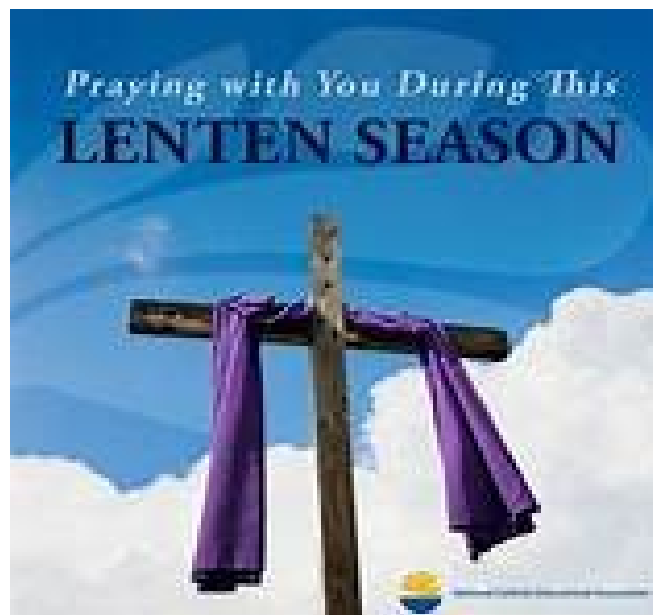


***THE LAMPLIGHTER***

**MARCH 2022**



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

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**649-3696**

**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**



Tuesday March 1 st is Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, Carnivale. In many languages, and in many cultures, this celebratory day marks the end of the season of epiphany, and the beginning of our Lenten journey. The epiphany celebration lasted 2 full months this year, plus the time we celebrated Christmas and New Years. Liturgically speaking the church has been partying for better than two months. Now we settle in for a nice 7 week period of reflection and preparation. In many traditions we “give up” something for lent. Often it something carnal, like meat, or other pleasures. I often give up sweets, which has a three-fold benefit of lowering my blood sugar, losing weight, and changing my eating habits. I think the practice of giving something up (or setting it down) for lent must be countered with picking something up. For instance, if you decide to skip a meal or fast, during that time, you should be fed another way, perhaps through singing. Maybe you spend that time reading a devotional. Be creative. Why not learn to play a song on an old guitar, or sing some songs a capella from the hymnal? During lent you can journal, sketch, paint, decoupage, call finds, people alone, write cards and letters. Do something that feeds your soul, or the souls of others. When we prepare for Easter, we are preparing our hearts and minds to be present in the kingdom of God in a more profound way. I hope this Mardi Gras you will consider picking something up!

Pastor David Martin



## **MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK**

The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, March 1, 15, 29 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**

SHOUT OUT TO A COUPLE OF OUR KNITTERS FOR THE LOVELY ITEMS THEY HAVE CREATED FOR OTHERS THAT ARE FULL OF LOVE AND WARMTH.

**DOROTHY LARSON** FOR THE MANY PRAYER SHAWLS SHE HAS MADE THIS WINTER. WHEN YOU WRAP UP IN A PRAYER SHAWL IT IS LIKE HAVING GOD WRAP HIS ARMS AROUND YOU AND GIVE YOU A BIG HUG.

**LAURIE PARSONS** FOR THE EAR/HEAD WARMERS SHE HAS KNITTED FOR THE HOMELESS. WHEN I DELIVERED THEM PEOPLE MET ME AND WERE ASKING FOR MORE THAN ONE SO THEY COULD SHARE THEM WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

**TO ALL OF OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS** WHO ARE GIVING OF THEIR TIME AND LOVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE. GOD IS SMILING!!! THANK YOU!!



O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,  
take away from me my sins,  
and mercifully kindle in me  
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.  
Take away from me the heart of stone,  
and give me a heart of flesh,  
a heart to love and adore Thee,  
a heart to delight in Thee,  
to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake, Amen  
St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397)



## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

1 Chris Mayne  
3 Sandy Kean  
15 Julianna Larson  
16 Marion Knight  
23 AthenaMaselek  
29 April Hoar Bradway

2 Nathan Hoar  
10 Jennifer Ostrout  
15 JoAnn Mayo  
21 Frank Gilnack  
26 Jamie Corcoran  
31 Andrew Reed



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\\_JNrDvjEi8CaxXfCcdTAKBrA-mB](https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/v5llf-qoqDstFiY1pPDfgo1ivI_EqRrtsQ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuuupjMpGtKVt1-Ce6ovW53ib9_ylldHk_JNrDvjEi8CaxXfCcdTAKBrA-mB)

Join Zoom Meeting

<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 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 the Whipple family as they transition to a life without Mary, mom, grandmother, and our sister in Christ. May they find peace and comfort through our prayers. Help us to remember Mary and all her contributions to our lives.

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.

**AMEN**





## **Scripture Readings for March**

**March 2, 2022 Ash Wednesday**

Psalm 51:1-17

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

**March 6, 2022 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

**March 13, 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 27

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Phillipians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13: 31-35

**March 20, 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 63:1-8

Isaiah 55:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

**March 27, 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 32

Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

## 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!!!



March 13, 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.



March 20, 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!!**



## A Comic Fishing Tale

One day a Catholic an Anglican and a Methodist decided to go fishing. They got in their boat and rowed their way over to the middle of the lake.

The Catholic remarked, 'I've forgotten my hat,' so he got up, got out of the boat and walked across the water.

He returned and the Anglican said, 'I've forgotten the fishing bait,' so he got up, climbed out of the boat and walked across the water.

He came back and the Methodist murmured, 'I've forgotten the beer.' He got up, jumped out of the boat and was standing in the water then he sank.

The Anglican turned to the Catholic and asked, 'Do you think we ought to tell him were the stepping stones are?'

## Miracle?

Father O'Malley was driving down to Boston when got stopped for speeding in Medford. The highway patrol officer smelled alcohol on the priest's breath and then saw an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He said, 'Father, have you been drinking?' 'Only water', replied Father O'Malley. The policeman asked, 'Then how come I can smell wine?' The priest looked at the bottle and said, 'Good Lord! He's done it again.'

## Really Cheap Thoughts

A Buddhist monk strode into a Zen pizza parlor and said, "Make me one with everything." When he got his order, he gave the proprietor a \$20 bill, which the guy pocketed. "Hey," asked the monk, "where's my change?" "Change," replied the owner inscrutably, "must come from within."

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