

**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

Joining us on Zoom!

You can find the link easily on our website:

uccburlington.org

UPCOMING WORSHIP*

November 13 Worship-Love Offering

Pastor:	Rev. Ed Knooz
Pianist:	Sarah LaFontaine
Lay Leader:	Debbie Claar
Head Usher:	Dave McNeil
Usher:	Sally Willard
Greeter:	Jan McSheffrey
Flowers:	Mums
Collector:	Deb Raymond
Nursery:	
Sunday School:	Deb Raymond
Coffee Hour:	Sunday School/Deb Raymond

November 20 Ingathering Sunday

Pastor:	Rev. Ed Koonz
Pianist:	Sarah LaFontaine
Lay Leader:	Sarah Clark
Head Usher:	Deb Glancy

Usher:
Greeter: Chris Stahlinski
Flowers: Mums
Collector: Everett Langley
Nursery:
Sunday School: Deb Raymond
Coffee Hour: Chris Stahlinski

UPCOMING THIS WEEK

Nov 8 Election Day-please remember to vote!
Nov 9 Green Team 2pm
Choir Rehearsal
Nov 10 C4C 1pm
Nov 11 Veteran's Day-remember our heroes!
Nov 13 Worship-Love Offering
Sunday School

Join us for coffee and conversation each Sunday after worship going forward!

***Here is the link for Zoom**

worship: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/756975189>

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.

PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL THE
UPDATED ARTICLES IN THIS WEEKLY



Dear Congregants,

Mask Policy Update

Wearing masks will be optional for all church events, including Sunday services. This decision has been made based on input from members of the congregation as well as a recommendation from parish council. Although masks will be optional, we encourage people to continue to wear masks and remain at home if they have symptoms or have been exposed to the virus. Remember, you may not have symptoms when you are infected with COVID-19.

Covid-19 will be with us for awhile and we need to continue our efforts to prevent its spread in the community. We encourage everyone to get vaccinated and boosted if you are able. There is a diversity of perspectives about wearing masks; please respect the decisions people make concerning this issue. While we assume this change in policy will

be permanent, we will re-evaluate the mask policy if the rate or severity of infection increases in the future. We will continue to livestream our worship services and post recordings each week.

Coffee Hour

Also, food can once again be served during coffee hour. Coffee hour volunteers are not expected to provide food. To ease the work of the coffee hour volunteer, people who bring food for coffee hour will be responsible for setting and cleaning it up., Leftovers must be given away or taken home; no food can be left in the kitchen, refrigerator, or freezer. We also encourage people to bring individually wrapped items or serve the food to individuals while wearing gloves and using proper kitchen utensils.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” – John 13:34-35

PASTORAL CARE-PASTOR ED KOONZ

If you have a 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 email: (RevEd85@aol.com) to make an appointment.



CELEBRATING 60+ YEARS WITH THE CHOIR

Lynn and Lee Tirrell were recently interviewed by BCAT (our local station) regarding their 60+ years of singing in our church choir. Take a moment and click on the link to view! We are blessed to have them still singing with us, now from the pews!

<https://bcattv.org/longtime-ucc-choir-members-retire-after-60-years-of-singing/>

OUR SEARCH COMMITTEES

We recently commissioned Search Committee Members:

Pastor Search:

Jan Costa, Co-Chair

Anna Karwan, Co-Chair

Carol Downing

Sam Flechia

Julie Lewis

Laura Nowell

Caitlin Spearson

Director of Music Ministries:

Aline Beck

Karen Calandrelli

John Getsinger

Marcia Rich

Joan Zink

Wish them well as they proceed to the next steps in filling some very big shoes!!!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

If you can volunteer to be Lay Leader, Head Usher, Usher, Greeter, Coffee Host or Nursery, please be sure to signup on the Signup.com site.

Here is the link:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/567269842043/false?popup=true#/invitation>

WISH PROJECT

Missions thanks Sarah Clark who transported bags of donated clothing to The Wish Project in Chelmsford. We will continue to accept donated clothing that is free of stains, holes and freshly washed.

Due to space considerations the Wish Project asks that all donations be seasonally (winter) appropriate.

There is a bin under the coat rack for your donations.

Missions thanks you for your donations!



Upcoming Community Meal

Presbyterian Church

335 Cambridge Street, Burlington

The last Wednesday of the Month

The Presbyterian Church in Burlington invites our neighbors who live or work in Burlington and nearby towns to gather with us at our FREE, monthly community dinners.

Come, and join your neighbors to share food and conversation, and build connections with others in the community. There are no presentations or planned activities. Meals are free and open to the public; no donation of food or money or registration is required. This is not a religious or fund-raising event; those of any religious faith, or none, are welcome.

Meals are home-made, with vegetarian and gluten-free options. Dinner begins at 5:30pm and is served until 7pm. To protect all participants, please wear a mask inside the building while not eating or drinking.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

Thank you to those of you who have returned your Pledge Card and Time and Talent Survey. Please note we hope to receive all by November 20th. Please take a moment to think what this church means to you and your family. What can you do to support us going forward.

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



**FAITH CLIMATE
JUSTICE VOTER**

Just a reminder that the state election is Tuesday, November 8, 7 am to 8 pm at the High School on Cambridge Street. Early voting is at Town Hall and you can find times and days at www.burlington.org.

For more information on ballot question #5, the Community Preservation Act, go to www.yescpaburlington.org for videos and details.



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

Fall is lovely but the days are a little cool for knitting out of doors. We are going to try alternating between in person meetings in Sewall Hall and meeting via Zoom this winter. This week we will meet at church in Sewall Hall. Masks are optional. The project for October are hats and scarves to add to the City Missions Coat Drive.

COAT DRIVE

City Missions is asking for NEW winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves from infant to XX-LARGE sizes. There is a bin at church.

Deadline is NOVEMBER 27!

PUMPKIN PATCH

Missions thanks all of you who shopped local and purchased pumpkins at St. Mark's. All proceeds went to People Helping People to help all those families in Burlington.

CALLED TO CARE

There is a pile of "thinking of you" and "sympathy" cards for your use on the table outside the Church Office. They were found in the Christmas cards donated to Missions. Please take some cards use them in your supportive writing work.

Helping Those in Need



2022 THANKSGIVING INGATHERING DINNER DISTRIBUTION

Our church is blessed to serve as the collection and distribution point for the Burlington Community Thanksgiving dinners to families in need this year.

We are having a Town Wide Food Drive on Saturday, November 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **HERE!** If you wish to participate, please bring your Thanksgiving donations to the church, to be dropped off straight from your car in this drive-through style food drive.

We will, also, collect **SPECIFIC** donations from churches on Sunday, November 20th.

NEEDED ITEMS - NO EXPIRED DATES!

Stuffing (bagged or boxed)

Gravy

Mayonnaise

Cranberry Sauce

Chicken Broth

Cornbread Mix

This is a short list, but we need dozens of each item!



BURLINGTON PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE PANTRY

Our Red Wagon will roll the Last Sunday of the Month!

We ask you to bring in items that are needed at the Burlington Pantry. During worship we will bring items forward.

Coffee, Tea, Cocoa

Flour

Sugar

Jelly

Side dishes such as Rice-a-roni, etc.

Condiments

Pancake mix

Pancake syrup

Facial tissue

Toilet paper

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

<https://peoplehelpingpeopleinc.org/#>



GIFT CARD PROGRAM

It's time for that win-win again! Order gift cards to use yourself or to give as gifts, and a percentage comes back to the church at no cost to you!

Check out the RaiseRight.com website (formerly ShopWithScrip) to find ones with large rebates and place your own order. Leave a check (made out to the church) in the Gift Card Orders mailbox.

Ordering deadline November 27th.

Cards available on December 4th.

NEWS
From Our Church

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.



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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- 1 Chris Silva
- 2 Billy Forbush
- 3 Elizabeth Silva
- 5 Scarlett Costa
- 5 Cameron Bonnell
- 6 Elizabeth Forbush
- 6 Ken Keyser
- 10 Geoffrey Fong
- 11 Keri Beyer
- 18 Aline Beck
- 19 Marcia Rich
- 21 Thelma Tibbitts
- 21 Jeremy Todd
- 21 Chris Stahlinski
- 22 Rollie Damiani
- 23 John Getsinger
- 23 Carol Downing
- 29 Liam Egan

MONTESSORI SCHOOL-DOWNSTAIRS

Monday-Friday from 8-6pm!

SEWALL HALL RENTERS

AA MEETING MONDAYS 6:30-9PM

SCOUTS THURSDAYS 6:30-9pm

Dinner Rentals Various Days and Times

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



***PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND LOOK THROUGH OUR LIST!
IF DOING BETTER LET US KNOW THE POWER OF PRAYER!***

Our deepest condolences to Nancy Todd on the sudden passing of her husband Cy.
Keep Nancy and their family and friends in your prayers!

Nancy Davis asks for prayers for Ross's wife Jackie
who is having major complications from surgery.

Joyce Carpenter's brother Bob and niece Cindy

Anne Stafford and son Bill

Jan Costa's friend Heidi Kirby

Jan Blandino's Son-in-law Rick

Sarah and Ryan Clark

Jane Raymond

Jessy McNeil's brother Mel hospitalized! and sister Grace

Ginger Mungillo's daughter Cindy Surette and Ginger's son Jim

Sheila Vitale-extra prayers

Jean Williamson

Joe Stoddard's Mom Lillian and sister-in-law Joy Stoddard

Marilyn Langley and friend Mary Chase

Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn Larsen

Sally Mansfield's son, Mark

Tom Killilea and brother Jim

Alan Wright's cousin Tim

Luella Brown

Kelly Sievert

Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian

Jean Bastos

Rev. Elizabeth King

Jan Blandino

Barbara Garland

Henry Knopp

John Heald's sister Susan & Mom

Gun Violence!

Mother Earth

Our Nation

Our First Responders! Caregivers!

Military here and abroad!

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