

THE LAMPLIGHTER

**UNITED METHODIST OF BOLTON
DECEMBER 2019**



WORSHIP TIME 9:00 a.m.

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

North Church 649-3696
UnitedMethodistChurchOfBoltonct.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

Dec. 14 Scrapbookers 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 10 and 24th, 19 Food Share Truck
at St. George's, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 16 Ad Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 NUMC, 6:30 BUMC
Dec. Bible Study Continues every Tuesday,
6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper , Study at 7:00 pm

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

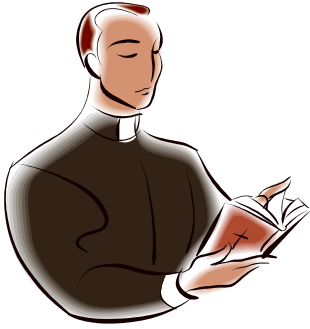
Pray for the homeless people living on the street. May they find shelter, food, and hospitality from caring hands.

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.

Pray for all of those that are displaced this holiday season. Praying that they find Peace, Love and Joy in their lives.



FROM THE PASTOR

December can be the busiest month for most people. We have Christmas shopping errands, holiday parties, church events, Christmas and Christmas Eve, and of Course New Year's Eve to celebrate. This is also the month with the littlest daylight. So much to do, and so little daylight to do it in! The themes of dark and light are part of Christmas nativity story. Jesus, light of the world, is born in the deep darkness of winter, to a world steep in spiritual darkness. This season, as busy as it is, fills most of us with joy because of this light. Many don't understand it or articulate this source of joy, but Christmas celebrations have been a cause and source of peace and goodwill for nearly 2 millennia.

Even with this sense of peace, there are many people will experience deep emotional pain during the holiday season. They will have lost loved ones, and be mourning the empty chair at the table, or feeling the loss of traditions. In your merry making, reach out to someone who is alone. This is the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of the love of Christ. Making Christmas merry for another is a gift for both you and them!

Pastor David Martin



MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK

The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. George's Church Tuesdays, December 3 and 17 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 (December 8th.) 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 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

December 2019

Connor Jeffers	1
Nick Corcoran	3
Courtney Hall	9
Colin Hoar	9
Ken Boland	15
Pam Shipani	27
Craig Coombes	29

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR

DECEMBER 2019



Dec. 1, 2019 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Dec. 8, 2019 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

Dec. 15, 2019 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35: 1-10

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

Dec. 22, 2019 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 29, 2019 1st Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63: 7-9

Hebrews 1: 10-18

Matthew 2: 13-23

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Titus 2: 11-14

Luke 2: 1-20

Dec. 25th Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:: 7-10

Hebrews 1: 1-4 (5-12)

John 1: 1-14

Dec. 31 Night/New Year

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13

Revelation 21: 1-6a

Matthew 25: 31-46

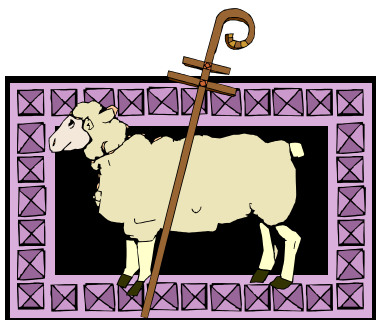
We always seem to forget with the hussle and bussle of buying gifts, wrapping those gifts and cooking that Christmas goes on for more than one day. Our Bible readings continue each day and we are reminded as we read them how much we need to keep focused on the reason for the season.

A baby is born! A real life example for all of us just how God wants us to live our lives. A baby is born! To teach us forgiveness, love, joy and salvation. A baby is born! To remind us always to keep focused on Gods love for us.

This is the season when so many people are thinking about sharing their gifts with others. A season of selflessness and awareness. As we go forward this season, let us walk with Jesus towards a new beginning. Continue this giving season, pray heartily to keep focused, pray for selflessness and awareness giving well into the New Year.

A baby is born! Hallelujah!! Merry Christmas and may God bless all of you.

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FEED MY LAMBS

John 21:15

NEWS FROM OUTREACH

The Bolton PTA has gotten the backpack program underway for this school year. Currently they are serving four families with fifteen children. They are in need of non-perishable food items in non-glass containers. Individual snack items and breakfast foods are also great items for the kids. These backpacks are sent home over the weekends to help with meals such as breakfast and lunch which many of them receive free at school during the week. Please donate any of these items as it is very much appreciated.

We hope to come up with some new programs in the upcoming months to be able to reach more families in need in our community. Any ideas you may have would be greatly appreciated.

Outreach Committee

Denise Angell JoAnn Mayo Laurie Parsons

A CORNER ON MUSIC

December. The time we focus on the birth of our Savior and what it means to us. As I have mentioned before, understanding why a song was written or why it impacted the person who wrote it, brings more meaning about the song to me. This month I would like to share the background on the Christmas Song Angels from the Realms of Glory.

The following information is taken from Then Sings My Soul from Robert T. Morgan. The author of this carol is John Montgomery and based on scripture verses found in Psalms 148:2 and Luke 2:13. Mr. Montgomery's parents died as missionaries to Barbados. They had placed him in a missionary school in Scotland at age 6 years old and he never saw his parents again due to this.

The school tried to connect him with someone who was a baker but he did not enjoy this. His heart was in writing. He began writing for a local newspaper in the early 20's in Sheffield, England where he had fled to after running away from the school. Here he wrote articles that upset the political climate at that time, two of which caused him to be put in jail but with the outcome that he became a national "celebrity" for his beliefs. A key point his beliefs settled around was the Gospel.

He wrote this hymn on Christmas eve, 1816 at the age of 45. Even with all of the hardship this person faced, he never lost his faith in Christ.

Here are your answers to last month's question:

- 1. What is a contractor's favorite hymn: The Church's One Foundation.**
- 2. What is a tailor's favorite hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy**

Here are this months questions:

- 1. What is a golfer's favorite hymn?**
- 2. What is a Politician's favorite hymn?**

Remember to join us after church on Sundays if you would like to sing with the choir in the Christmas eve service. Till next month.

Carol Franklin, Pianist



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you desire to purchase a poinsettia or other plant for the church alter we suggest that you purchase it yourself and bring it to the church any Sunday by December 22nd. I am sorry if this will be an inconvenience to you.

Please mark your plant with your name and use the below section to indicate who it is in memory for.

In honor/memory of: _____

From: _____