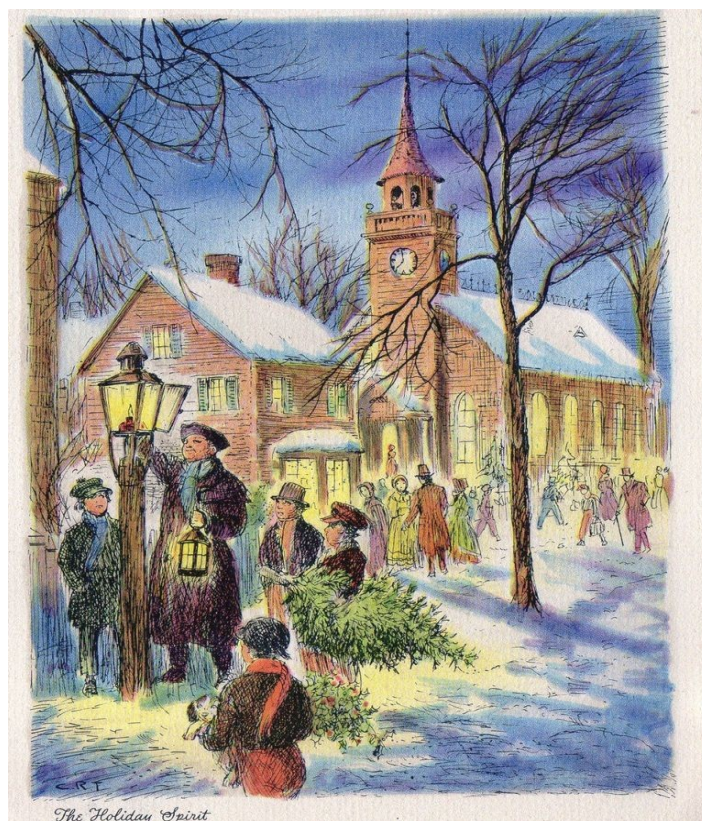


DECEMBER LAMPLIGHTER



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Bolton United Methodist Church
Carol Franklin, Pianist

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 Bible Study at 7:00 from Sept. 19-Oct. 10

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**



The Legend of the Silver Pinecone

There once lived a poor family without enough food to eat or enough wood for the fire.

The mother decided to go into the forest to search for pinecones. Her plan was to build a fire for her family and hopefully sell some to get money for food. After walking for many hours, the mother finally reached the forest and began gathering pinecones into her basket. Suddenly she heard a voice: "Why are you stealing my pinecones?" With that, an elf appeared beside her.

She explained her sad story to the elf. With a crooked smile, the elf said, "Go into the next forest. The pinecones there are much better!"

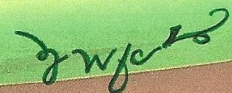
Hesitantly, the mother set off to the next forest. She was very tired when she reached it and set her basket down and leaned against a tree to rest. No sooner had she set her basket down, dozens of pinecones started falling to the ground.

Filled with renewed energy, she gathered the pinecones and returned home. Tired again, once she got home she set the basket down on her doorstep for a moment. When she looked down at the basket, all the pinecones had turned to silver! The family would never be poor again!

Because of this legend, many people believe that a silver pinecone is lucky. It is customary to keep one on your dresser or hearth to make sure that good fortune comes your way.

Wishing you and your family a magical Christmas Season
and a prosperous New Year!

Garrison





MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK

The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, December 5 & 19 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.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Connor Jeffers 8 Maria Genca

9 Nick Corcoran 9 Courtney Hall

9 Colin Hoar 14 Scarlotte (Cummings) Parson

15 Ken Boland 27 Pam Shipani

29 Craig Coombes



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.

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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

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OUR PRAYER LIST

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



Pray for all those that struggle to find peace and contentment in their lives, that God may touch them with comfort and grace.

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.

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 December

December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

Psalm 85:1-2

Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

December 17, 2023

Psalm 126

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

December 25, 2023 Christmas Day

Psalm 96

Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BUMC IN 2023?



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!!!



NEW TIME 9:00
Womens Breakfast will be December 9, 2023 at 9:00. There will be no Womens Breakfast in January or February.

The Mens Breakfast will begin again on December 30, 2023. All men are invited so bring a friend, neighbor or son. Great food and conversation.





CHRISTMAS AT BOLTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADVENT SEASON begins this Sunday, December 3. We will be celebrating Advent each Sunday with the Advent wreath candle lighting. I have included all the scriptures for the month of December including December 25th so you can share them on Christmas day.

DECEMBER 3, 2023 (Sunday)

COME JOIN US AT 10:00-11:00 AT BUMC FOR A FESTIVE MEET AND GREET WITH MT. ZION CHURCH. BRING A FAVORITE CHRISTMAS DISH TO SHARE AND A NON-PERISHABLE ITEM FOR OUR MACC COLLECTION.

DECEMBER 9, 2023 (Saturday) NEW TIME TODAY 9:00

OUR WOMENS BREAKFAST WILL BE AT 9:00 TODAY AND THE THEME WILL BE “BRING A FRIEND”, “GIVE A GIFT”. WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOR THE BOLTON FOOD PANTRY. WITH SO MANY COLLECTIONS OF FOOD THIS SEASON, THE BOLTON PANTRY REQUESTED KITCHEN ITEMS (sponges, dish detergent, laundry detergent, utensils), TOILETRIES (deodorant, soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste) AND PAPER GOODS.

DECEMBER 24, 2023 (Sunday)

9:00-10:00 am THERE WILL BE A MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT BUMC LEAD BY PASTOR DAVE MARTIN.

6:30 pm THERE WILL BE A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT BUMC.

NEWS FROM OUTREACH

We are challenging the congregation to participate in a Reverse Advent Calendar. Each day in the month of December you add the listed item to a box or bring your collection each Sunday and we will get it to the food pantry. Think of the difference we can make if we all work together.

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| December 1 – box of cereal | December 15 – package of rice |
| December 2 – peanut butter | December 16 – package of oatmeal |
| December 3 – stuffing mix | December 17 – package of pasta |
| December 4 – boxed potatoes | December 18 – spaghetti sauce |
| December 5 – macaroni and cheese | |
| December 6 – canned fruit | December 19 – chicken noodle soup |
| December 7 – canned tomatoes | December 20 – tomato soup |
| December 8 – canned tuna | December 21 – can of corn |
| December 9 – dessert mix | December 22 – can of mixed vegetables |
| December 10 – jar of applesauce | December 23 – can of carrots |
| December 11 – canned sweet potatoes | |
| December 12 – cranberry sauce | December 24 – can of green beans |
| December 13 – canned beans | |
| December 14 – box of crackers | |

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