



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

TIDINGS

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Office Hours

Pastor Dave's office hours are:

Monday 8:00-3:00

Tuesday 8:00-5:30

Friday 8:00-1:00



In most churches asking someone what's new in the church in August would garner several shrugs and possible even some blank stares as they try to think of SOMETHING to respond with. What's new at North Church? Well this month we will have new flooring/carpeting installed August 14-18th in the sanctuary and the memorial room! On August 6th we will have a joint worship service with Bolton UMC and the Ghanaian church (KIWIC)! Work continues on rezoning and subdividing our property, and new plumbing is being installed in the men's room downstairs, hosting the dinner for the local youth football team, plus lots of other small things. Your church is an active church, a glance at the announcements in the bulletin any given week will tell you that we so much happening here. A busy church can be a sign of health and spiritual vitality. But, let's no let our hyper-busy lives interfere with our search for God.

Isaiah 55:6 says, "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near." Being a busy church for the right reasons is such a blessing. Doing repairs on plumbing and replacing flooring so the space is more readily usable and welcoming is honoring our call to be good stewards of all God has entrusted to us. Worshiping with other churches claims our common purpose in Christ, and all of the little things we do like book studies help enrich our spiritual lives. I hope in the busy-ness of the summer months you find time to seek the LORD, and feel God's grace in your life. God's Holy Spirit is on the move at North, call upon the Lord and see how your life can be enriched as well!

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

School Supplies Needed

Outreach Committee is collecting school supplies through August 6th

A box will be placed in the Memorial Room.

The following items have been requested:

- ⇒ Backpacks (for children ages 5 to 17)
- ⇒ Pencils
- ⇒ Pens
- ⇒ Crayons
- ⇒ Pencil cases
- ⇒ Folders
- ⇒ Binders
- ⇒ Calculators
- ⇒ Loose leaf paper packs



Other school items may be included if you wish. The Outreach Committee will be delivering the items to the Town of Manchester Family Services. *Thank You!*

Thank You



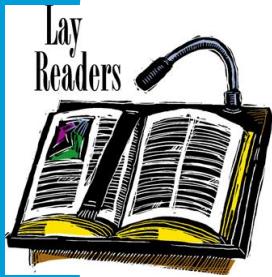
Thank everyone who made donations for sneakers and volunteered at the awards table for the Annual Randy Smith Track Meet. It ended up to be another beautiful day meeting many grateful student athletes. We collected \$750 and bought Dick's Sporting Goods cards through SCRIP towards new sneaker purchases. Thayer Redman sent this message in an email:

Thank you so much for the generosity. I can't tell you how encouraging it is to the coaches and the kids. As a meet director to have such a big job (the awards table) taken off my plate is so helpful. I am so appreciative of your commitment to the kids and our meet.

*Thank you again,
Thayer*

LITURGISTS

USHERS



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.

August

- 6th Sandy Geres
- 13th Jackie Abbott
- 20th TBD
- 27th Vickie Hadge

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.

August

- 6th Irene Fitzgerald
- Cindy Lepack
- 13th Tim LePore
- Harry Arendt
- 20th Collins Judd
- Les VanDine
- 27th 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 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!

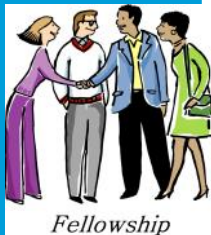


Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

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.



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

NICU Totes

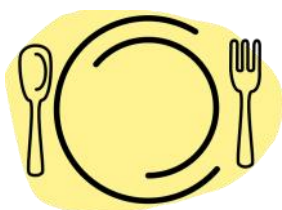


The kids will be making totes again for the NICU babies and mothers. We are collecting money to purchase thermal lunch totes and items to fill them with helpful items for mothers of babies in the NICU.

Please consider donating and helping NICU babies and mothers. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Smith. *Thank You!*

Table Fellowship

Table Fellowship at Bolton will begin Tuesday, July 11 and run through Tuesday, August 29th. There will be potluck and devotional time. More



information to follow. Please contact Jackie Abbott or Pastor Dave with any questions.

Summer Music Opportunities

Solos, Duets, Trios, Children, Families, Instrumentalists, etc.

Please share a musical offering during the Summer! Check the sign up sheet in the Memorial Room to see what Sundays may be still available!

All are welcome and encouraged!

Please speak to Chris Collins with any questions.



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:

Lentils * Dry Red Kidney Beans * Cereal * Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, ham & beef stew) * Peanut butter * Pasta & Sauce * Canned Veggies & Fruits * Low Sodium Soup * Chili * 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!

Can & Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Supporting our NUMC Youth Group



A large box is available to put cans & bottles in. We will be doing this continuously for the next few months.

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.

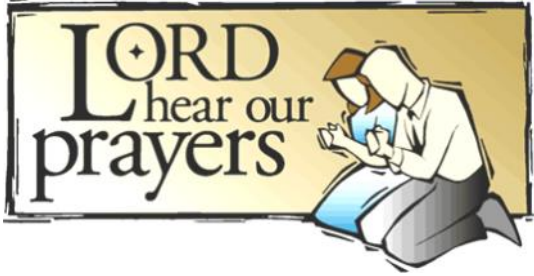


Birthdays

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!

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, Joan & Charles Nichols, Mark
 Fitzgerald

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



NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES
August 10th & 24th

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.



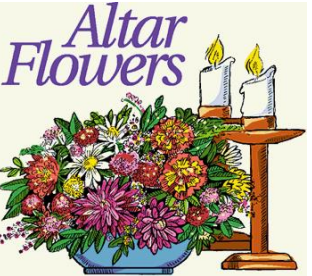
***REMINDER**
Please wear name tags
every Sunday.

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

- September 18
- October 16
- November 20
- December 18



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

North Church Readers

The North Church Readers have chosen their books for discussion for the new year. We have ten members of our group and would welcome you if you are interested. We are a friendly group and will make you feel welcome.

We meet in the Church library-how appropriate- soon after Church is over on a Sunday morning. Old and new members you all come!

TENTATIVE DATES FOR NORTH CHURCH READERS 2017-2018

August 13, 2017 Orphan Train by Christine Baker Kline—Doris Timbrell

Between 1854 and 1929, more than two hundred thousand children from the East Coast were transported by trains, known as orphan trains, to the Midwest. They were either adopted by a loving family or faced a childhood of hard labor or servitude.

This is a story of Vivian, a young Irish immigrant, and Molly, a 17 year old Penobscot Indian.

Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression era Minnesota, “Orphan Train” is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship.

September 24, 2017 Lilac Girl by Martha Hall Kelly—Pam Craparetta

November 19, 2017 The Red Tent by Anita Diamant—Lorrie Rowe

January 21, 2018 The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein—Sandy Geres

March 18, 2018 The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks—Jackie Abbott

May 20, 2018 The Shoemaker’s Wife by Adriana Trigani—Judy Galligan



Update On MACC

As many of you know, MACC has purchased the Landmark Restaurant on Main St. It will be used to further the MACC mission of serving the

community of Manchester. Some remodeling will be done with an opening date of sometime in the fall. The Culinary Program and the Catering Program run by Chef Ben DeBow will be using this facility. They will also be working toward providing employment to graduates and others in the community. Much more information to come on this new program.

Joint Worship Service

Please join us for a joint worship service with Bolton UMC and KIWIC on **Sunday, August 6 at 11 am.**



Please see the sign-up sheet in the Memorial Room if you would like to bring something for the Potluck that follows Worship and/or help with setup or cleanup. We hope to see you all there!

Tag Sale

Saturday, September 16

We will be having a church tag sale Saturday, September 16. All proceeds will go towards our 2018 Mission Trip!!! More Details to come.



STUFF THAT MATTERS

STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT MEETING

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

THE KNITTING MINISTRY



THE KNITTING MINISTRY will resume regular meetings again in the Fall. Enjoy the summer and thanks for all your work. We welcome new members

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

Summer Sunday School

June 25 to September 3

Please consider participating in this ministry throughout the summer. Curriculum is **easy** to follow and the children are **blessed** by the gift of your time as you are blessed by their youthful enthusiasm. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a Sunday (or two.) Sign up in the Memorial Room.



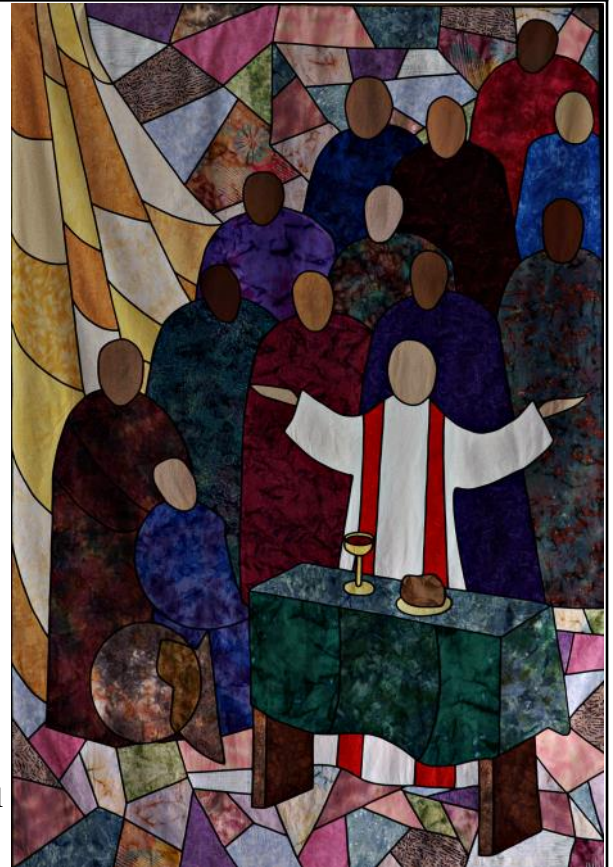
BANNERS AND MORE BANNERS

After admiring the beautiful banners that hang on the wall behind the altar for many years I decided to speak to Kris Pelletier about them. I knew that she was the creator of them and that I saw them as a piece of art. I wondered about the how and why. Our phone conversation from the Cape was wide ranging and I knew that there was enough “good stuff” for several articles. Consider this part one with the expectation of more to come.

The year that the new North Church was completed there was much discussion about what should go on the wall behind the altar. The wall is large and might have been a challenge to best fill it. Hearing the discussion, Kris was inspired to use her famed skills as quilter to create banners. Kris swears what she does is God-given and that was the case with her first work. While she uses quilting techniques, the results are more like paintings than






repetitive squares and triangles that one finds on a bed. Her early banners were first inspired by a picture that she saw and then drawn and enlarged to full size by Jerry Madero. The end palette is replete with people walking right out of the Bible and symbols of our faith.



There are three sets of banners. The first is for the ‘ordinary’ times featuring the sacraments of baptism and communion. These are currently hanging on the wall for us to look at every time we enter the sanctuary. The white background shows up well from our seats, but how many of us can tell what else is on them. I will encourage you to leave your seat and walk up to see them up close. Here, I’ll help you to see. Notice the gender, skin color, mobility and ethnicity in the scene. What do you notice? What creatures from nature can you find? How are the elements of communion are shown? Now observe the ‘painting’ up close and then step back to your seat. How does this feel different?

In my next article I will describe how the banners are made and look at the Christmas banners. Meanwhile, enjoy the ‘ordinary’ banners. Are we not blessed to have works of art in our midst?

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		7:00 Meditation Table Fellowship at Bolton				
	6	7	8	9	10	11
11:00 Joint Worship with KIWIC followed by a Potluck		7:00 Meditation Table Fellowship at Bolton	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM			
13	14	15	16		17	18
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship NUMC Readers	Tidings Submission Deadline	7:00 Meditation Table Fellowship at Bolton				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		7:00 Meditation Table Fellowship at Bolton				
27	28	29	30		31	
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		7:00 Meditation Table Fellowship at Bolton				

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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!*

**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.**

