

JUNE 2024 HILLTOP HERALD

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Dear Church,

As our program year draws to a close and folks get ready to embrace the summer weather (and summer schedules), it's time for us to celebrate and lift up in gratitude some of the wonderful ministries our church has provided over this past year.

On June 9th, we will celebrate our Children's Ministry during worship. The service will be planned and led by our children. What a beautiful opportunity for us to see how the children would worship if they were in charge! I hope we will welcome this different service with open arms. After all, we adults worship in the way that feeds our soul every other Sunday. Let's see what a service looks like that is designed by our children to feed their souls. You never know what you might see or hear!

Deb Raymond, Donna Ferro, the CE Committee, Mark Flecchia, and all our Sunday School and Nursery volunteers have given so much of their time and energy to serve the spiritual needs of our young people and build up the next generation of the church. Each week they come up with creative ways to teach, play, and serve. This is one of, if not *the* most important tasks facing the church in our day and age. We must nurture and encourage the next generation. That means empowering them to imagine what church looks like for them and encouraging them to share their voices, not only in worship, but in all that we do. Thank you to all the volunteers involved with our children and youth for serving God, the church, and the children in this sacred calling.

One week after Children's Sunday, we will celebrate Music Sunday, where we lift up our music ministries in joy and praise and give thanks for the ways they've made our spirits sing this past year. Music is the eternal language of God. Before the English language existed, melody and harmony lifted human spirits and echoed God's song throughout creation. Let us rejoice together in the amazing wonder of music as we give thanks to Brian and the choir for sharing their talents with us throughout this past year.

On Music Sunday, the music will be the sermon. St. Francis of Assisi is often misquoted as saying, "Preach the gospel always. When necessary, use words." Despite the fact that he probably never said this, it's a beautiful sentiment that holds a great deal of truth. On Music Sunday, June 16th, we will allow the mingling waves of melody and harmony to dance upon our eardrums as we hear God's Word through music rather than words (lyrics notwithstanding).

Children's Sunday and Music Sunday are just two small ways we can celebrate the good work that God is doing in our congregation through the hearts and spirits of our devoted volunteers. The Spirit is moving here in our church and in our community. Let us not close our eyes, ears, and hearts to the good news that God is speaking to us, but let our hearts dance, sing, laugh, and rejoice together in gratitude for all the blessings God shares with us!

Peace,
Andrew



Plans were finalized for the May 19 service when eight new members joined the church.

An ecumenical outdoor Pentecost service for all ages with prayers and music is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, at the Presbyterian church, 6 pm.

Maddie Lewis, daughter of Michael and Julie and little sister to Alex and Amelia, will be baptized on June 23.

Church services will be held at 9:30 in July and August. On July 7th, the Presbyterians will join us for worship and on August 4th our congregation will go to their church, worship time currently unknown.

'Band Sundays' will be held once a month and promoted in advance. Anyone interested in playing an instrument or singing should contact Brian or Andrew.

Bible study is currently held on Wednesday afternoons. Andrew is looking for feedback on whether to offer it at a different or additional time, so if you would like to participate in this, please let Andrew know your thoughts.

The Deacons plan to use one of their summer meetings to discuss ideas for fellowship next year. If you have an idea, please let one of the Deacons know; they are Jan Costa, Bobbie Killilea, Kari Lynch, Dave McNeil, Marcia Rich and Deana Tredeau.

PUB THEOLOGY-June 20 at 8pm
Location to be determined



Step out of the pews and into a relaxed atmosphere where we explore faith, life, and everything in between over a refreshing beverage. Whether you're a seeker, a skeptic, or a staunch believer, all are welcome to share their perspectives and engage in meaningful conversations. Come as you are and let's delve into the mysteries of faith together. See you there!

TRUE NORTH COFFEE SHOP
THURSDAYS 9-11AM

You can find Pastor Andrew at True North Coffee Shop, 204 Cambridge Street, Burlington. Come chat!

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 2pm In-person and Zoom



Witnesses: The Acts of the Apostles in the Early Church

Join us for a 6-week Bible Study exploring the Book of Acts. We'll gather each Wednesday to uncover the powerful narratives of the early Christian witnesses and explore how their stories resonate with our lives today. Together, we'll deepen our understanding of what it means to bear witness to our faith, to our beliefs, and to the transformative power of God's love in our world. Whether you're a seasoned Bible scholar or new to the scriptures, all are welcome to join us in this exploration of faith, community, and the enduring call to be witnesses in our own time. Join us as we journey together, discovering the relevance and richness of the Book of Acts in our lives today.

Here are the scheduled readings for this Bible Study:

June 5 - Acts 16:16-34

June 12 - Acts 17:16-34

June 19 - Acts 25:23-27; 26:1-32

June 26 - Acts 28:17-31



RED WAGON

Items needed at the Burlington Pantry:
 Kids Snacks (individually wrapped)
 Baby wipes
 Coffee (Ground or K-Cups)
 Tea, Cocoa
 Cooking oil
 Bring to worship on June 30th!

MISSIONS UPDATE!

OLD PILGRIM HYMNALS

We are rehomeing the old red/ brown hymnals. If you want one, please take one in the next week. They are in the hallway going into Sewall Hall. The remainder will be donated to various locations.

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

C4C has altered the shape of the few remaining UCC reusable bags. They now have flat bottoms but are slightly shorter in overall length. They are hanging up in the hall. Take one if you want to. If you have ones that have the knife-edge bottom and want them converted, please put them in the conference room with your name on them so we can return them to you. We have also donated blankets made by many of our C4C members to a variety of locations including Wee Care, here in Burlington.

We meet on Thursday afternoons in the conference room at 1pm. Zoom livestream is always available if you want to join at home.

THANK YOU NOTES FOR MISSION'S DONATIONS

Project Care and Concern

Your generous contribution to Project Care and Concern is gratefully received and will allow us to respond to families in need of food. May our Good God bless your outreach.

-Sincerely, Sister Joyce

Disabled American Veterans

Your donation of \$400 to the Burlington, William J. Hurley, Chapter #113 DAV means so much to our Disabled American Veterans and their families. Your support makes a difference in their daily lives. Because of you, Disabled American Veterans in our area are able to enjoy events we sponsor with your generous donation. We also award scholarships to family members of Disabled Veterans. Thank you so much.

-Signed for the Commander, Robert Karasinski, Treasurer

MISSIONS FINANCIAL REPORT

In April Missions sent a \$200 donation to Sam Flecchia in support of her participation in this year's Boston Marathon. Sam has raised over \$10,000 to benefit the Special Care Nursery at Winchester Hospital... an incredible accomplishment!

\$400 was paid to each 6 benevolences:

- Reach Beyond Domestic Violence
- Rosie's Place
- Science with a Mission
- VNA Hospice Care
- Dig Deep
- World School (Anne Stafford's daughter)

In May \$1000 was paid to the SNEUCC. This is the second of four payments, which will total \$4500 by the end of 2024, including \$900, also paid in May, directly to the Metropolitan Boston Association, which is part of the SNEUCC (Southern New England UCC).



NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES!

Friends and Family,

I would like to take this time to thank Pastor Andrew and the UCC Band for involving the choir in their Band Sundays. It was a very successful and moving worship experience, and both groups look forward to repeating the experience.

Sunday May 19th at 2pm, we held a very successful classical concert with about 40 attendees, bringing in \$736. The Special Music Committee would like to extend their gratitude to all the folks who attended and aided in setup, breakdown, and food. It was a pleasure to see some new faces in the crowd as well. I would like to extend my personal thanks to all members of the Special Music Committee as well, for the event would not have been possible without their dedicated time and hard work.

The spring choir season is nearing its end. Join us on June 16th for Music Sunday! There will be soloists, choir anthems, hymns, organ solos, and a quick dive into what music means in the worship setting!

THANK YOU!

Our Musical Concert which focused on Mental Health, held on May 19, was enjoyed by many. Joan Zink wanted to share how she was moved by the music.

*To many concerts have I gone
Sinatra, Luciano, and Elton John
Tina Turner... Simply the Best
Whose artistry today was put to the test.*

*Your concert Sunday afternoon
Reached from above and beyond the moon.
Inspired me in a way I may someday explain
Elevated my spirit and relieved my pain.*

*With thanks from us all, both young and tall
For your artistry and talent and giving your all.
Blessed we are that you are here.
For you and Alli we will always cheer.*



CHURCH YARD WORK!

Cleanup day in May went well with members from our church family. We had folks fixing, weeding, clearing many items at church.

Thank you to Karen and Dick Butler as well as Lynn Tirrell who finished the weeding with a nice layer of mulch! The entry way looks amazing!

****NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN ED!****



On May 5, our Sunday School Kids and Youth provided coffee hour with a Cinco de Mayo theme!

On May 12, our Sunday School kids made paper mache vases with flowers to present to the new members.

They also made chocolate covered strawberries for their Mom for Mother's Day.



OUR NURSERY

Nursery Care is provided by two people for newborns – children four years old.

PAID NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED!

Christian Education is urgently looking for a paid nursery attendant Sundays 10am-Noon. This can be every Sunday or a job share. The candidate must be 17 years or older and will be CORI'D Ask around, you never know who may be interested.

ONGOING EVENTS

Community Dinner at the Presbyterian Church, 335 Cambridge Street, Burlington. This takes place the last Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm and it is FREE to all!



April 24, Christian Ed provided the Community Dinner at the Presbyterian Church. The hall was festively decorated by Ali and John. Sue and Tonia made the taco filling for the meal.

CE will provide the meal on July 31st. There will be ice cream for dessert! Come join us!

EVENTS IN JUNE

On Saturday, June 1, join us at the Presbyterian Church for an Inter-generational and Interchurch Pentecost Service. This will begin at 6pm. The service is interactive, outside around a fire pit with s'mores. Fun for kids and adults! All are welcome!

On Sunday, June 9, we will have our Sunday School Intergenerational Service at 10:30am. The service will be presented by our Sunday School Kids and Youth. The theme is "Summer Vacation". It will be fun of course as we celebrate milestones and all our volunteers. Following worship will be an ice cream sundae party!

Happy Summer To All!

JOYS AND CONCERNS!

Nancy Davis' grandson, Eric Johnson
Bill Livezey
Billy Martin's friend Barbara
Sue Wisniewski's mother-in-law
Lynn and Lee Tirrell's friend Bob
Claire Simas, niece Janice and daughter Marianne
Bill Beyer's friend Lloyd Rosenberg
Sarah Tredeau's friend Megan
Sally Willard's friends Maureen and Jack
Chris Stahlinski's sister Evelyn
Anna Karwan's friends Ellen and Don
Laura Nowell's cousin Nigel and friends
Glenda and Mary
Barbara Leonard
Wayne Higden
Brian Gionet's Dad
Roberta Low
Rebecca Sobolewski's sister, Holly

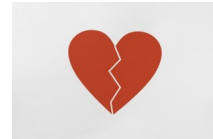
Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn
Jessy McNeil's sister Grace
Elaine Glancy's sister-in-law Irene
Jim Killilea, Tom's brother
Skip Glancy's sister Dorothy
Joyce Carpenter's niece Cindy, brother Bob
Marilyn Langley's brother Bill
Kelly Sievert
Bill Hitchcock
Jan Blandino's grandson Toby, her
Daughter Brenda and Son-in-law Rick
Ginger Mungillo's daughter Cindy and
Ginger's son Jim
Jean Bastos
Barbara Garland
Mother Earth!
Middle East, Ukraine
Stop the violence worldwide!

CONDOLENCES:

Prayers to Sue Wisniewski and her family on the recent passing of her father-in-law Fred Wisniewski, Sr.

Sympathy to Bobbie Killilea on the passing of a dear friend John Ford.

Sympathy to Lynn and Lee Tirrell on the passing of dear friend Jean.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:



Sean and Auriana Musselman, Jamie and Emily Ciccone, Samantha Hurley, Jenn Irving, David Issac and Allison Mazzarella.

Welcome to our church on the hill!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Nancy Davis
- 3 Susan Eby
- 4 Jessy McNeil
- 6 Soren Wells-Bean
- 9 Brenda Cahoon
- 15 Jan Costa
- 16 Joyce Baylor
- 20 Josh & Jason Cahoon
- 23 Bobbie Killilea
- 29 Thea Killilea
- 30 Donna Ferro
- 30 Molly Kyokunda

WORSHIP PARTICIPATIOIN

June 2 Service Sunday

No Formal Worship Today!

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris

See details in the Hilltop write-up!

June 9 Worship-Love Offering

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris

Organist: Brian Gionet

Lay Leader:

Head Usher:

Usher: Lucy Damiani

Greeter: Jan McSheffrey

Flowers:

Collector: Marge Zamanian

Nursery:

Sunday School: Deb Raymond

Donna Ferro

Coffee Host: Ice Cream Social

Bakers:

June 16 Music Sunday Worship

Organist: Brian Gionet

Lay Leader; Lay Leader

Head Usher:

Usher:

Greeter:

Flowers:

Collector: Joan Zink

Nursery:

Coffee Host: Jan McSheffrey

Bakers:

June 23 Worship-Baptism

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris

Organist: Brian Gionet

Lay Leader:

Deacon Rep: Deana Tredeau

Head Usher:

Usher:

Greeter:

Flowers:

Collector: Marge Zamanian

Nursery:

Coffee Host:

Bakers:

June 30 Worship-Red Wagon

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris

Organist: Brian Gionet

Lay Leader:

Head Usher:

Usher:

Greeter:

Flowers:

Collector: Deb Raymond

Nursery:

Coffee Host:

Bakers:

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Please note, beginning July 7th our worship time will change to 9:30am for the months of July and August!

WORSHIP SIGNUP PROCESS

To Volunteer for our Worship Service please go to the link online and signup. If you have difficulty please contact Donna Flechia at dmflfec@gmail.com

Worship Service Volunteer Link

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

June 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 5-9p Rental
2 SERVICE SUNDAY 10:30am TBD Lunch	3 6:30p AA 7p Trustees	4 CE Meeting	5 12:45p Green Team  2p Bible Study 7:15p Choir	6 9-11a True North Coffee 1p C4C 6:30p Scouts	7 Montessori Graduation  1/2 day of school 3p Rental Setup 5-10p Rental	8
9 10:30a Children and Band Sunday Love Offering Ice Cream Social 3p Installation Rev. Harris	10 6:30p AA	11 7p HR Meeting	12  2p Bible Study 7:15p Choir	13 9-11a True North Coffee 1p C4C 6:30p Scouts 7p Deacons	14 Noon Preschool Graduation 	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Andrew on Vacation-June 17th</div>
16 10:30a Worship Music Sunday Happy Father's Day! 	17 6:30p AA	18 7p PC Meeting	19  2p Bible Study Church Office Closed JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY No Choir	20 9-11a True North Coffee 1p C4C 6:30p Scouts 7p Missions 8p Pub Theology  SUMMER BEGINS! 	21	22
23 10:30a Worship Baptism 	24 6:30p AA	25	26  2p Bible Study No Choir	27 9-11a True North Coffee 1p C4C 6:30p Scouts	28	29
30 10:30a  Worship Red Wagon Noon Music Com. Mtg.	Worship Time will change to 9:30am for July and August					July 7th Ecumenical Service HERE At 9:30am

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