



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

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February is often noted for Valentine's Day, but in the spirit of our political climate it might be worth thinking about President's Day and the many fine human beings who have served America giving and sacrificing all. One in particular stands out. Very few Americans would argue against Abraham Lincoln as being one of the (if not the greatest) Presidents. Lincoln was quoted as saying: *My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth.* Lincoln was talking about his hope that one day after the Civil War, America might one day be the beacon of light and hope for the world.

I share Lincoln's dream. I too hope that someday we can be the last best hope for the world, the beacon of light that shines in the darkness. There is so much good about America and her people. We are a people of faith; Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and more. In our shared faith we long for a world (and a country) that is loving, mercy and just. I pray for our nation's leadership that they will be guided by these principles, and that tomorrow will bring a brighter future for all of God's children.

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

Souper Bowl Sunday* Feb. 5, 2017

Tim, Charlene and the Youth are cooking!!

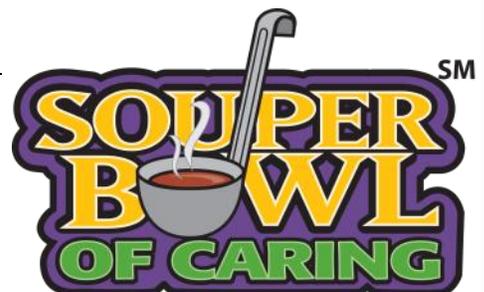
Last year the Youth Group's Souper Bowl Sunday raised over \$1100 for the Manchester Area Conference of Churches and their mission to feed those in need, our best yet.

Please help by purchasing soup, chili, pepperoni/mozzarella bread, and/or additional goodies.

***Note: Sandwiches are pre-orders only.**

You will be enjoying a good meal and in turn helping someone else also enjoy a good meal!

Remember to come pick up your food!



Office Hours

Pastor Dave's

office hours are:

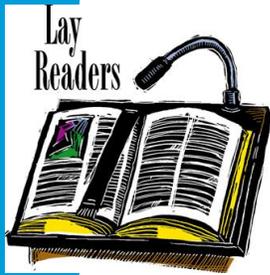
Monday 8:00-3:00

Tuesday 8:00-5:30

Thursday 8:00-1:00

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.

February

- 5th TBD
- 12th Steve Hadge
- 19th Caleb Cadman
- 26th Karen Cadman

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.

February

- 5th Barbara Judd
Becky Harris
- 12th Irene Fitzgerald
Cindy Lepack
- 19th Tim LePore
Harry Arendt
- 26th TBD



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:

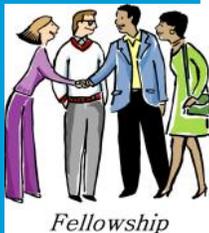
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Members

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

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 sixth selection is *Leaving Before the Rains Come*, by Alexandra Fuller. It is about a child of the Rhodesian wars and a daughter of deeply complicated parents. Alexandra Fuller is no stranger to pain, but the disintegration of Fuller's marriage leaves her shattered. Looking to pick up the pieces of her life, she finally confronts the tough questions about her past, the American she married, and the family she left behind in Africa. Fuller tries to delicately balance between American pragmatism and African fatalism. Fuller reveals how, after spending a lifetime fearfully waiting for someone to show up and save her, she discovered in the end, we all simply have to save ourselves.



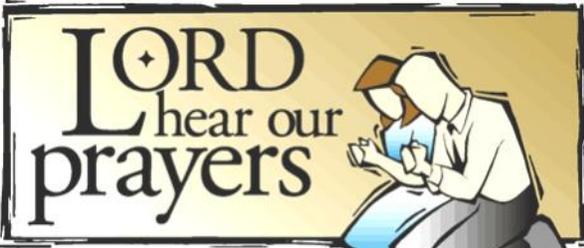
Discussion will follow the church service on March 19th.

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
FEBRUARY
 8th Sarah Turley
 11th Doris Timbrell
 14th Adam Lenhardt
 18th Jonathan Cadman
 19th Tim LePore
 21st Nicholas Lenhardt
 25th Dianne LePore
 26th Dave Harris

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, Kris Pelletier, Heidi Lenhardt, Nellie Mancell, Susan Fenn, Alisa Smith, Betty Boop, Nichols Family

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

February 9 & 23

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

February 21
 March 26
 April 25
 May 22

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

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.



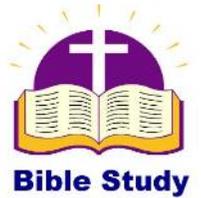
You may have noticed that the tree in the sanctuary that was used to collect hats, gloves and scarves for MACC was well coated. The Knitting Ministry donated a grand total of **73** hats, scarves and gloves to MACC. Many thanks to church members who helped us with this project.



The knitting ministry will meet in February on the 6th and 20th.

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

Bible Study Tuesdays at Bolton UMC



We will be studying Psalms from January 31, 2017 to March 21, 2017. There will be a potluck dinner starting at 6:15 pm with the study starting at 7:00 pm

Week 1, historical, contractual, cultural — January 29

Psalms 1, 2, 22, 29

Who are the wicked?

Who are the good?

Who Conspires?

Who are the nations at this time?

Week 2, poetry, hymnody — February 7

Psalms 23, 122(alliterative), 121, 134

How are you moved when you read these Psalms?

What is transcendent in them?

Where do you find hyperbole?

Logical over rational?

...More at <http://numc.axelhouse.com/education.html>

Sign up in the Memorial Room.

Please speak to Pastor Dave with any questions.

Being Good Stewards of God's Creation

Collection boxes have been placed by the exits of the church so that you may **discard any components of your bulletins and announcements that you have not used or do not care to keep.**



These items will either be reused or recycled.

Thank you for supporting this "green" ministry!

STUFF THAT MATTERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM!

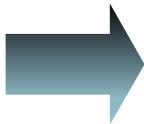
Pastor Dave invites young adults ages 20-34 to join him at North UMC.

Cook together, eat together and clean up together as we discuss *STUFF THAT MATTERS* to you!

YOUNG ADULTS

Find us on

Facebook



And check out our website at:

<http://numc.axelhouse.com>

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





Update from Reconciling Ministries Committee

Our committee continues to meet on the first Monday of the month. The next meetings will be Feb 6 and March 6 at 7 PM. New members are always welcome so bring your ideas and join us!

Since becoming a Reconciling Congregation in September we have been working on spreading the word that we welcome members of the LGBT community into the life of our church. Rainbow decals have been placed at each entrance and a temporary sign has been placed at the end of the driveway. We are gathering ideas for more permanent signage and our website and Facebook page have been updated with our Welcoming Statement. A framed poster of our Welcoming Statement, signed by many members of the congregation, hangs in the memorial room next to our bulletin board.

Several books and pamphlets that promote understanding of LGBT issues have been donated to our church library and will soon be available for borrowing. We also have a copy of the CD titled "The Bible Tells Me So" that was shown to the congregation. (The second copy of the cd is missing from it's jacket so thanks for checking your cd player if you borrowed it.). We are also compiling a list of resources providing support to LGBT individuals, families and friends.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:00 AM



*February 25th
here at NUMC*

*March 25 at
BUMC*

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

**Hymn Sing 10:15 am
on the 4th Sunday of
each month**



Next Hymn sing: **February 26**
Arrive to church early and Make a Joyful Noise!

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

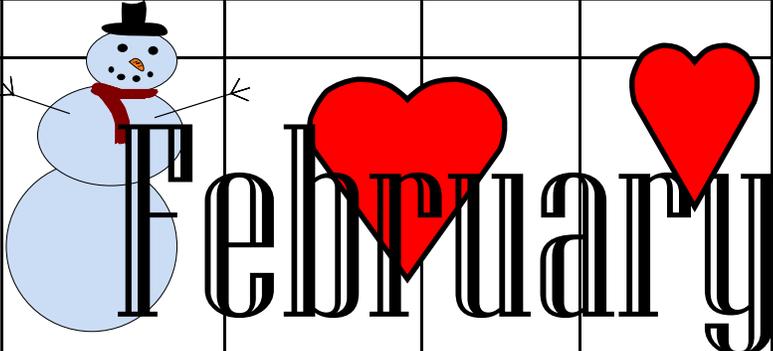


Thank you for your consideration!

Heifer International

We began a Heifer project starting January 29th. Listen to the children's presentations each Sunday and be inspired to help this powerful mission.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			Souper Bowl Youth Cooking
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School & Communion 11:30 Fellowship Souper Bowl Food Pickup	1 pm Knitting Ministry 7 pm Reconciling Ministries	7:00 Meditation Bible Study— Psalms at BUMC 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Study	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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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.**

