

THE LAMPLIGHTER



**UNITED METHODIST OF BOLTON
OCTOBER 2019**



WORSHIP TIME 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Church of Bolton
1041 Boston Turnpike, Bolton, CT 06043

North Church 649-3696
<http://UnitedMethodistChurchBoltonct.org>

Pastor David Martin
Office Hours:
Monday & Thursday, 8:00 to 3:00
Tuesday: 8:00 to 5:30
At North United Methodist

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 and Bolton School

Back Pack Program First Sunday

AA Meeting 7:30 p.m. Mondays

And Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

NA Meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Cub Scouts 5:30 p.m. Fridays

Oct. 12th, Painting of Exterior Window Frames

Oct. 12th, Scrapbooking, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 1st, 15th, and 29th Food Share Truck

at St. George's, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 21st Ad Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Oct., Bible Study Continues every Tuesday,

6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper , Study at 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 26th Men's Breakfast at Bolton UMC

OUR MISSION

**To Invite Everyone to know Gods
Love through our community of Faith**

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

**Pray for the homeless people living on the street. May they
find shelter, food, and hospitality from caring hands.**

**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,
Tom Corcoran, Jr., Jennifer Ostrout, Taylor Schipani,
Joan and Bob Potterton.**

**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.**

WELCOME TO EMILY HALL!

**On Sunday, September 8, 2019 Emily the daughter of
TJ and Courtney Hall (and the Great Granddaughter
of Mary Whipple) was welcomed into the congregation
of Bolton UMC by a service of Christian Baptism. It
was also Emily's First Birthday.**

**Painting of Exterior Window Frames
October 12, 2019 - 8:00 a.m.**

**Bring a brush and can to put paint in. The plan
is to paint the window frames. If you cannot
paint outside there is plenty of cleaning inside.
Lunch is served.**



FROM THE PASTOR

When elephants in captivity are young, their handlers tie a small rope (or thin chain) around their leg. The rope is tied on the other end to a stake driven into the ground. They are young, not fully developed, and are unable to break free from this restraint. As they grow into maturity, the stake and the rope stay the same size. By the time they are adults, they have “learned” that when the rope or chain is around their leg, they can’t move very far; they are captive. They stop trying to break the rope, and are resigned to being held in place. African elephants can grow to be as large as 14,000 lbs. With their trunk alone, they can lift over 600lbs. It would be nothing for an elephant to break that small rope or pull up the stake, but they have “learned” that they cannot.

Philippians 4: 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. As people we have often “learned” that we cannot do something. Maybe in your life someone told you that you were slow, or weak, or not smart enough, and you internalized it. Maybe society’s “norms” have spoken to you and said you are unfit for the dream job you want. Maybe someone hurt you, and you don’t think you can love again, or that you deserve love. The promise of God is that no matter what obstacle stands in our path, Christ who love us gives strength to our bodies, our minds and our Spirits. Through faith, God makes us powerful in the face of all oppression, and all adversity. Sometimes it’s us whom we need to overcome. We allow ourselves to believe that we are “not enough” when we are everything we need to be and so much more. You can do ALL THINGS, that’s the promise of God’s word, now you just need to believe it!

Pastor David Martin



MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK

**The Mobil Foodshare Truck will
be at St. George's Church**

Tuesdays, October 1st, 15th and 29th 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.**



SCRAPBOOKERS

(Knitters, Sewers, Crocheters, Anyone)

**Scrapbookers and friends meet at 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the
second Saturday of each month (October 12th.) An open
invitation is made to ANYONE who wants to join in the fun
and fellowship; even if you don't do scrapbooking. Bring your
knitting and crocheting or whatever you do. Don't forget your
lunch. Check with Laurie Parsons, 860-645-9736 for more
information.**



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues on Tuesdays at Bolton UMC starting on Oct. 8th with Pastor Dave leading a study on the Book of Judges. Pot Luck Supper at 6:00 p.m. and study begins at 7:00 p.m. If you cannot make the pot luck come for the study and fellowship.



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 2019

Justin Downes	1
Clayton Edberg	4
Carolyn Flemke	6
Cora Michaels	7
Keela Parsons	9
Terri Olson	17
Tori Bolduc	17
Kenny Boland, Jr.	18
Chris Knight	26
Ali Schipani	30

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR

OCTOBER 2019



October 6, 2019 World Communion Sunday

Lamentations 1:1-6

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

October 13, 2019

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

October 20, 2019

Jeremiah 31:27-34

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

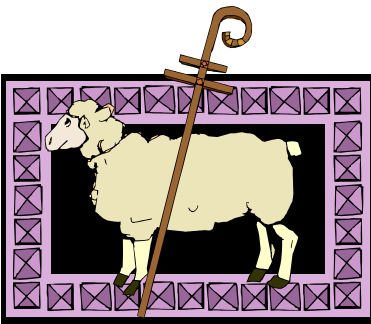
Luke 18:1-8

October 27, 2019

Joel 2:23-32

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14



FEED MY LAMBS

John 21:15

NEWS FROM OUTREACH

By the time you're reading this, we will have finished harvesting the garden and cleaning up to be ready for winter. We had a successful planting this year and were able to share the bounty with church members, neighbors, friends, and through Foodshare at St. George's biweekly stop. Thank you to all who helped along the way.

With school back in session the PTA is busy getting ready to start up the backpack program once again. Please remember them when you're shopping and pick up items to be sent home with the children for their weekend meals. As soon as they get all the information in, we will let you know how many children are being served and what is needed most.

Don't forget to bring non- perishable food items on the first Sunday of the month. These will be split between the food pantry and backpack program. Everything is very much appreciated and helps our neighbors.

Outreach Committee

Denise Angell JoAnn Mayo Laurie Parsons

A CORNER ON MUSIC

Music. What comes to mind for you when you think about it? Now there is both secular and Christian music and both have many subcategories. Let's look at the impact of Christian music.

With Christian music, some of the types are traditional hymns, Southern Gospel, Contemporary Christian or chants. Each style meets the needs of different people. I typically enjoy contemporary Christian music but there are times when I will listen to Southern Gospel or traditional music more due to a situation I might be dealing with. Our needs can vary. What is your favorite style of Christian music?

At Bolton United Methodist Church, I try to bring a small, quiet variety to the type of music. For instrumentals I often may play some traditional or some of the older Contemporary Music. With that said, I would like to encourage each of you to think about your favorite music. Here's is the hard part I want to recommend. Talk with me about what you enjoy and let me work with you on presenting a solo or have 2 or 3 people get together to sing a song during the offertory. I can hear it now...no way...I can' but I want to share a belief I have lived with for many years. I believe that if we work hard, try and put our effort into it, that we need to leave what the people hear for what we present in God's hands. There have been many times when I have sung that I thought "boy" I blew that one when I missed a note" only to have someone share with me "Thank you. God really spoke to my heart with the song you shared." What am I saying; take the step and see where God takes you. It doesn't have to be a long song. Maybe you would like to sing a short chorus. That's great! Take the step and let God lead you.

You can call or text me at 860-481-2321; I do have voice mail so please leave a message. My email address is franklincarol1@gmail.com. You are also welcome to talk with me at church. I will do my best to work out a practice time.

Here are questions to think about (think traditional hymns)

1. What is a dentist favorite hymn?
2. What is the TV weatherman's hymn?

I'll have the answers for you next month. Till then, have a great time serving the Lord.

Carol