



APRIL NEWSLETTER



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CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Holy Communion is the first Sunday of the month.
Food Collection for MACC First Sunday of each month.

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

TEAMS will continue to broadcast Sunday worship service at 9:00 BUMC. See links and instructions inside.

If you would like to receive the bulletin and insert to follow along the Sunday service on Zoom, just email Paster Marti (marthabaskerville3@gmail.com) your email address and she will be glad to send it to you. These go out on Tuesdays.

SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

April 5th Roast Pork Dinner 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
April 7th Ad Council, 6:30 pm All Welcome
April 12th 9:00 am Women's Breakfast
April 18th 6:30 pm Good Friday Service
April 20th 7:45 am Easter Breakfast
April 20th 9:00 am Easter Service
April 26th 8:00 am Men's Breakfast

OUR MISSION:

To Invite Everyone to know God's Love through our community of Faith.

PASTORS CORNER

So many changes are going on around us. Nature surely has won the award this time of year for changes. As we look out the window during the daylight a new day appears so invitingly. It is so comforting to hear the birds singing in the morning when I wake up. The sun shines so bright and its warmth embraces us as if God was giving us a hug. The sky is so blue and the air is clear. How blessed we are this season of Lent to be on the receiving end of all these wonderful blessings that God has bestowed upon us. Tis the season of Lent. A time of refreshing and renewal and rejuvenation. Getting closer to God, opening yourself up to let him into your life like you have never done before to become new and strengthened.

The church dinner is this month (April 5, 4:30-6:00) where we share a meal with friends, family and the community. It is a time of reflecting on times past, experiencing joy in the present and looking to the future (dinners). Wherever that reflection takes you, remember that it is God's will that brings us together and gives us these special times to spread the Good News.

We have an ongoing Bible Study that runs for two more weeks on Tuesday evening preceded with a potluck dinner. We are talking about Jesus's last words. Quite a large topic when you think of all the ways we could look at it with different interpretations and messages. Hope to see you there on Tuesday evening.

Good Friday we will have service at 6:30 pm. Easter morning breakfast at 7:45 will be sure to give you a boost for the day followed by a very special Easter service at 9:00.

For 40 days plus, we have been preparing for the resurrection on Easter. Learning how to walk more steps in the light of God. I pray for all of you, that your Lenten journey this year will be an uplifting and a spiritual walk with Jesus.

Peace and harmony to you, Pastor Marti



MOBILE FOODSHARE
TRUCK

The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at
St. Georges Episcopal Church,
1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, April 8th
April 22nd
10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Drive through

distribution of 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 pass out the food, volunteers are always welcome.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy Tuthill 12

Laurie Parsons 13

Sandy Wright 20

Mariah Flemke 22



SUNDAY SERVICES VIA TEAMS

If you are unable to attend church in person on Sundays, please join us using Technology. Here's how:

Tap on the link or paste it in a browser to join. Service begins at 9:00 am. (For those of you who have joined in the past using a ZOOM link. That link will no longer work. Please use the link below!

<https://teams.live.com/join/9386222034410?p=RhAx960ePWutcVnEuN&eventType=Community>

PORK DINNER - APRIL 5TH

All hands-on deck! There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex! Workers needed Saturday morning to peel potatoes and setting up tables and whatever Dorothy Larson and Maria Genca need help with.

HOMEMADE DESSERTS!

Bolton United Methodist Church women are known for providing delicious desserts for our dinners. Please sign up to bake your best dessert. Thank you.

OUR PRAYER LIST

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



Prayers for those with illness and for those recovering from recent illness, those who are home bound, their caregivers and those who are living away from their families. Including, Janet and Ashley Parsons, Taylor Schipani, Frank Gilnack, and Joann Mayo, Carol Flemke, Gilman Reed, Lanie Bickford, Taylor Schipani, Kerri Renner, Chris Olson, and prayers for Pastor Marti and her daughters Terri and Tori.

Pray for our church that God will send young families to us to share Gods love and be part of growth in our church body.

Pray for all our sisters and brothers who are suffering from the effects of wars, separation from families and death. We ask God to shine his light on the families that are suffering during this horrible time.

Prayers for wisdom, peace, harmony, love and kindness to be in the hearts of our leaders on this day as they lead our nation into the future.

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.

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.

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Scripture Readings for April

April 6TH

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4-14, John 12:1-8

April 13, Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Isaiah 50:4-9,

Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

April 17th, Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, 5-14; Psalm 116, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26,

John 13:1-7, 31-35

April 18th Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19, 42

April 20th Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26,

John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

SUNDAY SCHOOL FLOURISHES

Sunday school continues from 9:15-9:45 during worship service.
Praise the Lord and bring the children!!!

What's Happening at BUMC

Ad Council Meeting - All are welcome on **April 7th at 6:30 PM:**

WOMENS BREAKFAST: will be on **April 12th at 9:00am.** Hope all women will plan on joining for great food and conversation. It's a great way to start your day.

MENS BREAKFAST will be on **April 26th, 2024, at 8:00am.** Hope all you gentlemen will come and enjoy a feast and great conversation. Good food and good conversation. Bring a friend, a neighbor or a stranger. All are welcome.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

APRIL 13: PALM SUNDAY SERVICE: 9:00 A.M.

APRIL 18TH: GOOD FRIDAY 6:30 P.M. SERVICE

APRIL 20TH: EASTER BREAKFAST 7:45 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 A.M.



**LENTON BIBLE STUDY LED BY MILLIE
VICTOR**

“CHRIST’S LAST WORDS”

TUESDAY: March 18, 25, April 1, 8

6:00-7:00 POTLUCK; BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH

7:00-8:00 BIBLE STUDY WITH MILLIE

All are welcome! Bring a friend or relative and join us.



TWO SESSIONS IN APRIL LEFT, April 1 and 8

Each week is unique; prior attendance is not required.

ADD TO THE LAMPLIGHTER

Do you have a favorite story, scripture, or picture you would like to share with your church friends? Please tell Marion Knight, 860-742-9420. The Lamplighter is being published to keep everyone informed about what is happening in our church. It can also be a place where you can let off steam or make us laugh.

NEWS FROM OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation for its support in 2024. We are looking for new projects for the upcoming year and would love to hear from all of you. If you have a suggestion, please share it with any of us on the Ad Council and we will check it out. There is a need in our community, let us see if we can meet that.

Ad Council:

Pastor Marti, Maria Genca, Marion Knight, Dorothy Larson, Ed and Laurie Parsons, Alexander Peterson, Pam Schipani and Dorothy Tuthill.

A LITTLE CHURCH HUMOR!

It was Palm Sunday and because of a sore throat, five-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. The boy asked what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," "Wouldn't you know it," The boy fumed, "The one Sunday I don't go, He shows up!"

