



The Lamplighter

My tea is nearly ready and the sun has left the sky,
It's time to take the window to see Leerie going by;
For every night at teatime and before you take your seat,
With lantern and with ladder he comes posting up the street.
Now Tom would be a driver and Maria go to sea,
And my papa's a banker and as rich as he can be;
But I, when I am stronger and can choose what I'm to do,
O Leerie, I'll go round at night and light the lamps with you!
For we are very lucky, with a lamp before the door,
And Leerie stops to light it as he lights so many more;
And oh! before you hurry by with ladder and with light,
O Leerie, see a little child and nod to him tonight!

Robert Louis Stevenson



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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; 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**



Have you ever felt like we sometimes just move through life going from one task to the next, never giving much thought to the significance of a moment? I know when I get over worked, or my schedule gets filled beyond my capacity to handle everything with the kind attention these things deserve, I kind of go on auto pilot. A few of the things I am trying to do during lent is to 1) be kinder to myself. I do that by scheduling my patient load less rigorously (when possible) on three afternoons a week so I can go to the gym to exercise. 2) I am trying to eat healthier during lent. That means more fruits and vegetables and less junk food. And the third thing is I am seeking out holy moments. Holy moments can be found in unexpected places and at unexpected times. Holy moments are when you open yourself up to God, making yourself completely available to the moving of the Spirit and set aside self interest and preference. That's not an easy thing to do, and for me, it is a work in progress. I know myself, I am prone to over schedule and over function. I am also prideful and like having my way. So, when God's way interferes or contradicts my way, it sometimes leads me to being withdrawn from my spiritual life. During the remainder of the Lenten season, and hopefully beyond, I hope you will join me in seeking holy moments. Work through the uncomfortable and inconvenient, and I know that on the other side, you will find spiritual growth and a growing sense of peace. "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." James 1:2-4

Pastor David Martin



MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK

The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, March 12 & 26 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.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Nathan Hoar 3 Sandy Kean
10 Jennifer Ostrout 15 Julianna Larson
15 Joann Mayo 16 Marion Knight
21 Frank Gilnack 22 Avery Hall
23 Athena Maselek 26 Jamie Corcoran
29 April Hoar Bradway 31 Andrew Reed

Our friend Joann Mayo resides at The Villages at Buckland Court, 432 Buckland Street, South Windsor, CT 06074. Please send her a birthday card for her birthday on the 15th. Let us all let her know how much she is still in our thoughts and prayers.



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

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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 brothers and sisters whose lives are being disrupted in a most horrendous way by war. Pray that the world 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 Cheyenne as she has surgery this week. Pray that the surgeons will be able to save her leg and remove all the cancer.

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, Frank Gilnack.

Prayers for those who are separated from their worship spaces and friends. Help them to feel God's 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 MARCH

March 3, 2024 3rd Sunday in Lent

Psalm 19

Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

March 10, 2024 4th Sunday in Lent/Scouting Sunday

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

March 17, 2024 5th Sunday in Lent

Psalm 51:1-12

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

March 24, 2024 Passion/Palm Sunday

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Isaiah 50: 4-9; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14: 1-15:47

March 29, 2024 Good Friday

Psalm 22

Isaiah 52:13-53; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

March 31 Easter Sunday

Psalm 118: 1-2, 15-16

Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

There will be a pot luck dinner at 6:00 followed by a transitioning meeting the first Thursday of each month until June. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite dish and some new and modern ideas of how BUMC can go into the future keeping our traditional ideals.



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 March 30, 2024. All men are invited so bring a friend, neighbor or son. Great food and conversation.



There is always goodies and a cuddles after service.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

March 7, 2024 EVERYONE IS INVITED

Transition Meeting; 6:00-6:45 Potluck dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share. The meeting will follow so come and voice some ideas as to how you would like BUMC to look in the future. This is a monthly meeting and will meet every first Thursday of the month through June.

March 9, 2024 Womens Breakfast; 9:00 Potluck breakfast with great conversation. Open to all women, you don't have to even come to church or even belong to a church to be invited.

March 11, 2024 Ad Council meeting. 7:00pm

April 20, 2024 Meatloaf Dinner; 4:30-6:00 Watch for sign-up sheets to sign up for your service.

May 18, 2024 Tag, Bake and Plant Sale; 9:00-1:00 This event will need everyone to pitch in and give some time. We start setting up on Wednesday. Watch for a sign-up sheet so you can let us know when you can be available to serve.

IT IS NOW TIME TO START CLEANING OUT AND PUTTING NICE USED ITEMS ASIDE FOR OUR TAG SALE. DON'T FORGET TO START ROOTING YOUR PLANTS TO BRING AND BAKING YOUR FAVORITE ITEMS.



For Lent, 1966 by Madeleine L'Engle

*It is my Lent to break my Lent,
To eat when I would fast,
To know when slender strength is spent,
Take shelter from the blast
When I would run with wind and rain,
To sleep when I would watch.
It is my Lent to smile at pain
But not ignore its touch.*

*It is my Lent to listen well
When I would be alone,
To talk when I would rather dwell
In silence, turn from none
Who call on me, to try to see
That what is truly meant
Is not my choice. If Christ's I'd be
It's thus I'll keep my Lent.*

