



MAY NEWSLETTER



**United Methodist Church of Bolton
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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) your email address and she will be glad to send it to you. These go out on Tuesdays.

SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

May 2nd 4:30 to 6:00 pm	Spring dinner
May 4th 6:30 pm	Ad Council – All Welcome
May 9th 9:00 am	Women’s Breakfast
May 30th 8:00 am	Men’s Breakfast
May 30th 9:00 am -1:00 pm	Tag Sale
June 1st 6:30 pm	Ad Council – All Welcome
June 13th 9:00 am	Women’s breakfast
June 27th 8:00 am	Men’s breakfast

PASTOR'S CORNER

Proverbs 4:18 “But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.”

When I first read this passage, I thought of our church. It reminded me of the comments we hear so many times when we have our tag sales and our special dinners. People are drawn to our little church and maybe because the light of the church burns so brightly, they can always find their way back. The bright light warms their hearts and burns in their minds that our church is a spiritually safe space for all to become renewed and refreshed.

April showers have come to a close and May flowers are beginning to burst with color and aromas. April also brought us a new way of thinking about our church and what is to come. Cooperative Parish: A new wave of spiritual living. So many small churches around the world, like ours, are becoming unsustainable and so sink to their demise of closing. Today, our Bishop has created a new vision. Collaboratively, small churches will come together to form a large worship community; giving each other the resources each needs to survive and prayerfully grow. We are part of this movement. Our pilot program is for 8 weeks, April 26-May 31. Each week we will meet at a designated church for a Bible study lead by pastors of 3 of the churches. On the 8th week, we will collectively meet for a worship service on Sunday morning hosted by the Rockville Methodist Church. This will give us a chance to meet and greet new and old friends in worship. I see this as a new beginning for all of us and hope that you will join us.

May 2 we will be hosting another of our famous dinners. This opportunity gives us a chance to show the community just what we are all about.

May 10th is Mother's Day. We will be honoring our moms in special ways.

May 17th I will be meeting with Bishop Bickerton. We are looking forward to filling him in on the activities of our little church.

May 30 also will bring our Tag, Bake, Plant, Bean sale. This is such a longstanding tradition and brings our sisters and brothers from all over our community.

I am sending you all a personal invitation to come and be part of our community of faith.

Travel the path of righteousness which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

Prayerfully,
Pastor Marti



Scripture Readings for May

MAY 3 - Proverbs 4:10-18; Psalms 119:9-32; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

MAY 10 - Mother's Day; Festival of the Christian Home: Ezekiel 34:1-7; Psalms 115;
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

MAY 14 - Ascension of the Lord: Daniel 7:9-14; Psalms 24:7-10; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Luke 24:44-53

MAY 17 - Ascension Sunday: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalms 21:1-7; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11;
John 17:1-11

MAY 24 - Pentecost; Heritage Sunday; Aldersgate Day: Numbers 11:24-30; Psalms
104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

MAY 31 - Trinity Sunday; Peace with Justice Sunday: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalms 8;
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-2



MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, May 5th and 19th 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.



Harper Marshall 2
Kris Flemke-Boland 3
Debbie Schaffer 15
Denise Angell 15

Christopher Olson 18
Kelly Corcoran 19
Valerie Parsons 28

Ad Council Minutes 2/2/2026

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

- Minutes presented from previous meeting and reviewed. Maria made a motion to accept. Dorothy Larson seconded, motion passed.
- Treasurers report was presented. Laurie advised Dorothy Larson that she needed to sign the form from UMFNE to be added to Parsonage Maintenance account.
- Dishwasher at parsonage is back working.
- It was decided to have a spring dinner on May 2. Dorothy Larson and Maria will chair.
- Discussion was held on having a tag sale. Marion has agreed to chair the event.
- Plow truck is running again as of now. Waiting for it to come back from garage.
- Pastor's report:
 - There will be a Lenten Bible study starting on Monday, March 9th at 6:30 and run for 4 weeks. The theme is Your Identity in Christ.
 - Ash Wednesday is February 18th and Palm Sunday is March 29th.
- Pastor Tara reminded us that our statistical report is due no later than February 14th.
- Maria made a motion to adjourn, Dorothy Tuthill seconded, 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.

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

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

PLANT, TAG & BAKE

SALE

MAY 30, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1041 BOSTON TNPk., BOLTON, CT

RAIN OR SHINE



Community Event:

Coventry Farmers Market

Sundays, May 31 - October 25, 2026

10am – 1pm

Nathan Hale Homestead

2299 South Street, Coventry

Weekly Themes

May 31 – Opening Day: May the Fresh Be with You

June 7 – Gardening: Connect and Cultivate

June 14 – Berry Jubilee

June 21 – BBQ and Libations

June 28 – Charcuterie 101

July 5 – Sweet Treats & Sourdough

July 12 – Wellness Market

July 10 – Youth Market

July 26 – Spice up Your Summer

August 2 – Celebrating Coventry

August 9 – MEAT M2 at the Market

August 16 - Annual Corn Roast

August 23 – Fiber and Potters Market

August 30 – Savor n’ Sip Sunday

September 6 – Dog Days

September 13 – The Buzz About Honey

Remaining Themes will be added to the Lamplighter in June