

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



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Special Habitat House

Hartford Habitat for Humanity has decided to build a house locally in honor of Bud Moyer (in addition to the one in the Dominican Republic.) The house will not be started until next spring, but we will be doing a ground-breaking on Friday, August 12 at noon if anyone from NUMC would like to join us. The lot is at 66 Bliss Street in East Hartford (a couple blocks north of New Covenant UMC on Burnside Ave.) Call Dick Thompson (860-647-7099) if you have any questions.



Welcoming New Life

Please join us in the celebration of welcoming new life! The birth of Eli to Karen and Emma is the first new baby within our congregation in some time. We have chosen to shower young Eli and parents with gifts, love and support. Come and meet baby Eli!



Eli's baby shower will take place directly after worship service on Sunday, July 31st at North UMC. Hope to see you there!!

Reconciling Ministries

The Reconciling Ministries Team has developed a working draft of a formal Welcoming Statement for proposed approval by North Church members at an All Church Conference to be held on Sunday, September 18 at 6 PM. At that time we will determine if we go forward as a Reconciling Congregation by means of formal vote on adoption of the following statement:

“As followers of the teachings of Jesus Christ North United Methodist Church strives to be an inclusive community. We welcome, respect and celebrate persons of every race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, ability, family status, age and economic circumstance. We want to you feel at home and know that you belong here.”

Please review this statement thoughtfully and prayerfully. Response to the film, “The Bible Tells Me So” was very positive and we encourage those who missed it to arrange to borrow it. In addition, Pastor Dave will offer a 6 week Bible Study beginning on Thursday, July 21. We encourage you to attend these opportunities for learning and discussion, particularly if you have questions or concerns about Reconciling Ministries. Everyone is also welcome to attend our next Reconciling Ministries meeting on Monday, August 1 at 7 PM. You may also contact Pastor Dave Martin (or Co-facilitators Linda VanDine and Karen Prager)



Office Hours

Pastor Dave's office hours are:

Monday

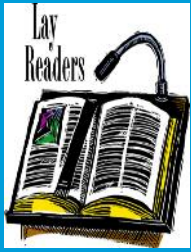
8:00-5:00

Thursday

8:00-5:00

LITURGISTS

USHERS



July

- 3rd Steve Hadge
- 10th Barbie Turley
- 17th Sandy Geres
- 24th Vickie Hadge
- 31st Roger Edinger

August

- 7th Karen Arendt
- 14th TBD
- 21st TBD
- 28th TBD

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.

July

- 3rd Tim LePore
Harry Arendt
- 10th Les VanDine
Collins Judd
- 17th Jan Miller
Judy Starkweather
- 24th Irene Fitzgerald
Heidi Lenhardt
- 31st Barbara Judd
Becky Harris

August

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

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.

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!



Adult Fellowship

Saturday, July 16 at 5:00 pm

Hosted at the home of Dave and Becky Harris

35 Country Club Drive, Manchester

Every one is invited to the next adult fellowship. It will be an old fashioned summer cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs.

A sign up sheet is on the table in the back. Please indicate if you intend to bring something to share. Please bring your calendar with you so



we can plan future adult fellowships.

If you need a ride—please

contact Becky at 860-649-7936.

MACC Food Pantry

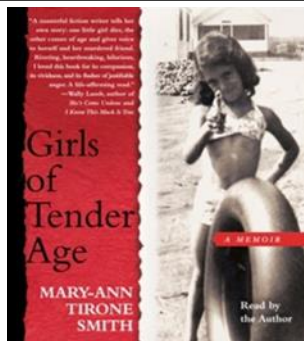
2016 Updated Shopping List:

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!

The North Church Readers opens their new season with a list of books chosen by group members. We invite you to join us for any or all of the books!



Our first selection is **Girls of Tender Age** by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith. This novel has a Hartford setting and is full of twists and turns.

“Girls of Tender Age is Mary-Ann Tirone Smith’s autobiographical retelling of the origins of her family post World War II era. Into this history of her family lurks a sinister serial killer named Bob Malm.”

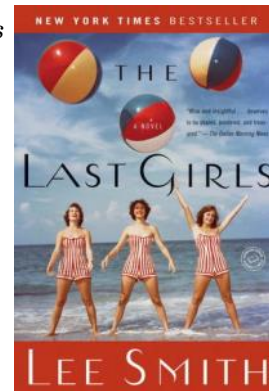
Discussion follows the church service on July 17.

raft, inspired by Huckleberry Finn. Now a tragedy brings them back together for a repeat voyage under very different circumstances on the luxurious steamboat Bell of Natchez.”

Our second selection is **The Last Girls**, by Lee Smith. *“Thirty years ago, the girls in an American literature seminar at an idyllic Blue Ridge campus made their own trip down the Mississippi River on a*

Discussion follows the church service on August 21.

We meet in the library if available. Grab your tea or coffee and join us for a good discussion and good friendship. See Jackie if you have any questions.



Birthdays

JULY

1st Alfred Brew
3rd Carter Haynes
14th Joe LeBlanc
18th Kris Pelletier

AUGUST

6th Gene Turley
7th Glenn Law

9th Wesley Hadge
11th Jamie Ladabouche
12th Karen Arendt
19th Don Camper
21st Judy Morton
28th Les VanDine
31st Michael Judd

Birthday Blessings to Everyone!



NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES
July 7 & 21, August 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.



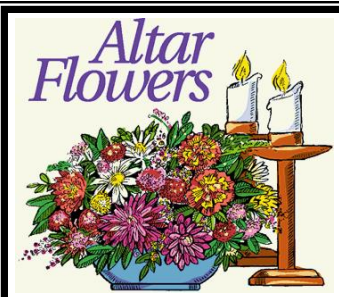
***REMINDER**
 Please wear name tags
every Sunday.

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 Jean Derby Jenna & Patty Nellie, Ruth Mancell 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, Tracey & Michael, Cindy Lepack, Amanda Sholomicky, Greg Harris

Prayers for Cancer: Sheila, Ann, Beth, Elliot, Betty, Nick, Rachael, Charlotte, Ted, Janet, Muriel, Miriam, Anita, Garry, Lena, Jane, Jennifer, 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. The ministry will begin regular meetings again on 9/12/16. Enjoy the summer and thanks for all your work.



Contact: Paula Adamczyk 860-646-6609 or Sue Derby 860-643-4589

PAINT NIGHT FUNDRAISER AT NORTH CHURCH

Wednesday, August 17 @ 6pm
Cost is \$40/person

Proceeds of \$15/person will benefit AAU Basketball and

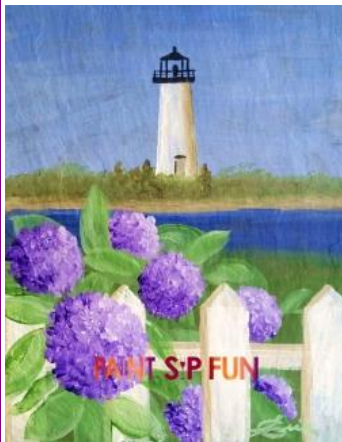
Manchester Midget Football and Cheer. Both are coached by NUMC member, Jeremy Smith.

This is a Non-Alcoholic Event for ages 15+.

Beverages, appetizers, and desserts are included in the cost along with all the necessary painting supplies and complete step-by-step instruction.

We hope you will join us for some fellowship and to support the youth involved in these athletic organizations.

Sign up in the Memorial Room with payment or online at PaintSipFun.com.



Bible Study

“The 6 Verses of Homosexuality as Described in the Bible”

7pm Thursdays at NUMC and

6:15 pm Tuesdays at BUMC with potluck

July 21st to August 25th

Sign up in the Memorial Room.

Please speak to Pastor Dave with any questions.



Bible Study

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

The Town of Manchester is collecting school supplies for the fall semester. If you wish to contribute, please leave the items in the box in the Memorial Room and Marlene will deliver them to the Weiss Center. Some of the items needed are:

- #2 Pencils
- glue sticks
- packs of 24 skinny crayons
- colored pencils
- pencil sharpeners
- laminated two-pocket folders
- loose leaf notebook paper
- one inch binders
- square Post-it notes
- erasers.

Last day for donation acceptance is August 12 (August 10 if you are delivering to the church!)





YOUNG ADULTS


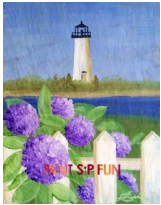

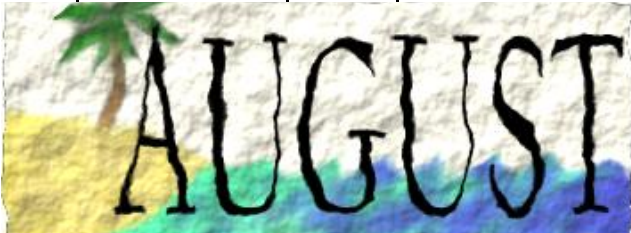
STUFF THAT MATTERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH FROM 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 we discuss *STUFF THAT MATTERS* to you!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<h1>JULY</h1>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School & Communion 11:30 Fellowship		7:00 Meditation				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		7:00 Meditation				Adult Fellowship at the Harris'
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:30 Worship w/Special Music 11:30 Fellowship Book Discussion "Girls of Tender Age"	7 pm AD Council	Bible Study 6:15 pm at BUMC w/ potluck 7:00 Meditation				
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Special Music 11:30 Fellowship		Bible Study 6:15 pm at BUMC w/ potluck 7:00 Meditation		Bible Study 7:00 pm at NUMC		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7 pm Reconciling Ministries Meeting	Bible Study 6:15 pm at BUMC w/ potluck 7:00 Meditation		Bible Study 7:00 pm at NUMC		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School & Communion 11:30 Fellowship		Bible Study 6:15 pm at BUMC w/ potluck 7:00 Meditation	School Supplies Deadline	Bible Study 7:00 pm at NUMC 		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	Tidings Submission Deadline	Bible Study 6:15 pm at BUMC w/ potluck 7:00 Meditation	Paint Nite 6pm 	Bible Study 7:00 pm at NUMC		
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*Worship the Lord in the
splendor of his holiness!*

1 Corinthians 16:29

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Web-Site: <http://numc.axelhouse.com>

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!*

Contact Information Update

Please let us know if there have been any
changes to your contact information in the
past two years. We are working on
updating our directory.

***Update sheet located in the Memorial
Room.***