

## JULY/AUGUST HILLTOP HERALD 2022

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 Interim Pastor

Sally Willard  
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## **Pastor-al Ed-i-bles...**

Dear UCC Burlington Siblings in Christ,

In one account of creation in the Biblical book of Genesis, we read that “on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and God rested from all the work that he had done.” Then, the priestly authors of this Scripture (There were many!) added, “God blessed this seventh day and made it holy.” (*Genesis 6:6-3*) Thus it is, religious Hebrews have found it meaningful to keep the Sabbath by resting and worshipping God. Likewise, many Christians have, too. How about you?

I ask because rest and the worship of God on Sabbaths in buildings are foreign to more and more members of our society. In New England, less than 10% of people worship in church regularly, and, even in the “Bible belt,” this figure is less than 25% (from PEW research studies).

In our society today, more and more people say they believe in God and are “spiritual, but not religious.” They often say they find or experience God in nature. So, it is they rest and “worship” God, in times away from work, home, and community. How about you; can you relate to this?

Well, wherever they - and we - find God, Mother Nature offers all of us New Englanders a “seasonal Sabbath” of sorts: Summer! Summer is a time of respite from colder, wetter weather (We hope!), and it is a time of vacation-taking and “getting away” from routines - even in church! In summer, we slow down. We have fewer meetings, no choir singing in worship and no Sunday education for younger Children of God.

But, still we worship God, and move along! And, this summer will be no exception. In a shorter “worship hour”, we’ll sing and listen to soloists singing, pray, and we’ll reflect on Jesus’ prayer vision, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” through listening to some of Jesus’ parables about the Kin(g)dom of God. And, we’ll share Communion twice with our siblings in Christ who constitute the Presbyterian Church in Burlington. (We’ll host on July 3<sup>rd</sup>; they’ll host on August 7<sup>th</sup>.)

Meanwhile, we’ll be moving forward with our transitional tasks this summer. Church leaders will meet on July 20<sup>th</sup> to receive an interpretation of the CAT by a *Holy Cow* consultant. And, I hope, with our Moderator, Sally Willard, to convene an initial meeting of the Search Committee now being formed by the Parish Council before I depart for vacation on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

On Friday evenings as well as on Saturdays until sundown, our Hebrew siblings wish each other a “Shabbat Shalom.” It means “Sabbath peace and well-being.” So, whatever your summer plans and pace, I wish for you a seasonal, Sabbath peace and well-being!

Blessings of Continuing Pentecost, Pastor Ed



As always, COVID concerns were a focus of the meeting. The conclusion was to continue to require masks for services and to hold beverage-only coffee hours if volunteers are available to host them. COVID positivity rates for Burlington and adjacent communities are reviewed at every Deacons meeting and decisions made accordingly. The decision about how to structure Welcome Back Sunday in September will be made at the August meeting and will depend on the COVID trend at that time.

We reviewed the logistics of the services with the Presbyterian Church. Their congregation will come to our church on July 3rd and we will attend there on August 7th. On both dates the lay leader will be from the guest church.

Since time had run short during the May meeting, the debriefing of Holy Week services was deferred to the June meeting. Conclusions were:

- 1) the Palm Sunday processional needs adjustments;
- 2) the number of Easter plants was good;
- 3) the bundlets were well-received;
- 4) the strewn palms at the Maundy Thursday service were a nice touch;
- 5) that while the Good Friday activities were sparsely attended, it's important to have the church open then;
- 6) the volunteers who helped the Deacons decorate the sanctuary for Easter were greatly appreciated;
- 7) the Sunrise Service should remain at 6:30 regardless of the time the sun rises, which can vary with the date of Easter;
- 8) attendance at the Sunrise Service may have been small due to Easter falling on both a long weekend and the beginning of a school vacation week;
- 9) the 10:30 Easter service was well attended.

Called to Care continues to do a wonderful job of reaching out to members and friends who are ill, grieving or have very limited ability to leave their homes.

The Special Music Committee met June 26th in preparation for Joe being away much of the summer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 4th.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

A beautiful day graced us for the final day of Sunday School. The kids provided readings, were ushers and provided the Children of God time. They were spectacular as always! We could finally return to the traditional ice cream sundae party provided by CE. We all enjoy coffee hour, but ice cream makes it better!



Four Sunday School youth will be attending camp at Grottonwood for a week this summer. We are so excited for them to have fun, learn and have an exciting experience.

**Have a relaxing, fun adventurous summer.**  
**See you all back for Welcome back Sunday Sept 11th!**

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## **Thank you, Special Musicians!**

We are also very grateful for the soloists who have volunteered thus far for the summer:

July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sarah Clark  
July 10<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Claar, John Getsinger, and Lee Tirrell  
July 17<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Claar & Ann-Marie Messbauer  
July 24<sup>th</sup> – Laura Harder  
July 31<sup>st</sup> – Sarah Clark  
August 14<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Claar & Precious Kabagahya  
September 4<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Claar



We are also very grateful to Aline Beck, who will be our organist on July 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> as well as August 14<sup>th</sup>; and to Robert Humphreville, who will be our guest organist on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Singers and Instrumentalists Needed!**

Can you perform one piece of music during worship? Or would you like to lead the hymn-singing for a worship service? Or do both?

As of this writing, we need volunteer musicians for worship services on these dates:

-August 21<sup>st</sup>  
-August 28<sup>th</sup>

You don't have to be a singer to volunteer! Instrumentalists are very welcome to share their talents during the "solo" time of the service.

If you would like to help, please contact Joe Stoddard at [music@uccburlington.org](mailto:music@uccburlington.org).

## **Music Sunday**

On Music Sunday, we recognized the volunteers who have made our music program possible! We honored choir members Aline Beck, Bill Beyer, Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, John Getsinger, Deb Glancy, Elaine Glancy, Laura Harder, Barbara Leonard, Julie Lewis, Roberta Low, Mark Omobono, Marcia Rich, Lynn and Lee Tirrell, Nancy Todd, Aimee Tredeau, and Deana Tredeau. (Lay leader Marcia Rich was correct in pointing out that makes 18 choir members, not 17 as Joe stated!) We also thanked Deana Tredeau and Joan Zink for their amazing work in organizing and cataloguing our choral library, and Music Committee members Debbie Claar (chair), Marcia Rich, and Deana Tredeau for all they do to support the music ministry of our church. And we certainly could not fail to offer the church's sincere thanks to everyone who provided solos, duets, and trios to enrich our worship services: adult volunteers Debbie Claar, Sarah Clark, Julie Lewis, Marc Omobono, Chris Silva, Liz Silva, Will Silva, Lee Tirrell, Aimee Tredeau, and Deana Tredeau and Children's Choir members Hope Calandrelli, Precious Kabagahya, and Amelia Lewis.

One person Joe regrets not singling out for special recognition is Aline Beck, who is our talented in-house substitute organist. There probably isn't another church for miles with a choir member who is also an organist, and certainly none with someone so ready to help as Aline!

From the pews and on Zoom, it was a little difficult to see the pin that Joe presented to the choir members on Music Sunday, so here is a picture for you:



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### **Deacons' Special Music Fund**

The church is very grateful to the following friends and members who donated to the Deacons' Special Music Fund in celebration of Music Sunday:

- Aline Beck, in memory of Al Beck
- Carol Downing, in memory of Ron Downing
- Nancy Davis, a gift to the church's music ministry
- Emily DeLuca
- John Heald, in memory of his father James F. Heald
- Bobbie Killilea, in celebration of our wonderful music director and choir
- Paul Mouratidis and Joe Stoddard, in thanksgiving for the ministry of all of our music volunteers, and in loving memory of Ken and Jean Baker and Sue Trefethen
- Laura Nowell
- Marcia Rich
- Kay Shute
- Chris Stahlinski
- Deana Tredeau

### **Choir Rehearsals**

The choir is on summer vacation! The first Adult Choir rehearsal of the new program year will be on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. We will have rehearsal every Wednesday in September from 7pm to 8:30 pm. We hope to have the Children's Choir back in action in September as well! Please watch your weekly church emails as well the music ministry's Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter accounts for updates!

### **Keep in touch!**

**Email:** [music@uccburlington.org](mailto:music@uccburlington.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs](https://www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs)

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

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

**YouTube:** Joe Stoddard

### **SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS**



If you would like to donate flowers for our Sunday Worship Services, there is a form located in the hallway on the bulletin board right outside the church office. The cost is \$30. Let us know what date and who they may be in memory, celebration or honor of. Payment should be made out to UCC and put Altar Flowers on the memo line. You can drop the form and payment into the collectors plate or just leave on Bobbie's desk.



The Church Office cuts back to only two days a week during the summer months. I will be in the office both Tuesdays and Thursdays. I do have 4 vacation days to use so be sure to check the calendar. I will be here EVERY Thursday since the Bulletin needs prepping each week.

Please feel free to leave messages on the church phone or email. I will be checking these daily from home as well. Wishing you all a very happy and safe summer!

Bobbie Killilea

## MISSIONS UPDATE!



### BURLINGTON PANTRY

The new Burlington Food Pantry is located at 21 Murray Ave, and a room with an outside entrance has been set up to receive donations. The door to this room will be unlocked from 6am to 7pm, 7 days a week. Hunger does not go away during the summer so please remember to support the community pantry with your donations.

Needed this month are the following items:

Coffee - Tea - Hot chocolate mix  
Jasmine Rice- Condiments - cooking oil  
side dishes- Flour -Sugar - Jelly  
Toilet Paper - Facial Tissue  
Individually wrapped snacks  
Special need are baby wipes

### CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

C4C will continue to meet this summer at 1pm on Thursday afternoons. We will be meeting outside as long as weather is nice otherwise we will meet via Zoom. Please contact Susan Eby for information about where we will gather.

### PUMPKIN PATCH

The pumpkin patch is returning to Saint Marks this year. We will be working at the pumpkin patch on Tuesdays Oct. 6 and Oct. 13. Please mark your calendars and think about working at the patch one of those days.

We thank everyone who gave donations in support of the work of Church World Services distribution of Blankets worldwide to those who are in need. As of June 12 we have collected \$519 in support of this work. You can still support this cause digitally through Vanco or by sending a check to the office with Blanket Sunday written on the memo line.

We hope you have a lovely summer. Please remember the needs of Burlington's Community Pantry this summer. You can now easily donate needed items at their new location from 6AM to 7PM seven days a week.

Our next meeting is August 15, 2022 via zoom.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

In June the following payments were made:

- One Great Hour of Sharing - \$1680.47 to Church World Service to support their work in Ukraine.
- Easter Offering raised \$4030. Missions receives half.
- \$1007.50 to Project Bread
- \$1007.50 to CWS

\$400 each to:

- Reach Beyond Domestic Violence (Waltham, MA)
- Rosie's Place
- Science with a Mission, Inc.

Missions receives many thank you notes from groups and organizations we support. We post these on the bulletin board in the hall between the sanctuary and the church office. We received an especially beautiful note from the Hope Group, which we would like to share with you.

*Friends of the Missions Program,*

*Thank you so much for your recent donation to the Hope Group. We're touched each year by your generosity and kindness as your donation helps us to help others. We're also honored that you remember our founder, Rindy Huebner. She was so special, so genuine, and so very kind. Continuing her legacy to support other families during pregnancy loss has been a blessing. Your donation allows us to remember all babies that are lost too soon. We send well over 300 remembrance cards each year. Sadly pregnancy loss continues to happen. This group has been a lifeline for many through monthly meetings, literature, and one on one support. Thank you again for your donation. It means so much.*

*Best,  
Your friends at Hope*







### All Our Graduates!!!!

Roberta Low  
Rachel McNeil-traveling  
Joyce Carpenter and niece Cindy  
Jean Williamson  
Bill Livezey's brother Jim  
Joe Stoddard's Mom Lillian and  
sister-in-law Joy Stoddard  
Marilyn Langley  
Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn Larsen  
Dave McNeil  
Sally Mansfield's son, Mark  
Anne Stafford  
Tom Killilea and his brother Jim  
Sue Wisniewski's Dad, Bob Reimer  
Alan Wright's cousin Tim  
Barbara Moran  
Luella Brown

Kelly Sievert  
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  
Texas Community and beyond!  
Our Nation! Mother Earth!  
The people of Ukraine!  
Our First Responders! Our caregivers!  
Urgent Care workers! Military here and abroad!

### CONGRATULATIONS

Laura Harder graduated from the University of Rochester with a degree in Chemical Engineering. She's begun work at a job in her field in Newburyport and joined our choir!

Kellsee Lynch just graduated from Adelphi with a degree in dance and will be doing a dance internship with Jacob's Pillow this summer.

Peter Silva graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a dual Bachelors degree in Computer Science and Economics and is in the process of moving to Chicago to start his career as an Investment Banker at Guggenheim Partners.

Our deepest sympathy to Lynn and Lee Tirrell on the tragic passing of Lynn's sister Jean and husband Don Houllahan. We keep you and their families in our thoughts and prayers! ❤️

### JULY BIRTHDAYS!

1 Anna Karwan  
3 Bobbie Martino  
4 Eric Duran  
8 Brian Stahlinski  
9 Walter Landin  
10 Bill Beyer  
13 Jean Williamson  
14 Peggy Derick  
14 Jerad Stahlinski  
14 Nancy Todd  
21 Sam McNeil  
21 Dick Butler  
23 Alana Shirley  
27 Aiden Breau  
29 Amelia Lewis  
29 Bill Livezey  
30 Cy Todd



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

1 Skip Glancy  
1 Marina Ciardi  
2 Debbie Claar  
7 Will Silva  
8 Sarah Clark  
9 Florence Forbush  
10 Jennifer Tugiss  
11 Melissa Breau  
15 Sally Willard  
17 Jacob Goodrich-Byers  
17 Nicole Flecchia  
20 Jane Forbush  
22 Ruth Goodrich-Byers  
25 Kathy Olney  
26 Michael Lewis  
26 Laura Harder  
26 Brian Hooper  
29 David Breau

# WORSHIP PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

## JULY



With the departure of our stellar nursery person Rachel McNeil and the reduced summer attendance for services we will not be able to offer nursery coverage over the summer unless we have more people volunteer. If we can't find enough volunteers we will try to schedule some Sundays when we can have coverage with the volunteers we have. Please consider volunteering to spend an hour with our youngest members.

### **July 3, 2022 at 10:00am**

#### **Ecumenical Communion Worship Service with the Presbyterians**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ed. Koonz  
 Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
 Soloist: Sarah Clark  
 Lay Leader: Ken Dewar  
 Head Usher: Dave McNeil  
 Usher: Chris Stahlinski  
 Greeter: Chris Stahlinski  
 Flowers: Joan Zink  
 Collector: Marcia Rich  
 Nursery: Rachel McNeil  
 Coffee Hour: Anna Karwan

### **July 10, 2022 at 10:00am**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ed Koonz  
 Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
 Musicians: Debbie Claar  
                   John Getsinger  
                   Lee Tirrell  
 Lay Leader: Debbie Claar  
 Head Usher: Deb Glancy  
 Usher:  
 Greeter:  
 Flowers:  
 Collector: Deb Raymond  
 Nursery: Jan McSheffrey  
 Coffee Hour:

### **July 17, 2022 at 10:00am**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ed Koonz  
 Organist: Aline Beck  
 Duet: Debbie Claar  
           Ann-Marie Messbauer  
 Lay Leader:  
 Head Usher:  
 Ushers:  
 Greeter:  
 Flowers:  
 Collector: Everett Langley  
 Nursery:  
 Coffee Hour: Jan McSheffrey

### **July 24, 2022 at 10:00am**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ed Koonz  
 Organist: Aline Beck  
 Soloist: Laura Harder  
 Lay Leader:  
 Head Usher: Chris Stahlinski  
 Ushers:  
 Greeter:  
 Flowers:  
 Collector: Joan Zink  
 Nursery:  
 Coffee Hour:

### **July 31, 2022 at 10:00am**

Pastor: Rev. Ed Koonz  
 Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.  
 Soloist: Sarah Clark  
 Lay Leader:  
 Head Usher:  
 Ushers:  
 Greeter:  
 Flowers:  
 Collector: Marge Zamanian  
 Nursery:  
 Coffee Hour:

## WORSHIP PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

### AUGUST

#### **August 7, 2022 at 10:00am**

#### **Ecumenical Communion Worship Service**

#### **AT the Presbyterian Church**

#### **(No worship HERE)**

Lay Leader: Marcia Rich

Collector: Marcia Rich

#### **August 14, 2022 at 10:00am**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ed Koonz

Organist: Aline Beck

Duet: Debbie Claar  
Precious Kabagahya

Lay Leader:

Head Usher:

Usher: Jan McSheffrey

Greeter:

Flowers:

Collector: Deb Raymond

Nursery:

Coffee Hour:

#### **August 21 2022 at 10:00am**

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dave VanArsdale

Organist: Rob Humpreville

Musician:

Lay Leader:

Head Usher:

Ushers:

Greeter:

Flowers:

Collector: Everett Langley

Nursery:

Coffee Hour:

#### **August 28, 2022 at 10:00am**

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dave VanArsdale

Organist: Rob Humpreville

Musicians:

Lay Leader:

Head Usher:

Ushers:

Greeter:

Flowers:

Collector: Joan Zink

Nursery:

Coffee Hour:


#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**If you can volunteer for one of our empty spaces for worship it would be greatly appreciated.**

**Go to [signup.com](https://signup.com) OR just let us know in the office.**



## July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Montessori</b> <b>M-F 8-5p</b>					1	2
3 10a Ecumenical Service here with the Presbyterians	4 <b>Happy</b>  <b>4th!</b> <b>6:30a AA</b>	5 Church office 9-3p	6	7 Church Office 9-3p 1p C4C	8	9
10 10a Worship	11 <b>6:30a AA</b>	12 <b>Bobbie</b> <b>Vac Day</b>	13	14 Church Office 9-3p 1p C4C	15	16
17 10a Worship	18 <b>6:30a AA</b>	19 Church office 9-3p	20	21 Church Office 9-3p 1p C4C	22	23
24 10a Worship	25 <b>6:30 AA</b>	26 11a CTC Mtg Church office 9-3p	27	28 Church Office 9-3p 1p C4C	29	30
31 10a Worship						

## August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Montessori</b> <b>M-F 8-5p</b>	1 <b>6:30 AA</b>	2 <b>Bobbie</b> <b>Vac Day</b>	3	4 Church Office 9-3p 1p C4C 7p Deacons	5	6
7 10a Ecumenical Service AT the Presbyterian Church <b>No Worship HERE</b>	8 <b>6:30 AA</b>	9 Church office 9-3p	10	11 Church Office 9-3p 1p C4C	12	13
14 10a Worship	15 <b>6:30 AA</b> 7p Missions	16 <b>Bobbie</b> <b>Vac Day</b> 7p PC Mtg	17	18 Church Office 9-3p 1p C4C	19	20
21 10a Worship	22 <b>6:30 AA</b>	23 <b>Bobbie</b> <b>Vac Day</b>	24 September Hilltop Deadline	25 Church Office 9-3p 1p C4C	26	27
28 10a Worship	29 <b>6:30 AA</b>	30 Church Office 9-3p	31			

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