

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

On **Sunday, February 10, 2019**, the Congregational Church of Burlington, the chartered organization for Cub Scout Pack 23, will celebrate **Scout Sunday**. All Scouts and Scouters; boy or girl; Scouts, Explorers, or Venturers are invited to join us, and encouraged to come in uniform.

In Memoriam:

Sue Day, member of our church, passed away on January 10. She was 98 years old. If you would like to send a card, here is the address for Sue's daughter and her partner: Sandra Schrader and Colleen Harrington, 80 Daniel Trace, Burlington, 06013.

Catherine Dufour, grandmother of Taylor and Amanda Fetzer, passed away on Monday, January 15.

Please let your church family know of any life events in your family by contacting a Deacon. We would like to inform the congregation of weddings, births and deaths in the church family.

In addition, please let Rev. Taylor and/or one of the Deacons know if you or your family is in need of anything - a phone call, a visit, meals, or if you just have questions or concerns. And please do the same if you know of someone else in the church who is in need. See below to find out who "your" Deacon is, alphabetically. Remember, however, that you can contact any deacon, or contact Rev. Taylor directly if you prefer.

### Deacon Outreach List

A – BE	Linda Sartinsky
BL – COR	Connie Richards
COY – DI	Allison Tharau
DO – F	Jodi Nasinnyk
G – H	Kim Bushka
I – L	Mike Archick
MA – MI	Jill Treff
MU – RE	Holly Kaseta
RI – S	John Mazzei
T – Z	George Fetzer

We are looking for **volunteers to give the sermon** as Wendell plans his well-deserved vacation time. You can be as creative as you like - a traditional sermon, contemporary worship, labyrinth service, hymn sing, mission trip experience or share a special message. Wendell and the Deacons are here to help and guide you. We are not financially in the position to hire pastors (\$250 a service) to run the service on Sunday mornings when needed. Please give some prayerful consideration to this request and contact any Deacon if you are willing to help.

### **FROM THE MODERATOR...**

We have two very important meetings in February that I implore members to attend so you can be fully informed in order to provide your thoughts and input on how our congregation operates in the coming year and beyond. You all have a say and role in leading our congregation in our spiritual, financial and Christian education journeys and I hope you prayerfully consider these and attend.

**REMINDER: SECOND BUDGET MEETING FEBRUARY 3 AFTER SERVICE:** Per majority vote at our December 9 Budget meeting, a second Budget meeting is being held after service. We have received more pledges since our December meeting; however, are still short of our 2019 pledge income goal. The Treasurer and Business Committee have prepared alternative budgets for 2019 which will be presented for the consideration and discussion by the congregation.

**CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 24:** Per our by-laws, we will hold our Annual meeting with a Potluck after service to hear reports from Church Council and committees, elect our slate of officers and committee members for the year, discuss the state of the church and adopt plans for the new year.

Potluck assignments:

Council: cold drinks (soda, iced tea, lemonade, juices)

Last names A-H = appetizers/sides/salads

Last names I-O = sandwiches/main course

Last names P-Z = desserts

Please join us as we reflect on, and discuss, what our church accomplished in the year past, and how we might recommit ourselves to increase what we can give in the year ahead, to our church, community, country, and world.

### **FROM EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH...**

Mark your calendar...

#### **Dinner and Talent Show scheduled for Saturday evening April 6!**

Calling all would-be performers, young and old—the Evangelism and Church Growth Committee is once again sponsoring a Talent Show.

Men's Ministry will provide a pasta dinner at 6 pm with a fabulous variety show to follow.

So, pull together your act, performance or jokes and be ready for some fellowship and fun. Contact Laura Chandler at [lpsc22@comcast.net](mailto:lpsc22@comcast.net) with questions or ideas.

**ATTENTION LADIES:** I am coordinating the start-up of a **Women's Bible Study** group here in our church. Will include coffee/refreshments and friendly conversation. If interested, see me or email me at [sonia.higley@gmail.com](mailto:sonia.higley@gmail.com). First meeting date in February; more info to come.

### **FROM FUNDRAISING...**

**MALERBO CONCESSION STAND** - The Town of Burlington has again awarded us the privilege of operating the concession stand at the Malerbo soccer fields next to Lake Garda Elementary school for the 2019 Spring and Fall soccer seasons. This is one of our top fundraisers and grants us the joy of interacting with our community families and visitors and showcase our wonderful congregation! We operate the stand during the BJSA (Burlington Junior Soccer Association) games on Saturday mornings from 9am-1pm. Come volunteer an hour or two sometime during the seasons - it is a guaranteed FUN time! The Spring season starts April 27 and likely ends on June 22. No games Memorial Day weekend.

**CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVES** - We are hoping to resume these in March or April, but we are dependent on ensuring we find a redemption center that can handle our collection volume. We believe we have one secured but will need to confirm with them before setting a date. In the meantime, if you have cans and bottles piling up, consider taking some of them to the grocery store and placing those redemption dollars in the Sunday service collection plate in an envelope marked "Fundraising - Can & Bottle Drive".

**GIFT CARD GLUT!** I purchased extra gift cards for Christmas and now have a large inventory that I would like to reduce so that money is returned to the church coffers. (I use church funds to pre-buy the cards). Please take a look at the selection and buy a card or two for your everyday shopping and eating out. Cash or check accepted. Thank you! - Maryann

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

**Sunday School Teacher's Appreciation Dinner – Friday, February 22, at 6pm.** If you are a SS teacher or interested in being a teacher, please attend this dinner. Delicious lasagna will be graciously served by our Men's Ministry Group to thank all of you for teaching this year. This is an evening of fellowship, food, and a great time to share your thoughts or ideas about Sunday School teaching or curriculum.

### **FROM MUSIC...**

The **Music Committee** is preparing to have the **bells repaired/refurbished**. The estimated cost is \$675. Memorials has offered to pay up to \$499. We are looking for donations and volunteers to help with the repairs to keep our cost down. Please see Sonia Higley or Jackie Harris-Stone for more information. To make a donation by check, make payable to CCB and write BELLS on the memo line.



## The Steeple was/will be lighted to the Glory of God

**January 28**

In loving memory of Ceil Kurnik by the Kurnik Family

**To light the steeple in honor of or in memory of a loved one**, or to acknowledge a special occasion, please fill out the form available in the Chapel Room or in the newsletter and place it in the secretary's mail slot or email the information to [secretary@ccburlingtonct.org](mailto:secretary@ccburlingtonct.org). The lighting will be printed in the church bulletin and newsletter. A suggested donation of \$5.00 will be applied to the cost of the lighting. Thank you.

### The Steeple will be lighted to the Glory of God

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

To wish a happy birthday to: \_\_\_\_\_

To wish a happy anniversary to: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

This information will be printed in the weekly church bulletin and monthly newsletter. Please include your \$5.00 donation with the form which will be applied to the cost of the lighting. Thank you.



## Covenant to Care for Children

*Helping Connecticut's  
Children in Need.*



We are excited to share that Covenant to Care for Children (CCC) is now participating in the Big Y Community Bag and Giving Tag Program, which is designed to make it easy for customers of Big Y stores to contribute to their local community while supporting the environment.

This ongoing opportunity can be taken advantage of at any Big Y store. All you have to do is purchase a reusable Community Bag, follow the instructions on the attached Giving Tag and we will receive a \$1 donation!

This is a great way to support the environment and raise money for CCC.

Please share the news of this opportunity with your friends and family. Call, send emails, and post on social media. The more people who learn about the program, purchase the Community Bag and use the attached Giving Tag to direct the donation to CCC, the more money we will raise.

To learn more about this program, please visit the program site at <https://bigy.bags4mycause.com>

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