

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



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Pastor Dave's  
office hours are:

**Monday** 8:00-3:00

**Tuesday** 8:00-5:30

**Thursday** 8:00-1:00



Recently Stacey and I went to see the new movie "Wonder Woman."

As we left the theater we both just said, wow, that was a really cool movie. The movie left me with a lot of "feelings." I consider myself a supporter of women and women's equality, yet some parts of this movie challenged me, interrogated the limits of my open mindedness. An Island where men are unnecessary, except for procreation? The writers framed men as violent brutes in the early scenes, with just a few notable exceptions. After some reflection, I came to the conclusion that at the root of the male dominated brutality is the misogyny of a world where women are not valued for their strength, intellect and sound judgement. The more that women are enfranchised into a society, the more stable and peaceful that society becomes. Now, if you have been following the buzz on the movie there have been some who criticized the feminist message and overtones. I am truly puzzled by these kinds of responses. What is it about strong women, equality and positive female role models that scares people so much?

As a pastor, I understand the creation story as one where God created men and women to be in partnership, as coequals in stewardship of the world. This relationship is meant to go beyond the bounds of marriage, as it must. Gender differences are not about dominant and submissive roles, about strength and weakness, but about complementary roles, views, attitudes and qualities. I preached a sermon a few years ago entitled "I am a Feminist." As a husband with a strong, smart, loving wife I have seen the way she has had to struggle against patriarchal values and institutional practices. Together we have raised four women and one man into healthy, passionate, open minded people. Really.... Stacey gets all the credit for that, I just cooked dinner and made sure they didn't die on my watch. My point is that as a father of four daughters, a husband, a brother and a son.... How in the world could I not be a feminist? How could I not want the women in my life to have the same advantages as me, my brothers and my son?

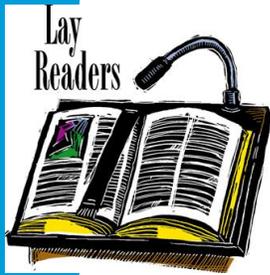
Being a feminist is my first step on a journey to being a womanist. Emilie Townes is the Dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School, and wrote a wonderful book entitled "Womanist Ethics and the Cultural Production of Evil." Feminism is great, but womanism takes us to the next step. It is an important concept that recognizes that feminism as important as it is, still leaves room for further growth in inclusivity. Alice Walker explains womanists this way: "Womanist is to feminist as purple is to lavender." This simply means that womanism is focused on black women (or possibly all women of color). I was happy to see that Diana Prince aka Wonder Woman was played by an Israeli woman. On Themyscira (Wonder Woman's place of origin) there was not only diversity of skin color, but of body shape, and societal roles, women were warriors, artists, scientists, poets, artisans, farmers, ship builders, and blacksmiths. As we consider this positive role model found in Wonder Woman we should examine all of the privileges inherent in our own lives, and seek a greater inclusion. As God created men and women, She also nurtured us in different climbs and places, gave to each individual unique gifts and endowed all of humanity with inherent sacred worth. It's time that humanity began to recognize that.

Grace and Peace to you all!

*Pastor David J. Martin*

# 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.

## July

- 2nd
- 9th
- 16th
- 23rd
- 30th

Sign Up!

## 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.

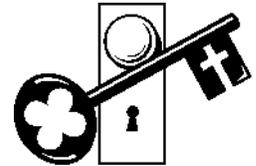
## June

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

## 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!

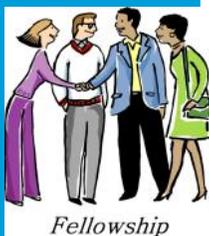


## Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

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

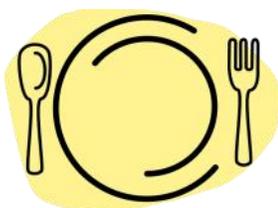
### Caution!

Ron will be cleaning and waxing the floors downstairs July 10-15. Please do not plan any activities downstairs at this time. 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**  
**JULY**

1st Alfred Brew

3rd Carter Haynes

14th Joe LeBlanc

18th Kris Pelletier

***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

**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**

**July 6th & 20th**

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**

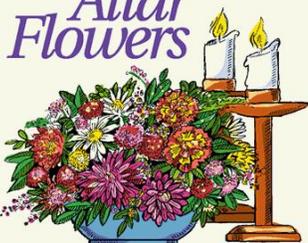
September 18

October 16

November 20

December 18

***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

## 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

July 16, 2017 Boston Girl by Anita Diamond—Jan Miller

Boston Girl is about a poor/working class girl who grew up in the early 1800's in Boston. It follows her family's life through decades, with a focus on her young adulthood in the 1920's and 1930's. It provides interesting details about the period of WWI, as women were beginning to assert themselves in society. Addie describes for her granddaughter the friends, the experiences in her life that allowed her to learn and grow. It made me wish I had asked my grandmother more questions.

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**. 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

SUNDAY, JULY 23 FROM 5-7 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

## Rogue One Movie Night Friday, July 28 at 6:30 pm

Come and enjoy this awesome movie! The movie is kid friendly. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be served.



## NORTH YOUTH GO ON A MISSION RETREAT

Our active youth group headed north to Littleton, New Hampshire in mid May for their planned retreat. Led by Kayle Gagnon, four young people spent a busy weekend doing God's work, and reportedly had fun doing it. The host church, First United Methodist (FUMC) of Littleton was described as a small, but active church led by Pastor Shannon Diana Keene and church secretary Debbie Alberini and Richard, husband of Debbie. Our youth were kept busy the entire time with hardly enough time for sleeping.

On Saturday they helped decorate for a fundraising dance at the Opera House on Main St. They went to the dance where a band called the "Swing North Big Band" played. Quoting from Kayle's notes, "The food was fantastic (they had many local restaurants and grocery stores donate). The youth group kids and I had a blast mingling with people, eating and dancing. When the evening ended we stayed to help cleanup. The cleanup didn't even feel like work because we had such a nice time and already feel bonded with members of this church, and we were appy to help."

Yes, our youth are helpful wherever they are- servants of Christ!

On Sunday they attended church before heading home. The story within this story is also interesting. FUMC, small as they are, have an ongoing active outreach ministry focusing on veterans and homeless people. An outreach center in a building next to the church serves as a place where people who are homeless can come in for a shower, a cup of hot coffee, soup, food, clothing, a hygiene kit, computer access, as well as household goods to help set up an apartment. Sounds like a very effective ministry- simple and meeting a need.

Look for a collection box in the coffee area of OUR church for Littleton. Items wanted are travel size shampoo, conditioner,

toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap and new or gently used towels. These items will travel with our youth when they return to Littleton in the fall. We share, we love, we can make a difference.



## Flamingo Big Band Concert Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who helped in so many ways to support the success of the Flamingo Big Band Concert sponsored by Reconciling Ministries Welcoming Committee. The concert was a resounding success and a good time was had by all.

The committee is delighted to report that the concert raised over \$800 after expenses!! Your support enables us to make our full \$250 annual donation to Reconciling Ministries Network. When our RM Welcoming Committee meets again in the fall we will begin to work on ideas of how to most effectively use these additional resources to support the local LGBTQ community.



## 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.



## 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 Adamczyk 860-646-6609 or Sue Derby 860-643-4589

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
2	3	4	5	6	7	1/8	
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School & Communion 11:30 Fellowship		7:00 Meditation					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		7:00 Meditation  Table Fellowship at Bolton	Choir Rehearsal:  6:00 PrISM		Tidings Submission Deadline		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship NUMC Readers		7:00 Meditation Table Fellowship at Bolton					
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship <b>5:00 Stuff that Matters</b>		7:00 Meditation Table Fellowship at Bolton			Rogue One 6:30pm		
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10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship							

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

1 Corinthians 16:29

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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.**

