

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



COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

All are Welcome! All are Loved!

Join us in person or join us on Zoom

Sunday mornings at **10:20AM***

***During Advent we will begin with a Carol Sing before worship!**

Joining us on Zoom!

You can find the link easily on our website:

uccburlington.org

UPCOMING WORSHIP*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Hymn Sing at 10:20am before worship begins at 10:30am!

November 27

Pastor:	Rev. Ed Koonz
Pianist:	Sarah LaFontaine
Lay Leader:	Marcia Rich
Head Usher:	Chris Stahlinski

Usher: Jan Costa
Usher: Search Committee
Greeter: Jan McSheffrey
Flowers: Bobbie Killilea
Collector: Marge Zamanian
Nursery: Mark and Donna Flecchia
Sunday School: Deb Raymond
Coffee Hour: Jan Costa

UPCOMING THIS WEEK

Tue Nov 22 BHS Dinner Rental in Sewall Hall
Wed Nov 23 No Choir Rehearsal
Thur Nov 24 Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri Nov 25 Office closed on Friday
Sat Nov 26 Come decorate the sanctuary at 9:30am.
All are welcome to join the Deacons
Sun Nov 27 First Sunday of Advent
Carol Sing before worship at 10:20am
Green Team Advent Workshop at noon
No **RED** Wagon today

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, ucburlington@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.

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.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING!

Advent Candle Lighting and Readers needed for
December 11, December 24 (Christmas Eve 4pm)



If you, your family or your committee would like to participate, please let us know.



SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pastor Search:

Jan Costa, Co-Chair
Anna Karwan, Co-Chair
Carol Downing
Sam Flecchia
Julie Lewis
Laura Nowell
Caitlin Spearson

***Director of Music Ministries:**

Aline Beck
Karen Calandrelli
John Getsinger
Marcia Rich
Joan Zink

*We hired a candidate!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you can volunteer to be Lay Leader, Head Usher, Usher, Greeter, 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>





GREEN TEAM TIPS

By preventing food waste, you are reducing your environmental and climate change footprint. Food is the single largest category of material placed in municipal landfills and is the third-largest source of human related methane emissions in the United States. When food is wasted, the land, water, energy and other inputs that are used in producing, processing, transporting, preparing, sorting and disposing the food are wasted as well.

"I'M DREAMING OF A GREEN CHRISTMAS"

ADVENT WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Pease join the Green Team during coffee hour for "green" gift wrapping ideas, decorations and gift ideas. Advent devotions and calendars will also be available.



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.***

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.

COAT DRIVE

t church.from infant to XX-LARGE sizes. There is a bin a City Missions is asking for NEW winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves. DEADLINE: November 27th.



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!



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](https://www.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.



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.



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
- 29 Kiera 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!***

Molly and family

Nancy Todd and family

Cindy Phillips became a grandmother! Congratulations!

Joyce Carpenter's brother Bob

Anne Stafford and son Bill

Jan Costa's friend Heidi

Jan Blandino's daughter Brenda and 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 and friend Jimmy's dad
Luella Brown
Kelly Sievert
Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian
Jean Bastos
Rev. Elizabeth King
Barbara Garland
Henry Knopp
John Heald's sister Susan & Mom
So much gun violence!
Mother Earth
Our Nation

Our First Responders! Caregivers!
Military here and abroad!

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