



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

# TIDINGS

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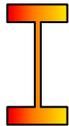
Recently I was reflecting on the idea of the being engaged in a practice of sharing the social gospel. Methodism was one of the leaders in the social movement to end inequality and the sufferings of poverty. Many Christians engage in acts of mercy in local food pantries, at homeless shelters, and numerous other charitable activities. Their faith draws them there, calling them to be a blessing to others. Yet, they leave their faith behind, or hide their light under a bushel. Kagawa Toyohiko wrote: Indeed is it even possible for social movements to exist independent of spiritual movements?

Maybe this is part of our struggle as Methodists today. We see our ministry to the world as more social movement, and rarely consider that it is a spiritual movement at the same time. What might our efforts look like if we were intentionally engaging our spirituality as we minister to the world around us? How might those with whom we interact appreciate, benefit or be changed by our willingness to be open about our faith? I hope you'll reflect on these ideas, and pray about how God can be an integral part of how you engage the world socially.

Grace and Peace to you all!

*Pastor David J. Martin*

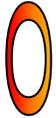
## PALM SUNDAY—April 9th



Upper Room Meal—Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Service—April 13th

\*Hand Washing Service 7:30 pm at Bolton UMC

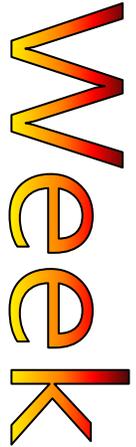


Good Friday Service—April 14th at 7:00 pm



## EASTER SUNDAY

April 16th \* 10:30 am at North UMC



### Office Hours

Pastor Dave's

office hours are:

Monday 8:00-3:00

Tuesday 8:00-5:30

Thursday 8:00-1:00

### Can & Bottle Drive Fundraiser

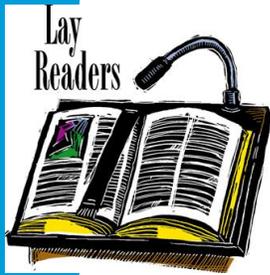
**\*Supporting our NUMC Youth Group\***

Large boxes will be available to put cans & bottles in. We will be doing this continuously for the next few months.



# LITURGISTS

# USHERS



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

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

- 2nd Steve Hadge
- 9th Roger Edinger
- 16th (Easter) Karen Arendt
- 23th Youth Service!
- 30th Lori Rowe

## 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.

## April

- 2nd Collins Judd
- Les VanDine
- 9th Jan Miller
- Judy Starkweather
- 16th Barbara Judd
- Becky Harris
- 23th Irene Fitzgerald
- Cindy Lepack
- 30th Tim LePore
- Harry Arendt

## 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 the church office or talk to any of the counters.



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!

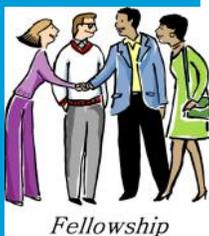


## Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

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.



Fellowship

### 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



### 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.

*The results from the Music Surveys are Located in the Memorial Room!!!*



### 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



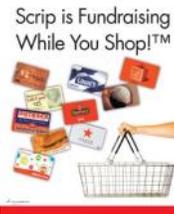
Orphanage. They needs a well for their new home which costs \$600.

### 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 2017

*Shopping List:*

**Cereal \* Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, ham & beef stew) \* Peanut butter \* Pasta & Sauce \* Canned Veggies & Fruits \* Low Sodium Soup \* Healthy Snacks for Children \* Jam/Jelly \* Rice \* Condiments (mustard, ketchup, mayo, salad dressing, etc.)**

**Toilet Tissue \* Paper Towels \* Diapers \* Laundry Detergent \* Feminine Products \* Toothpaste \* Tooth Brushes \* Soap \* Dish Soap \* Baby Wipes \* Cleaning Products \* Deoderant**

*\*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!*

### Northampton Pride Parade – Saturday, May 6, Noon

Wesley UMC in Hadley, MA has invited us to march with them in the Northampton Pride Parade! The parade begins in downtown Northampton and goes for 1 mile to the Three County Fairgrounds where there will be food, music and general merriment. We can arrange a parade vehicle for those who can't walk the distance.

We hope to have a good turnout to help us carry our North Church banner! For details contact Linda VanDine (860-646- 0366) or Pastor Dave.



**The North Church Readers:** We invite you to join us for our last reading of the season! Our Final selection this season is *The Nightingale*, by Kristin Hannah and published in 2015. It tells the story of two sisters, just coming of age in France on the eve of World War II, and their struggle to survive and resist the German occupation of France.

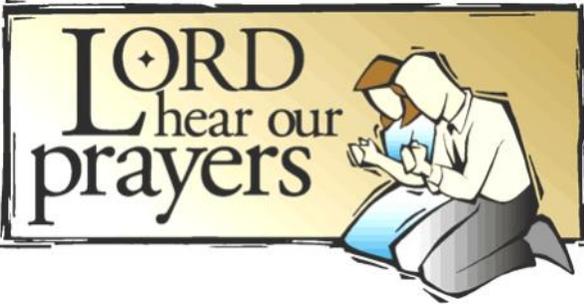
**Discussion will follow the church service on May 21.** We meet in the library if available. Grab your coffee or tea and join us for a good discussion and good friendship. Hope to see you there!



**Birthdays**  
**APRIL**

1st Julie LePore  
5th Kow De-Graft-Eshun  
8th Sarah Cadman  
14th Elaine Hadge  
15th Grace Didan  
18th Judy Starkweather  
22nd Paul Gilligan  
24th Tony Adameczyk  
25th Vickie Hadge  
27th Taryn Gilligan  
29th Stephen Gagnon  
Katherine Turley  
30th Martina Brew

***Birthday Blessings to Everyone!***



***FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN***

Sylvia Lapenta Crystal Price Grace Didan Dottie Allen  
Jean Derby Jenna & Patty Nellie, Ruth Mancell  
Mary, Marian, Mike & Dorothy Thompson, Stephanie  
Oppon-Kunty, Liz, Sarah & Friends, Ray Johnson, Patty  
Wade, Austin, Craig & Lynn, Heidi Lenhardt, Nellie  
Mancell, Susan Fenn, Alisa Smith, Betty Boop, Nichols  
Family, Jack 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, Jackie, Diane,  
Ray, Cindy, Terry, Robin, John Harris



**NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES**

**April 6 & 20**

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.

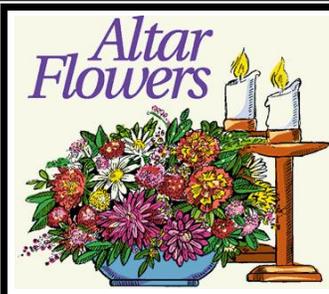


**\*REMINDER**  
**Please wear name tags**  
**every Sunday.**

*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.*

**Ad Council Meetings**

April 25  
May 22  
June 19



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

## THE KNITTING MINISTRY



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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 knitting ministry will meet in April on the 3rd and 17th.**

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

## QUIET REFLECTION TIME

Starting the first Sunday of Lent (March 1st to April 13th) we will be observing **quiet** reflection time in the Sanctuary before Worship Service from approximately 10:15 am to 13:30 am.

There will be some stations in the sanctuary every week where people can do an alternate **devotional reflection**.

If you do not wish to partake in silence in the Sanctuary, the Memorial Room will be available. There will be signs to remind people and doors will be closed to facilitate the **quiet reflection**.



## JOIN NUMC YOUTH BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS WORTHY LOCAL MISSION—REBUILDING TOGETHER

North United Methodist Church Youth Group as well as other church members will be participating once again in Rebuilding Together on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to join us please contact Tim McLaughlin @ 860-716-3472 or Charlene Sullivan @ 860-716-3451. Below is more information about this good cause.

REBUILDING TOGETHER is part of a National non-profit organization called Rebuilding Together. The goal of this organization is to bring communities together in efforts to assist those in need of general home repair and improvements.

This is a volunteer organization that, in partnership with the community, rehabilitates the houses of low income homeowners. The program targets the elderly, disabled and families with children, so they may continue to live in warmth, safety and independence. REBUILDING TOGETHER is a nonprofit, non-sectarian organization supported entirely by voluntary contributions of time and money. After months of planning and preparation, the program culminates on a National rebuilding usually the last Saturday in April. All repairs are completed on that one day. This year's rebuilding day is Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

The REBUILDING TOGETHER (formerly Christmas In April) program has been in existence in Manchester since 1992. The program has worked to restore over 1,300 homes. Over 20,000 volunteers have lent a hand in efforts to improve a neighbor's living conditions. Improvements have included roofing, interior and exterior painting, replacement windows, plumbing, handicap ramps, electrical work, flooring, landscaping, carpentry work, and small repairs.

To be eligible to receive assistance from this volunteer organization a person must own and occupy their home in Manchester, and be unable to do the work themselves. There are income guidelines as well. Priority is given to fixed, low to moderate income families, elderly or disabled individuals.



## STUFF THAT MATTERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM!

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



## Update from Reconciling Ministries Committee

Our committee continues to meet on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be April 3rd at 7 PM. New members are always welcome so bring your ideas and join us!

### Reconciling Ministries Library Offerings:

Four books on LGBTQ issues have been donated to the church library and are available for borrowing: *Always My Child* by Kevin Jennings; *Changing Our Mind* by David Gushee; *Raising My Rainbow* by Lori Duran; and *The Bible's YES to Same Sex Marriage* by Mark Achtemeier. The DVD *For the Bible Tells Me So* is also available.

Each month we will highlight one of the above selections.

*Changing Our Mind, Second Ed* by David Gushee

“Every generation has its hot-button issue,” writes David P. Gushee, “For us, it’s the LGBT issue.” In *Changing Our Mind*, Gushee takes the reader along his personal and theological journey as he changes his mind about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender inclusion in the Church. “For decades now, David Gushee has earned the reputation as America’s leading evangelical ethicist. In this book, he admits that he has been wrong on the LGBT issue.” writes Brian D. McLaren, author and theologian.

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS GRACE OUR SANCTUARY

John and Marilyn Wilks have held a dream for several years that the altar at North Church be endowed with stained glass. A few weeks ago when we walked into the sanctuary on Sunday morning we were struck by a dramatic change. The windows that John had been shepherding through from idea to full blown reality greeted us with light and color. The diffusion of light gave off a holy presence. In worship this reporter couldn’t take her eyes off the beauty of the slender windows that surrounded the cross. The sunlight causes the colors to move across the carpet. The cross and flame reminds us of our Methodist heritage.

Following Marilyn’s death John worked on making their dream a reality. He sought and received approval from the Trustees, then Ad Council and finally the all Church Conference in 2016. Finding a company locally proved to be a dead end. Stained Glass Resources in Holland, MA had the artists and the stained glass artisans for the job. Great to work with, they came up with the design and then recently installed our “I have a dream” windows. John hopes that the stained glass gives us a feeling of a real Church. We are looking forward to a dedication in the near future. Meanwhile, enjoy our good fortune.



## Bolton UMC Turkey Dinner

Saturday, April 29

4:30 pm—6:00 pm

\$10.00/Adult

\$9.00/ Senior



## MEN’S PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST



BUMC Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 7:00am

\$5.00/person

Proceeds go to MACC Charities

## SUE MOON, HEIFER INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR SHARES WITH CHILDREN AND CONGREGATION

Sue spoke to the children about how the Heifer Program began-with dry milk to heifers. She shared within about her trip to Armenia as an Ambassador for Heifer where she experienced firsthand how heifer

gifts are used and appreciated as well as how the gift gets passed on.



Generous gifts were given by individuals and families to Heifer as a result of our Sunday School students educating us about the animals who serve as goodwill ambassadors in places around the world.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	1/8
10:15 Quiet Time 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School <b>&amp; Communion</b> 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry  7 pm Reconciling Ministries	7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal:  6:00 PrISM  7:00 Chancel			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 7am BUMC Men's Breakfast 10:15 Quiet Time 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		6:00 Upper Room Meal  7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal:  6:00 PrISM  7:00 Chancel	7:30 Maundy Thursday at BUMC	7:00 Good Friday Service	<b>Tidings Submission Deadline</b>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry  	7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal:  6:00 PrISM  7:00 Chancel			
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10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship <b>5pm Stuff That Matters</b>						

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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!*

**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.**

