

FEBRUARY LAMPLIGHTER



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CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Holy Communion first Sunday of the month.

Food Collection for MACC First Sunday of each month.

Potluck supper at 6:00 and Transition meeting at 7:00 from 1st
Thursday of each month through June.

ZOOM will continue to broadcast Sunday worship service at 9:00 BUMC and 10:30 from NUMC. See links and instructions inside.

Praise the Lord! BUMC sanctuary is open for Sunday worship. Bring the children to Sunday School! Come and join us.

If you would like to receive the bulletin and insert to follow along the Sunday service on Zoom, just email me (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**

PASTORS CORNER

For the shortest month of the year, there seems to be a lot happening this February. We have Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Presidents Day, Valentines Day, Groundhog Day, and it's a leap year!!!!!! Not to mention what is happening at church. The signs of a healthy church are not huge numbers of butts in the seats on Sunday morning. It's not collection plates overflowing with money. Don't get me wrong.... These things would be nice too. The signs of a healthy church are active members Not just any activity, but activity with purpose. Fellowship is extremely important in that it is a supportive and loving presence we each offer to one another. The Apostle Paul often wrote about that in his letters. Trustee activity is important. It's a sign of faith that there is a future at a church. If people don't envision a future, then why paint bathrooms, trim trees, repair broken glass, put in new rugs, and all of the other little things that get done? And of course, we can't forget mission and outreach. Our faith is not an inward facing circle, but an outward facing one. We can fearlessly stand with our backs to each other because we have supreme confidence that our church friends "have our backs." And, as we look outward with courage and hope we face a world that is weary, sick, war torn, and in desperate need of Good News. A church that has no mission outside of itself is not a healthy church, no matter how many people sit in the pews, no matter how good the music program is, no matter how much money they have. Those things are fleeting. Paul reminds us that faith, hope and love are what lasts, and the greatest of these is love. Love is what calls us to the outward facing mission. Do we have the courage to look outside?

Pastor David Martin



MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK

The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, February 13 & 27 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, volunteers always welcome.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Khloe Reed 2 Christopher Olson
4 Barry Giroux 5 Marti Baskerville
17 E.J Parsons 19 Dorothy Larson
24 Abigail Peterson
26 Anthony Flemke Jr. 26 Natalie Flemke
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:

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/v5Ilf-qoqDstFiY1pPDfgo1ivI_EqRrtsQ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuuupjMpGtKVt1-Ce6ovW53ib9_ylldHk_JNrDvjEi8CaxXfCc dTAKBrA-mB

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/268830607>

Meeting ID's: 268 830 607 BUMC Sunday
Worship

One tap mobile

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York)

+13126266799,,268830607# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 301 715 8592 US

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US

Meeting ID: 268 830 607

Find your local

number: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/268830607>

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OUR PRAYER LIST

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



Pray for our church growth of modern transitioning with a traditional flavor.

Pray for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters whose lives are being disrupted in a most horrendous way. Pray that the leaders may find a way to peace.

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 those in hospitals, convalescent homes, recovering, healing and for their caregivers.

Pray for those recovering from recent illness, those who are homebound and their caregivers: Carol Flemke, Gilman Reed, Lanie Bickford, Taylor Schipani, JoAnn Mayo and Kerri Renner, Chris Olson, Cheyenne, Frank Gilnack.

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.

Pray for all our sisters and brothers all over the world who are suffering that they may find relief in knowing God is with them.

AMEN



Scripture Readings for FEBRUARY

February 4, 2024 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 147 1-11, 20

Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

February 11, 2024 Transfiguration Sunday; Scouting Sunday

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday

Psalm 25:1-17

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10;

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 18, 2024 1st Sunday in Lent

Psalm 25:1-10

Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

February 25, 2024 2nd Sunday in Lent

Psalm 22:23-31

Genesis 17: 1-7; Romans 4: 13-25; Mark 8: 31-38

2024 at BUMC

There will be a pot luck dinner at 6:00 followed by a transitioning meeting the first Thursday of each month until June. Everyone who is interested in BUMC growing and prospering in the future are invited to come with ideas and support for our little church.



Childrens time during worship before dismissal for Sunday School.



Childrens Sunday school continues. It is from 9:15-9:45. Hope to see you all there. Praise the Lord and bring the children!!!

The Mens Breakfast will begin again on February 3, 2024. All men are invited so bring a friend, neighbor or son. Great food and conversation.



There is always goodies and a cuddle after service.

POEM by Carol Wimmer

When I say, "I am a Christian"

When I say, "I am a Christian" I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!"
I'm whispering, "I get lost sometimes, That's why I chose this way"

When I say, "I am a Christian" I don't speak with human pride
I'm confessing that I stumble – needing God to be my guide

When I say, "I am a Christian" I'm not trying to be strong
I'm professing that I'm weak and pray for strength to carry on

When I say, "I am a Christian" I'm not bragging of success
I'm admitting that I've failed and cannot ever pay the debt

When I say, "I am a Christian" I don't think I know it all
I submit to my confusion asking humbly to be taught

When I say, "I am a Christian" I'm not claiming to be perfect
My flaws are far too visible but God believes I'm worth it

When I say, "I am a Christian" I still feel the sting of pain
I have my share of heartache which is why I seek God's name

When I say, "I am a Christian" I do not wish to judge
I have no authority I only know I'm loved

