



## **MARCH 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/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**

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

**March 9<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>** .Classes will be on Mondays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30. Come to the church at 6:30 and we will be exploring our "Identity in Christ." Classes will also be available on TEAMS using the same address as our Sunday services.

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

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

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Bonjour and welcome to the Lenton season. I know this season comes very early this year but it's a great way to start the year. As I am writing this, I am listening to the wind rush by my window, sounding like a train going by and the snow gently tapping on my window as if to say, "Open your curtains and see what mother nature is up to now." Here in New England, our weather keeps us on our toes, always changing, never staying the same for long.

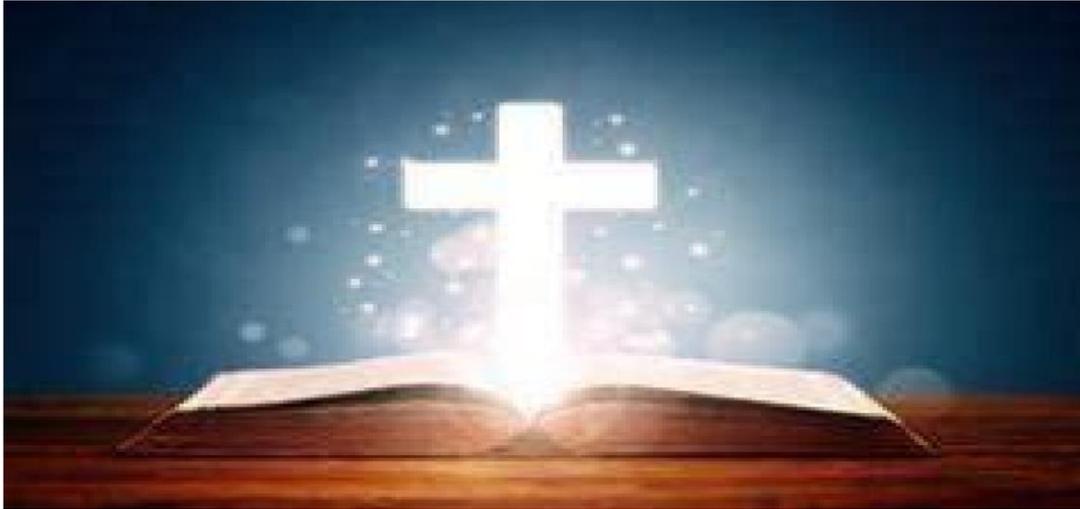
God likes it that way. He doesn't want us to sit around on our laurels and do nothing. He wants us to mingle, to share the good news, to perform acts of kindness for others and most of all, to be mindful of his will for our lives. That is what Lent is all about. Taking inventory of ourselves. Really looking at our lives. Surveying where our strong services lie and where we need some work.

Psalm 121: 7 says, "The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life." Lent is a time for growing, evangelism, and true conversion. We are to be signs of God's kingdom in this world. This world, which is so chaotic at the moment and yet, if you look close, God is there. Lent is a time of giving up, however not giving up your life to evil. Rather, give up the behaviors, attitudes and actions that are blinding you from God's will for your life. Banish any fear, apprehension or denial that you may have and open your life to the sunshine of God's love. Let God come in full force and take over your life. Lent is a time to cultivate a life of repentance, self-examining and devotion and will jumpstart a new trend in your life for you to carry as a normal daily routine not just for a short period of time but for the rest of your life. We are having a Lenton Bible Study in March, and I hope to see you all there. Classes will be on Mondays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30. Come to the church at 6:30 and we will be exploring our "Identity in Christ." Classes will also be available on TEAMS using the same address as our Sunday services.

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You may learn some things about yourself that you haven't recognized yet and hopefully by the end of the classes, you will have a closer relationship with God.

Peace and harmony in your life,  
Pastor Marti



### **Scripture Readings for March**

**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>** (2nd Sunday in Lent) Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalms 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17;  
John 3:1-17

**MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>** (3rd Sunday in Lent) Exodus 17:1-7; Psalms 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

**MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>** (4th Sunday in Lent); 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalms 23; Ephesians 5:8-14;  
John 9:1-41

**MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>** (5th Sunday in Lent (Purple) Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalms 130; Romans 8:6-11;  
John 11:1-45

**MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>** (Palm/Passion Sunday Palm Sunday Liturgy: Matthew 21:1-11; Psalms 118:1-2,  
19-29; Passion Liturgy: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalms 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27  
or 27:11-54

**MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>** (Monday of Holy Week) Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalms 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John  
12:1-11



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



Nathan Hoar 2  
Sandy Kean 3  
Jennifer Ostrout 10  
Julianna Larson 15  
Marion Knight 16

Frank Gilnack 21  
Athena Maselak 23  
Jamie Corcoran 26  
April Morel 29  
Andrew Reed 31

## **Ad Council Minutes 1/12/26**

Attendance: Dorothy Larson, Maria Genca, Marion Knight, Ed Parsons, Pastor Tara, Laurie Parsons

Minutes were presented. Marion made a motion to accept, Maria seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's report was presented. Laurie asked that a motion be made to transfer \$5,300.00 from parsonage maintenance account to cover expenses incurred there recently. Maria made a motion, Marion seconded, and the motion passed.

Marion reported at Andy was not here this past Sunday, so she did the deposit. Has not received the information on the endowments as of this time.

Dorothy Larson and Dorothy Tuthill will be joining SPRC. Pastor Tara made sure we were aware that this is the only closed meeting.

We discussed the mou for 2026. A motion was made by Maria and seconded by Marion to accept this. Motion passed.

Tara advised that her Lenten study would be on "The Way" by Adam Hamilton.

Pastor's report was submitted by print as Marti was sick with flu.

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

### **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.

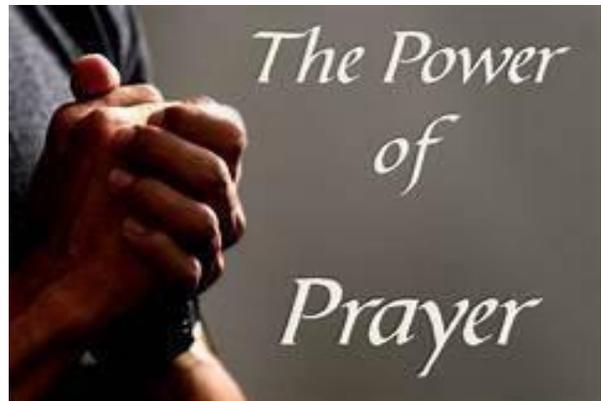
### **SUNDAY SERVICES VIA TEAMS**

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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## 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**



# MACC Minutes

Our Community E-Newsletter

February 2026

## FEBRUARY WITH MACC CHARITIES

February has arrived with freezing temperatures and challenging conditions, making the most difficult season even harder for many families in our community. When it gets to be this cold out, our need for support becomes greater than ever. MACC Charities remains committed to doing all that we can do to help provide support to those who need it. Our Community Kitchen with meals even when everything else is shut down, Community Threads providing winter clothes for those who don't have any, our emergency pantry providing food for families are all services we strive to provide with high quality for Manchester and surrounding areas.

We are so deeply grateful for every single community member and organization that helps us provide for those during these tough months. You make this work possible. To learn how you can make an impact check below for our volunteer needs.

## LAST CHANCE FOR SOUPER BOWL



Our Souper Bowl of Caring is still running until February 7<sup>th</sup> at 12PM. We are collecting all canned soups, this is your last chance to donate for Souper Bowl! Help make a difference in the community and contribute to our giant bowl of soup. Click [Here](#) for more information and see down below for more info.

## VALENTINE'S DAY SALE AT THRIFT



Community Threads Thrift Shoppe will be having a sale running from the 9<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> at 50% off for winter clothing (Excluding baby clothes up to 18 months and jewelry)! 18 days of sale for our community, make sure you stop by to find something cute for yourself or a loved one!