

***THE LAMPLIGHTER* DECEMBER 2021**



**United Methodist Church of Bolton
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Office Hours:
Monday & Thursday, 8:00 to 3:00P.M.,
Tuesday: 8:00 to 5:30
(At North United Methodist)

Bolton United Methodist Church
Carol Franklin, Pianist

CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Holy Communion first Sunday of the month.
Food Collection for MACC First Sunday of each month.
AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. Monday
NA Meeting Zoom

ZOOM will continue to broadcast Sunday worship service at 9:00 BUMC and 10:30 from NUMC.

Praise the Lord. BUMC sanctuary is now open for Sunday worship. Come and join us. We ask that even if you have completed the vaccination requirement please continue to wear your mask. We want everyone to be safe.

If you would like to receive the bulletin and insert to follow along the Sunday service on Zoom, just email me (marthabaskerville3@gmail.com) your email address and I will be glad to send it to you. They usually go out on Tuesdays.

OUR MISSION
To Invite Everyone to know God's
Love through our community of Faith



Normally you expect some uplifting Advent/Christmas message in the newsletter. But there are times when it is good to take a moment and remember that though the kingdom of God has been proclaimed, it is here and not yet. It is always but coming. And until it reaches its fullness, we must work for a fairer and more just world. By the time you read this, the church will have held a special charge conference and will have voted on authorizing church leadership to discern whether we accept the settlement plan for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) lawsuit. The lawsuit arose out of the sexual abuse within the BSA cases that have come to light. A class action lawsuit is (on behalf of those who have been abused) underway to extract monetary damages for the victims. Our church, as well as several other denominations that have had long standing associations with the BSA have been named as co-defendants by virtue of their having chartered troops or offering space for troops to meet. We voted to allow our insurance company (and by proxy their lawyers) to handle our defense, and shield individual churches from being sued. It's a tawdry and ugly process.

I, like other clergy I have spoken to, am very uncomfortable with the notion of letting lawyers decide what is just compensation, just damages if you will for the victims. Many lives have been destroyed by the predatory behaviors of men who were supposed to be trusted mentors and leaders of societies greatest treasure, our children. Money will not mend the shattered lives of these former scouts. So, in my moments of frustration with the process of administering my two church charges through this litigation, I have stolen moments to stop and reflect on the emotional toil that has been unfairly inflicted on the innocent. I try and keep in mind that the facts and figures are just that. They do not accurately represent, nor tell the story of the very human

tragedy that has occurred. In the weeks, months and years to come, try and remember the victims and the damage done to them. Pray for their healing. Pray too for their abusers. This one is harder, but Jesus commands us to “love our enemies and pray for them.” In a very real way, these abusers are broken, and likely beyond the human ability to repair. Only God can mend what has happened. Our hearts should be filled with compassion for everyone involved, and not resentment or anger. Let this Advent/Christmas season fill your heart with compassion and mercy.

Pastor David Martin



MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK

The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, Dec. 7 & 21 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Just bring 2 bags and receive a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables and sometimes bread. If you know of someone in need, please pass this information along. There are no forms to fill out or questions asked. You can also come and help pass out the food.

As we are not sure how long Covid 19 protocol will last, modern technology has provided us with a connection to share Bible studies, Childrens Worship (11:00am, NUMC) and Adult Worship (9:00 BUMC, 10:30 NUMC). You will find instructions and links inside to connect you at home through Zoom.

If you want to attend church service on Zoom and would like a copy of the Bulletin, the insert with upcoming event information and the hymns, please email me at: marthabaskerville3@gmail.com.

Tentative Worship Schedule:

(times and venues subject to change if Covid numbers spike)

Services will remain on Zoom. Services will also be held in the sanctuary at BUMC and NUMC following Covid protocol. Those who wish to worship in the church at BUMC on Sunday morning are welcome.

9:00am BUMC/Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/268830607>

10:30am NUMC/Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83102141139>

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DOWNLOAD ZOOM ONTO DEVICE

Download the Zoom app onto their computer, tablet or phone.

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o Apple Store <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id546505307>

o Google Play <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=us.zoom.videomeetings>

- Click/select link for the meeting at the meeting time.
 - Gallery/Speaker View – you can toggle between Gallery and Speaker View
 - o On iPad/Tablet – Tap the screen, then select the grid icon in the upper left-hand corner to display Gallery view. You can see up to 9 people.
 - o On Smart Phone – swipe left to see Gallery View. Swipe right to go back to active speaker view.
 - o On the computer select Gallery View in the upper right-hand corner to see up to 49 participants.
- Select Speaker View to go back to the speaker view (also in upper right-hand corner)

- Audio, Video, and Chat controls are at the bottom of the screen. You may need to move your mouse to the bottom of the screen to access.

BELOW IS A MEETING INVITATION: Join Zoom Meeting

It has a call in number, and the meeting number so you can join only by phone.

Those who do not have a smart phone or computer with internet can still participate!

David Martin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: NUMC Sunday worship

Time: 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sunday morning.

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us04web.zoom.us/join/https://us04web.zoom.us/join/v5Ilf-qoqDstFiY1pPDfgo1ivI_EqRrtsQ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuuupjMpGtKVt1-Ce6ovW53ib9_ylldHk_JNrDvjEi8CaxXfCc dTAKBrA-mB

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/268830607>

Meeting ID's: 268 830 607 BUMC Sunday Worship

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OUR PRAYER LIST

Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Pray for all to have a very blessed and supple Merry Christmas.



Pray for all the displaced populations that are having to start a new life in new surroundings that may be very foreign to them. Let them feel your Love and kindness as they struggle to find new beginnings.

Pray for all that are struggling with the decision to volunteer in these challenging times. Help them to hear your words of encouragement to share their gifts with others and spread the light of your love to all.

Pray for those in hospitals and convalescent homes, and for their caregivers as a new wave of a Covid variant is starting to take hold of our communities once again. .

Pray for those recovering from recent illness, those who are homebound and their caregivers: Lanie Bickford, Jennifer Ostrout, Taylor Schipani, Joan Potterton.

Prayers for Manchester leaders to establish a permanent homeless shelter to create a prototype for surrounding towns to follow so that homelessness can become a word and way of life that becomes obsolete.

Prayers for the world today. Pray for all the families that have lost someone to the virus so that they may feel Gods love as they mourn their loved ones , as they are secluded in quarantine.

Pray that lessons learned through this pandemic may not be lost when the air becomes clear once again. That changes will be recognized and the world will be a more loving, and kinder place to live.

AMEN



BIBLE STUDY

New!!!! Advent Bible Study will begin Nov. 30 at 6:00 PM. "No reading or prep involved just a desire to reflect on the meaning of Advent in the post modern world." There will be no dinner prior to study. Come and join us for fun and discussion at the church or on Zoom. Follow the link below. See you there!!!!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89268730478>

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Scripture Readings for December

December 5, 2021 2nd Sunday of Advent

Phillipians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

December 12, 2021 3rd Sunday of Advent

Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

December 19, 2021 4th Sunday of Advent

Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

December 24, 2021 Christmas Eve

Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20

December 31, 2021 New Years Eve/Watch Night

What's Happening at BUMC????

November was a very busy month with a new face lift on the front of the church, very successful Bake and Tag sale, Womens Group that was loads of fun and Mens Groups with great discussions meet.

However, December is going to be busier and much more exciting. Each week we are watching our new cresh transform for Christmas in the sanctuary. A huge shout out to Frank Gilnak who designed and built our new cresh . Praise the Lord for our blessing of having Frank among us.

Dec. 11, Saturday is our Womens Breakfast at 8:00 am that will be a grand way to end your week. Great food and great fun!! Come and join us.



There will be no Mens Breakfast in December . See you in January 2022!

Dec. 24th is Christmas Eve and there will be a candlelight service at BUMC this year that is going to warm your heart



Dec. 26th there will be sacred dance during service.



Begin your week in church on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. Do you have a comment, idea for programming or just a comment, Please email me at marthabaskerville3@gmail.com.



DECEMBER 02, 2021

Phil Leggett

Pantry Manager

Their passion to give back, **started with an ASK!** Encouraging friends, family and colleagues to sign up and run in the Manchester Road Race as their entry fee **supports local charities**, only to find out some non-runners also contributed to the cause.



Beth Stafford

Executive Director/CEO

A Positive Gesture goes a long way. I forgot I was in the MACC SUV when a woman pulled beside me at a light. At first, I thought she was trying to tell me something was wrong until I saw her give me a “thumbs-up.” I wanted to praise MACC’s work with a tiny gesture, no words needed.

#PassOneOn

Shannon Baldassario

Director of Services

A letter of Thanks' encourages positive outcomes. It confirms the work we do every day makes a difference to someone in need. Our Joy of Community Sharing program served over 120 families this Thanksgiving. A turkey and all the fixings were provided to enjoy a full holiday meal. It's a blessing to provide these services and bring families together. **#Thankful**



Chef Ferdinand Cruz

MACC's Community Kitchen

Planning on inviting friends and family over for the holidays? I have been using this recipe for years, it's super simple and you can substitute some of the ingredients. These crispy, tangy, and creamy bites of love have become an **instant hit** at my gatherings. Often I've substituted fig jam; guava paste or even just caramelized onions for the cranberry.

Cranberry Brie Bites

Ingredients

Original recipe yields 24 servings

1 (8 ounce) round Brie cheese, rind removed

As needed cooking spray

1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed

½ cup cranberry sauce

⅓ cup finely chopped walnuts

sea salt to taste

Step 1

Place Brie cheese in the freezer for 20 minutes. Oil a mini muffin pan with cooking spray.

Step 2

Roll 1 puff pastry sheet out into a 10x14-inch rectangle. Cut the sheet lengthwise into 4 even strips and crosswise into 6 even strips; there should be 24 squares. Separate and press them gently into the muffin cups.

Step 3

Cut chilled Brie cheese into 24 pieces approximately ¾-inch in size. Add 1 teaspoon cranberry sauce to each pastry-lined muffin cup; press in 1 piece of Brie and top with 1 teaspoon of chopped walnuts. Sprinkle bites with sea salt. Chill for at least 30 minutes and up to 3 days.

Step 4

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

Step 5

Bake bites in the preheated oven until golden brown, 18 to 20 minutes.

Cook's Note:

Placing the Brie cheese in the freezer for 20 minutes makes it easier to cut.

Patti Thurlow

Operations Manager

The [Bloomin' 4 Good Program!](#) An innovative program from **Stop & Shop** that works to fight hunger in local communities! For the month of **December**, MACC Charities has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet sold at the store located at 1739 Ellington Road, South Windsor CT.

LOOK FOR THE RED STICKER!



News from Outreach

This week kicks off the State of **Connecticut's CAN (Coordinated Access Network)** Cold Weather Protocol. So, what does this mean? It means anyone seeking immediate shelter who identifies as (literally) homeless will be triaged to the appropriate cold weather program by **contacting 2-1-1**. Resources will be utilized strategically in order to serve households and keep them safe from cold weather.

Executive Chef Michelle

Bistro on Main

We hope you all enjoyed your meals from Bistro on Main over Thanksgiving! We are now taking **orders for Christmas**, as well! The catering menu can be found on our website. **Please order by Dec. 15th**. Orders are to be picked up on Dec. 23rd by 8pm. All items are a la carte, for Two, Four, Six, or Eight Servings.





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. Connor Jeffers | 9. Nick Corcoran |
| 9. Courtney Hall | 9. Colin Hoar |
| 15. Ken Boland | 27. Pam Schipani |

29. Craig Coombes



The Advent season invites us to step away from what can be a frenzied time of parties and shopping to consider how we commemorate the birth of Jesus, one of the holiest times in Christian faith. It is also a time to reflect on the triumphant return of Jesus at the second coming.

**Enjoy this Christmas time
sharing the joy
that Jesus was born to give us life
and that his light will shine.**

**Happy new Year, may God protect you
and help you to achieve your goals
this coming year
of grace and blessing.**

