

THE LAMPLIGHTER

APRIL 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
Cub Scouts 5:30 p.m. Friday

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

Praise the Lord. BUMC sanctuary is now pen for Sunday worship. Come and join us. Bring your mask and cleanse your hands as you walk in with hand sanitizer outside the sanctuary door.

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

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH IN THE SANCTUARY!!!!

Greetings to all,

Hope this message finds all of you looking to the future and trying to figure out what that is going to look like. This winter came along with so many challenges for all of us. Many have battled illness, loss of life, income and sanity. Cold temperatures made the days and nights seem like winter was never going to end and it just added to lives struggles. Trying to keep warm and socially connected was a lesson in creativity.

With modern technology like Zoom, we were able to continue our worship service in a safe and relaxing way. It has been great seeing everyone on Sunday morning however I have a confession. I did join the Zoom Sunday service for quite a few worship services during the cold dark Sundays of winter. However, I felt like with the warmer weather upon us I would venture out to church and join other brave parishioners for Sunday service. WOW!!!! I didn't realize what I had been missing. After the service was over, being able to interact personally with the other parishioners, I left the church feeling so full of joy. The feeling of being warm and fuzzy and just plain LOVED was overwhelming for me.

THIS IS AN INVITATION FOR ALL OF YOU TO BRING A LOVED ONE TO CHURCH!

Come back to church, to friends, to a great sermon but most of all, come to the house of JOY, LOVE and HOPE. We have celebrated the Easter season and are now in the season of new beginnings. Let this Sunday be a new beginning for your spiritual well being.

We continue to wear masks, practice 6 feet distancing and hand washing (hand sanitizer outside the sanctuary door). We also continue the no contact hugging, but virtual hugging is strongly advised. Don't know what virtual hugging is? Then put on your most fancy mask and come to church on Sunday. I know a lot of parishioners that would love to teach you.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

Praise God for our wonderful house of worship,
Marti

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)

March 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.

o For PC <https://zoom.us/download>

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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

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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 the United States as we enter a new beginning with a new president and new leadership. We ask the Lord to give them wisdom and knowledge guided by your love.

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.

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

Prayers for Manchesster leaders to create 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

David Martin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join us in our new Bible Study beginning April 13-May 18, on Tuesdays at 6:30 on Zoom. We will be discussing the previous Sunday scripture readings. Please come and join us. The more that attend the better the discussion.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83677910769> password: 1234

This is an ongoing group so feel free to join anytime.

Topic: lectionary discussion group

Time: Jan 22, 2021 03:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Friday beginning Jan. 22, 2021 until Sept. 3, 2021.

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

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZAKd-yvpzMtHt0rYOLzyQbYnbHpKtb-C1AZ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGspzsvHd2dtx2ORpwlHYigZ-3xmFxagrcNjibKLzpKUwHPOOBqIplrEpXz>

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

12 Dorothy Tuthill

13 Laurie Parsons

16 Joan Potterton

22 Mariah Flemke



MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK

The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, April 13 and 27 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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS APRIL 2021

April 1, 2021 Thursday of Holy Week

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

Exodus 12:1-14, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31-35

April 2, 2021 Friday of Holy Week

Psalm 22

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42

April 3, 2021 Holy Saturday

Psalm 42

Genesis: 7:1-5, 11-18; Isaiah 55:1-11, Ezekial 36:24-28

April 4, 2021 Easter Day

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

April 11, 2021 2nd Sunday of Easter

Psalm 133

Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

April 18, 2021 Native American Sunday

Psalm 4

Acts 3:12-19, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

April 25, 2021 4th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23

Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10: 11-18

NEWS FROM OUTREACH

Spring has us all excited about the opportunities to get outside and enjoy the weather. It's also time to think about our garden planting in May. Ed will be tilling the garden, spreading the manure and tilling again in the very near future. SO, with that in mind we're looking for suggestions on what to plant this year. Maybe there is something you would like us to plant other than our usual suspects. If so, please let us know so we can put it on our list and make room for it.

Outreach Committee

Denise Angell JoAnn Mayo Laurie Parsons

Program on Human Trafficking

o When the Greater Manchester Peace and Justice Committee was formed, the original members struggled with what we might choose to address in the world of justice. We found we needed to educate ourselves before we could be advocates, and also that we couldn't tackle everything in the world. Our choices were immigration, homelessness, opioid crisis and human trafficking. All but human trafficking have been addressed. We know that human trafficking is going on in Manchester and people are being effected. It is time to address this issue.

The program is entitled "Stomping Out Sex Exploitation".

The date is May 23 at 2:00, Sunday afternoon at the Church of the Nazarene.

Please come and show support for this very important program.

Jackie Abbott

Hello Greater Manchester Peace and Justice Supporters!

The Manchester Winter Warming Center got off to a good start this season providing many guests with not only overnight warming, but also connections with local organizations and service for more permanent solutions. Thanks to the Town of Manchester, to Cornerstone, other local organizations, houses of worship, and to many individual volunteers

Please write to the Town Board of Directors to request that the Town continue to move forward swiftly to address more permanent solutions to homelessness. For ideas for drafting letters to the Town, please see Louise's or Marti's great example letters below. Town Board of Director email addresses are included below in Marti's letter.

Thanks for all you can do for our unsheltered neighbors.

Jeff Kieft
Greater Manchester Peace and Justice

Letter from Louise Leitaio to the Manchester Town Officials

Subject: Manchester Warming Center

To: epaquette@manchesterct.gov, jmoran@manchester.gov, jcox@manchesterct.gov, csilver@manchesterct.gov

Date: March 22, 2021

Gentlemen- I am writing you all to say thank you and to share the great success of the Winter Warming Center (WWC) created and held at the Community Y. Without everyone's willingness to help and support this project it never would have occurred. It also has created a more interactive working relationship between those agencies that serve the homeless. The mandate from the Board of Directors, and especially the assistance and work from Joel Cox and Ed Paquette, have been immeasurable to the success of the WWC.

To date, the center has served 35 individual clients. Some of the coldest nights of the year were able to be withstood in a humane way because of the way the Cornerstone Foundation and the WWC and town hotel vouchers were available. In addition, referrals and access to services and other resources have impacted in a positive way many, many of the clients. Phones, housing resources, social service programs and other types of assistance have made a huge difference in many of the clients lives. Some have even successfully been placed in permanent housing.

With the end of the WWC looming, many of these folks will once again be in our community-living in the shadows of the town. While I know that due to the success of the WWC there will undoubtedly be a plan similar for next winter-I ask you now all to consider three bold ideas. The reality is we have a number of homeless in our midst. There are even more than we have seen at the center as I recently met at least two other homeless persons who had no knowledge that the WWC was open. Three thoughts for our community to consider:

1. Identify a building that could be used as a summer cooling center. This could be run as the WWC has been run- with Cornerstone and a cadre of volunteers.
2. Deal with the problem of homelessness in a supportive and humane way--to end or minimize the number affected. Just as clean needle programs for opiate addicted persons exist with great success of reducing illness--why not create a town sanctioned area that homeless could tent on safely and be available for outreach, services, and case management?
3. Face the fact that we need a permanent shelter in this town. It could run without the concerns that led MACC decide to close that shelter five years ago. Funding from non-government agencies is a possibility as

Cornerstone currently does. Utilize the quality standards and protocols that have worked so well in Cornerstone run programs. Identify a space zoned for such a purpose or re-open the old Church of the Nazarene building that was originally for the MACC shelter. Have it run by MACC and/or Cornerstone or a combination. Allow ALL faith communities to again be involved and support the shelter--this would add the synagogue, the Bahai community, the Unitarian Society and mosques that were not part of the MACC organizations. Utilize the vibrant works and workers of the faith communities, the East of the River Mutual Aid Society and the Greater Manchester Peace and Justice Committee. It is so possible and so needed.

The need for long term sheltering is one again a fact in our community and the region--with the goal of not just sheltering--but dealing with it by utilizing all available resources. Let us in Manchester be the leader to other towns to create such resources for the homeless. As the Hartford centers shut down, and shelters still not opening due to the pandemic, we need to be the suburban leaders in this mission. We can be the beacon to others to deal with a very real crisis in a very real humane way.

Thank you all again for your past and present help, and to a even more successful future!

Letter from Marti Baskerville to Manchester Town Officials

To: Epaquette@manchesterct.gov,
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Re: Manchester Winter Warming Center

This is a shout out and a plea to all who are involved with the procurement and inception of the Manchester Winter Warming Center held at the Community Y on North Main Street. First, on behalf of all of us that have had the pleasure of operating and participating with the center since the first day, I would like to thank the board members of Manchester for their support and willingness to support so many. For many, the warming center has been a gift of warmth, caring, security and support at a time that may well have been one of the lowest points in their lives. I have always heard that Manchester has village charm and the center is a prime example of how a caring village functions. There have been many success stories of guests coming to us and with the support and resources they utilized while at the shelter were able to get back on their feet. Bryan Flint, Deputy Director of the Cornerstone Foundation in Vernon has spent countless hours advocating for each and every one of our guests on a daily basis. Access to resources such as social service programs, state phones for applying for jobs and rentals, 211, and vouchers for hotel rooms to accommodate some of the overflow have been, without a doubt, an integral part of the success of the center. The kindness and understanding of the staff at the Y added to the peaceful atmosphere which was in contrast to a presumably chaotic place most of our guests had just come from. We received donations of food, clothing and accessories for daily living from all over the community on a daily basis. Since the Warming Center opened, there have been countless numbers of volunteers with which I would like to thank. Without them the success of the center would not have been so noticeable.

Our plea to you today is: Designate a building in Manchester that will accommodate a

fulltime shelter. We need showers, private rooms, bathrooms for male and female guests and office space for the social service work that is needed to contact resources to get everyone back into the community. The need has been proven in the last few weeks as we have been at full capacity with an overflow of citizens that needed shelter on a daily basis. Many of the challenges of a shelter have been worked out and that knowledge going forward will be advantageous in shaping a more permanent shelter for the future. It is advantageous to the town to give aid to citizens who have lost everything. Homeless does not mean lazy, addicted, dirty or uneducated. The homeless people in our town, from what I have first hand knowledge of, are seeking ways to give back to society and become productive citizens of Manchester.

Cornerstone Foundation promises to be an invaluable resource going forward. With so many faith-based programs in this town, volunteers of many talents would be an integral part of this undertaking. I have spoken to people from these programs as well as many individual citizens from all over Manchester and they have reassured me that when the new permanent shelter in Manchester is constructed there will be no shortage of support.

Also, as the foundation for our new shelter is being created, Manchester will become the prototype for our neighboring towns to utilize in the caring for their own homeless population.

The Manchester website states, "Manchester has the perfect blend of small town feel with a big city convenience". Let Manchester be the example to all of how to be truly "inclusive, diverse and thriving."

Thank you all again for taking the time to address this very urgent matter.

Marti Baskerville

Manchester resident since 1973

March 26, 2021

Hello Laurie,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter The MACC Minute. We hope it will inspire you to get involved.

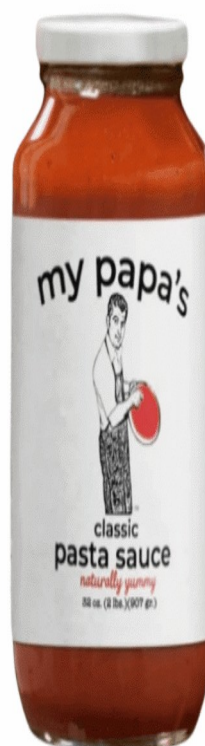


APRIL 8, 2021

News from our Food Pantry

Hometown Supporters! Big Kuddos to the 2-man crew at **My Papa's Homemade** right here in Manchester for donating 384 jars of their homemade pasta sauce. A shelf-stabled item most requested by pantry families. Their grassroots effort is growing locally and is now available in almost 200 stores across New England. This is the true meaning of local supporting local.

Needs List



MyPapasHomemade.com

Beth Stafford

Executive Director/CEO

H-a-m-e-t-z is how Rabbi Konigsburg spells "**blessing**". Hametz is food made with leaven, forbidden for use by Jews during the festival of Passover. The Rabbi turned this religious restriction into a community blessing for the hungry, when he received written permission from members of the Synagogue to sell their "Hametz" to our Mayor, who then gifted MACC the proceeds **\$1,015!**

Donate





Shannon Baldassario

Director of Services

Got Game? MACC does thanks to CT Referral Partners. Join us, Thursday April 15th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm for some fun competition. Three rounds of general trivia will be featured, followed by their "Dynamic Wheel of Prizes!" Purchase your ticket donation of \$50.00 per team and enjoy the event while supporting a great cause. Hurry and reserve your spot today!

[**Reserve Your Spot**](#)





Chef Ferdinand Cruz

MACC's Community Kitchen

Between good tunes, sharing life's stories and having a good laugh, we make it enjoyable for anyone who visits here. **Taste-testing our hot meals** has been critical for me and my volunteers. If its volunteer approved, it's 'gotta' be good! Diane has become **MACC's official soup tester!!** Here's a fresh cup of my chili and the joy it brings!

Patti Thurlow

Operations Manager

UNDIES SUNDAYS! A growing trend with a lot of our member churches hosting a day of "Undies Sundays" where parishioners bring in donations of socks and underwear to help support our program assisting families in need of new undergarments. **Shouting out** members of Wapping Church, Avery Street Church, First Church of South Windsor as well as Emmanuel Lutheran! **Thank you!**

[Donate](#)



Mark Nadeau

Outreach Case Worker

Harsh realities of winter left many visiting the Manchester Warming Center. We are encouraged that only 2 individuals claiming to be from Manchester had not previously received MACC Services. We are thankful for the connection and the work has begun to break their barriers to housing. It's our hope that come winter they are housed. If not, **MACC's still here!**

Executive Chef Michelle

Bistro on Main

Who's behind the mask? It's Michelle, our new Executive Chef. We are excited for you to both meet Chef and to stop in and experience her culinary excellence first-hand. Bistro's mission continues to provide ***on- the- job training*** in the food industry. We are currently hiring front of house staff to strengthen our team.

#Interested? Bring in your application.

[Bistro Website](#)



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[Contact Us](#)

