



## **The Steeple of the Congregational Church of Burlington was/will be lighted to the Glory of God**

***April 1***

To thank Sonia Higley for a nice night of Women's Fellowship

***April 3***

In Loving Memory of Marcia Stanski, by the Kurnik Family

***April 11***

In Loving Memory of Robert Eisenmann, by the Eisenmann Family

***May 5***

In Loving Memory of Steve Reed, by the Kurnik Family

### **FROM CHRISTIAN ED...**

**PLEASE HELP!** We are in need of **Sunday School teachers** for next year. Please consider teaching as it will prove to be a rewarding experience for all as you share your faith and wisdom with the children. Please contact Kristie Arbesman ([kristiearbesman@gmail.com](mailto:kristiearbesman@gmail.com)) today. Thank you!

**Silver Lake Conference Center** will hold an open house Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. In addition to tours of the camp and conference center, the newly built high ropes course will be staffed and open to those who would like to climb, and the new disc golf course will be available for those who want to test their skill with a flying disc. There will be a ceremony to open the new high ropes and disc golf courses at 2 p.m. This free event is open to the public. RSVPs requested to [slcc@ctucc.org](mailto:slcc@ctucc.org).

## **FROM THE DEACONS...**

We would like to introduce you to our new slate of Deacons for the 2018-2019 year: Connie Richards, Holly Kasetta, John Mazzei, Mike Archick, Jill Treff, Allison Tharau, Kim Bushka, George Fetzer and Linda Sartinsky. In addition, we are very pleased to have two “Junior Deacons”—Jack Deeb and Sam Bushka. We all look forward to serving you this year.

**Please join us for a special service on Thursday, May 3 at 7:00pm for National Day of Prayer.** The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Our church has been chosen to host a National Day of Prayer observance. The service will be led by Cathy Bergstrom, a former First Selectman of Burlington, as Reverend Taylor will be on vacation. We would like to provide light refreshments after the service so please consider dropping off a baked good. If you have any questions, or would like to participate, please reach out to Reverend Taylor or a member of the Evangelism Committee. Thank you.

**Confirmation is Sunday, May 20.** This year the Confirmation class consists of three impressive young men who have attended classes with Rev. Taylor and Kristie Arbesman over the past year. They have covered topics such as God, Jesus, the Bible, the History of the church, Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, and other world religions (Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism). In addition to class time, the confirmands recently attended a Confirmation Retreat at Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon, CT, chaperoned by John Mazzei. They were joined by several other Confirmation classes from other UCC congregations from the Connecticut conference. When classes come to a close in the next few weeks, students will meet with the Deacons to review their Confirmation program, and then each student will use what they have learned to make an educated decision about joining our church. Please join us May 20, Pentecost Sunday, for our students’ Service of Confirmation.

**PLEASE NOTE** – The schedule for communion for the month of May has been changed. Since Rev. Taylor will be away the first Sunday of the month, the Deacons have decided to **postpone communion until Sunday, May 20**, both because of Rev. Taylor’s schedule and because communion is an integral part of the Confirmation service which will take place that day. There will be no Sunday school on this date – all are invited to attend the worship service to share in this special day.

## **FUNDRAISING...**

**Malerbo Concession Stand - Spring soccer season Opening Day – Saturday, April 28.** We will be running the concession stand from 8:30am-1:00pm every Saturday of the season, which ends in early June. Sign-up sheets are in the Chapel Room, or, see Maryann Burns. Great opportunity for service hours for high schoolers and scouts!

**Memorial Day Parade - May 28, 10am** - either we will have Val's Vittles Food Truck parked in our lot with a portion of her sales being donated to us, or, we will do our usual drinks and snacks stand. Either way, let's hope this year the weather cooperates, and our townspeople come out for this special event.

**Val's Vittles Food Truck** - Valerie Popovich of Savarese Lane, Burlington and her son are starting this business together and will be parked in our church parking lot Monday-Friday 6am-3pm. They will be serving a variety of breakfast and lunch foods. They will be donating \$100/week initially to the church and Valerie offered that if her business grows, she will pay us more. So please support our fellow residents!

**Second Artist and Artisan Fair – November 3** – Thanks to everyone for making last year's fair a success! We raised close to \$1400 and had a good time! This year our goal is \$1800. We are expanding down the hallway of the Town Hall to include the space in the senior center. So far, we have 10 artists and artisans on board – 7 from last year and 3 new people we found this winter at Hartford Open Studios. Once again, we will have an awesome bake sale table, tea cup auction, sell more plants, and .... something else TBD. The Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts are invited, and we may have a food truck. Start propagating plants now! The application is on the church webpage and the Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/CCBsince1774/>. Thanks – Ann Jurkiewicz (860-810-3938).

The Music Series of  
The Congregational Church of Burlington  
Presents:  
**Linda M. Bento-Rei, Flutist**  
**Susan Knapp Thomas, Harpist**



**Saturday, May 12, 2018**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**The Congregational Church of Burlington**  
**Route 4**  
**Burlington, Connecticut**

For information call 860-462-6678

**FREE CONCERT**

A free-will offering will be collected

Reception following program

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