

AUGUST 2024 HILLTOP HERALD

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Pastor

Chris Stahlinski
Moderator

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Dear UCC Burlington Members and Friends,

I hope you are all enjoying the blessings of the Summer season.

I am writing to invite you to join us in an exciting community event— Celebrate Burlington Day on August 3rd. This event is a wonderful opportunity for us to engage with our neighbors and showcase the warmth and spirit of our congregation. We've identified participation in these community events as a goal for our church. Well, now is our opportunity to get out into the community and share the good news of God's light shining through our congregation!

We are seeking volunteers to represent our church at a designated table during the event. Your role would be to greet visitors, distribute informational materials about our church, share coloring book pages and crayons with children, and engage in friendly conversations with attendees. Your presence will help us extend a warm welcome to all who visit our booth.

Right now, we are in need of volunteers between 1pm and 4pm. Whether you can spare an hour or the entire afternoon, your participation will make a significant difference. At 4pm, we will need some volunteers to help bring our table, canopy, and any leftover materials back to the church.

If you are interested in volunteering, [please follow this link to sign-up](#).

I'm sorry that I will miss this event. I want to sincerely thank all our volunteers who have signed up already, and all of you for considering this opportunity to serve our community and represent our congregation. Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Once the visiting hours for our booth end at 4pm, please stick around and enjoy the concert, festivities, and fireworks. Let's celebrate our community and the town that has been home to our church since even before it was a town!

Grace and peace,

Andrew



SAVE THE DATE!



SEPTEMBER 15TH
WELCOME SUNDAY WITH BRUNCH
FOLLOWING WORSHIP!

PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Andrew will be out of the office through August 11th.

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office and the covering pastor or Deacon will get in touch with you.

PUB THEOLOGY

Join Pastor Andrew on August 15th 6pm for Pub Theology. We had so much fun in July at the Parsonage we thought we would do it again in August. Bring your chair, drink of choice, and something potluck if you like. **ALL** are invited to attend. Just RSVP to Andrew@uccburlington.org so we can get an idea of how many might be joining us. You can park at the church and walk down to the parsonage.

TRUE NORTH PASTOR HOURS

Pastor Andrew will be at True North Coffee Shop on:

August 15 9-11am
August 22 9-11am
August 29 9-11am.

Come by and have a chat!

WHAT ARE THE DEACONS ALL ABOUT?

Sometimes people say 'I don't understand what the Deacons do'. This isn't surprising for two reasons. One is that the name isn't as revealing the responsibilities as the names of some other Boards, such as Missions, Christian Education or Human Resources. The other is that the Deacons' responsibilities are fairly diverse as outlined in the church constitution, where they include all forms of corporate worship, the care of members and friends of the parish, and the development of fellowship programs.

Worship responsibilities include assisting the pastor in administering the sacraments of baptism and communion, supervising the church music program, and coordination of such activities as greeting, ushering and lay participation. This area includes decorating the sanctuary for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter and changing the altar, pulpit, and lectern coverings, called paraments, to white for communion and to the colors appropriate to the church season throughout the year. Consequently, the Deacons' operating budget covers guest ministers and organists, some of the costs for musicians for special services, such as Easter and Christmas, communion supplies, candle oil, choir music, organ and piano maintenance and some professional development funds for the Director of Music Ministries. Some costs for the church's online service needs are also part of the operating budget.

The caring responsibilities are largely implemented in coordination with the pastor by the dedicated people of Called to Care, who do a wonderful job of reaching out to those who are ill, have had surgery or are in mourning, and stay in touch with people who are unable to easily leave their homes. Money for stamps and cards to support Called to Care and for gifts for our high school graduates are part of the Deacons' budget.

As described in the constitution, fellowship programs include development of a strategy for attracting potential new members, which is a concern of the whole congregation, the orientation and assimilation of new members, the administration of church communications including the Hilltop Herald and public relations with the community at large and the development of programs primarily designed to better acquaint members with each other, such as coffee hours. Funds for coffee, paper goods and related supplies are part of the budget.

In addition to the above, the Deacons also administer the Memorial Funds, the Deacons' Special Music account, and the Deacons' Fund. The music account consists of donations and money brought in through fundraisers and is used for additional musicians for special services and music needs not covered by the Deacons' operating budget. The Deacons' Fund is supported by the Love Offering and used to help people in need.

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION!

CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2024

Do you have someone in your household that will be entering 8th grade or any year in high school in September? If your child will attend, please be sure to get in touch with Rev. Harris or CE Director Deb Raymond before September 7th to confirm.

This will be a dynamic class, with lots of questioning, open discussions and field trips. The classes will be approximately twice a month from September – May. The participants at the end will decide if they would like to become members of the church. Really looking forward to working with you all in September!

Call or text:

Rev Andrew Harris: C: 978-219-2715

Deb Raymond C: 857-373-9156

WELCOME to
Nursery!



NURSERY SCHOOL

Care is provided by 2 people for newborns – 4 years old.

Christian Education is urgently looking for a paid nursery attendant Sundays 10 am-12pm.

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. Contact Deb at C: 857-373-9156.

ONGOING EVENTS

**Community dinner at The Presbyterian Church, 335 Cambridge Street, here in Burlington.
Always the last Wednesday of the month at 5:30. Always free!**

JULY HAPPENINGS!



Join us on July 31st as CE will provide the Community Dinner at the Presbyterian Church. It will be a picnic with ice cream for dessert. Great time to catchup with friends and meet new people! Remember it's free!



RED WAGON

During the summer the pantry supplies food for the many families they serve throughout the year. During the summer they supply additional lunch food for the 170 school age children of these families. So, the red wagon and you individually will help supply the food listed below. In addition, there is a major need for all size diapers and toiletries. Bring donations to worship on August 25th. If it is easier for you, donations can be taken directly at the pantry. The donation center is located at:

21 Murray Ave, Burlington and is open 7AM to 7PM every day.

- Jelly
- Mayonnaise
- Individually wrapped snacks
- Fruit cup

**CELEBRATE BURLINGTON DAY!
AUGUST 3 ON THE COMMON!**

Celebrate Burlington on August 3rd. There will be a carnival, a concert, and fireworks on the town common. Our church is going to have a table at the event where we'll be giving out heart-shaped crayons, coloring pages of our church, prayer squares and informational brochures. We're looking for volunteers to help staff our table from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

MISSIONS FINANCIAL REPORT

In July, the following Benevolences each received \$400:

- HELPIS
- Lazarus Foundation of Lawrence
- Cambridge Street Closet

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

We have been meeting weekly in the conference room from 1 to 3PM. If August has cooler days, we will enjoy meeting out front of the church under the trees. The decision to meet out of doors is made on Thursday morning. An e-mail will be sent out asking participants to also bring a lawn chair with them. If we are indoors our meeting is hybrid. You will find the Zoom information at the end of this paragraph. All are welcome to join us.

Zoom info: <https://zoom.us/j/93567188274?pwd=TVJ3L2xDODFxeUVSM0dWRnFhell3dz09>

Meeting ID: 935 6718 8274
Passcode: 01803

MISSIONS NEWS

We have not met in July. Our next Zoom meeting will be on August 22. In the Missions Treasurer's report, you will see the organizations we will support in August. We often receive thank you notes from the organizations we support. These are posted on the Mission's bulletin board and at least one is shared in the Hilltop Herald each month. Take time to read them and see how thankful, the organizations are to receive our gifts. We'd like to remind you to support the Church work by volunteering to be at the Church's table on the common on Burlington Day, August 3. The hours of the Burlington Day events are from 11 to 4PM. (See info above.)



WEE CARE

"I couldn't have been more surprised when I opened our mail and found your lovely letter on behalf of your "Missions" and a check! We will use it wisely. And could you pass along our pleasure and thanks to all those who painted our railings? They look so much better!"

Donna Russo @ WCB

THE WISH PROJECT

"Thank you very much for your gift of \$400 to The Wish Project. Since we are primarily privately funded through fundraising and donations, we depend greatly on donations like yours to sustain us and allow us to continue our mission to help those in need throughout the Merrimack Valley.

With your support, we will have furniture, household goods, clothing, diapers, and so much more ready for those in need. We will be able to assist hundreds of families setting up apartments after homelessness and provide clothing and other essentials to our local families ravaged by fire or disaster. Thousands of school children will receive school supplies, and newborns will enter the world with the clothing and baby goods they need to be healthy and safe.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

We appreciate it very much!"
Alyce Moore, Director of Development



**ONLINE AUCTION AGAIN THIS FALL
SATURDAY, OCT. 26TH AT 12:01AM - NOV. 2ND AT 7 PM**



Greetings to you all!

Our online auction will take place soon. The goal is to raise \$10,000. Can you help?

Can you go to merchants you do business with and ask for a gift card? These can be spas, salons, hairdressers, fortune tellers, golf courses, restaurants, florists, fitness centers, and many others. If you can, bless you! Bless you, even if you can't! Please let us know where you plan to go, so we can do our best to prevent duplicating requests.

As always, we are also looking for the following:

- Timeshares
- Vacation homes
- Pet sitting
- Baskets with themes
- Baskets from businesses
- Baskets for kids
- Sports equipment
- Wine
- Jewelry
- Crafts
- Artwork
- Autographs
- Collectibles
- Rounds of golf

We will make every effort to reach beyond our church community. This is also a way we can all help... when the auction begins, please send the link to your friends far and wide. Most of the auction items can easily be delivered anywhere.

Thank you... very, very much!

Deb Raymond, Julie Lewis, Kari Lynch, Anna Karwan, Joan Zink



GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING

Our 2024 Earnings \$438.44
Great Job!!!

Don't stop over the summer - go to Raiseright.com and learn how to get orders shipped directly to you. Or how to get ecards you can use from your phone or print yourself or reload any time you need more.

We have these frequent users of the program who would be happy to help you. Contact Deana Tredeau, Andrew Harris , Ally Mozzarella, Marj Zamanian or Laura Nowell. They are pros! (Deana has made the church over \$80 just this year).

To order, go online to RaiseRight.com, click on "join a program" and enter BB483284315L1 as your enrollment code (to link to our church account).

Our Coordinator is Nancy Todd.

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UCC COFFEEHOUSE OCTOBER 5TH

Save the Date—October 5, 2024, 7-9:30 pm for our Annual Coffee House



If you would like to perform, please talk to Debbie Claar,
email deborahsclar@gmail.com

If you would like to volunteer to help us, please contact Deana Tredeau,
email deanatredeau@gmail.com

Let's make it a great event this year!!



Conrad Fong
Deana Tredeau's niece Amber Wallace
Mark Omobono's friend Dave
Mark Flecchia's friend Mike
Joyce Carpenter
Claire Simas, niece Janice and daughter Marianne
Billy Martin and friend Barbara
Bill Livezey
Lynn and Lee Tirrell's friend Bob
Bill Beyer's friend Lloyd Rosenberg
Sarah Tredeau's friend Megan
Sally Willard's friends Maureen and Jack
Chris Stahlinski's sister Evelyn
Laura Nowell's cousin Nigel and friend Mary
Brian Gionet's Dad
Roberta Low

Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn
Jessy McNeil's sister Grace
Skip Glancy's sister Dorothy
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

Middle East, Ukraine,
Violent weather!
Mother Earth!
Our Country!

CONDOLENCES:

Our sympathy on the recent passing of Phyllis Knopp. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Skip Glancy
- 2 Debbie Claar
- 8 Sarah Clark
- 9 Deb Glancy
- 15 Sally Willard
- 17 Jacob Goodrich-Byers
- 17 Nicole Flecchia
- 20 Jane Forbush
- 20 Kellen Fraser (Killilea)
- 22 Ruth Goodrich-Byers
- 25 Kathy Olney
- 25 Michael Lewis
- 26 Laura Harder



WORSHIP PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

August 4th 10:30am

Ecumenical Worship at the Presbyterian Church

Lay Leader: To be determined
Collector: Marcia Rich

August 11 Worship-Love Offering 9:30am

Lay Preacher: Debbie Claar
Organist: Brian Gionet
Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski
Head Usher:
Usher:
Greeter: Jan McSheffrey
Flowers:
Collector: Dick Butler
Nursery:
Coffee host:
Baker:

August 25 Worship-Red Wagon

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist: Brian Gionet
Lay Leader:
Head Usher: Dave McNeil
Usher: Carol Downing
Greeter: Carol Downing
Flowers: Deb Glancy & Donna Ferro
Collector: Deb Raymond
Nursery: Jan McSheffrey
Coffee Host: Chris Stahlinski
Baker:

REMINDER:

Worship time will return to 10:30am on September 1st Labor Day Weekend. We hope you enjoy your August and the rest of the Summer!

August 18 Worship 9:30am

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist: Brian Gionet
Lay Leader:
Head Usher:
Usher: Jan McSheffrey
Greeter: Chris Stahlinski
Flowers: Nancy Davis
Collector: Joan Zink
Nursery:
Coffee Host:
Baker:

VOLUNTEERING DURING WORSHIP!

We are still looking for volunteers to help with worship on Sunday mornings. Please signup on the following link:

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

August 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Pastor Andrew out of the office through August 11th. | | | | 1 Bobbie Vac Day Office Coverage 10-2p 1p C4C | 2 | 3  Celebrate Burlington 11-4pm |
| 4 10:30am Ecumenical Service AT the Presbyterian Church <i>No Service Here</i> 3-8p Scout Event | 5 6:30p AA | 6 Bobbie Vac Day Office Coverage 10-2p | 7 9:45a Green Team Meeting | 8 9-3p Church Office 1p C4C | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9:30a Worship and Love Offering | 12 Church Office 9-noon 6:30p AA | 13 Church Office 9-noon 6p Deacons Potluck/Mtg | 14 Church Office 9-noon | 15 Church Office 9-noon 9-11a True North Hours 1p C4C 6p Pub Theology at Parsonage (Potluck) | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:30a Worship | 19 6:30p AA | 20 September Hilltop Due! 7p PC Meeting | 21 | 22 9-11a True North Hours 1p C4C | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:30a Worship and Red Wagon | 26 6:30p AA 7p Trustees Meeting | 27 | 28 | 29 9-11a True North Hours 1p C4C | 30 | 31 |

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TO:



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