



OCTOBER 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/join/9386222034410?p=RhAx960ePWutCvN&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) your email address and she will be glad to send it to you. These go out on Tuesdays.

SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

October 5th 2-4 Annual Charge Conference, Held at Rockville UMC, ALL WELCOME

October 6th 6:30 Ad Council meeting - ALL WELCOME

October 11th 9:00 Women's Breakfast

October 25th 8:00 Men's Breakfast

November 8th 4:30-6 Turkey Dinner

PASTORS CORNER

September was an extra special month for our church. We had a baptism for the first time in several years. Our coordinating pastor, Pastor Tara Krantz and I performed a very moving service. We invited all the congregation to join in the celebration of baptism by putting their hand in a bowl of water and taking a small blue stone at the bottom of the bowl. The water was in remembrance of God washing away our sins and the stone was a reminder of how steadfast God's love is for us all through our lives. We had a wonderful celebration downstairs in Skinner Hall following the service with food, conversation and hugs of celebration. What a way to begin our new season.

A new season brings changes, holidays and good cheer. For many, the change in the season brings on anxiety, fear and uncertainty. So many of our sisters and brothers are in dire need of just the basics of life, food, water, shelter, clothing and love. Recently, it was brought to my attention, the rising number of our community that get food from the Food Share truck and the Bolton Food Pantry. Our pantries are running bare from the need of so many over the summer months when the children were home and needed three meals a day. So, when you go to the store, buy one extra and donate it to the food pantry. We continue to have a basket in the narthex for collections that will be delivered to Bolton Food Pantry, on a monthly basis. Please pray for our sisters and brothers this season. Ask that God will shine his light down on all of them as he did on our church last week during our baptismal service.

Pastor Marti Baskerville



A beautiful Baptism, September 14, 2025



Scripture Readings for September

Oct. 5th: Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalms 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Oct. 12th: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalms 66:1-12; Timothy 1:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Oct. 19th: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalms 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18: 1-8

Oct. 26th: Joel 2:23-32; Psalms 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14



MOBILE FOODSHARE TRUCK The Mobil Foodshare Truck will be at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpke. Bolton, SEPTEMBER 9 & 23 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.



Justin Downes 1
Alyssa Renner 3
Clayton Edberg 4
Carolyn Flemke 6
Mary Perron 6
Cora Michaels 7
Audrey Reinholdt 8
Keela Parsons 9

Terri Olson 17
Tori Bolduc 17
Kenny Boland, Jr. 18
Chris Knight 26
Terry Veo 26
Ali Schipani 30

NEWS FROM OUTREACH

This year we are once again doing baskets for the holidays for local families. We will have the information in next month's Lamplighter so be one the lookout.

The annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held on November 25th at 7 p.m. We are hosting this year with Pastor Marti preaching. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for the Bolton food pantry. There will also be a free-will collection to benefit Bolton Scholarship Fund. Please mark on your calendar!

Ad Council Minutes

August 11, 2025

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

Minutes were presented from July meeting. Pastor Tara noted an error on the vote for Marti continuing. It was a majority vote, not a unanimous vote. Maria made a motion to approve with correction. Dorothy Larson seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was accepted. Discussion was held on expenses, and it was decided to call Wyman about doing a budget plan. Laurie will call and get back to everyone.

Marion provided the updated endowment figures for trustees. Morgan Stanley is \$14,861.12 and Doris Wells fund is \$14,419.74. Endowment total is \$29,280.86. Discussion was held on the interest in the Doris Wells fund. Pam made a motion to leave it there due the increase in our insurance deductible to \$5000. Dorothy Tuthill second, motion passed.

Ed reported that the electrician had come in and taken care of the few issues we had. Also the inspector came back to inspect the boiler which had failed due to expansion tank. All is fine now and we are awaiting boiler certificate. We are due for our annual water inspection and it has been set up.

Marti wants to put together a package for the kids because school is starting. Pam offered to get the small bibles for their backpacks. Laurie offered to buy school supplies.

There will be a baptism on September 14th at 2:00 pm for Jacob. Regular 9 am service will be cancelled that day. Dorothy Tuthill offered to provide the cake for afterwards.

Alexander will be the speaker on August 31. Millie Victor will be preaching on October 12th and Deb Grimm in November.

Marti will train with Alexander. Jacob will also attend a training session and Marti will join him.

Discussion was held about the tag sale. It was agreed that there had to be someone to spearhead the event. It would be announced in church and the Lamplighter to see if someone will volunteer. If it is a go, we will give people more time to drop off goods; it will go in nursery and Terry will teach in Skinner Hall.

The turkey dinner will be on November 8th from 4:30 – 6. Maria and Dorothy Larson are in charge of this event. Marti asked us to send flyers to Wanda so she can forward to other churches.

The topic of Mt. Zion came up and it was determined that we do not have a certificate of insurance from them. It was decided that we would revisit lease. Laurie will send everyone a copy of it.

Maria made a motion to adjourn, Dorothy Tuthill seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45

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, Debbie, Janet, and Jenn.

Pray for Frank Gilnack and Joann Mayo.

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.

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

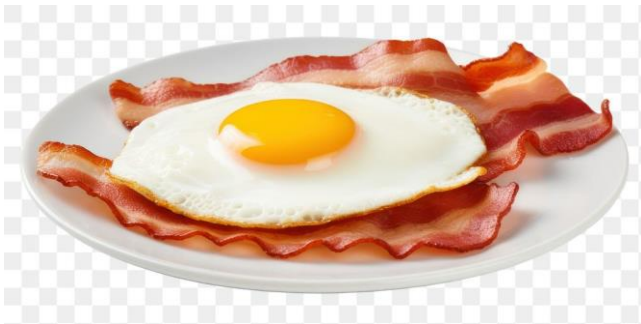
What's Happening at UMCB

Annual Charge Conference, Held at Rockville UMC, October 5th 2-4 All welcome

Ad Council meeting, October 6th 6:30 All welcome

November 8th 4:30-6 Turkey Dinner

MONTHLY BREAKFASTS



Women's Monthly Breakfast Gathering: October 11th 9:00

Men's Monthly Breakfast: October 25th at 8:00 AM

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/join/9386222034410?p=RhAx960ePWutcVnEuN&eventType=Community>