

# JULY 2024 HILLTOP HERALD

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Dear UCC Burlington Church Family,

Grace and peace to you this summer season! I hope you're finding some "cushion" time for rest and relaxation, even if life doesn't quite slow down for you during the summer time. I hope we can all find peace and solace through the grace of God even as the world keeps spinning ever quickly around us.

While many of our committees take a little break over the summer, church keeps on going! The Good News must be shared! God's kin-dom must be proclaimed! God's love must be celebrated! Worship continues every Sunday, starting at 9:30am in July and August. As our choir gets a well deserved break this summer, church members will share their musical talents during worship. I hope you will come and support your fellow siblings in Christ as we all make a joyful noise to God!

Our resident Burlington Minuteman, Bill Hitchcock, has invited members of our church to march with him in the upcoming 4th of July parade. We'd love to have you join us in spreading joy and goodwill to all who line the streets. This will be a fun way to celebrate our town and I hope you will march with us. You can find more info on page 9 of the Hilltop. [Follow this link to sign up.](#)

August 3rd is Celebrate Burlington Day, where 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, and informational brochures (as well as anything else you can think of that would be fun). We're looking for volunteers to help staff our table from 11:00am to 4:00pm. See page 9 for more details. [If you'd like to help out, follow this link to sign up.](#)

If you have any clever ideas for activities we can provide at our table, please let us know! We're looking for fun ways to share love, joy, and fellowship with the community. Think of games we could play or crafts we could make. The only stipulation is we can't provide any food, but other than that, I'd love to hear your ideas!

May God bless each of you with time for rest, peace, and leisure this summer. Lord knows we suffer through long, cold, dark winters, so we ought to celebrate these beautiful sunny days. Go for a walk, go to the beach, read a book in the shade, swim in a pool, take a catnap in a hammock. Whatever your cushion might be, I hope you find peace there. Remember that God is with you in all that you do. Even if your summer vacation plans take you away from our sanctuary for a couple of weeks, may you find time to worship God in all that you do.

Peace,  
Andrew



**PASTOR ANDREW HARRIS  
CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have a pastoral emergency, you can reach Pastor Andrew by phone at: 978-219-2715 or by email: Andrew@uccburlington.org

**SUMMER WORSHIP TIME**

Please note July 7 through the end of August our Worship Time will change to 9:30am. Zoom livestream will continue as well!

**PUB THEOLOGY- July 18 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!

**CHURCH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Please note it was decided many years ago that the church office should be cut back to two days a week during July and August. The office will be open MOST Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can always leave a message on the church voicemail 781-272-4547.

Happy Summer!

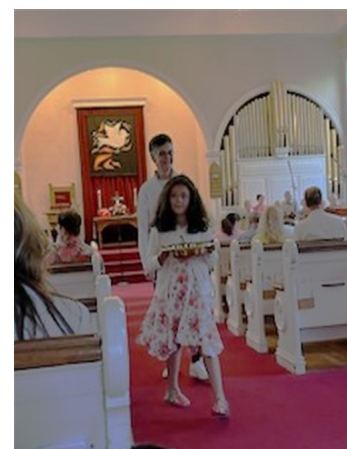
# NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION!



On May 5, Kids and Youth provided coffee hour for the congregation with a Cinco de Mayo theme!

On May 12 the 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.



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY—JUNE 9TH

The Children/Youth participated and provided the contents of this worship service! The suggested songs and verses, offertory collections and more were created by them.. Congratulations to Sawyer graduating to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and receiving his 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bible. Thank you to all the readers; great job as always!

**NURSERY SCHOOL**  
Care is provided by two people for newborns up to 4 years old.

CE is urgently looking for a paid nursery attendant for Sunday mornings 10 am-12pm. This can be every Sunday or a job share. The candidate must be 17 years or older and will be COR'd.  
Ask around, you never know who may be interested.

## ONGOING EVENTS

Community Dinner at the Presbyterian Church, 335 Cambridge Street, Burlington, MA

Always the last Wednesday of the month at 5:30.  
Always free.

## EVENTS IN JULY COMMUNITY DINNER AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**On July 31st—Come on down!** CE will provide the **Community Dinner for July 31**. It will a picnic with ice cream for dessert! Great time to catchup with friends and meet a new person!



## NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES!

With the passing of an excellent Music Sunday, another season of choir follows. This past season of choir has been fabulous! I am honored to have worked with such a dedicated and hardworking group of musicians!

The music groups at UCC have spent a lot of time working together and celebrating worship in a musical setting. Ultimately, these groups complete the service as well as the community. Coming this fall however, we intend to upgrade. We are hoping to establish a "UCC Music Department" by adding a children's choir and a bell choir. We are very excited to try this new addition as well as the return of an old one.



Some discussions were shortened because Andrew was away and unable to attend.

The consensus was that the installation went well and was enjoyed by both congregation and visitors. Service Sunday was seen as being worthwhile and enjoyable but in need of better planning, organization, and communication, all things that can be fairly easily addressed before the next time.

Plans were discussed for June 16, which is both Music Sunday and Father's Day, and a day when Andrew will be away.

New Head Usher Guidelines were approved.

Jan Costa is going to be the new Memorial Fund Coordinator, taking over from Marcia Rich, who has done it for many years. Marcia will be Jan's backup should the need arise.

There was extensive discussion about what type of coffee maker to purchase as the old ones have all stopped working. There are times when we need only 30-40 cups and other times when twice that much is needed. This means we may need two types of coffee pots, and there are pros and cons to different models of each type.

Called to Care continues to do an excellent job of reaching out to people who have had health problems or for whom it's hard to get out.

There was also discussion about the need to modernize the church website; this is a Deacons' responsibility under the constitution, which charges the Deacons with church communications and public relations with the community.

There will not be a July meeting. The next meeting will be a potluck gathering in the conference room at 6 pm on August 8.



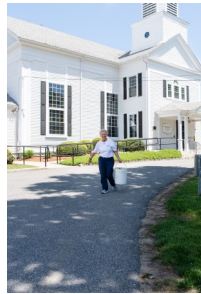
**SERVICE SUNDAY!**  
**June 2, 2024**

**A MORNING BLESSING! THEN OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY!**

**OUR WORK T-SHIRTS!**



**PREPPING THE CHURCH GROUNDS**



**WORKING AT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN IN BURLINGTON!**





**PAINTING AT WEE CARE IN BURLINGTON!**



**REFRESHMENTS DELIVERED!**



**CARD MAKING FOR FOLKS ON OUR PRAYER LIST!**



**MEAL PREP FOR WORKERS AND SHUT-INS**

**GATHERING BACK IN SEWALL HALL FOR LUNCH!**

**A JOB WELL DONE!**



**THERE WAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE OF ALL AGES TO DO ON THIS SERVICE SUNDAY!**

**JOIN US NEXT TIME FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!**



## MISSIONS UPDATE!

### RED WAGON

This summer the Pantry, in addition to the weekly food donations to their clients, will be supplying items for the summer lunch program. The summer lunch program will cover lunches for 170 students so a lot of lunch supplies are needed. For this special program they need:

Jelly    Mayonnaise    Individually wrapped snacks    Fruit cups    Juice boxes

Also, there is a major need for all sizes of diapers and also toiletries.

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.

#### **CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE**

C4C will continue to meet weekly on Thursdays during the summer. On cool days we will meet outside. Call Susan Eby for information about where will meet. On hot days we will meet in the conference room.

#### **PILGRIM HYMNALS**

There are still copies of the 1965 Pilgrim Hymnal. They are used but in fair condition. If you want one or more, please let Susan Eby know you want one. Eventually we will leave a few copies for use by the Minister and Choir. The rest will be recycled.

#### **MISSIONS FINANCIAL REPORT**

In June 5 benevolences of \$400 each were paid to:

- Global Leadership Community, Wee Care, Wish Project, Lowell Transitional Living Center and Burlington Council on Aging
- \$86 was disbursed to pay half the cost of the pottery Communion giftware for Andrew.

#### **NEWS FROM MISSIONS**

Missions wants to thank you for your generous support of our three spring special offerings.

We collected and sent checks for the following amounts:

- One Great Hour of Sharing (\$485) sent to the Wider Church Ministries of the UCC
- Half of the Easter offering (\$1,576.50) given to the Burlington Pantry
- Tool/Blanket offering ( \$425.40) sent to Church World Services



#### **THE GREEN TEAM ASKS YOU TO REUSE AND RECYCLE PLANT POTS**

The Green Team ask you to reuse and recycle flower pots. The Green Team is collecting flower pots for use next spring at the time of the plant sale. All sizes of plastic or clay pots can be used next spring. These kind hold plants you have purchased for your garden. If you have any you want to donate, there is a red plastic bin under the coat rack for them. Please make sure they are clean, dirt free. The bin for them will be under the coat rack until fall. They will be stored in cabinets in Skelton Hall, so please make sure they are clean. This is a good way to recycle and reuse and will keep this plastic out of the environment.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Joyce Carpenter-Rehab Claire Simas, niece Janice and daughter Marianne Karen Ciardi's parents Dottie and Bill Nancy Davis' grandson, Eric Johnson Billy Martin recent surgery and his 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 Barbara Leonard Brian Gionet's Dad Roberta Low	Rebecca Sobolewski's sister, Holly Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn Jessy McNeil's sister Grace Jim Killilea, Tom's brother 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 Mother Earth!
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## JULY BIRTHDAYS!

1 Anna Karwan  
4 Eric Duran  
8 Brian Stahlinski  
9 Walter Landin  
10 Bill Beyer  
13 Jean Williamson  
14 Peggy Derick  
14 Jerad Stahlinski  
14 Nancy Todd  
15 Elaine Glancy  
21 Sam McNeil  
21 Dick Butler  
23 Alana Shirley  
25 Billy Martin  
29 Amelia Lewis  
29 Bill Livezey

## TROOP 511-EAGLE SCOUT AWARD



UCC sponsors Troop 511. This is the troop that meets in Sewall Hall on Thursday evening. We apologize this is so late is announcing!

On April 17, 2023, Shawsheen Valley Technical High School student, Christiana Marjean Poirier, aka "Tia", successfully earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest advancement award offered by Scouts BSA. ***As the first female member of Troop 511 in Burlington, MA to earn the rank of Eagle, Tia is one of only 4 percent of Scouts who attain the Rank of Eagle.***

Earning the rank of "Eagle" is a huge achievement in any Scout's life and the Eagle Court of Honor is an exciting and important event recognizing that scout.

By Earning the Eagle Award, a Scout demonstrates her commitment to herself, her community and her Troop. It represents many years of dedication and effort.

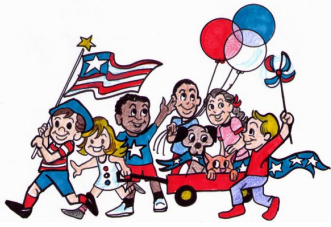
An Eagle Scout candidate must progress through ranks, earn 21 merit badges, serve six months in a troop leadership position, plan, develop and give leadership to a service project for a non-profit organization, take part in a Scoutmaster conference, and successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

Tia's Eagle Project was to Fill 50 Backpacks with Personal Care and Hygiene Products to be distributed to families in need by the Wish Project for those coming out of homelessness. She was assisted in the project by many members of Troop 511.

Tia completed her final Eagle Merit Badge, Citizenship in the Society, and passed her Board of Review on April 17, 2023. Not only did she earn the required Merit Badges, but she also earned three eagle palms. Palms are earned for each additional set of five merit badges completed. The Eagle Court of Honor was held on Saturday, October 21, 2023. Among those in attendance were Representative Ken Gordon and Burlington Selectman Mike Espejo and Spirit of Adventure Scout Executive/CEO Jonathan Pleva.

Another Scout, Alex Lock, is having his Board of Review June 10th, and will hopefully receive his Eagle Scout Award.





## 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Our church will be marching in the 4th of July Parade! We'd love to have you join us in spreading joy and goodwill to all who line the streets. This will be a fun way to celebrate our town and I hope you will march with us. The parade begins at 11:00am at the Presbyterian Church on Cambridge St. Please note that the parade route closes at 9:30am, so please make sure you arrive to line up before that. [Follow this link to sign up.](#) More info can be found [here](#).

Or you can find the information the following sites:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044BADA92CA7FD0-50167132-4thofjuly>



## CELEBRATE BURLINGTON DAY - AUGUST 3RD

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, and informational brochures (as well as anything else you can think of that would be fun). We're looking for volunteers to help staff our table from 11:00am to 4:00pm. [If you'd like to help out, follow this link to sign up.](#) If you have any clever ideas for activities we can provide at our table, please let us know!

We're looking for fun ways to share love, joy, and fellowship with the community.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044BADA92CA7FD0-50166969-celebrate#/>

## WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

### **July 7 Ecumenical Worship-9:30am**

Communion: Marge Zamanian  
Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris  
Organist: Brian Gionet  
Lay Leader: Kenneth Dewar-Presbyterian Church  
Head Usher: Dave McNeil  
Usher: Chris Stahlinski  
Greeter: Marcia Rich  
Flowers: MarciaRich  
Collector: Marcia Rich  
Nursery: Jan McSheffrey  
Coffee Host:  
Bakers:

### **July 21 Worship-9:30am**

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris  
Organist: Brian Gionet  
Lay Leader:  
Head Usher:  
Usher:  
Greeter:  
Flowers:  
Collector: Deb Raymonod  
Nursery:  
Coffee Host: Jan Costa  
Bakers:

### **July 14 Worship-Love Offering-9:30am**

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris  
Organist: Brian Gionet  
Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski  
Head Usher: Dave McNeil  
Usher:  
Greeter:  
Flowers:  
Collector: Joan Zink  
Nursery:  
Coffee Host: Jan Costa  
Bakers: Jan McSheffrey

### **July 28 Worship-Red Wagon-9:30am**

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris  
Organist: Brian Gionet  
Lay Leader: Jan Costa  
Head Usher: Dave McNeil  
Usher:  
Greeter:  
Flowers:  
Collector: Marge Zamanian  
Nursery:  
Coffee Host: Chris Stahlinski  
Bakers:

## WORSHIP SIGNUP PROCESS

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



Worship Service Volunteer Link

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

Worship Time is 9:30am for July and August

# July 2024

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

	1  <b>6p AA</b>	2	3 9-3p Church Office	4 	5 9-3p Church Office	6
7 9:30a Ecumenical Worship w/ Presbyterians HERE	8  <b>6p AA</b>	9 9-3p Church office	10	11 9-11a True North Hours  9-3p Church office  1p C4C	12	13
14 9:30a Worship Love offering	15  <b>6p AA</b>	16 9-3p Church office	17	18 9-11am True North Hours  9-3p Church office  1p C4C  7p Missions 8p Pub  Theology	19	20
21 9:30a Worship	22  <b>6p AA</b>	23 9-3p Church office	24	25 9-11am True North Hours  9-3p Church office  1p C4C	26	27
28 9:30a Worship Red Wagon	29  <b>6p AA</b>	30 9-3p Church office	31  <b>5:30p Community Dinner at the Presbyterian Church-FREE</b>	<b>AUGUST 1</b> Office Closed Vacation Day!		



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**TO:**



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