

AUGUST 2026 HILLTOP HERALD NEWSLETTER

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Dear Church Family,

I'm still basking in the glow of our wonderful church picnic on Sunday, celebrating 294 years in our sanctuary on the hill. Days like this past Sunday make me so grateful for all our amazing church members and volunteers: those who set up tents and tables and chairs; those who made delicious food to share; those who brought their warm smiles and kind hearts to a beautiful day of fellowship.

It's hard to comprehend the full legacy of 294 years. Just think of all the events our congregation has gone through, from enormous world-changing historical events to every little baptism, wedding, and funeral that meant the world to the people here at the time. In my sermon on Sunday, I wondered what our faith ancestors imagined our church might become.

There is an unbroken chain of baptisms, communions, confirmations, hymns, and prayers that unites us with them, just as there is an unbroken chain that unites all of us Christians back to the earliest Jesus-followers, the disciples, and Christ himself. We are one church, one body, together with the people who gathered on July 23, 1732 in the Meetinghouse of the Second Parish of Woburn; together with all the saints who have gone before us, who built the church with whatever materials they had on hand, whether timber, stone, or simply bread. We are one church, one body, together with those who will come next. Can you imagine what the church will become?

I have faith that the church will still be around and active in another 294 years because I know God has plans for us, God's children. But I cannot begin to imagine what it will look like, just as those first worshippers 294 years ago could not have imagined what our church looks like today.

Be thankful, for God is with us, guiding us, leading us, encouraging us into the future.

Peace,

Rev. Andrew Harris



JULY CHURCH PICNIC

Our 294th Happy Birthday Potluck Picnic was an enormous success with wonderful homecooked food and lots of fellowship!

We were blessed with this perfect summer weather, sunny dry, a nice breeze, how fortunate we were since that is an uncontrollable variable. The abundance and variety of foods was incredible. Most importantly was all those who attended, we had the front yard full with tables our people enjoying the wonderful day.

A Special Thank you goes to the Board of Deacons for planning and taking the lead, to those who set up the canopy, carried out and back in the tables and chairs. Also, to those who brought all the wonderful food. Most importantly to all who attended, we had the front yard full with tables our people enjoying the wonderful day.

Thank you, all!!

Let's do it again, soon.



DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

As fall approaches and a new church season begins, we hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer. As you plan for back-to-school and back-to-church routines, please consider volunteering for one of the many tasks that help make the work lighter for everyone.

We are looking for coffee hour hosts and bakers, greeters, ushers, nursery volunteers, lay leaders, and communion preparers. Signing up is easy.

Here is the link:

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

Volunteering helps us welcome visitors and members and make everyone feel at home. Even one Sunday makes a difference. Consider signing up with your family to greet, or volunteer as a baker and let the kids help prepare a snack.

Let's involve as many families as possible and show that all are truly welcome.

Be Sure to Save September 13, 2026 for our Annual Welcome Brunch!

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN ED!

SUMMER READING!

Sunday School: Please read the fun and informative book *The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls, Race to the Ark*.

We'll have a discussion in the fall once Sunday School starts up again. Enjoy your summer!



MISSIONS UPDATE!

RED WAGON

The Burlington Pantry is in need of the following items to help stock their shelves:

Juice packs
Applesauce cups
Individually wrapped snacks
Coffee/Tea

Bring to worship on August 30th!

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

Join us on Thursday afternoon at 1pm in the church conference room as we work on prayer shawls, prayer squares, baptism blankets. If you know knit or crochet, join us for conversation! All Welcome!



JULY LOVE OFFERING

The Love Offering is a fund which helps those who may be struggling financially, both within our community and beyond. After two major earthquakes in June and continuing aftershocks, the people of Venezuela are certainly struggling. The July Love offering total for July is \$1,046.45 and Missions will add to that. UCC Burlington will be sending \$2,046.45 to the United Church of Christ main office to support its efforts "to the work with their trusted partners on the ground in Venezuela such as Global Ministries and ACT Alliance. These organizations are delivering emergency relief to Venezuelan displaced families, distributing food and water, and offering pastoral care to those facing profound loss and trauma".

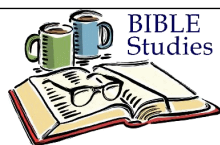
MUSIC NOTE!S



As I begin my journey here, I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome you've given me. It has been a joy getting to meet some of you already, and I look forward to getting to know many more of you in the months ahead.

I am excited to begin working with our singers and musicians this fall and to share in making music together. Be on the lookout for more information about choir rehearsals and other musical opportunities as we get closer to the start of the season.

Until then, I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to meeting and working with many more of you this fall!



BIBLE
Studies

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will continue through the summer months. We will be studying the Women of the Bible.

Meet at 1pm in the conference room. If you can't come in person, you can always join Zoom livestreaming:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89076641525>

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Anna Karwan's brother Steve	Debbie Claar's dear friends Victor and Bob
Bobbie Killilea's godson Chris	Jan Blandino, her grandson Toby
Dan Shea	David Knowles
Shirley and Geoff Fong and Uncle	Ted Brierley
Skip Glancy	Andrew's friend Lorenzo
Donna DeSiome's sister Brenda, brother-in-law Rick	Bill Hitchcock
Bobbie and Tom Killilea	Shirley Fong's Mom Mary
Tonia Egan, her mom and dad	Julie Lewis' cousin Alicia
Joe Stoddard's family member Jada	Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn
Cindy Phillip's friend's husband pancreatic cancer	Jessy McNeil's sisters Grace and Joyce
Barbara Naddaff's grandson and friend Mary	Kelly Sievert
Sally Willard's sister Vicky	Ginger Mungillo, daughter Cindy, son Jim
Anna Karwan's sister as caregiver for mom	Barbara Garland
Rev. Cheryl Kerr's son Gabe	
Auri Musselman's sister-in-law's family	Middle East
Woody Knowles	Our Country
Joyce Carpenter	The World
Bill Livezey	Mother Earth-Earthquakes-Fires-Storms
Kay Shute	
Roberta Low	

CONDOLENCES

Emily Ciccone on the passing of her Uncle "D". Our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.

Sympathy to Andrew Moore on the passing of his dear Aunt.

Sympathy to the Hatfield family on the passing of an old previous church member, Mary Hartfield.

BAPTIZED

Congratulations to Corinna Ciccone who was recently baptized in July. Blessings to Emily, Jaime and big sister Ella.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!



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

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION SCHEUDLE

We will worship at the Presbyterian Church
335 Cambridge Street
Burlington, MA
10:30am pm August 2, 9, 16, 23

Worship August 2

Collector: Marcia Rich

Worship August 9

Collector: Marge Zamanian

Worship August 16

Collector: Lucy Damiani

Worship August 23

Collector: Marcia Rich

Worship HERE August 30 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris

Organist: Sarah Del Dotto

Lay Leader:

Head Usher: Dave McNeil

Usher:

Greeter:

Flowers:

Collector: Marge Zamanian

Nursery: Volunteer

Coffee Host: Donna Flecchia

Baker/Snack: Donna Flecchia

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you can volunteer to be *Lay Leader, Head Usher, Usher, Greeter, Nursery help, Coffee Host or Bakers/Snack.*

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August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Parking lot Use by neighbor
2 10:30a Worship @ Presbyterian	3 6p AA	4 9-3p Office	5 9-3p Office 2p Bible Study	6 1p C4C	7	8
9 10:30a Worship @ Presbyterian	10 6p AA	11 9-3p Office (Bobbie VAC)	12 2p Bible Study	13 9-3p Office (Bobbie VAC) 1p C4C	14	15
16 10:30a Worship @ Presbyterian	17 6p AA	18 9-3p Office (Bobbie VAC)	19 2p Bible Study	20 9-3p Office (Bobbie VAC) 1p C4C	21	22
23 10:30a Worship @ Presbyterian	24 6p AA	25 9-3p Office	26 2p Bible Study	27 9-3p Office 1p C4C	28	29
30 10:30a Worship @ UCC Red Wagon Deacons Meeting @ Tredeau's house	31 6p AA	SEP 1 9-3p Office	SEP 2 2p Bible Study	SEP 3 9-3p Office 1p C4C	SEP 4	SEP 5 Partking lot Use by neighbor

UCC Congregational
6 Lexington Street
Burlington, MA 01803
Address Service Requested

TO:



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