

A Church Centered in Love

*Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God
and knows God (1 John 4:7).*

Beloved Friends & Members of Bolton Congregational Church UCC,

This autumn, we've celebrated how God's love has impacted our world. Out of love, God created the heavens and the earth. With love, God calls us into fellowship. Through love, we are encouraged to live generous and faithful lives.

We remember that God's love, expressed through Jesus, led to the cross. It is true - love is not without risks, however we believe that in the end, God's love will triumph, conquering even death. This radical hope encourages us to faithfully persist even in the most difficult of times.

The early church of the apostles faced persecution, yet sought to represent the presence of the risen Christ in the first century. Centuries later, our church was founded to bring Christ's presence to Bolton. As we approach 300 years of ministry, we are grateful to past generations who diligently gave their time, talent, and treasure to build this community of faith. We would not be here without them.

As a part of this vibrant faith community, your generous giving insures that we will continue doing God's work long into the future. If you have not already done so, please be sure to **fulfill your 2017 pledge** before year's end, and if you are so moved by this season celebrating God's generosity, consider giving beyond your pledge. Your generosity can help us close the projected 2017 gap.

In addition, please take the time to reflect on how you are called to partner in our mutual ministries in the coming year through giving of your time, talent, and treasure. In particular, your **pledge of financial support for 2018** will help to create a faithful and accurate budget.

Please return your completed commitment card (below) on or before **November 19th (Thanksgiving Sunday)**. Worship will be at 8:45 and 10:00 am and will include giving thanks for all we have received through the love of God in Christ. Together, let us celebrate the wonders of God's love.

In the spirit of faithful giving and support, I/we plan to give to the Bolton Congregational Church, UCC in 2018!

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone1 _____ Phone2 _____

Email1 _____ Email2 _____

I/we authorize the above information to be shared in a church directory.

I/we plan to give \$ _____ weekly monthly annually for an annual total of \$ _____ in 2018.

Signed: _____

I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to one of the Financial Secretaries.

I/we would like information on making a legacy gift to the church, whether now or later through a will.

I/we would like information on opportunities to become more involved with the church.

I/we would like envelopes for 2018.