



## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



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## **CALENDAR**

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 -9:45 a.m.

Holy Communion is the first Sunday of the month.

Food Collection for MACC First Sunday of each month.

Praise the Lord! UMCB 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 UMCB. TEAMS at <https://teams.live.com/join/9386222034410?p=RhAx960ePWutcVnEuN&eventType=Community>

If you would like to receive the bulletin and insert to follow along the Sunday service on TEAMS, just email Paster Marti ([marthabaskerville3@gmail.com](mailto: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**

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| <b>December 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00</b>     | <b>Woman's breakfast</b>   |
| <b>December 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm</b> | Memorial Service for Barry Giroux a long-time member of our church. Barry passed away on November 14 <sup>th</sup> . |
| <b>December 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am</b>  | Sing-Along church service – All welcome  |
| <b>December 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm</b>  | Christmas Eve Service – All welcome  |
| <b>December 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am</b>  | Men's breakfast  |
| <b>January 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm</b>    | Ad Council – All welcome   |
| <b>January 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am</b>   | Woman's Breakfast  |

## **PASTORS CORNER**

Today, as I reflect on the weeks passed, I am in awe of God's gifts to us. We were blessed to have a veteran among us who shared with us his experiences in the armed services. His spirituality and his conviction to be a kind man were expressed so eloquently. Thank you to Alexander Peterson for reminding us how important it is to celebrate our veterans.

Our workday, Nov. 15th was very productive in preparation for hosting the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service.

There were about 100 people in attendance at this service, with the choirs leading our music that filled every inch of the sanctuary. Thank you to all who were part of the service. It was even suggested that because this one was such a success, we have another one in the spring, entitled "Renewal".

Advent is upon us beginning on Sunday, Nov. 30. We have a busy schedule for our Christmas season and I pray that you will be joining us for worship, singing, prayer and fun.

December 2 begins our 4 week Advent Bible Study and will continue each Tuesday evening through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be hybrid. Come to the church by 6:00 for a potluck dinner and then upstairs for study with Pastor Tara Krantz, Mansfield UMC and Rockville UMC. It will be an event you won't want to miss.

Dec. 21 is a Christmas sing-a-long with Kat Madrak and special guest. If you came last year you already know that this is one of the most uplifting and fun services we have all year in our sanctuary.

Dec. 24 at 6:30 is our candlelight Christmas service.

Matthew 24: 44; "Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect." One way to prepare is through worshiping the Lord in so many ways.

Worshiping can mean prayer. In your prayers this season, remember that you are not alone, Worshiping can mean giving. In your giving this season, remember that with all you give you receive in threefold. Worshiping can mean sharing. Sharing with and in your lives is the most fulfilling way to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord this season.

Hope to be able to share it with each and every one of you.

**Pastor Marti Baskerville**



### **Scripture Readings for September**

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**: Second Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalms 72: 1-7, 18-19; Romans 15: 4-13, Matthew 3: 1-12

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**: Third Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 35: 1-10; Luke 1: 46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalms 80:1-7,17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1: 18-25

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**: **Christmas Eve**: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalms 96, Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2: 1-14, (15-20)

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**: Christmas Day: Isaiah 52:2-7; Psalms 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

**Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>**: First Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 63: 7-9; Psalms 148; Hebrews 2:10-18, Matthew 2: 13-23



**MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK** The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, December 2nd, 16th and 30th 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 are always welcome.



Connor Jeffers 1  
Maria Genca 8  
Nick Corcoran 9  
Colin Hoar 9  
Courtney Hall 9

Scarlett Cummings-Parsons 14  
Ken Boland 15  
Pam Schipani 27  
Craig Coombes 29

## **NEWS FROM OUTREACH**

This year we are teaming up with the other churches in town to provide meals and gifts for Christmas.

We received gift tags from the town, and we've put them on the door to the Narthex. There are still several left to choose from. We are also collecting nonperishable food to be used for the Christmas dinner baskets. Please help us give our neighbors a good holiday.

Thank you to all who have shared their love and faith through this giving opportunity.

## **Ad Council Minutes**

Ad Council

10/6/2025

Attendance: Dorothy Larson, Marion Knight, Pastor Tara, Marti Baskerville, Ed Parsons, and Laurie Parsons

Minutes from September meeting presented. Marion made a motion to accept minutes, Ed seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report presented. Laurie reported that we received the additional property tax bill for the parsonage and it was \$200.00.

Trustees report from Marion showed Morgan Stanley as of 9/30 at \$14,900.58 and Doris Wells as of 6/30 at \$14,419.74. Interest on Morgan Stanley has been \$383 so far this year.

Mt. Zion had to be explained to that exits cannot be blocked. The Saturday night group is coming back on the first Saturday of the month. We need to discuss storage with them and redo the lease. After deciding changes needed to lease Laurie volunteered to retype the lease.

Julianna will be playing while Carol is out. We will not financially be able to pay Carol while she's out.

Marion made a motion that we take \$2000 from the bequest we received and put it to the credit line, Dorothy seconded, motion passed.

This year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held here on Tuesday, November 25. Marti will be preaching.

A work day has been scheduled on November 15 from 9 to 12.

Dorothy made a motion to adjourn, Marion seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22

## **OUR PRAYER LIST**

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



**Pray** for those with illness as they struggle to mend, Ashley Parsons, Taylor Schipani, Carol Franklin, Yaa Asante, Debbie, Janet, and Jenn.

**Pray** for Frank Gilnack.

**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. Especially families of Joanne Mayo and Barry Giroux who have recently passed on.

**Pray** for those recovering from recent illnesses, those who are home bound, their caregivers and those who are living away from their families.

**Pray** for the wisdom of peace, harmony, love and kindness to be in the hearts of our leaders, 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.

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

**AMEN**



Community churches choir members 2025 Ecumenical Service

### **ADD TO THE LAMPLIGHTER**

Do you have a favorite story, scripture, or picture you would like to share with your church friends? Please email Pam Schipani, pschipan@aol.com. The Lamplighter is 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.

### **SUNDAY SERVICES VIA TEAMS**

If you are unable to attend church in person, please join us using Technology. Tap on the link below or paste it in a browser to join. Service begins at 9:00am on Sundays.

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



## **Turkey Dinner with Fixings**

**Where: United Methodist Church of Bolton**

**1041 Boston Turnpike**

**Bolton CT**

**When: Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 4:30-6pm**

**Donation:**

**\$17 for Adults**

**\$15 for Seniors**

**\$8 for Children 6-12**

**Free for Children Under 5**