



DECEMBER

NEWSLETTER



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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.

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 me (marthabaskerville3@gmail.com) your email address and I will be glad to send it to you. They usually go out on Tuesdays.

SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

December 1st Advent Begins

December 2nd 6:30 pm Ad Council – All Welcome

December 14th 9:00 am Women's Breakfast, Bring a guest!

December 24th 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

December 28th 8:00 am Men's Breakfast

January 6th 6:30 pm Ad Council All welcome

February 3rd 6:30 pm Ad Council All welcome

March 3rd 6:30 pm Ad Council All welcome

OUR MISSION:

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

Shalom to all my sisters and brothers in Christ,

Sunday is the first week of Advent. We will be celebrating the four weeks of Advent and you won't want to miss one week. Advent is both a time of thanks for the gift of Christ to us in past time and a time of anticipation of his second coming. Our hymns during Advent reflect the joy of Christ coming and the story of his arrival. Each week we be celebrating joy, hope peace and love in special ways. There will be a special service on December 22 with lots of singing, laughter and praise. Our guests specifically asked me if they could come to our church to share their music with us. They have been very moved by the feelings they have when they came onto the grounds and into our church for our Tag Sale. They were so moved they felt a strong need to come and share their music with us. Come and hear their story of how the Lord touched their hearts through our little church. They will be coming on Dec. 22 so I hope you all will not miss a minute of this wonderful morning of joyful praise to the Lord through music and song.

We will be having a Christmas Eve service at 6:30 that will have a few twists and turns throughout the service. This will be a night of God inspired spirit and familiarity. However, tradition will be honored as we will end our service with the candle lighting and closing hymn.

For many, this is a very difficult time of year so I pray that not only will you join us on these weeks to find peace but seek out and bring a friend or family member with you so they too may find solace in the season.

Spend time during Advent remembering God's promises of hope, love, joy and peace that we have through Jesus Christ. Grace is here. Grace came down, in the form of a baby, not only to Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, but to you and me.

John 1:4 "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

Grace and peace to you all this season of Advent!

Pastor Marti



MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK

The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, DECEMBER 3, 17 & 31 from

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 help pass out the food, volunteers always welcome.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Connor Jeffers | 1 | Maria Genca | 8 |
| Nick Corcoran | 9 | Colin Hoar | 9 |
| Courtney Hall | 9 | Scarlett Cummings-Parsons | 14 |
| Ken Boland | 15 | Pam Shipani | 27 |
| Craig Coombes | 29 | | |

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BOLTON'S NEW ROOF FUNDRAISER



Pampered Chef kitchen products are excellent quality and make great birthday, anniversary, housewarming, wedding or Christmas gifts!

ORDER DEADLINE: 12/12/24

Link below:

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/tammyriley101>

Share with the link with friends and family!!

Questions?

Pampered Chef consultant

Susan Mazur

Call or text 860-371-4195



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/meet/9386222034410?p=RhAx960ePWutcVnEuN&eventType=Community>

NEW CHURH DIRECTORY

A new church directory has been created. Copies can be found in the parlor for your use.

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 those recovering from recent illness, those who are homebound and their caregivers: Carol Flemke, Gilman Reed, Lanie Bickford, Taylor Schipani, JoAnn Mayo, Kerri Renner, Chris Olson, and Frank Gilnack . Special prayers for Pastor Marti and her daughters Terri and Tori.

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 1st

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thess 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

December 8th

Malchi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Phil 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

December 15th

Zeph 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

December 22nd

Micah 5:2-5; Luke 46-55; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:-55

December 24th Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

December 25th Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1-12; Luke 2:1-20

December 29th

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

SUNDAY SCHOOL FLOURISHES

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



JUST A THOUGHT: *If God is your Co-Pilot, Swap seats!*

What's Happening at BUMC

WOMEN'S Breakfast December 14th at 9:00 a.m. Good food and good conversation. Bring a friend, neighbor or stranger. All are welcome.

The MEN'S Breakfast will be December 28th, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. to ...? All men are invited so bring a friend, neighbor or son. Great food and conversation!

NEWS FROM OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee needs your HELP! When you are making out your Christmas cards this year, please take the time to send one to those who are unable to come to church or cannot come frequently. Here are a couple of suggestions:

**Frank Gilnack
c/o Mansfield Center Rehab
100 Warren Circle
Storrs, CT 06268**

**JoAnn Mayo
Riverside Health & Rehab Ctr.
745 Main Street, Rm #355
East Hartford, CT 06108**

**Irene Bavier
33 Sunset Ridge Road
Stafford Springs, CT 06076**

We appreciate your help.

