



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

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In American culture September marks a time of starting again. School starts again, summer vacation season has ended, the fall harvest season begins, the days move from more sunlight to less sunlight. It also starts the season of Sunday school. The trends of modern church attendance is that when parents and grandparents bring their kids to Sunday school, church attendance goes up. It seems like a no brainer, but theologically something important is happening. The church is never so complete and whole as when everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, healthy, and infirmed, of every ethnicity and variation of size, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, literally everyone comes together to praise and worship God.

This September 11th will be our rally Sunday where we will register the youth for Sunday school, and celebrate as a church the continued blessing of being able to nurture our children in the Christian faith and traditions. As adults of the church, while the youth are celebrating downstairs, we will be starting again too. September 11th is our day of renewal, restarts, and rebirth. Come join us as we remember our baptism, reaffirm our commitment to our faith, our community and our church. Brian Wren's hymn "This is a Day of New Beginnings" finishes with this verse, let it be our prayer, our hearts desire, and a common truth for each of us:

**Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.**

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

All Church Conference, Sunday, September 18, 5:00 pm

In early 2015 our Church Council voted to explore the process of becoming a Reconciling Ministry, formally affirming our openness to all, including the LGBTQ community. A Reconciling Ministries Welcoming Task Force has been meeting for the past year and has offered several opportunities for discussion, learning and Bible Study to consider issues of diversity and the church.

The following Statement of Welcome is recommended for adoption at the All Church Meeting on September 18 at 5:00 pm. We strongly encourage you to attend as we vote to discern God's will for North Church.

"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."



Office Hours

Pastor Dave's office hours are:

Wednesday

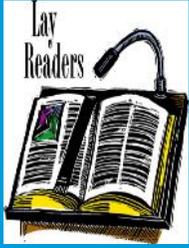
8:00-5:00

Friday

8:00-5:00

LITURGISTS

USHERS



September

4th Caleb Cadman

11th Jackie Abbott

18th Doris Frimpong

25th Vickie Hadge

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.

September

4th Jan Miller
Judy Starkweather

11th Irene Fitzgerald
Heidi Lenhardt

18th Barbara Judd
Becky Harris

25th 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.

Healthy Snack Collection

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



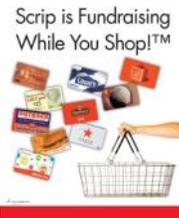
Bring donations to church and they will be delivered to Bolton. Thank you!

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!



Reconciling Ministries Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday
September 10th
5:00pm



Please join us for a casual dinner with conversation. We would love to have you come with your questions or concerns or if you are curious to what it means to be a reconciling church (or if you simply enjoy a good Methodist pot luck!).

Please sign up on the sheet in the memorial room.

Rides available if needed.

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

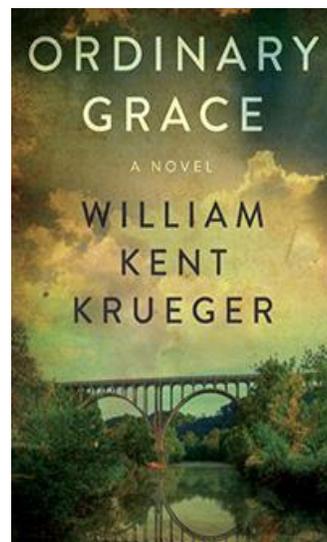
*We always need paper and plastic grocery bags, clean plastic bottles with tight fitting lids, freezer bags and egg cartons.

Thanks to all who have been faithfully donating!

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 third selection is Ordinary Grace, by William Kent Krueger is told forty years after a fateful summer when he lost his mother and father, his Juilliard bound older sister and his kid brother. This moving account is of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, unforgettable novel is about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.



NICU OUTREACH PROJECT

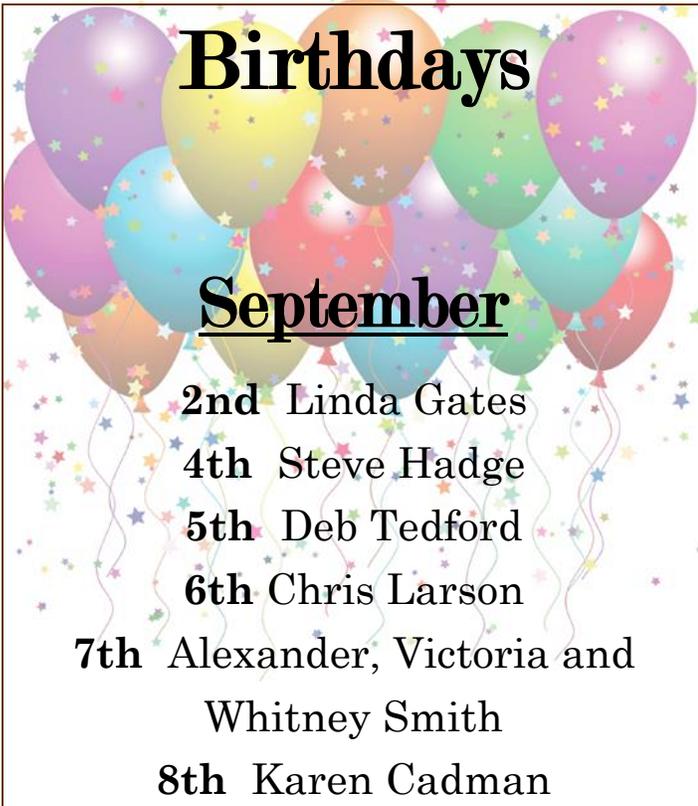
We are collecting money to purchase thermal lunch totes and items to fill them with for mothers of babies in the NICU.

Please consider donating and helping NICU babies and mothers.



If you have any question please contact Jessica Smith. Thank You!

Discussion will follow the church service on October 2.



Birthdays

September

2nd Linda Gates
 4th Steve Hadge
 5th Deb Tedford
 6th Chris Larson
 7th Alexander, Victoria and Whitney Smith
 8th Karen Cadman

9th Linda VanDine
 12th Joan Wood
 13th Barbara Witham
 18th Bob Pelletier
 26th John Fitzgerald
 29th Jackie Abbott
 30th Stephanie Brew

Birthday Blessings to Everyone!




**NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES
 September 8 & 22**

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.

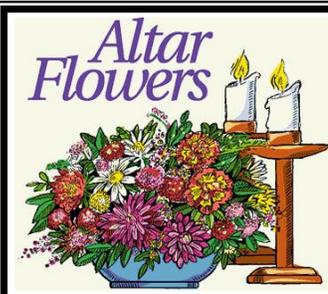



HYMN SING

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, Mary, Marian, Priscilla Bates (Deb Tedford's cousin), Mike & Dorothy Thompson, Stephanie Oppon-Kunty, Liz, Sarah & Friends, Ray Johnson, Tom Chappell, 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. 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.**



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



Catch up on any sermons you may have missed in this busy summer season or go back and listen again.

Share them with your friends.

Sermons are online for all to hear at:

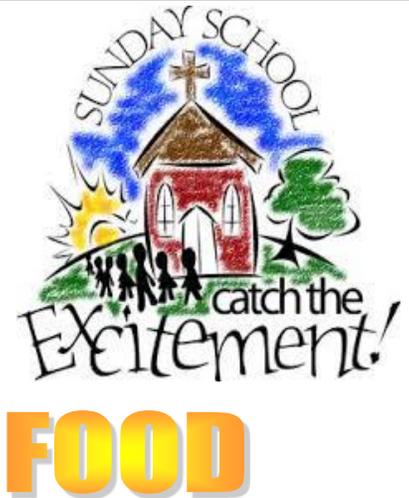
<http://numc.axelhouse.com/sermons.html>



September 11th

Rally Day is September 11th with lots of fun planned for the kids. Spread the word and bring kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and even some neighbor's kids.

Fun & Games



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!

YOUNG ADULTS

Adult Fellowship Ball Room Dancing Night!!

Sunday September 11, 2016

Army & Navy Club

1090 Main Street Manchester, CT 06040

Dancing Starts 2pm-4:30pm
Cost \$5/person

Snacks and beverages will be available

Sign-up sheet located in the memorial room.



Choir (and Band) Season Begins



As we leave summer behind and begin our new singing year at North Church it is my hope to call attention to our cultural heritage as Americans by focusing on an overarching theme of 'American' sacred music. We shall visit anthems from our history as a country; from Native American and Appalachian Folk tunes to Jazz, along with hopefully paying homage also to American composers. **We would love to have you consider joining us** on our journey, for all of the season- or just for special occasions. **We are especially in need of basses/baritones and alto voices.**

It is also my hope to create **more opportunities for smaller ensembles** akin to what our illustrious 'North Methodist River Band' members have accomplished. I am calling these groups 'small musical communities'. I feel that this is a great way to involve more of the Congregation in sharing their gifts in a more eclectic format, from instrumental to dramatic. Plus, they are a great way to form closer friendships with others who share your passion. Making music is innately fun and makes for great soul food. If you feel you have a form of musical expression or are passionate about a specific style of music that you would like to form a small ensemble around, **please speak with me.**

Parents of our Sunday School children; I hope to continue to have the privilege to work with your children on Sunday mornings and incorporate our 'youngest music ministers' into our ministry by continuing to have **the North Stars sing each month.** These wonderful kids are true examples of Christian Witness with their joy and passionate sharing of the Word through music.

Our PrISM choir rehearsals will reconvene on **Weds Sept. 7** at 6 PM in the sanctuary followed immediately by Chancel choir at 7 PM. Please take a quiet moment to listen to your inner voice. Is it calling you to make music with us? We will always save you a chair!!!

Christine Collins
Director of Music



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!

Check Your Directory Info

Three **draft** copies of the most recent church directory are now located in the memorial room.

Please look over your information listed and make sure it is correct. If anything is wrong or needs to be added please cross out and write the correct information neatly.

A final copy of the church directory will be printed by the end of September.

Thank You!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes resume September 18th

Registrations forms will be available on Rally Sunday. Please fill one out for each child.

Children attend the beginning of service and then proceed to class after the Children's Lesson with Pastor Dave. Communion Sundays—children begin in classes and join their parents for communion and the remainder of the service.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School & Communion 11:30 Fellowship		7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			5:00 pm Reconciling Ministries Pot Luck
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
RALLY DAY! 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 2:30 Ball Room Dancing	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel	Tidings Submission Deadline		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 5:00 pm All Church Conference	7 pm AD Council	7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 5:00 pm Stuff That Matters		7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			

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

1 Corinthians 16:29

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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, September 18 at
5pm**