

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



# TIDINGS

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By time you read this Halloween will be over, and I will be recovering from my chocolate hangover! Fall marks the beginning of a series of secular and religious holidays. As the sun retreats to the southern hemisphere the opportunity to celebrate holidays is not only a welcome event, but I think an almost necessary coping mechanism for the long cold nights that will become winter. In November we celebrate Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and the first Sunday of Advent. Before we know it December will be here, and the hustle and bustle of the December holidays will begin in earnest.

I hope during the next few months, between raking leaves, baking pies, shopping and everything else, you will take some time to reflect on the essential goodness that permeates all of creation. This Providential grace, more than any celebration or party, is what truly sustains us every day and in every hour. Find ways to proclaim your joy in the Lord, share it with a neighbor. Remember that God is present in joy of a holiday as well as the cold dark night, and for that I know God is good.

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

## Unanimous Vote to Become a Reconciling Ministry

The Reconciling Ministries Welcoming Task Force is pleased to announce that at an All Church Meeting on Sept 18, 2016, North Church voted unanimously to become a Reconciling Ministry, formally affirming our openness to all, including the LGBTQ community. The following Statement of Welcome was unanimously adopted :



**“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 you to feel at home and know that you belong here.”**

Our Reconciling Ministries Welcoming Task Force will continue to meet on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM to discuss ways to spread our message of welcome and inclusiveness.



**If you would like to participate, please join us at the next meeting on Monday, November 7th at 7 PM, or at any subsequent meeting.**



### Office Hours

Pastor Dave's office hours are:

**Wednesday**

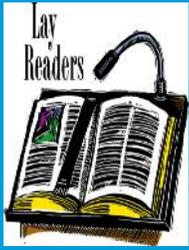
8:00-5:00

**Friday**

8:00-5:00

# LITURGISTS

# USHERS



## November

6th Karen Arendt

13th Vickie Hadge

20th Tony Adamczyk

27th Caleb Cadman

*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

6th Tim LePore  
Harry Arendt

13th Les VanDine  
Collins Judd

20th Jan Miller  
Judy Starkweather

27th Barbara Judd  
Becky Harris

## 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.



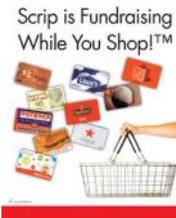
*Bring donations to church and they will be delivered to Bolton. Thank you!*

### 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!



### Choir Rehearsals



Wednesdays—PrISM 6:00pm,  
Chancel 7pm

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!*

All are welcome and encouraged to join us!

Please speak to Chris Collins with any questions.



### MACC Food Pantry

*2016 Updated Shopping List:*

**Cereal, pasta sauce, mayonnaise, soups, mac and cheese, jelly, peanut butter, and FRESH produce!**  
**Non Food Items:** deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, Kleenex

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

*Thanks to all who have been faithfully donating!*

### Uganda Methodist Church is in need of more seeds!

We are looking for more seed donations for gardeners in the Uganda Methodist church that we have worked with in the past. The **seeds** that we need are: **tomatoes, corn, peppers, spinach, beans, peas, cucumbers, pumpkin, watermelon, squash, cabbage, carrots, cantaloupe, broccoli and celery**. Lori has also been working with a Christian pastor in India named Yesupadam Lankapelli who is

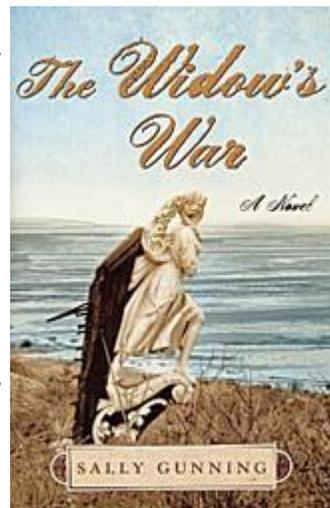


building a 20 child Christian Orphanage. They **needs a well** for their new home which costs **\$600**.

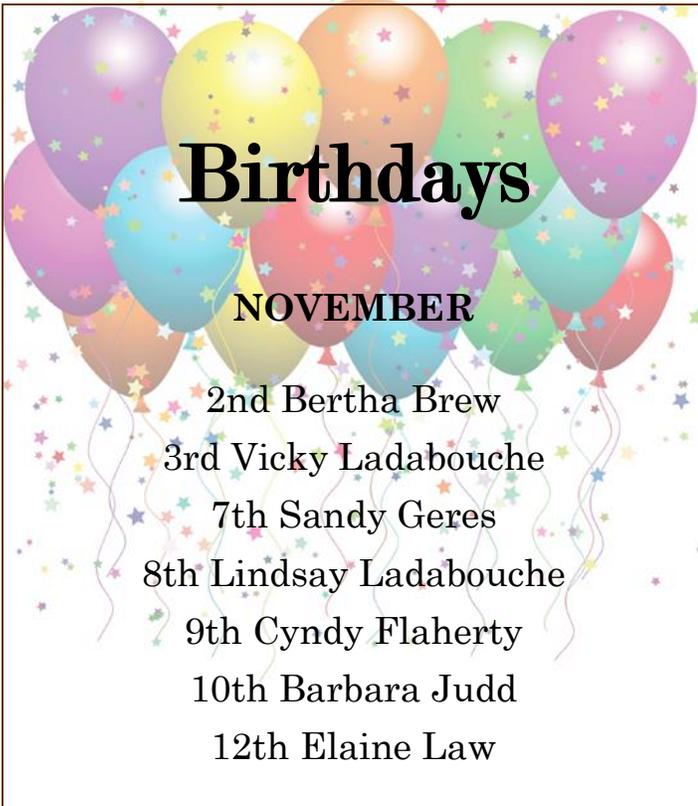
### The North Church Readers

continues their exploration of a list of books chosen by group members. We invite you to join us for any or all of the books!

Our fourth selection is *Widow's War*, by Sally Gunning. The time is January 1761 in Cape Cod. The story is about a woman, Lyddie's struggle to survive as a widow. Women at that time had few rights. Our discussion may focus on women's rights through time.



**Discussion will follow the church service on November 20th.** We meet in the library if available. Grab your coffee or tea and join us for a good discussion and good friendship. Hope to see you there! See Jackie if you have any questions.



# 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 Admacyk
- 22nd Florence Wollaston
- 26th Pastor David J. Martin
- 27th Gregory Harris
- 29th Charley Cappello
- Marlene Camper
- 30th Ruth Mancell-Opoku

*Birthday Blessings to Everyone!*



## NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES November 3 & 17

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**

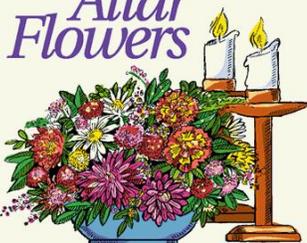
Hymn Sing at 10:15 am on the fourth Sunday of the every month.

Plan to arrive to church early and join in a Hymn Sing.

Come with favorite hymns in mind!

***Make a Joyful Noise!***

## 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**

Sylvia Lapenta, Crystal Price, Grace Didan, Dottie Allen, Jean Derby, Jenna & Patty, Nellie, Ruth Mancell, Mary, Marian, Priscilla Bates (Deb Tedford's cousin), Mike & Dorothy Thompson, Stephanie Oppon-Kunty, Liz, Sarah & Friends, Ray Johnson, Patty Wade, Tracey & Michael, Austin, Craig & Lynn, Amanda Sholomicky, Greg Harris, Kris Pelletier

**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, Jackie, Diane, Ray, Cindy, Terry, Robin

**THE KNITTING MINISTRY**

THE KNITTING MINISTRY meets in the Memorial Room 1-2:30pm.



The Knitting Ministry will again be making hats, scarves, and maybe a few mittens for adults and children for MACC. We will place them on the sanctuary Christmas tree and ask the congregation to make or purchase the same, particularly focusing on gloves and mittens if purchasing as these are time consuming to make.

Our aim is to have at least 30 items to donate. We generally exceed this number and hope to do so again.

All are welcome with or without yarn skills. We are all patient teachers and our patterns are easy.

**The knitting ministry will meet in November on the 7th and 21st.**

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



**Veteran's Sunday**  
**November 13th at**  
**10:30 am**



This will be our last "extraordinary Sunday" of the year! There will be a service with a theme of Hope, Honor, and Healing. There will be special music and Nat Woodruff from Rockville UMC will be our guest speaker. Hope to see you there!



**Box Tops**



There will be a collection box in the back of the church for anyone who wants to donate their box tops. They can just put them in there! The box tops will be divided between all the Manchester public schools. If you have any questions please contact Kayle Gagnon 860-830-8062

**STUFF THAT MATTERS**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH 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!

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

**8:00 AM**

*November 26th at NUMC*



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

**Thanksgiving Day Communion**

**8 am to 9:45 am**

**Army Navy Club, 109 Main Street, Manchester**

Pastor Dave will present Liturgy and Communion outside on the lawn of the Army Navy Club at approximately 15 minute intervals. Whether you are a runner or a spectator we hope you will stop by!



## Community Blessings

This year MACC is re-branding their Seasonal Sharing program into Community Blessings. Family's that use the MACC Charities Community Food Pantry are eligible for the program and will be given all of the items that they need for a holiday meal during the two weeks before the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday. Our outreach committee will be making Blessing Bags, little bags of toiletries and small items. If people get the newspaper and have coupons from it but are not using the coupons, please put them in the magazine collection box for use in defraying the cost of purchasing these items.

## What are some other ways to help out MACC Charities?

### Thrift Shop

The easiest way you can help MACC through our Community Threads Thrift Shoppe is to **SHOP!** All proceeds from the shop go directly back into MACC programming. Almost everything in the store is \$5 and under. You can donate to charity and come home with a beautiful new outfit!

Visit us at 466 Main Street from 10am-2pm with extended hours on Thursday until 5pm.



### Community Kitchen

Grab a group of friends and come and serve in the MACC kitchen. We are always in need of volunteers during the week from either 9am -1:30pm to help prep, cook and serve the lunch meal; or from 10:30am-2pm to help set up the dining room and serve the lunch meal.

\*Age Restriction- Must be 14 and up



### Food Rescue

Do you have 15 extra minutes in your day? That's all it takes to become a food runner. Restaurants, grocery stores, farms, caterers, and other local businesses have signed on with MACC to donate food. We are looking for volunteers to help us with picking up the items and bringing them to MACC.



**For more information about any of these programs please email Meaghan Sprague, Community Engagement Manager at [msprague@macc-ct.org](mailto:msprague@macc-ct.org) and visit their web site at <http://macc-ct.org>. There you can sign up for email updates to keep up with everything that is going on.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Please be sure to check the sign up sheets in the Memorial Room. Each month there are opportunities to be an **Usher**, provide **Fellowship**, and to monitor the building during **Blood Drives**.

Contacts for more information are as follows:

**Ushers:** Paula Smith/Roger Edinger  
**Fellowship:** Marlene Camper  
**Liturgists:** Barbie Turley

Or you can speak with our **Lay Leader:** Karen Arendt

*Thank you for your consideration!*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		7:00 Meditation				
						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School <b>&amp; Communion</b> <b>Breakfast</b> 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry  7 pm Reconciling Ministries	7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal:  6:00 PrISM  7:00 Chancel			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Veterans Sunday</b> 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		<b>Tidings Submission Deadline</b>  7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal:  6:00 PrISM  7:00 Chancel			
						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship <b>North Church Readers</b>	1 pm Knitting Ministry  7 pm AD Council	7:00 Meditation		<b>Thanksgiving</b> 8 to 9:30 am Communion every 15 min. Army/Navy club lawn Main St.		Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8am at NUMC
27	28	29	30			
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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!*



**All Church Charge Conference**

Sunday, December 4th at 5 pm

