



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

TIDINGS

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January 2017 begins on Epiphany Sunday. An epiphanous moment is God's grace drawing the image of the kingdom of God close, allowing us to see the beauty, truth and joy of that kingdom if even for just a moment. When we have those moments, they often stick with us for days and weeks. We remember the moment, but as we move further in time from it, it no longer has the brightness and clarity that it did when we first experienced it. But, the fact that we had that moment changes us forever. When we reflect on those moments we grow in our faith and our understanding.

The New Year brings with it generous portions of joy and grief, peace and anxiety. In the expectancy of faith, welcome the hope that the birth of Jesus has brought to the world. God sent Jesus so that we might see God better, know God more truly. Colossians 1:15 says: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. Seek more of Christ in our lives this year, look to him and know that Jesus is the expression of God's limitless love for all of humanity. I hope this New Year brings you many opportunities to experience God's grace drawing you close, helping you to see the Kingdom!

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

Souper Bowl Sunday* Feb. 5, 2017

Tim, Charlene and the Youth are cooking!!

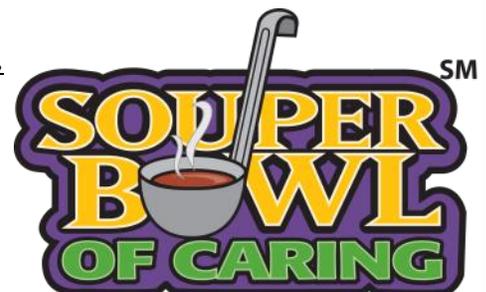
Last year the Youth Group's Souper Bowl Sunday raised over \$1100 for the Manchester Area Conference of Churches and their mission to feed those in need, our best yet.

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!

Order forms available 1/22—1/29



Office Hours

Pastor Dave's

office hours are:

Monday, Thursday

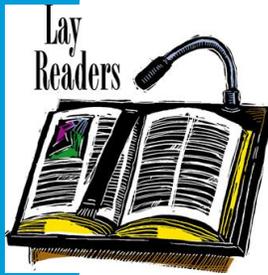
8:00-3:00

Tuesday

8:00-5:30

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.

January

- 1st Karen Arendt
- 8th Linda VanDine
- 15th TBD
- 22nd Elaine Law
- 29th Becky Harris

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.

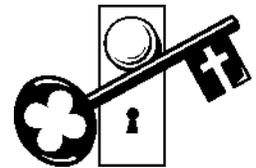
January

- 1st Barbara Judd
Jan Miller
- 8th Tim LePore
Becky Harris
- 15th Irene Fitzgerald
Cindy Lepack
- 22nd Tim LePore
Harry Arendt
- 29th 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!

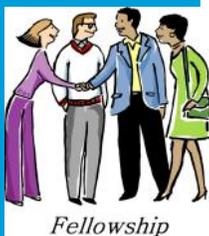


Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

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.



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.

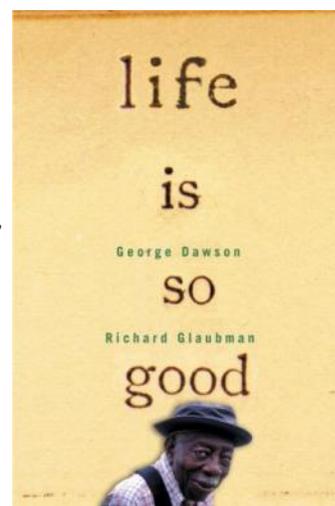


They **needs a well** for their new home which costs **\$600**.

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 fifth selection is *Life is So Good*, by George Dawson and Richard Glaubman. In this remarkable book, 103-year old George Dawson, a slave's grandson who learned to read at age 98, reflects on his life and offers valuable lessons in living as well as a fresh, firsthand view of America during the twentieth century.



Discussion will follow the church service on January 15th. 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
of
JANUARY**

1st Jason Starkweather
3rd Carl Lepack
6th Diana Custer
7th Emily Fitzgerald
Nathan Fitzgerald

8th Charlene Sullivan
9th Cindy Lepack
13th Ed Timbrell
23rd Ron Starkweather

Birthday Blessings to Everyone!



**NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES
January 5 & 19**

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
- March 26

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, 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

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

FYI: Pastor Dave's Office Hours will be changing starting Monday, January 16th.



New office hours will be:

- Monday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
 - Tuesday 8:00 am to 5:30 pm
 - Thursday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- *Pastor Dave will be on vacation January 9th-15th

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 knitting ministry will meet in January on the 9th and 23rd.

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

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!



Listening and Informational Meeting on NUMC Land Development:

Saturday, January 21 at 9:00 am



STUFF THAT MATTERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH 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

Happy New Year from Tidings

A new year can be an excellent opportunity to try something new or revisit something old. If you would like the church to know **what is going on in your group or committee** we would love to publish your story or information. A retrospective or summary of the past year or a look forward for 2017 might be a great place to start!



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 7PM. 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.

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



Next Hymn sing: **January 29**
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!

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:00 AM



January 28th at BUMC

February 25th here at NUMC

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

Heifer International

We will begin a Heifer project starting January 29th. More information will be available in the next few weeks.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School & Communion 11:30 Fellowship		7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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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*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!*

**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.**

