington.org

UPCOMING WORSHIP*

February 20, 2022 10:30am Worship and Baptism

Interim Pastor:	Rev. Ed Koonz
Organist:	Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Solo/Music:	Debbie Claar
Lay Leader:	Marcia Rich
Head Usher:	Dave McNeil
Usher:	Chris Stahlinski
Greeter:	Chris Stahlinski
Flowers:	Nancy Davis
Collector:	Joan Zink
Nursery:	TBD
Remote Sunday School:	Deb Raymond

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 **NEW**
ARTICLES IN THIS WEEKLY!



Dear UCC Burlington Congregants,

The Deacons have recently met and have decided to keep the following measures in place until they meet again on March 1st. The numbers are looking so much better but we have a ways to go to reach our goal to feel

safe meeting as a whole.

- 1. Adult Choir and Coffee Hour will be suspended.**
- 2. We wish to reduce the number of in-person worship congregants.**
If you are able, please remotely participate in worship service using Zoom. The Zoom meeting link and bulletin are posted on our church website: <http://uccburlington.org/>
- 3. If you come to the sanctuary for in-person worship, please wear a mask**
and socially distance yourself from others.
- 4. Church School will be fully remote.**

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

The Board of Deacons

PS: If you don't quite remember how to use Zoom and you need a helping hand, please call Deb Glancy at 617-281-6697.

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.

PASTORAL CARE

IF YOU HAVE NEED FOR URGENT PASTORAL CARE, contact Pastor Ed anytime via phone or text at 603-620-4498.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE PASTORAL CONVERSATION, with Pastor Ed at your home or in the office, please contact him via text, phone, or e-mail (RevEd85@aol.com) to make an appointment.



Three Upcoming Virtual Conversation Opportunities with Pastor Ed...

Zooming Through Any Matters Under Heaven with the Interim Pastor

A time for bringing your thoughts and questions
interim, faith, or life - to the "virtual table" of Zoom...

Come and stay for the hour - or drop-in and out at any time during the hour...

WHEN:

Wednesday, February 23rd: 10-11am

Monday, February 28th: 7-8pm

Thursday, March 4th: 3-4pm

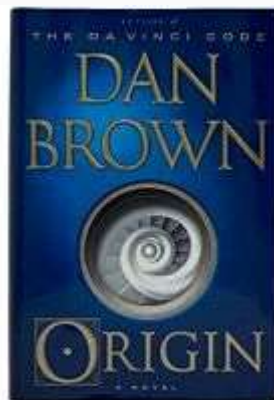
CHOIR REHEARSAL

Due to the increase in COVID cases, we are suspending
Choir Rehearsal at this time.

If you would like to share a solo, or music, please feel to contact
Joe Stoddard, Jr.



Articles for the MARCH Hilltop Herald Newsletter are due
February 20th!



Intergenerational Zoom Book Group

Join the lively discussion!

Thursday, March 24, at 7 PM - lead by Deb Raymond

The book is "Origin" by Dan Brown

This is a mystery thriller in the same style as his book *The Da Vinci Code*. Of course something is stolen! The story takes you through Spain with beautiful vivid descriptions of Spanish architecture as they chase the thief. What really seemed intriguing was his introduction of the age old question of science vs religion through artificial intelligence (AI). Or is it really a question of one vs the other?

The book can be read on electronic readers, borrowed from a library or purchased. If you would like to purchase, but have difficulty, please contact Deb. It would be great to have high school, college or 20 somethings in on the discussion.

Deb's cell: 857-373-9156.



This year's *Time and Talent Survey* was lighter than we hoped for as well, with far fewer people submitting a time and talent form than in prior years. Three areas that are in extreme need of volunteers are: Finance and Stewardship (F&S), Trustees and Clerk. On In-gathering Sunday, I promised \$100 donations for each person that signed

up for F&S, Trustees or HR Committees. We had one volunteer come forward for the HR Committee. **I renewed the challenge, but am adding the Church Clerk role to that offer. (You volunteer your time, and I'll provide additional funds to help the budget. Win-Win!)**

At this point, we have received 75% of the pledges we expected based on last year's participation. With 25% of the expected pledges outstanding, we are shy of our expected budget needs by 32%.

Please consider what contributions you are able to make to the church this year, both in time and in funds. We need your support to keep the missions of this church blooming. If you want to learn more about any committee or role, please reach out to a committee member or contact Michael Lewis.

You do not need to be a member to pledge your time or funds to this church. This church is here for all. As our logo says, *ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL ARE LOVED.* As chair of the Finance and Stewardship committee I'll add, *ALL ARE NEEDED.*



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

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.

Join Zoom Meeting on Thursdays at 1pm

<https://zoom.us/j/95879026186?pwd=NVBJdlZmQWZzOG94UzNWSFNuZlhHQTo9>

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.



RED WAGON

Needed items at the Burlington Pantry:

Flour

Sugar

Coffee

Jelly

Jasmine Rice (1 or 2 pound bags)

Kids individually wrapped snacks

Facial tissue

Drop off at the POD in St. Mark's Church parking lot.

For more information about the Pantry
click on the link below:

<https://peoplehelpingpeopleinc.org/#>

NEWS

From Our Church

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.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

1	Craig Baker
1	Ted Brierley
2	Gordon Brown
5	Mark Flecchia
7	Karen Beck
7	Kellsee Lynch
7	Christopher Cahoon
10	Kelly Forbush
10	Sue Staten-Kassirer
11	Sebastian Griep
12	Amy Todd
13	Karin Keyser
14	Elaine Carpenter
15	Ginger Mungillo
16	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

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!



Passing of Joyce Frizzell, long time friend of our church

Melody Baker on the passing of mom, Jean Baker

Lucy Damiani

Anne Stafford

Tom Killilea

Claire Simas

Sally Willard's friend Carol

Sue Wisniewski's Dad, Bob Reimer

Joyce Carpenter

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

Joe Stoddard's Mom Lillian

Alan Wright's cousin Tim

Barbara Moran

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
All those effected by COVID

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

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