

THE LAMPLIGHTER



**UNITED METHODIST OF BOLTON
MAY 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

Bible Study, on Tuesdays at Bolton Starts May 7th

6:15 Pot luck, Study starts at 7:00 p.m.

May 14th and 28th Food Share Truck
at St. George's, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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

May 13th Ad Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

May 18th, Tag, Bake and Plant Sale, 9:00 to 2:00

May 26th Plant Community Garden

June 9th Meet and Greet Bishop Suda Devadhar

June 17th Ad Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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.

OUR MISSION

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

**FREE WI-FI
At the Church**

**Network: CBCI-OC34-2.4
Password: design9516alert**



FROM THE PASTOR

To all reading this message, I offer my apologies for the tardiness of the newsletter, it is entirely my fault. I have been swamped and have had little time to gather my thoughts into a coherent message. I think its important to offer a mea culpa when we have done wrong. Taking responsibility for our actions (and inactions) are an important part of our Christian witness. It is not enough, however, to simply admit our culpability or guilt. Our Christian faith demands repentance. What does it mean for us to repent? In the Old Testament an act of repentant required a Temple sacrifice, and prayers spoken on our behalf, ritual cleansing too was a large part of the process. The common element of repentance in the Old and New Testament is personal transformation, and a sincere effort to not repeat the same mistakes.

Modern Christians practice repentance by praying to God and “saying sorry” to God...so to speak. We go to church, and repeat the prayers of confession, and feel like we are absolved of our wrong doing. Yet, with no real remorse in our hearts, can we truly be repentant? I don't write this to make you feel guilty, or bad about your lives. I write this because I believe there is something very liberating in true acts of repentance. Jesus's death and Resurrection have freed us from slavery to sin and spiritual death. Accepting that gift requires our active participation in repentance. When we acknowledge our fault, we can let go of the sin and guilt that weighs us down. Christ offers us the gift of a new beginning. May you find great peace in embracing that new beginning, and finally setting down the weight of sin and guilt! Peace.

Pastor David Martin



MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK

The Mobile Foodshare Truck will be at St. George's Church Tuesdays, MAY 14th & 28th 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 (MAY 11th.) 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, Tuesdays at Bolton UMC with a Pot Luck Supper at 6:15 p.m. and study begins at 7:00 p.m. If you cannot make the pot luck come for the study and fellowship. Marty Baskerville will be leading the new session beginning May 7th.



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

MAY 2019

Kris Flemk-Boland	3
Patrick Mitchell	4
Debbie Schaffer	15
Denise Angell	15
Christopher Olson	18
Kelly Corcoran	19
Valerie Parsons	28



SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR

MAY 2019

May 5, 2019

Acts 9:1-6, 7-20

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-9

May 12, 2019

Mother's Day

Acts 11: 9:36-43

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 19, 2019

Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-6

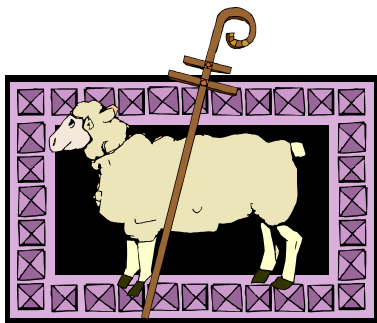
John 13:31-35

May 26, 2019

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10, 22- 22:5

John 14:23



FEED MY LAMBS

John 21:15

NEWS FROM OUTREACH

It's almost time to plant our garden!! Sunday, May 26th after church is the time we've set aside to do this. Bring a dish to share and we will have a potluck lunch when we're done planting. This year we are limiting the number of plants going in the garden so it is very important that you sign up if you are buying plants. The signup sheet is in the Narthex.

**Tomatoes 12 plants
Green peppers 3 plants
Zucchini 3 plants
Yellow squash 3 plants
Green beans 12 plants (or seeds to make
12)
Eggplant 3 plants
Cucumbers 3 plants
Potatoes 5# seed potatoes**

Also, MACC is in dire need of items for their food pantry. The shelves are running out of food. The Foodshare truck at St. Georges has been running between 80 and 100 people every other week. The need is great out there and we have been charged to "feed my sheep."

Outreach Committee

Denise Angell JoAnn Mayo Laurie Parsons

UP COMING EVENTS

May 13th, Ad Council Mtg., 6:00 p.m.

May 18th BAKE & TAG SALE

May 26th, Garden Planting after Church

Jun. 9th, “Meet & Greet” Bishop Suda Devadhar

Jun. 17th Ad Council Mtg., 6:00 p.m.

FREE NALOXONE TRAINING !!!

May 6, 2019 7 p.m.

North UMC 300 Parker St.

Manchester, CT

You can Help Prevent an Accidental Overdose

Training is Free to the Public

Register by 3-mail: djmartin413@verizon.net or voice mail at 860-649-3696

Sponsored by the Greater Manchester Interfaith Peace and Justice Committee and the Greater Hartford Harm Reduction Coalition

**PLANT, TAG & BAKE
SALE**



**MAY 18, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ROUTE 44 A, BOLTON, CT

RAIN OR SHINE

Now is the time to do your Spring Cleaning and get rid of items you haven't used in years; glassware, linens, toys, jewelry, etc.; no clothing please. Items may be brought to the church starting May 13th. Maybe the perennials in your flower garden need to be split. We would be happy to take them for the plant sale. Call Marion Knight 860-742-9420 for pick up or further information. If you would not buy your item at a tag sale please do not donate them. Thank you.

***A LITTLE CHURCH HUMOR
AND WISDOM***

The good Lord didn't create anything without a Purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Peace starts with a smile.

We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them – He'll clean them.

God loves everyone, but probably prefers “fruits of the spirit” over “religious nuts”.

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.