



## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

God Is Love



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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/meet/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 Pastor 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**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm** Ad Council -All Welcome

**February 14<sup>th</sup> 9 am** Women's breakfast

**February 28<sup>th</sup> 8 am** Men's breakfast

**March 9th to 30<sup>th</sup>** Lenten Bible Study - Time to be announced

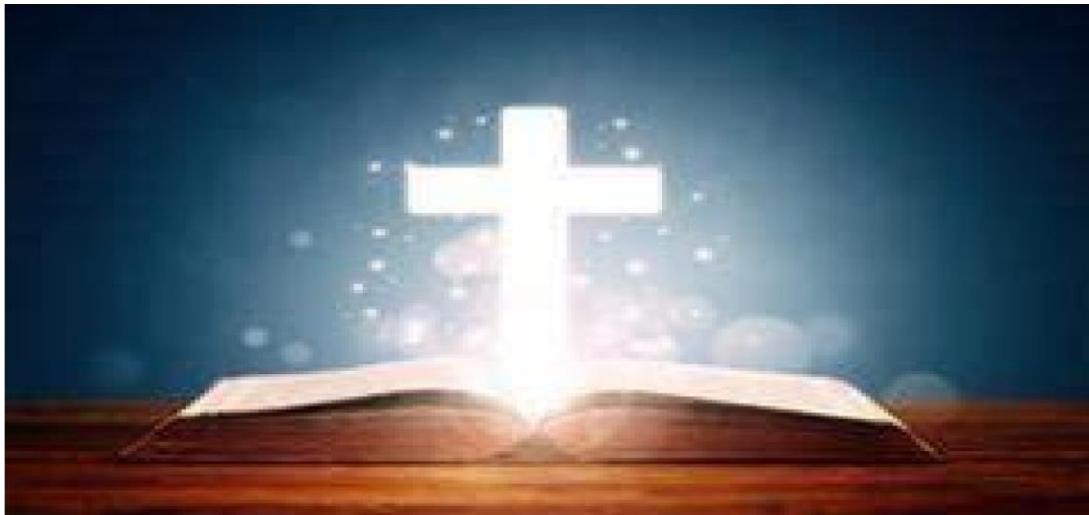
## PASTOR'S CORNER

**Corinthians 1: 30-31; “He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; therefore, as it is written “Let him who boast, boast of the Lord.”**

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if everyone could switch their rhetoric from derogatory thoughts, words and deeds, coming only from darkness, to boasting of the Lord and his work through us as seen in the light? I guess that is what heaven is going to be like. But we have work to do here on earth before our time in heaven can begin. Thanksgiving came late and then all of a sudden Christmas was upon us. It seemed like we got cheated out of our full Christmas season and I don’t want to feel like that for Easter. The Easter season is very early this year with Ash Wednesday beginning the season on February 18th. Palm Sunday is on March 29, and Easter will be on April 5th. Now, I mention these dates because they will be here before you know it and you won’t be ready if you don’t start to prepare this month. With everything happening in the world and now the winter weather has kicked in to give us a wakeup call, it is time, today, to really look at where this new year is going to take you and how you will go? February is usually the coldest month of the year. As Christians, we can take advantage of this. There are so many charities that need your help. From donating hats, mittens, coats and socks to the homeless, monetary and goods donated to soup kitchens and shelters, making sure your elderly neighbors feel safe and secure and most importantly you are taking care of your wellbeing be it mentally, physically and spiritually. God had a plan for each of us when he created us and it takes a lot of work to carry out his plans. If we aren’t taking care of ourselves, we will not have the strength to follow through with his plan. Therefore, let this month be a time of finding clarity for your life’s mission and focus on the rhetoric you are sharing. Boast of the Lord through your acts of kindness to others and to yourself.

Peace and harmony,

Pastor Marti



### **Scripture Readings for February**

**FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>** (4th Sunday after the Epiphany) Micah 6:1-8; Psalms 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

**FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>** (5th Sunday after the Epiphany; Scouting Sunday) Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalms 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

**FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>** (Transfiguration Sunday) Exodus 24:12-18; Psalms 2 or Psalms 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

**FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>** (Ash Wednesday) Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalms 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>** (First Sunday in Lent) Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalms 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11



**MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK** The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, February 10<sup>th</sup> and 24th 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.



Khloe Reed 1

Abigail Peterson 24

Chris Olson 2

Anthony Flemke, Jr. 26

Marti Baskerville 5

Natalie Flemke 26

E. J. Parsons 17

Katie Corcoran 29

Dorothy Larson 19

## **Ad Council Minutes 11/10/25**

Attendance: Maria Genca, Marti Baskerville, Ed Parsons, Laurie Parsons, Dorothy Larson, Marion Knight, Dorothy Tuthill, Pam Schipani, and Pastor Tara.

Minutes from previous meeting were presented. Dorothy Tuthill made a motion to accept, Maria seconded, motion passed.

Treasurers report was received. Maria made a motion to apply \$1737 from dinner towards credit line, Pam seconded, motion passed. Discussion was held on taking the additional \$300 from Mt. Zion's rent and putting in the savings account for church maintenance. Dorothy Tuthill made a motion to do this, Maria seconded, motion passed.

Marion reported for trustees on the endowment. Morgan Stanley \$15,078.91 and Doris Wells is \$15,103.61 for a total of \$30,182.52.

Mt. Zion has signed the new lease. They need more storage space. Ed has been working on this and feels he needs some shelving units to fix the issue. He was given the go ahead.

The DS advised that if we send them our event flyers they will share with other churches in our district. We talked about having a work day to get the church in shape for the holidays.

Ed advised that there have been water issues with parsonage/Epworth. It is expected that we will need to replace the pump. Marion made a motion to pursue and get it fixed, Maria seconded, motion passed. Ed has spoken with Ted about the electrical issues and was pursuing getting it fixed.

Marti advised that Pastor Tara is running an Advent Bible study. We will be able to participate via Zoom. The book she is using is The Unlikely Advent by Rachael Billups.

Dorothy Larson made a motion to adjourn, Pam seconded. Motion passed

Ad Council Members: Pastor Marti, Maria Genca, Marion Knight, Dorothy Larson, Ed and Laurie Parsons, Alexander Peterson, Pam Schipani and Dorothy Tuthill

# **The Bolton Food Pantry Needs Your Help!**

## Suggestions:

Cereal, Oatmeal  
Pasta, Sauce  
Rice, Potatoes  
Tuna, Canned Meat  
Canned Fruit, Applesauce  
Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup, BBQ Sauce  
Salad Dressing, Syrup  
Peanut Butter, Jelly  
Baking Mixes, Oil  
Crackers, Snacks  
Coffee, Tea, Juice  
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues, Napkins  
Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Hand Soap  
Garbage Bags, Kitchen Bags, Foil, Plastic Wrap  
Cleaning Supplies, Sponges  
Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Toothpaste

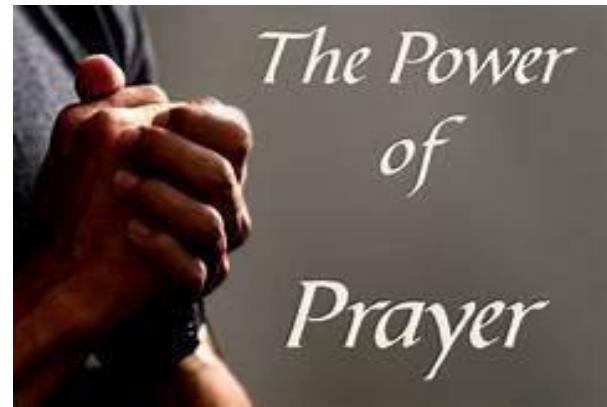
## **Drop off at the Bolton Senior Center**

**Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Thank You!**

## 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**

### **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>