



THE LAMPLIGHTER
FEBRUARY 2021

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF
BOLTON
1041 Boston Turnpike
Bolton, CT 06043**



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Pastor David Martin
North United Methodist Church
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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

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

CALENDAR

ZOOM will continue to broadcast Sunday worship service at 9:00 BUMC and 10:30 from NUMC. BUMC sanctuary continues to be open for Sunday worship, however that is pending the ruling for Covid. See inside for Zoom connections.

If you would like to receive the bulletin and insert to follow along the Sunday service on Zoom, just email me (marthabaskerville@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**

PASTORS CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters, this month's message is one of joy and hope! For a few years now the Greater Manchester Peace and Justice Committee (GMPJ) has worked towards opening a warming shelter in Manchester. Many people from the Bolton UMC and North UMC have volunteered time to make this a reality. On Thursday January 28 the Manchester warming center opened its doors to clients at the "Y" recreation center. The timing couldn't have been better, because just as it opened, a brutal cold snap hit, followed by a N'or Easter. In the first four days we helped five guests find temporary shelter in hotels because it was simply too cold to stay outside even in the daytime. The guests were processed into the state 211 system, and a caseworker from Cornerstone Foundation was assigned to help them find more permanent housing solutions. They were given a hot meal, and plenty of snacks and bottled water that they could take away with them. Warm blankets, coats, scarves, gloves, socks and toiletries were also provided. Five people, and we just opened up, and word is hardly even out on this. This signals to us that there is a much larger homeless problem in Manchester than we previously thought.

There are a lot of people to thank for their hard work. First, Jackie Abbott did a lot of ground work, made phone calls, visited other locations, and chaired the committee for over a year before needing a little break. Judy Galligan and Lorie Rowe have also helped, writing letters making calls and bringing attention to the need for a warming shelter (I apologize if I leave anyone out). The GMPJ includes members from several churches and our local synagogue. Many of these folks provided invaluable leadership and time to make this work. We also partnered with Cornerstone Foundation from Rockville. They have extensive knowledge and experience operating shelters and have done a wonderful job helping us move the project forward (they manage the warming shelter as well). God has called many hearts and many hands to work in the kingdom, and I give thanks for each and every one of them. All time and effort is valuable and appreciated! If you feel called to help out in this valuable ministry or would like to be involved in other GMPJ activities please e-mail me at djmartin413@verizon.net, or call or text me at (413)-454-7294.

Pastor David Martin

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)

January 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 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>

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/j/268830607>
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OUR PRAYER LIST

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



Prayers for the family of Doris McKinney who passed away recently. Doris was a very dear friend and will be missed by us all. We pray that you may find peace and comfort in knowing that you are in the hearts of all your church family.

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.

Thanksgiving for the new warming center that recently opened in Manchester and all the brothers and sisters that make it function. Pray for those who are hungry, displaced and sick or in poverty because of natural and human-made disasters and for the workers who minister to them.

Prayers for the world today. Pray for all the families that have lost someone to the virus so that they may feel God's 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

PLEASE READ AND REPLY ASAP:

Recently, everyone of our members were sent a letter with a stamped, addressed envelope requesting your most up to date contact information that we can find. Please take a few moments to fill in the short form and mail it in the pre-stamped, addressed envelope as soon as you are able. Please send us your contact information so that you will be updated on church activities and **PLEASE** don't take a chance of missing a single one.



BIBLE STUDY

The next four Fridays at 3:30pm on zoom we will be doing a study/conversation on the Book of Hosea. It is the first of the minor prophets, and odd in its use of prophetic symbolic action. The core of the text is a polemic against the corruption and systemic evil within the nation of Israel. It seemed like an appropriate study given our current political climate.

The syllabus is easy, read ahead of time, and be ready to discuss current events and how they are mirrored in Hosea.

1/22 Hosea 1 & 2
1/29 Hosea 3 & 4
2/5 Hosea 6-8
2/12 Hosea 9:1-5, & Ch 11 & 14

Here is the zoom invite:

David Martin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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/join/tZAKd-yvpzMtHt0rYOLzyQbYnbHpKtb-C1AZ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGspzsvHd2dtx2ORpwIHYigZ-3xmFxacrcNjibKLzpKUwHPOOBqlplrEpXz>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84905798749>

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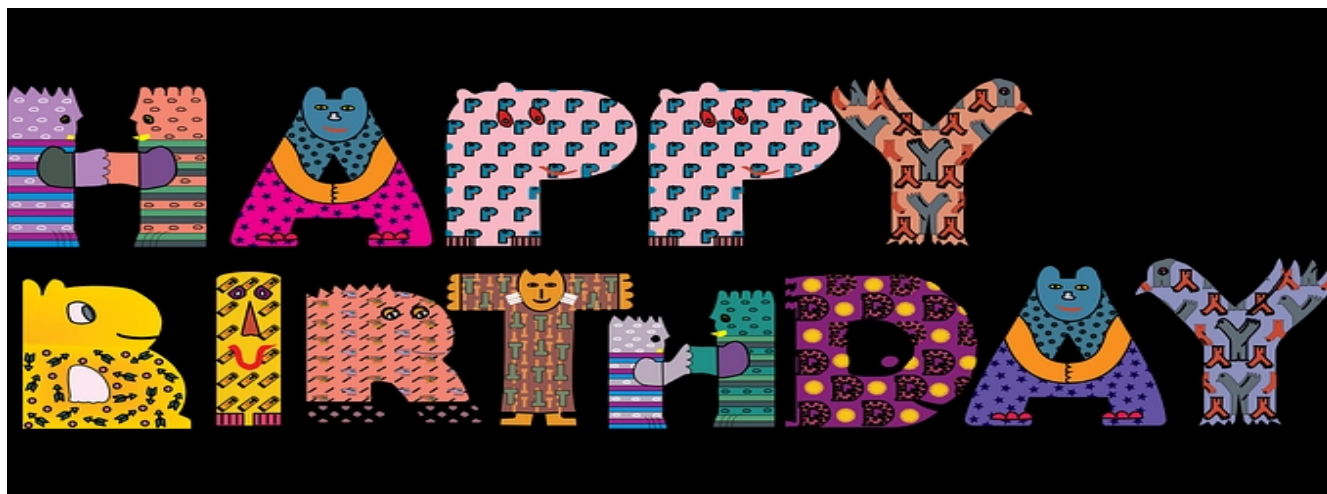
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Meeting ID: 849 0579 8749

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keHj4abil>

There will be a new Bible Study for Lent beginning the end of February. Watch your email for the invite as it will be on Zoom.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Chris Olson

17 E.J. Parsons

4 Barry Giroux

19 Dorothy Larson

5 Marti Baskerville

29 Katie (Corcoran) Wojtkowiak



MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK

The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, February 2 & 16 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 FEBRUARY 2021 (Black History Month)

February 7, 2021

Psalm 147:1-11,20c
Isaiah 40:21-31, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

February 14, 2021 (Valentines Day)

Psalm 50:1-6
2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

February 17, 2021 Ash Wednesday

Psalm 51:1-17, Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 21, 2021 1st Sunday of Lent

Psalm 25:1-10
Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

February 28, 2021 2nd Sunday in Lent

Psalm 22:23-31

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8: 31-28

Hello Laurie,

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



JANUARY 28, 2021

News from our Food Pantry

A BIG Thank you to Knights of Columbus #1155 & #573 of Manchester and the Manchester Women's Club for sponsoring [Drive-by Food Drives](#) throughout January!! All the food and monetary donations will assist the 300 + families in need we see each month, they will have nutritious groceries to put meals on their tables! MACC Needs list is on our website.

[Needs List](#)



Beth Stafford

Executive Director/CEO

My beloved father died this past week. As I sat reflecting on his good life, I remembered his concern about people being hungry. I realized how influenced my work has been by his experience of being the son of a sharecropper in the south. He knew the **harsh reality of isolation and hunger** and made sure his children did not.

[Donate](#)



Shannon Baldassario

Director of Services

With time comes change. We as humans change our interactions and relationships in society that transform cultural and social "Norms". Adapting to change takes the mental, emotional, and physical energy we possess for the process to unfold. Our **#KindnessWins** motto is to influence a Positive Social Change for a betterment of society that that can lead to a brighter future.





Chef Ferdinand Cruz

MACC's Community Kitchen

The Community Kitchen has been producing hot meals every Thursday since ringing in the New Year. The word's getting around town as the number of lunch guests increased by 20 on Thursday. This week, as requested, we are making Gouda & Caramelized Onion **Stuffed** Meatloaf, Horseradish-Cheddar **Mashed** Potatoes and **Candied** Carrots. Guest's feedback has been flavorful to all our ears.

Patti Thurlow

Operations Manager

Looking to get your special someone a gift for Valentine's Day? Why not stop into our Community Threads Thrift Store and browse through our jewelry selection. **JEWELRY'S BOGO** for the month of February. While you are here, pick up a book or two for yourself or a friend. **BOOKS** are **BOGO** for the month of February too! **Happy Valentine's Day!!**



Volunteer



Mark Nadeau

Outreach Case Worker

This pandemic has changed the way we all live our lives. **There is HOPE** as vaccines have been made available to prevent loss and spread of the virus. Like how an individual's life can change due to homelessness, addiction, or mental health. Resources are available, Outreach can assist with referrals to **find HOPE**. Change is something we all must accept.

Chef Luke Greika

Bistro on Main

During Covid, I have been taking advantage of the extra free time with Luke & Lola. Going hiking a lot and of course making fun foodie kid crafts. The twins wanted to make granola bars to take out hiking in the woods this weekend. So, we took last week's MACC minute granola recipe and made granola bars. **Here's the recipe.**

Bistro Website



Recipe: Luke & Lola Granola Bars
Makes 12-14 bars

2 lbs of your favorite granola (you are welcome to use **last week's MACC minute recipe** I provided) or store bought is also just fine.³

1 1/2 Tbs of coconut oil

2 Tbs brown sugar

1 tbs honey

Pre-heat oven to 350F

Take all ingredients and mix thoroughly in a mixing bowl. Get a small sheet pan and line with parchment paper. Press granola into the pan all the way evenly to make about 1/2 inch thick. Put more parchment paper over the top of granola and put one more sheet pan over the top to press.

Leave this pan on during baking.

Bake for 25 mins or until toasty looking. Check during the process as you may want to go longer based on oven variables.

Take off the top pan, and parchment paper to allow to cool. Cut before completely cold and set into bars, separating them.

Enjoy! Happy cooking and family time.



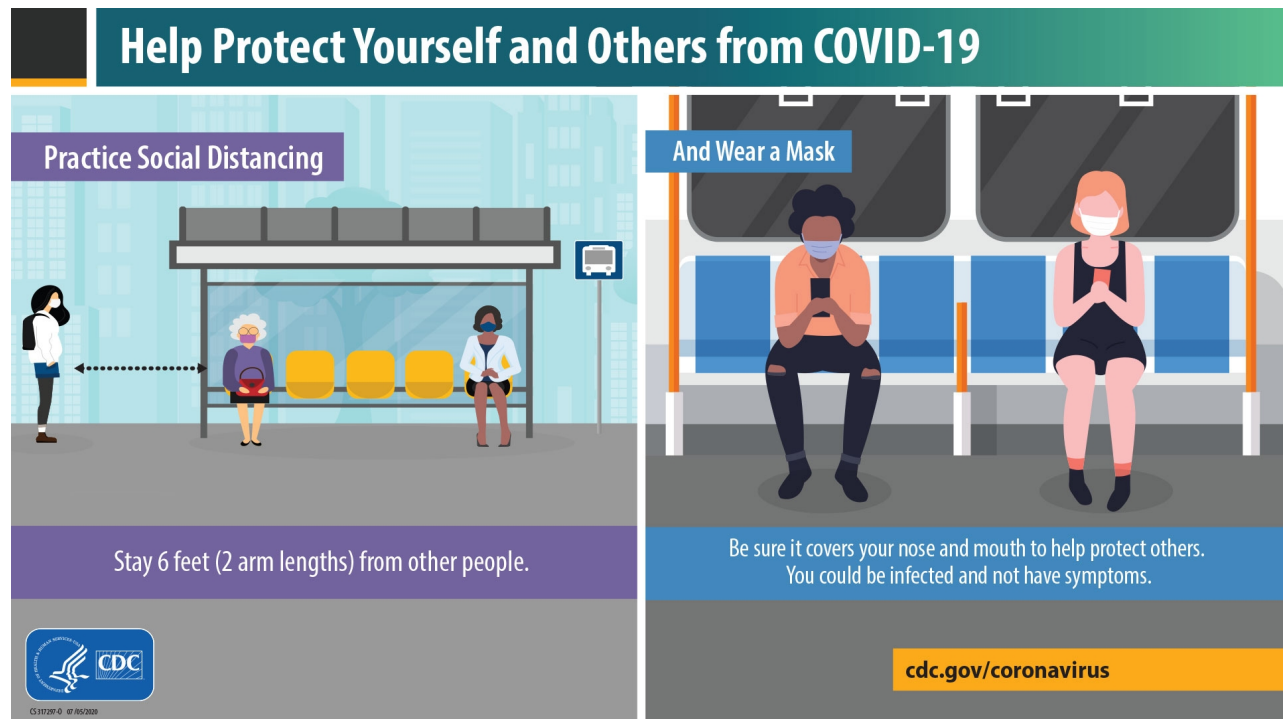
Interested in making a donation or volunteering your time?

Contact Us

Thank you to Paul Ofria for our photos

MACC Charities | [Website](#)





Protocols for Safe Worship with Social Distancing in Mind:

1. **Everyone must wear a mask in the building.** The ONLY exception is if someone is speaking at the microphone.
2. There will be no congregational singing without masks until it's safe to do so. Singing causes us to express our breath in a way that significantly increases the chance of transmission. We would have to social distance some 30 ft (without masks) making corporate worship impossible. We truly regret this.
3. All who enter the worship space must sanitize their hands. If they leave the worship space to use the bathroom, they must re-sanitize at the door. We also strongly encourage you to wash your hands in the bathroom as well.
4. Entrances and exits are one way. Entry will be via the parlor (the door with the ramp), exits will be via the double blue doors.
5. Offering plates are at the altar in the front, feel free to make your offering before or after worship, or during the offertory you may go to the altar to place it in the collection plate.
6. The pews can't be spaced so we ask that you sit minimally 6' apart, family members excepted.
7. We strongly urge everyone to maintain social distancing while in the building. This means there will be no fellowship/coffee hour. Please refrain from hugging, shaking hands and other behaviors that could potentially transmit the virus.

BLANKET DRIVE

bringing warmth & comfort to our neighbors in Manchester
and Rockville shelters

November 30—February 22

TYPES OF BLANKETS

New handmade quilts and knit, crochet and tie blankets.

COMPLETED BLANKETS

Please call Bentley Memorial Library to arrange a time to bring your blanket. 860 646-7349 206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton CT *We can meet you at the door or come on in to browse. Please do not leave blankets outside.* Mon, Tue, Thu 10:00-7:30, Wed 10:00-4:30, Sat 10:00-2:30

TIE BLANKET HOW-TO ZOOM SESSION

Monday, November 30th at 7:00*

*Call or email us for the zoom link 860 646-7349 or bmlreference@biblio.org. The video will be available on our website starting December 1st.



knit and crochet quilt tie



Per shelter request, non-smoking homes only, please!

