

FROM THE DEACONS...

We were happy to worship along with so many of you during the Advent season, lighting the Advent wreath at the beginning of each Sunday service and on Christmas Eve, preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to worshipping with you all in the New Year.

We would like to let you know of a few events of note coming up on our Church calendar:

January 5 – Rev. Joseph Tobin will be filling in for Rev. Taylor. Communion will be celebrated.

January 12 – Volunteers needed to take down the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary.

February 25 – Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 26 – Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.

Milestones:

We regret to inform you that Bryan Messick's brother, **David Messick**, passed away on November 30, 2019.

Congratulations to **Sam Bushka** as he celebrated his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on December 28, 2019.

As a reminder, 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.

Please check below for outreach branches - an alphabetical list of members, assigning each Deacon to a group of members. Please feel free to contact "your" Deacon for any reason, or any other Deacon, if you have any questions or concerns whatsoever.

A – BE	Linda Sartinsky
BL – COR	Connie Richards
COY – ED	Allison Tharau
EI – GRA	Jodi Nasinnyk
GRO – LAN	Kim Bushka
LAR – MIC	Barbara Walker
MIN – P	Paulette Evans
R – ST	John Mazzei
SZ – Y	George Fetzer

CALL TO MEETING – The Business Committee of the Congregational Church of Burlington will hold our **Budget Meeting on February 2 after service**. The Committee and the Treasurer will present the proposed 2020 budget for discussion and a vote.

FROM EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH...


PIZZA-AND-GAME NIGHT – Saturday, January 11, 6pm at the church. This event will be a fun way to enjoy the warmth of fellowship on a cold winter night! All are welcome—adults as well as families. Please plan to join us at the church for pizza and a variety of fun party games (possibly Catch Phrase, Pictionary, and Pit, to name a few). We'll provide the pizza, soft drinks, and dessert, so just come as you are, feel free to bring any other games you would like to share, and have a fun and relaxing evening with your church friends! **Please RSVP** with the number of attendees so we can plan the food and fun accordingly! You can do this online via our [SignUpGenius page](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4CAAAA2CA3F58-family) or copy/paste this URL into your browser: **https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4CAAAA2CA3F58-family**

FROM STEWARDSHIP...

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES are assigned, labeled and available for pick up in the Chapel Room. If you have not yet submitted your pledge, please consider doing so soon. Pledge cards are available in the Chapel Room for your convenience.

2020 Pledge Update – We currently stand at 50% of pledges received for a total of \$121,838.

<p>FOR CHURCH RECORDS Envelope # _____ (for office use)</p> <p>Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>I plan to give \$ _____ each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month beginning _____ (date and year) for an annual total of \$ _____.</p> <p>I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the appropriate church officer. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to talk with someone about including the church or church-related institution in my will.</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p>	<p>For Your Records Date: _____</p> <p>With others in my congregation, I commit myself to give in proportion to what I have for the ministries of the church and the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>I plan to give \$ _____ beginning _____ (date and year)</p> <p>Each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month Annual Total \$ _____</p>
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THE WAY **"I am the way..."** John 14:6 



It Takes a Congregation: Sexton Signups Needed

Can you/will you volunteer a few hours during **at least one week of the year** to clean the church? Great for families, groups or friends to do and helps the budget by not hiring professional cleaners.

Pick a week using our [SignUpGenius page](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4CAAAA2CA3F58-sextons) or copy/paste this URL into your browser:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4CAAAA2CA3F58-sextons>

Then all you need to do is come anytime during that week except for the scheduled times the church is being used for private meetings or special functions as shown on our Church Calendar.

You can find the Main Calendar on the website or on the paper calendar hanging on the Secretary Office door (please check both, there may be lag time for online updating, thanks!).

Cleaning supplies and instructions on what to clean are provided - we just need you!
Please sign up soon and thank you in advance!



POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

<i>In Loving Memory of</i>	<i>Given By</i>
<i>James & Ethel Black</i>	<i>David and Dorothy Black</i>
<i>Thomas & Veronica Griffin</i>	<i>David and Dorothy Black</i>
<i>Karen Fetzer</i>	<i>The Fetzer Family</i>
<i>Kenny Gaeckle</i>	<i>The Fetzer Family</i>
<i>Loved Ones</i>	<i>Mary Hart</i>
<i>Loved Ones</i>	<i>The Richards Family</i>
<i>Jean Dalaker</i>	<i>Tim, Barbara & Courtney Walker</i>
<i>Jackie & Ted Fiske</i>	<i>Tim, Barbara & Courtney Walker</i>
<i>Donald Walker</i>	<i>Tim, Barbara & Courtney Walker</i>
<i>In Celebration of</i>	<i>Given By</i>
<i>Christmas and the New Year 2020</i>	<i>John & Shawn Matel</i>
<i>Their mothers ~ Louise Hill and</i>	<i>Linda & Michael Sartinsky</i>
<i>Angeline Sartinsky</i>	



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

December 15

In memory of Tiffany, so special and so beloved, whose life was cut short too soon, but whose memory lives on within all of us.
Love from your family and many friends.

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. 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.