



See, I am bringing you good *tidings* of great joy for all the people...Luke 2:10

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The celebration of the Eucharist is a Christian tradition that we traditionally associate with the Last Supper and that to Passover. Eating a communal meal in a spiritual way is a Judeo-Christian practice dating back thousands of years. In the

Eucharist, or Communion, we are reminded of the incarnational aspect of Jesus, of his sacrifice, and of the unity that is formed through our common faith. In truth, Jesus' incarnation is about the elimination of human isolation through the building of a community of faith. The Eucharist also places us in the position of solidarity with the suffering, hunger and oppression of humanity. Christ invites all to the table, church folk and the unchurched alike; the religious and the spiritual but not religious. Through Christ's body we accept that he suffered on our behalf, and reminds us to be in communion with the suffering of the world. By his blood he offers us forgiveness and a new start, and places upon us the command of forgiving others in his name, healing the world of their stripes and offering the Good News of God's great love for humanity.

This Thanksgiving I am planning on being at the Manchester Road Race with a table where we as the body of Christ can offer witness to the openness, and sacredness of Communion. We can affirm our faithful call to be witnesses of the Good News, and build bridges in our community as we offer a radically transformative invitation to be in communion with all who are seeking, suffering and hungry for belonging. Details will follow at church announcements as we get confirmation about location.

COMMUNION ON THE LAWN OF THE ARMY/NAVY CLUB ON MAIN STREET 8AM-9:45AM ABOUT EVERY 15 MINUTES.

*Grace and Peace,
David J. Martin*

"At Your Service" Auction Update

Thank you to our Auctioneer, Joe LeBlanc, and to all who solicited donations, organized, computerized the many donations, baked and cooked, volunteered, and especially everyone who attended and purchased the many wonderful goods and services. **We raised over \$6300!** A great evening of Fellowship was an added bonus.

Reconciling Ministries

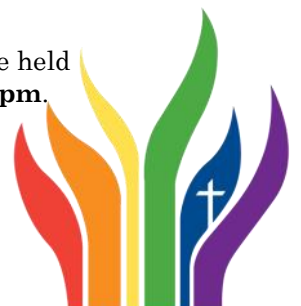
Last year our church council voted to explore the process of becoming a Reconciling Congregation, formally affirming our openness to all, including our sisters and brothers in the LGBT community.

Our first meeting was great and we welcome anyone unable to attend to join us for the next one.

This committee will also plan opportunities for study and dialogue for the entire congregation.

The second of several meetings will be held on **Monday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.**

There is a sign up sheet in the Memorial Room. If you are interested but unable to attend please let us know.



Office Hours

Pastor Dave's office hours are:

Monday

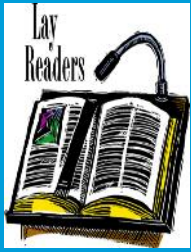
8:00-5:00

Thursday

8:00-5:00

LITURGISTS

USHERS



November

- 1st Rob Jeffers
- 8th Lori Rowe
- 15th Elaine Law
- 22nd Sandy Geres
- 29th Youth

December

- 6th Jackie Abbott
- 13th Vickie Hadge
- 20th Caleb Cadman
- 27th Chris Collins

We welcome anyone interested in serving as a liturgist to contact Barbie Turley.

Responsibilities of the liturgist: lead responsive readings, read the scripture lesson, and assist with communion if assigned on the first Sunday of the month.

Ushers Needed!

Responsibilities include: Welcoming Members and Visitors at the door, Handing out bulletins, Record a count of attendance, Collect the offering, and guide people to the altar on Communion Sundays.

Please prayerfully consider this important ministry!

If you have any questions please speak with **Roger Edinger**

Sign up in the Memorial Room

Responsibilities of Ushers:

Welcome members and visitors at the door, hand out bulletins, count attendees, collect the offering, and direct people to the altar table on Communion Sunday. Be available to answer questions of visitors, show them to classrooms for Church School.

Ushers should arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of service. Please be in touch with Roger Edinger 860-646-8984 if you would like to serve.



November

- 1st Irene Fitzgerald Heidi Lenhardt
- 8th Barbara Judd Becky Harris
- 15th Heidi Lenhardt Cindy Lepack
- 22nd Tim LePore Harry Arendt
- 29th Les VanDine Collins Judd

December

- 6th Jan Miller Judy Starkweather
- 13th Irene Fitzgerald Heidi Lenhardt
- 20th Barbara Judd Becky Harris
- 27th Heidi Lenhardt Cindy Lepack

Responsibilities of

Counters: Counters work in teams of two and are responsible for counting the offering on Sunday morning directly following the worship service.

Any member interested in volunteering for this task should contact Jim Glass, Finance Secretary, at 643-9201.



CHURCH

SUNDAY

CLOSING:

TRUSTEE

Members

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Individuals and groups are invited to please volunteer and sign-up in the Memorial Room to provide fellowship refreshments after service on Sunday mornings.

Thank you!



Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

Bring a quart of whole milk for use with coffee and tea, and a healthy snack to share.

North Church is a NUT FREE zone.

Set-up coffee to brew, hot water for Tea and Hot Chocolate, a pitcher of juice, 2 containers of milk, and sugar/sugar substitute, napkins, and plates if needed. Fellowship is served after the service. Clean-up after fellowship time (approx. 11:50 am) includes washing out pots and containers and returning them to their place in the kitchen, and wiping down tables in the Memorial Room.



Christmas Music

Our Music Ministry invites you all to join us on **Sunday, December 20th** for a musical service framed around the African-American Spiritual. In keeping with our theme this year of exploring traditional spirituals we will visit the Christmas story from this unique perspective. **Please join us and enjoy** these beautiful and inspirational songs as witnessed by our adult and children's choirs.



Annnnndddd... We will be sponsoring again our fourth annual choir cookie sale fundraiser. Please contact us for

further details about placing orders for cookies. We welcome choir and non-choir members alike to donate your favorite cookies to our cause! **Please keep an eye out for sign-up sheets early in December.**

Lastly, the Chancel choir welcomes those of you who may wish to join us for the seasonal music of Christmas. Being able to read music is not requisite. Loving to sing and being able to join us in rehearsals is. **We are in particular need of alto voices.** Please consider giving us a bit of your time and talent!



Healthy Snack Collection

Donation of **healthy snack items** continues: fruit cups, granola bars, individual cereal boxes, fruit and grain bars, pudding/gelatin cups, etc.



Bring donations to church and they will be delivered to Bolton. Thank you!

SCRIP is NUMC's on-going fundraiser in which all are welcome and encouraged to participate every week!

If everyone were to participate by simply purchasing store cards for their weekly grocery budget—the church would benefit greatly with **NO additional cost to you**. Not to mention other regular purchases—gas, drug stores, restaurants, fast food, etc.

Direct questions to:
Irene Fitzgerald
860-649-4239

GIVE Gift Cards and/or USE Gift Cards for routine purchases! 100% Participation in SCRIP is the goal!



MACC Food Pantry

Current needs:

- Cereal * Canned meats (tuna, chicken, ham & beef stew)
- * Peanut butter Pasta & sauce * Canned veggies & fruits
- * Soup * Healthy snacks for children Condiments (mustard, ketchup, mayo, salad dressing etc.)
- Toilet tissue * Paper towel * Diapers * Laundry detergent
- Feminine products * Toothpaste * Tooth brushes * Soap
- * Dish soap

*We always clean plastic bottles with tight fitting lids, freezer bags and egg cartons.

MACC is in desperate need of paper grocery bags and plastic grocery bags. We ask our folks to bring their own bags but many do not. On a busy day we can go through 100 bags. If you can drop them off at the church on Sundays that would be a great help!

Thanks to all who faithfully donate!

All-Church Christmas Party

Saturday December 5th at 6:00 pm

All NUMC Members and friends are invited with family and friends to this **fellowship evening** when we create items and decorate the sanctuary. There will be a sign-up in the Memorial Room, and you are invited (if you wish) to bring a finger food appetizer or dessert to share. We hope to see you for this fun and productive evening of fellowship!



Birthdays

NOVEMBER

2nd Bertha Brew
 3rd Vicky Ladabouche
 7th Sandy Geres
 8th Lindsay Ladabouche
 9th Cyndy Flaherty
 10th Barbara Judd
 12th Elaine Law
 15th Harry Arendt
 16th Chris Collins
 19th Paula Admaczyk
 22nd Florence Wollaston
 26th Pastor David J. Martin
 27th Gregory Harris

29th Charley Cappello
 Marlene Camper
 30th Ruth Mancell-Opoku

DECEMBER

2nd Liz Twarkins
 4th Barbie Turley
 6th Ron Starkweather
 12th Pam Putinas
 John Wilks
 15th Trudi Tinklepaugh
 16th Sylvia Lapenta
 19th Heidi Lenhardt
 24th Ray Gagnon
 25th JESUS

Birthday Blessings to Everyone!



NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES November 5th & 19th and Dec. 10th

DONORS URGENTLY NEEDED. CALL 1-800-GIVE LIFE
 (1-800-448-3543) to schedule an appointment.

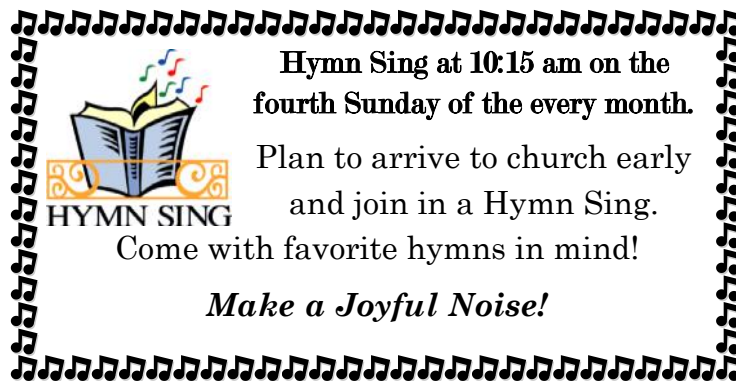
Volunteers are needed to monitor the building during the drives. Please sign-up in the Memorial Room to help out.

Questions may be directed to Rev. Martin.



***REMINDER**
 Please wear name tags
every Sunday.

Anyone in need of a name tag, please note it on the back of your attendance slip on Sunday morning and one will be made for you.

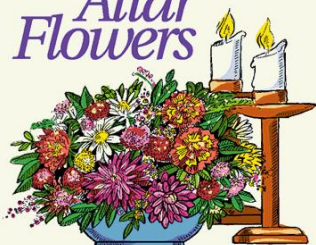


Hymn Sing at 10:15 am on the fourth Sunday of the every month.

Plan to arrive to church early and join in a Hymn Sing. Come with favorite hymns in mind!

Make a Joyful Noise!

Altar Flowers



Flowers are a wonderful way to acknowledge the Memory of a Loved One or to Celebrate a special person or occasion.

Forms are available in the Memorial Room to make such requests.

If you have any questions or prefer to order by phone, please contact Susan Fenn 860-729-6446



FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

Hedy Adamczyk Sylvia Lapenta Vicky Ladabouche Crystal Price Grace Didan
Dottie Allen Jim Glass Jean Derby Jenna & Patty Jan Thatcher
Nellie Ruth Mancell Sherry Thompson Eileen (co-worker of Cindy Lepack)
Mary, Marian Priscilla Bates (Deb Tedford's cousin) Mike & Dorothy Thompson
Stephanie Oppon-Kunty Liz, Sarah & Friends, Ray Johnson, Tom Chappell Patty
Wade, Austin, Craig & Lynn, Evelyn Tedford, Tracey & Michael

Prayers for Cancer: Sheila, Ann, Beth, Elliot, Betty, Nick, Rachael, Charlotte, Ted, Janet, Muriel, Miriam, Anita, Garry, Lena, Jane, Jennifer, Ray, Judy, Joan, Myia, Tracy, Jean, Deb, Jenn, Rose, Jeffrey, Diane, Jackie, Ray, Cindy, Terry

THE KNITTING MINISTRY

THE KNITTING MINISTRY meets in the Memorial Room 1-2:30pm. All are welcome with or without yarn skills. We are all patient teachers and our patterns are easy. Meeting schedule for November 11/09 and 11/23

Contact: Paula Adamczyk 860-646-6609,
Sue Derby 860-643-4589,
or Diana Custer 860-875-9805



New Ministry for NUMC Knitting Ministry - Hand made Purple Infant Caps

Frustration with infant crying (typically 2 weeks to 4 months) is the leading trigger for infant abuse, which is most often observed in the first year. Along with their purple cap, parents receive a video, booklet, and bedside information describing the "period of crying."

THE LETTERS IN PURPLE STAND FOR

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PEAK OF CRYING	UNEXPECTED	RESISTS SOOTHING	PAIN-LIKE FACE	LONG LASTING	EVENING

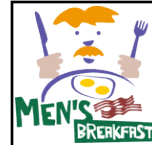
Your baby may cry more each week, the most in month 2, then less in months 3-5	Crying can come and go and you don't know why.	Your baby may not stop crying no matter what you try.	A crying baby may look like they are in pain, even when they are not.	Crying can last as much as 5 hours a day, or more.	Your baby may cry more in the late afternoon and evening.
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THE WORD PERIOD MEANS THAT THE CRYING HAS A BEGINNING AND AN END

Caps made are donated to "Nurturing Families Network"
Yarn Donations/Joann's Gift Cards Accepted



The **Knitting Ministry** has created pocket prayer shawls to share with people as a reminder of God's presence in our lives. There is a basket of shawls in the Memorial Room. Please feel free to take one for yourself or for someone you know who could be blessed by them.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:00 AM

November 28th at NUMC

The North Church Readers

Coming in December is *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. This popular work of nonfiction features 9 Americans in an epic quest for gold in the 1936 Berlin games. Discussion in the church library following fellowship time (approximately 11:45.) Bring a bag lunch if you choose—discussion led by Sandy Geres will end by 1:00 pm.



Seasonal Sharing Collections!

Please see the table in the back of the Sanctuary for details.

Watch for **Giving Tree** announcements!

Advent Candle

Each Sunday in Advent the Advent Candle on the altar is lit and a brief prayer is read.



Please consider signing up for a Sunday morning, with family or friends, to read the prayer and light the candle.

Bible Study

Thursdays at BUMC

6:15 pm Potluck

7:00 pm Bible Study


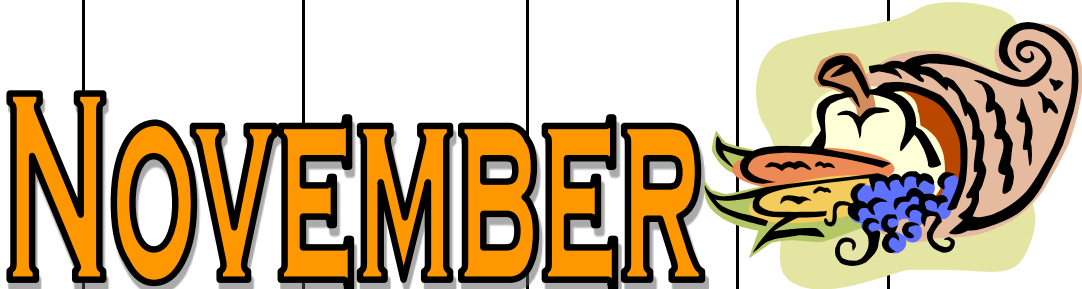
Now Study Exodus (Bring your Bibles)

Sign up in the Memorial Room.

Please speak to Pastor Dave with any questions.



Bible Study

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
All Saints Sunday 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School & Communion 11:30 Fellowship	7 pm Reconciling Ministries Meeting	7:30 Meditation		Study Exodus @BUMC 		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	7:30 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:15 PrISM 7:00 Chancel	Study Exodus @BUMC 6:15 Potluck 7 pm Bible Study		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	7 pm All Church Conference	7:30 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:15 PrISM 7:00 Chancel	Study Exodus @BUMC 		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 7 pm AD Council	7:30 Meditation		Thanksgiving 8 am—9:30 am Communion every 15 min. Army/Navy club lawn Main St.		8 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at NUMC
29	30					
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship						

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				Study Exodus @BUMC 6:15 Potluck 7 pm Bible Study		ALL CHURCH Christmas Party 6:00 pm
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School Christmas Program 11:30 Fellowship and Cookie Sale	7 pm AD Council	7:30 Meditation				
27	28	29	30	31		
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Address Service Requested



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*Worship the Lord in the
splendor of his holiness!*

1 Corinthians 16:29

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New England Conference
Web-Site: <http://www.neumc.org>

CHOIR WARM UP

9:30 am

NURSERY—upon request

10:15 am—11:45 am

WORSHIP

10:30 am Worship,
Youth and Children's Sunday
School, One-Room for Summer

FELLOWSHIP

11:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children attend the beginning of
the service at 10:30 am and then
proceed to class following the
Children's Time. Classes dis-
miss at 11:45 am.

10:30 am

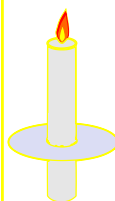
Worship

COMMUNION
SUNDAYS

The first Sunday of each month
is Communion Sunday, at
which time the children will
begin in Sunday School classes
and then attend church with
their families in corporate
worship at the time for
communion and will remain
until the conclusion of service.

For over 200 years,
North UMC has pro-
claimed the good news
of Jesus Christ to the
people of Manchester
CT. We invite you to
join us for worship on
Sunday mornings.

*A warm welcome
awaits you!*



**Christmas Eve Candlelight
Services on Thursday,
December 24**

**5:00 pm Family Service with
Pastor Dave**

**6:30 pm at Bolton UMC with
Pastor Dave**

11:00 pm Lay Led Service