



Welcome to the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church. We gather each week to praise God and celebrate God's presence in our lives before we begin a new week. We seek to support one another in prayer, and to challenge one another to grow in our faith and to live as God's people wherever we go and in whatever we do.

**Nursery care** for both infants and toddlers is available during the service every Sunday following **A Time for the Child in All of Us**. The nursery is located downstairs to the left of the stairway

**Sunday School:** We offer programs for preschool through high school. Preschool, Grades K & 1, and Grades 2 & 3 meet downstairs, below the sanctuary. Grades 4 & 5 meet in the Activity Room, below Faith Hall and the middle school class meets in Faith Hall. Please watch for announcements regarding meeting times and locations for high school. All classes begin following **A Time for the Child in All of Us**. Visitors are welcome any time.

**Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

*Email:* BVUMC@blackstonevalleyumc.org  
*Website:* www.blackstonevalleyumc.org  
*Mailing address:* PO Box 55, Whitinsville, MA 01588

*Pastors Sabbath Day: During Advent, Monday*  
*Pastors Office Hours: Wednesday – Friday, 10:00 -1:00 or by appointment*

**STEWARDSHIP OF OUR FINANCES AND PRESENCE**

December 4, 2011  
 Worship Attendance: 95  
 Offering: \$2,714.10  
 Year-to-Date: 192,627.17  
 Current Mortgage Debt: 162,656.69

**BVUMC Prayer List**

Peg Hanny Ellie Lloyd Joyce Gallagher  
 Doug Farley Leeda Phoenix

Anita Lombardo (mom of Robert Lombardo)  
 Dorothy Wheat (step-mom of Dixi Talke)

Our "At Home" members and friends

**STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP**

<b>Ministers</b>	<b><i>The Entire Congregation</i></b>
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Michele Ewers Parsonage: 508-234-2243 Office: 508-234-2275 pastor@blackstonevalleyumc.org
<i>E-mail</i>	
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Jacqueline True
<i>Music Ministry</i>	Danielle Wilson
<i>Musician</i>	Marilyn Simoncini
<i>Custodian</i>	Jeff Allard
<i>Lay Leaders</i>	Ingrid Murphy, Peggy Codner, Dean & Barbara Fortin, Bob Marseglia, Lee Ducharme, Mark Gentry, Jean Rousseau
<i>Church Council Chair</i>	Mike Sherry
<i>Trustee Chair</i>	Steve Shangraw
<i>Finance Ministry Team Chair</i>	Glenn King
<i>Staff Parish Relations Chair</i>	Audry Sherry
<i>Nursery Coordinator</i>	Lucille Gallagher
<i>Children's Ministry Team</i>	Laural Plourde, Ingrid Murphy, Tina Beauchaine, Melanie Bagaglio
<i>Feeding Our Flock</i>	Audry Sherry
<i>Blue Bag Ministry</i>	Jim & Joyce Gallagher
<i>Communion Ministry</i>	Barbara Fortin
<i>Visitation Ministry</i>	Jean & Sela Rousseau
<i>Webmaster</i>	Ray Talke

**Serving This Week: December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Welcoming Ministry: Steve and Leah Tucker, Greeters  
 Tom Farley and Karen Albright, Ushers  
 Liturgist: Randy Belseth  
 Acolyte: Erin Brown  
 Nursery: Kim Cicero

**Serving Next Week: December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Welcoming Ministry: Jake and Nicole Ethier, Greeters  
 Ginny DeLang and Renee Kipling, Ushers  
 Liturgist: Donna Moody  
 Acolyte: Emily Warner  
 Nursery: Audry Sherry

## THIS WEEK AT BVUMC

**SUNDAY, December 11<sup>th</sup>** Third Sunday of Advent  
2:00 PM Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group – Faith Hall

**TUESDAY, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 PM AA meeting – Old Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM Advent Study – Faith Hall

**WEDNESDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 AM Advent Study – Faith Hall  
7:00 PM Finance Committee meeting – Faith Hall

**THURSDAY, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting – Faith Hall  
7:00 PM Church Conference - Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 AM AA meeting – Old Fellowship Hall  
10:00 AM Harvest for Humanity Kickoff Celebration – Faith Hall

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT BVUMC

December 18<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Cookie Walk  
Christmas Baskets & Presents Distributed  
Confirmation Class

December 19<sup>th</sup> United Methodist Men

December 20<sup>th</sup> AA meeting  
Advent Study

December 21<sup>st</sup> Advent Study

December 22<sup>nd</sup> Music Ministry rehearsal

December 24<sup>th</sup> AA meeting  
Christmas Eve Services

December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Service  
Christmas Dinner

December 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting

December 27<sup>th</sup> AA meeting

December 29<sup>th</sup> Music Ministry rehearsal

December 31<sup>st</sup> AA meeting

The annual *Christmas Cookie Walk* will take place on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** during fellowship time in Faith Hall. For a \$3.00 donation, you get a special cookie box that you can fill with yummy treats. The proceeds will be donated to Heifer International. Anyone willing to bring cookies should speak with Audry Sherry or email her at [aesherry@gmail.com](mailto:aesherry@gmail.com)

*Harvest for Humanity* kickoff celebration will be on **Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. We will meet to share ideas on how to make this fair special. Everyone is welcome to join us for fellowship, devotions, and refreshments. If you plan to attend or want to help out please let Sela Rousseau know. Regular workshops will begin in January.

Our *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Dinner* will be at 1:00 on Christmas day. There are many ways that you can help. We need people to help prepare the food, set up, serve, and clean up. We are also in need of turkeys, desserts and monetary gifts. Sign up sheets are available in Faith Hall. Spread the word! All are invited to come and eat!

## In The Community

Please consider as a Christmas gift making a donation to the **NAC Food Pantry**, c/o Senior Center, 20 Highland Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

Include the name and address of the person you are honoring and your own name and address. Notes will be sent to both. Your gift will be a blessing to someone in need in our community.

### NORTHBRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES OUTREACH

Blackstone Valley Free Medical Clinic 508 234-9356  
Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Peace of Bread Community Kitchen  
BVUMC contacts David Nadreau 401 475-0354  
LuAnn Belseth 508 278-7221

Northbridge Food Pantry  
Community Coordinator Kelly Lariviere 508 234-8446

**Volunteers may contact the person listed.**