

***THE LAMPLIGHTER***  
**FEBRUARY 2022**



**United Methodist Church of Bolton**  
**1041 Boston Turnpike, Bolton CT 0604**  
**<http://UnitedMethodistChurchBolton.org>**

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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**



I've been thinking a lot lately about the passage from Matthew 10:16 "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye therefore wise as serpent...." This verse is seldom read aloud in "lectionary based" churches like ours. It appears only as an optional addendum to another reading, which many ministers of the gospel leave out because the words make them uncomfortable. I think of this verse whenever I read of the unjust steward from Luke 16:8 "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light." I think when we examine what it means to live as a Christian in the post-modern world, it is important that our Christian witness (the evidence of transformational work the Spirit has done in our lives) should reflect ethical, thoughtful, empathetic and responsible behaviors. Does that mean I cannot be shrewd? Does that mean I cannot take decisive action with assertive resolve in ways that benefit me, my family and my church? I am a believer in middle way. So much of our culture asks us to skew to the extremes. There are bad Christian witnesses along the entire spectrum of Christianity. Some might read the above Bible passages and see them as an excuse to be unethical in business or life in general. They defend their actions as "shrewd." They conveniently leave out the rest of that verse (just as I did) which reads, "and harmless as doves."

Or they might say that Jesus commended the unjust steward. But, they conveniently leave out Jesus' continued commentary in which he says, "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?" Jesus calls us to faithful service. Faithfulness means we trust that if we do the right thing, God will be pleased with what we do, and trust us further with more. But who would ever trust that unjust servant again? What employer would hire them and give them a position of responsibility in the future? Christians must make sound decisions in life, but we cannot ignore ethics, faith, and especially our Christian witness. Wise as serpents but Harmless as doves; we ethics, faith, and especially our Christian witness. Wise as serpents but harmless as doves; we won't be taken advantage of, but we also don't take advantage of others. Be faithful with what has been given to us, and trust that God will bless it further.



### **MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK**

The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, February 1 & 15 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.



### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2 Chris Olson

4 Barry Giroux

5 Marti Baskerville

17 E.J. Parsons

19 Dorothy Larson

29 Katie (Corcoran) Wojtkowiak

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.**

### **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:** 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/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 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 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 a kinder place to live.

**AMEN**



## **Scripture Readings for February**

### **February 6, 2022 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany**

Psalm 138

Isaiah 6: 1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

### **February 13, 2022 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany**

Psalm 1

Jeremiah 17:5-10; 1 Corinthians 5:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

### **February 20, 2022 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Genesis 45: 3-11; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

### **February 27, 2022 Transfiguration Sunday**

Psalm 99

Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43



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

February 13, 2022 is the day our Childrens Sunday School will begin once again. Praise the Lord and bring the children!!!



Feb. 12, 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.



Feb. 19, 2022 will be our Mens Breakfast. Come and join us for the best food in town and lively discussions.



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](mailto:marthabaskerville3@gmail.com).



## 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!!

Hello Laurie,

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



**FEBRUARY 3, 2022**



## **Welcome to the our weekly newsletter**

**The MACC Minute February 3, 2022.**  
We hope it will inspire you to get involved.

### **Beth Stafford**

#### **Executive Director/CEO**

People act from the heart, not their head. Gifts of all kinds are accepted with gratitude at MACC. Each month we receive a beautiful greeting card with a monetary donation from a community member who knows that it's not about the size of the donation, it's the thought that went into supporting our mission. Thanks H.M. for always being supportive.





## Phil Leggett

### Pantry Manager

I am proud and honored to be an employee here at MACC Charities. It gives me the opportunity to make a difference within the Manchester community. It's an awesome experience to be able to work a job and make a difference. "We make a living by what we get, but make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

## Shannon Baldassario

### Director of Services

Our guests concentrate on the now in life as it can change in an instant. Acting on impulse can make regretful decisions later in life. Our job's to connect with those individuals and discuss a more positive outcome to their situation. Taking a step back approach allows them to become an observer of their thoughts before taking that step forward.



## Chef Ferdinand Cruz

### MACC's Community Kitchen

A pictures worth a thousand words they say, perhaps just TONS of flavors. Our dish of the week is a garlic roasted pork loin with a 3 mushroom demi glaze accompanied by pesto scalloped potatoes garnished with truffle and cracked pepper baby spinach. The best dishes are the ones that just come together, no recipe needed, JUST INGREDIENTS..... and Passion!



## Patti Thurlow

### Operations Manager

#### DRIVE-THRU SOUPERBOWL SALE!

MACC Charities is tackling hunger one bowl of soup at a time! February 12th 10am – 2pm, Chef Ferdinand is creating Pasta e Fagioli (32 oz. @ \$15.00 each) or Turkey Taco Soup w/ Chips (32 OZ @ \$20.00 each). Pre-order ahead w/ Patti @ [PThurlow@macc-ct.org](mailto:PThurlow@macc-ct.org), 860-647-8003 ex. 12 (Cash or Check).



Can't make it? Donate

@ <https://macc-ct.org/donate-now/>

## Timothy Bohr

### Community Outreach & Emergency Services Manager

Nancy Sinatra's oldie but goodie hit song, "These boots were made for walking," has never had more meaning to some than now.

Our Winter Shelter clients sure do some walking, and we'd love to help them with warm boots.

Please consider donating to give them what we all hope is a comfortable journey to a more stable and happy future.



## Executive Chef Michelle

### Bistro on Main

Bistro on Main has revamped the Roasted Beet Salad! Introducing the Quinoa Salad with Baby Kale, Red Quinoa, Roasted Beets, Caramelized Onions, Dried Cranberries and Goat Cheese, tossed in a Pomegranate Vinaigrette. Add a protein and make any of our salads a meal! Look out for more new dishes coming soon! Currently open for dine-in or take-out Tuesday through Saturday!



## A FEW CHUCKLES TO WARM YOUR DAY!!!!

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



