



JANUARY 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! UMBC 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) your email address and she will be glad to send it to you. These go out on Tuesdays.

SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

January 5th 6:30 pm Ad Council -all welcome

January 10th 9:00 am Woman's Breakfast

PASTOR'S CORNER

John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of father’s only son, full of grace and truth.”

Jesus is the reason for the season. Jesus and only Jesus. Not monetary donations/gifts, the biggest turkey on the table, the best Christmas outfits or not even whose house is decorated the best. It is Jesus. The season crept up on us and by the time you get this it will all be over. Nope!!!! Jesus will be there with you, for you, each and every day of the New Year.

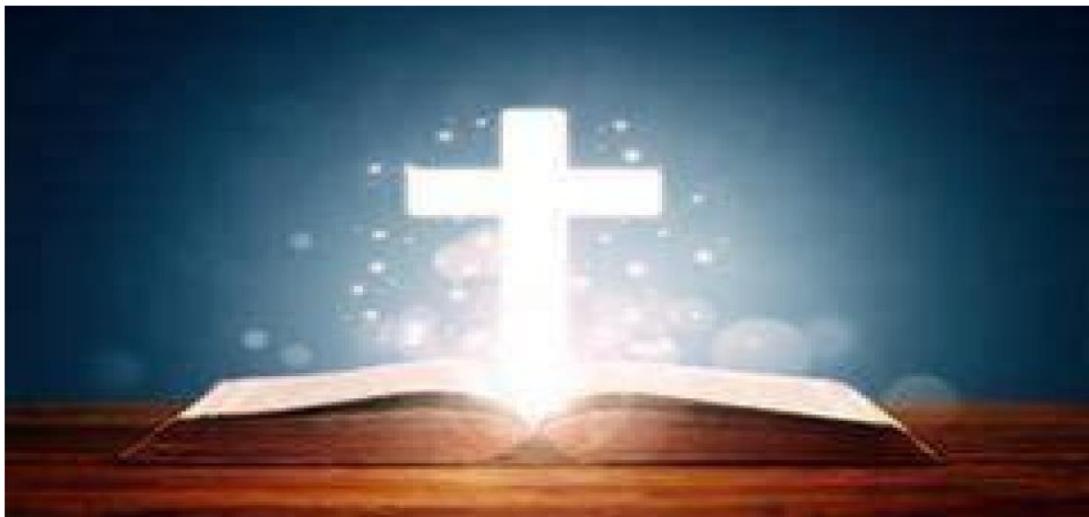
New beginnings! My prayer for the Christmas season and the New Year is that each and every one of you who is reading this message will have your cup filled with the blessings of God, grace, love, hope, peace. I ask you to meditate on how God wants you to use these gifts in the days to come for it is so much greater a gift to be able to give than to receive.

BUMC has been very busy in the last couple of months hosting receptions, singalongs and services. Now, it is time to change our focus. With your help, my goal for the coming months is to find ways to reach out to the community and bring them through our doors. While we have had some packed services, the pews on Sunday morning leave a lot of room for more. I know that our little church on the corner is destined for greatness once again. Let us all join together in the next few months, brainstorming ways to get that to happen. I have been told so many times that the feeling people get when they come through the doors is of warmth and love. The trick is, to get them into our space so God can work his magic on them. God is here and he will always be here to lend a helping hand, but we have to do the work. Won’t you take a few minutes to ask God what part you will play in this transformation?

We are witnesses to how God works in our lives. It was told to us through the Christmas story of how God gave his only son for us to learn, live and imitate through our lives. Let us prove to be worthy of God’s blessings on us.

“When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.” – *Psalm 94:19*

Pastor Marti



Scripture Readings for January

January 4th | Epiphany Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalms 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18

January 11th | Baptism of the Lord; Human Trafficking Awareness Day

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalms 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

January 18th | 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany; Human Relations Day

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalms 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

January 25th | 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany; Ecumenical Sunday

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalms 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23



MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, January 13th and 27th 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.



Mark Giroux 1

Deb Gilnack 4

Teri Mitchell 6

Tina Corcoran 8

Kathy Giroux 10

Jen Hoar Nichols 27

Tia Olson 28

NEWS FROM OUTREACH

A big thank you to everyone who participated in giving gifts to those in need. We will be participating at Easter in providing meals for these same people.

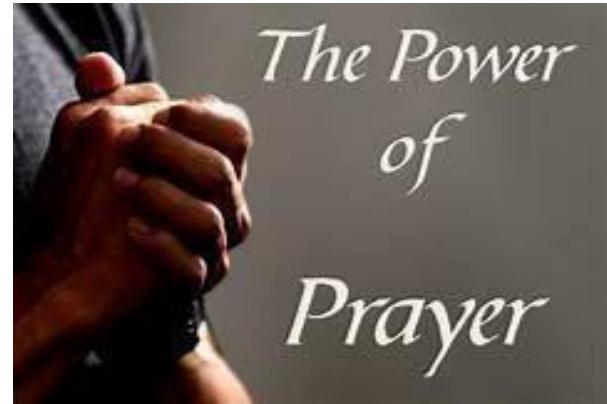
If you have any ideas for projects for the upcoming year, please let one of us know.

Ad Council: No minutes from November as there was not a meeting.

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

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



Our beautiful Christmas season sanctuary

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.

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