



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

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Sunday Lectionary Readings for January and February

January 3rd

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 10th

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29 (UMH 761)
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 17th

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10 (UMH 771)
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

STUFF THAT MATTERS

Friday, January 22 * 5pm-7pm Pastor Dave invites young adults ages 20-34 to join him at North UMC . Cook together, eat together, and clean up together as you talk about STUFF THAT MATTERS to you!

January 24th

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19 (UMH 750)
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

January 31st

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794)
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

February 7th

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99 (UMH 819)
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:2-36 (37-43a)

February 14th

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810)
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

February 21st

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27 (UMH 758)
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

February 28th

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8 (UMH 788)
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

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.

We welcome anyone to join us as we thoughtfully and prayerfully explore issues of welcoming and diversity, especially as relates to the LGBT community.

Meetings will be held on :

Monday, February 1st at 7:00 pm.

Monday, March 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

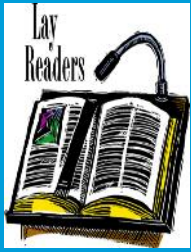
8:00-5:00

Thursday

8:00-5:00

LITURGISTS

USHERS



January

3rd Karen Arendt
10th Barbie Turley
17th Emma McCandless

24th Rob Jeffers
31st Youth

February

7th Caleb Cadman
14th Jim Glass
21st Roger Edinger
28th Elaine Law

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.

January

3rd Les VanDine
 Collins Judd
10th Jan Miller
 Judy Starkweather
17th Irene Fitzgerald
 Heidi Lenhardt
24th Barbara Judd
 Becky Harris
31st Heidi Lenhardt
 Cindy Lepack

February

7th Tim LePore
 Harry Arendt
14th Les VanDine
 Collins Judd
21st Jan Miller
 Judy Starkweather
28th Irene Fitzgerald
 Heidi Lenhardt

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.



Souper Bowl Sunday February 7, 2015

Proceeds benefit MACC

Slips to pre-order will be available at church, just return the slip to a **Youth Group** member.

Otherwise, please help us on February 7th by purchasing soup, chili, pepperoni/mozzarella bread,

sandwiches and/or additional goodies.

***Note: Sandwiches are pre-order only**

You will be enjoying a good meal and in turn, helping someone else also enjoy a good meal!

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!



Being Good Stewards of God's Creation

Collection boxes have been placed by the exits of the church so that you may

discard any components of your bulletins and announcements that you have not used or do not care to keep.

These items will either be reused or recycled.



Thank you for supporting this "green" ministry!



MACC Food Pantry

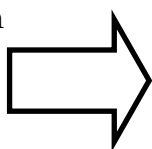
2016 Updated Shopping List:

Food Pantry Needs: PASTA SAUCE!, cereal, soups, condiments, canned pasta and chili, canned corn, jelly and peanut butter.

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

Many thanks to all who faithfully donate!

Find us on
Facebook



And check out our website at:

<http://numc.axelhouse.com>

New donation opportunity for MACC Food Pantry

The pantry assembles Birthday Bags themed for boys and girls. They tend to have plenty of cake mixes but would also appreciate donations of any of the following:



Cans of Frosting, Candles, Paper Plates, Napkins, Tablecloths, Decorations, Balloons, etc.

As always, thanks in advance for your generosity!

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!*



Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays—PrISM 6:15p Chancel 7p

Come join in the fun!!! New members are always welcome!

Requirements: love music, love to sing or play an instrument.

*Ability to read music is **NOT** required!*

Please speak to Chris Collins with any questions.



Birthdays


JANUARY

1st Jason Starkweather
 3rd Carl Lepack
 6th Diana Custer
 7th Emily Fitzgerald
 Nathan Fitzgerald
 8th Charlene Sullivan
 9th Cindy Lepack
 13th Ed Timbrell
 23rd Ron Starkweather

FEBRUARY

8th Sarah Turley
 11th Doris Timbrell
 14th Adam Lenhardt
 18th Jonathan Cadman
 19th Tim LePore
 21st Nicholas Lenhardt
 25th Dianne LePore
 26th Dave Harris

Birthday Blessings to Everyone!




NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25

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.

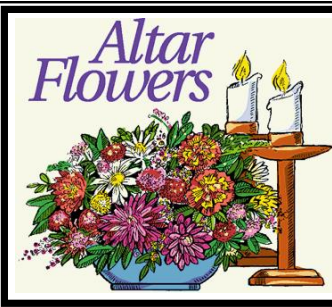
Anyone in need of a name tag, please note it on the back of your attendance slip on Sunday morning and one will be made for you.



HYMN SING

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!



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 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, Judy, Joan, Eliza, Tad,
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 scheduled for January 18th and February 1st, 15th and 29th.



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

A THANK YOU TO THE NUMC KNITTING MINISTRY

Thank you for the wonderful work you did creating the beautiful lap blankets for our Holiday Baskets! The care that went into each one comes through to our recipients and messages are often relayed to us of how much the patients treasure them and are comforted by them.

Thank you again for your participation and support and know that our program is successful because of people like you.

Wishing you a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Lysa Yarusewicz
Hospice Volunteer Coordinator/Palliative Transition Coach

Thank you to everyone for observing the following requests at all worship times.



Please set cell phones to **off/silent** during worship services. Food and beverages are to remain in the Memorial Room. Please, water only allowed in the sanctuary.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:00 AM

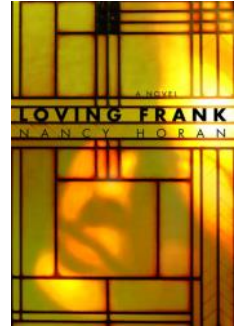
February 27th here at NUMC

Share tasty food (healthy options available) and fellowship as we gather in community with the men of Bolton UMC every fourth Saturday.



The North Church Readers

We will gather to discuss *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan on Sunday, February 21 following Church and social time. Published in 2007, this work of



fiction tells the story of Mamah Borthwick and her illicit love affair with Frank Lloyd Wright. The reader follows their public shame in early 20th century America.

Jackie Abbott will order books through interlibrary loan and have them available before the beginning of February. All are welcome to attend.



Lenten Bible Study

Thursdays

February 11—March 17th

Bolton UMC at 6:15 pm

Light Meal and Prayer



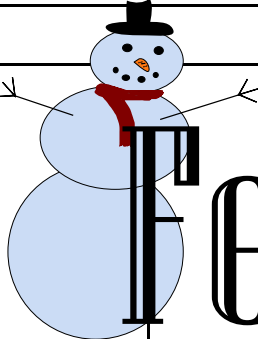

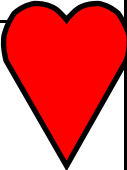

Sign up in the Memorial Room.

Please speak to Pastor Dave with any questions.



Bible Study

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	1/8	2/9
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School & Communion 11:30 Fellowship		7:30 Meditation				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		7:30 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:15 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 7 pm AD Council	7:30 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:15 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			8 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at BUMC
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 5:30 Young Adults "Stuff that Matters"		7:30 Meditation				
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10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1 pm Knitting Ministry 7 pm Reconciling Ministries Meeting					
7	9	0	10	11	12	13
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School & Communion 11:30 Fellowship 12:30 Book Discussion		7:30 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:15 PrISM 7:00 Chancel	Lenten Study @BUMC 6:15 pm 		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	   <h1>February</h1>				
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Address Service Requested



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Pastor: David J. Martin

*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!*

**Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm at
South UMC**

Due to unforeseen scheduling
conflicts NUMC will not hold an Ash
Wednesday service this year. All are
welcome to attend at South UMC on
Main Street in Manchester.