

***THE LAMPLIGHTER***

**APRIL 2022**



**Happy Easter**



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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](mailto: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**



*“Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.” Luke 6:36.*

Usually, my April message is about Easter, and new life in springtime. I crowbar something about crocus or daffodils, greenery etc. I, like most of you, relish the end of winter and the start of warmer, sunnier months. But, instead of all that I want to take a bit of your time to talk about what’s happening in the world. The pandemic rages on in some states, and of course places like Thailand and Hong Kong have been overwhelmed with the omicron variant. Global gas prices are causing economic hardships for the poor and working classes. And, an unjust war of aggression rages in Ukraine. These are just the things that have been grabbing the headlines. What we seldom hear about is the excruciating poverty throughout the world. We rarely see the true horrors of our planet’s ecological disasters (try googling some images). With so much evil, suffering and injustice in the world, how can we possibly look forward to Easter? Isn’t it just another story of brutal oppression, violence and death?

We Christians do something odd when viewed in context. We wear crosses around our necks, adorn our homes and churches with them, and emboss them on shirts and articles of clothing. It is the symbol of our religion. The cross was the means by which Jesus was executed. If he had been hanged, we would wear nooses and have them on our altars. How many of you would wear a gold chain with a tiny electric chair on it? Pretty grim right? But here’s the thing. The great power of our Christian symbols is not rooted in the power of violence and oppression. The power of the cross symbolizes mercy to the Christian heart; mercy is powerful. It is a stark reminder that the world seldom offers mercy, but through Christ we see the fullness of God’s love for humanity. God’s mercy has overcome spiritual death. It comforts the wounded and afflicted. Mercy is the foil of cruelty, as hope is the opposite of despair. As we wind up this Lenten season, I hope you will reflect on both the good and the bad in this world. Then, consider how God asks us to be merciful to the world, for when we show mercy, we show the true power of God.

Pastor David Martin



### **MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK**

The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, April 12 & 26 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Just bring 2 bags and receive a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, bread, etc. 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.

### **OUTREACH CORNER**

It's almost time for our community garden to be planted. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for you to choose what vegetables you would like



planted. It will take many hands to get this garden up and running through the summer so get ready to volunteer and reap the sow. Even if you don't have a green thumb to work the garden, there are many ways to help with the garden. Watch for more updates in the May newsletter and be sure to join in the fun!!!

Laurie Parsons

Denise Angell

***WE HAVE THE TERM OUTREACH.***

***IF THERE WAS SUCH A WORD AS INREACH.....***

***WHAT MIGHT THAT SUGGEST???***

submitted by a sister in Christ



## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

12 Dorothy Tuthill

13 Laurie Parsons

16 Joan Potterton

22 Mariah Flemke

### Editors Note:

This newsletter is for all of our sisters brothers in Christ at Bolton United Methodist Church. I would love it if you would make it more personal and send me a poem, picture, prayer, comment or anything else that you could share with the congregation. If there is a change of address for someone that you know of let me know. If you would prefer to get your newsletter via email, I will email it to you, just send me that address.

Send to: [marthabaskerville3@gmail.com](mailto:marthabaskerville3@gmail.com)



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 (9:00am at Bolton and 11:00am at 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](mailto: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>

Password: 1234

By phone: 1 929 205 6099 then mtg number 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:**

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/meeting/v5llf-qoqDstFiY1pPDfgo1ivI\\_EqRrtsQ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuuupjMpGtKVt1-Ce6ovW53ib9\\_ylldHk\\_JNrDvjEi8CaxXfCc dTAKBrA-mB](https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/v5llf-qoqDstFiY1pPDfgo1ivI_EqRrtsQ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuuupjMpGtKVt1-Ce6ovW53ib9_ylldHk_JNrDvjEi8CaxXfCc dTAKBrA-mB)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID's: 268 830 607 BUMC Sunday Worship

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

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+1 301 715 8592 US

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US

Meeting ID: 268 830 607

Find your local

number: <https://us04web.zoom.us/u/fdtbGjGdT>

## OUR PRAYER LIST

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



Pray for the Ukrainians whose lives are being disrupted in a most horrendous way.

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, Ed and Laurie Parsons.

Prayers for those who are separated from their worship spaces and friends. Help them to feel Gods love shine down on them through those who are able, neighbors, friends, family.

Prayers for the world today. Pray for the families that have losses due to a crisis within their community. Prayers for all that are suffering to feel Gods love .

Pray for all of us as we struggle to comprehend what has happened to our world as we knew it.

**AMEN**





## Scripture Readings for APRIL

### April 3, 2022 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Psalm 126

Isaiah 43:16-21; Phillipians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

### April 10 Palm Sunday

Psalm 31:9-16

Isaiah 50:4-9, Phillipians 2:5-11; Luke 22: 14-23

### HOLY WEEK

*April 11 **Monday** of Holy Week*

*Psalm 36:5-11*

*Isaiah 42:1-9; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11*

*April 12 **Tuesday** of Holy Week*

*Psalm 71:1-14*

*Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-31; John 12:20-36*

*April 13 **Wednesday** of Holy Week*

*Psalm 70*

*Isaiah 50:4-9a; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32*

*April 14 Maundy **Thursday***

*Psalm 116:1-4,12-19*

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

*April 15 Good **Friday***

*Psalm 22*

*Isaiah 52:13-53; Hebrews 10: 16-25; John 18:1-19:42*

*April 16 Holy **Saturday**/Easter Eve*

*Psalm 136:1-26*

*Genesis 1:1-2:4; Isaiah 55:1-11; Romans 6:3-11*

**April 17 Easter Sunday**

*Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*

*Acts 10:34-43; 1Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18*

**April 24 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Psalm 150*

*Acts 5:27-32; Revelations 1:4-8; John 20:19-31*

*Short Easter Prayer*

*The veil of darkness*

*Transformed to the brightest light.*

*The most dreadful end*

*Became the most beautiful beginning.*

*The depths of despair*

*Fade to reveal hope everlasting.*

*The curse of death Defeated by eternal life.*

*Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.*

## What's Happening at BUMC????

Childrens Sunday school will continue through June. Hope to see you all there. Praise the Lord and bring the children!!!



April 9, 2022, 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.

April 16, 2022 will be our Mens Breakfast. Come and join us for the best food in town and lively discussions.



Boy Scouts are once again using our Church once a month for their meetings.

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## Easter Celebrations at BUMC

Maundy Thursday there will be a service at 7:00pm.

Good Friday there will be a short service at 7:00pm.

### EASTER SUNDAY



**There will be no sunrise service.**

**Easter Sunday breakfast will be  
at 7:30am.**

**Worship service will be at  
9:00am.**

We will not be ordering flowers for  
the alter this year. We are asking you  
to make a donation of an Easter  
flower for the alter. You may make it  
in memory of or in honor of a loved  
one. Please contact Marion Knight at  
(860) 742-9420.





## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Yes folks, we are having a Children's Sunday School once again.

**Where: BOLTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**When: Sunday mornings beginning February 13, 2022**

**Time: 9:15-10:00am**

**Who: kids ages 5-12**

We will have lots of fun learning about Jesus. We will have arts and craft projects, painting, stories and much, much more.

**COME ONE COME ALL TO LEARN ABOUT  
JESUS!!**

## The Two Mothers

Long time ago, so I have been told  
Two angels once met on streets paved with gold."By the stars in your crown," said the  
one to the other, "I see that on earth, you too, were a mother."

And by the blue tinted halo you wear  
You, too have known sorrow and deepest despair."  
"Ah, yes," she replied, "I once had a son,  
A sweet little lad, full of laughter and fun."

"But tell of your child." "Oh, I knew I was blessed  
From the moment I first held him close to my breast,  
And my heart almost burst with the joy of the day."  
"Ah, Yes," said the other, "I felt the same way."

The former continued. "The first steps he took-  
So eager and breathless, the sweet startled look  
Which came over his face-he trusted me so."  
"Ah, yes," said the other, "How well do I know."

But soon he had grown to a tall handsome boy,  
So stalwart and kind-and it gave me so much joy  
To have him just walk down the street by my side."  
"Ah, yes, said the other, "I felt the same pride."

"How often I shielded and spared him from pain  
And when he for others was so cruelly slain.  
When they crucified him-and they spat in his face,  
How gladly would I have hung there in his place!"

A moment of silence-"Oh, then you are she-  
The mother of Christ," and she fell on one knee.  
But the blessed one raised her up, drawing her near,  
And kissed from the cheek of the woman, a tear.

"Tell me the name of the son you love so,  
That I may share with your grief and your woe."  
She lifted her eyes, looking straight at the other,  
"He was Judas Iscariot, I am his mother."

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