

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



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Every year in June, the pastors and lay representatives from the many churches of the New England Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church gather for our annual business meeting. We discuss and vote on the normal and routine items like the conference budget. Some items are more contentious, like last year when we voted as a conference to be "non-compliant" with the General Conference. Some of the things we will vote on will be sad, as the conference will vote to discontinue churches that've finished their run.

Of all the things we do, every item, every issue, every point made for or against an issue, I hope my colleagues, my brothers and sisters in Christ, will remember that our Methodist founder John Wesley wanted us to be engaged in Christian conferencing. By this I believe he meant that our words and intentions should be grace-filled and love guided. Please join me in praying for our Annual Conference this January 15-17. Pray that we are guided by the Holy Spirit, by God's eternal word, and the love of Christ so that we may find strength and unity as a church, and so that God may be glorified!

Grace and Peace to you all!

*Pastor David J. Martin*

UMC New England Annual Conference  
Manchester, NH  
June 13-17



Pastor Dave will be out of the office the week of June 13-17 to attend the UMC New England Annual Conference.

## Stewardship Thank You

The stewardship campaign for the 2017 budget had a very good response. We received a total of 43 pledges, a grand total of \$114,321.84 from families and individuals. We appreciate your generosity.

Judy Galligan

Stewardship Coordinator

### Office Hours

Pastor Dave's office hours are:

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

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

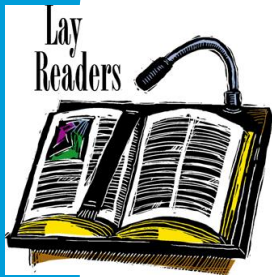
**Thursday** 8:00-1:00



Enjoying the Northampton Pride Parade on May 6 with Wesley UMC in Hadley, MA

# 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.

## June

- 4th Steve Hadge
- 11th Christine Collins
- 18th Caleb Cadman
- 25th

## 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

- 4th Tim LePore  
Harry Arendt
- 11th Collins Judd  
Les VanDine
- 18th Jan Miller  
Judy Starkweather
- 25th 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:**

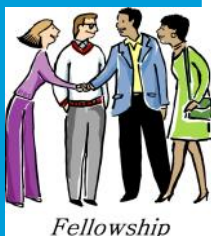
**TRUSTEE**

**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

### WELCOME MAKAYLA ROMAN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Makayla is that smiling face upon entering the office at North Church. She started a year ago in June, so this welcome is long overdue. Makayla fills the big shoes left by Irene Fitzgerald, who still helps out when needed. Irene trained Makayla, allowing her to step in quickly.

**What are the expectations of the job?** Put together the bulletin, take care of mail, answer the phone and questions people have, order supplies, keep information on the computer up to date, make flyers and make copies as requested. She also takes minutes for Ad Council. All of this gets done in 12 hours a week. Amazing! Well done. In our interview I asked:

**Why this job?** "I was new to office work, but when I was asked if I was interested in the job I said yes because I felt it was a good challenge for me."

**What do you like about the job?** "I like meeting new people and like to learn new things. Reaching for the sky and taking myself out of my comfort zone is really good. I love my job!"

**What do you find most challenging?** She responded that meeting so many new people and figuring out how to work with each one can be challenging, but a good learning experience. Also, finding time for Thomas, her 3 year old son, who wants Mommy around all of the time and she not wanting to miss the many new things a 3 year old learns every day. Learning how to manage her time between work and parenting is a challenge in itself, but Makayla seems to be doing a good job of it.

Makayla recently married Kevin Houle. Best wishes to Kevin and Makayla! They have recently returned from a honeymoon in the Caribbean. This reporter wants to hear about that cruise and perhaps you will too.

*Welcome Makayla.*

### 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!

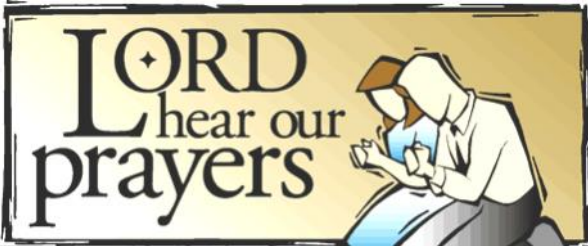
We are looking for more seed donations for gardeners in the Uganda Methodist church that we have worked with in the past. The **seeds** that we need are: **tomatoes, corn, peppers, spinach, beans, peas, cucumbers, pumpkin, watermelon, squash, cabbage, carrots, cantaloupe, broccoli and celery**. Lori 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**  
**JUNE**  
 2nd Becky Harris  
 3rd Dottie Ouillette  
 5th Collins Judd  
 11th Sue Hadge  
 12th Shane Gilligan  
 15th Brendan Harris  
 Cathy Smith\*  
 19th Elena Arendt  
 22nd Kayle Gagnon

***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**  
**May 11 & 25**

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.

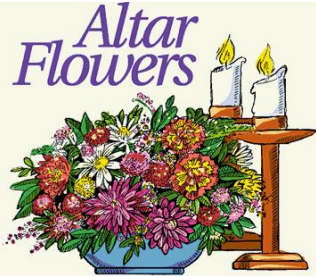


**\*REMINDER**  
**Please wear name tags**  
**every Sunday.**

*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**

June 19  
 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



## Chancel Choir — Looking Back, Going Forward

As we close out our 2016-2017 singing season at NUMC I would like to thank our Chancel Choir for their time and dedication in bringing a meaningful musical message to our worship each Sunday. Most do not realize the hours of time each choir member commits to learning music and singing it as it was envisioned when put to paper by composers. Recently we honored chorister Judy Morton for over 45 years of singing in our chancel choir loft. The dedication and service to our

Lord in showing up each Sunday for almost half a century humbles me. And we have other long time choir members who have devoted great portions of their time to our ministry, along with newer members who commit hours each week to improving their musical skills so that they can enrich our worship more. How truly blessed we are, in this relatively small church, to have so many willing to bring music to us each week.

It seems ironic that I would make this appeal but I wrote the above paragraph to help readers appreciate the individuals in our ministry and the time they devote to us. Were we a company we would look to hiring new employees to benefit from the experience and skills of our long-time, tenured employees. We would be aware of the need to share the workload so that we did not overwhelm our small company or 'fall behind' in whatever we were producing. Our group would benefit from new ideas and consistent values and a history of understanding each other and working toward a common goal.

We are an excellent choir, but we are a small enough choir that retired persons who travel and vacation, people with work conflicts, people who get sick and other for other reasons miss rehearsals leave us in a situation where we cannot move forward and make music because an integral part of our machine isn't there. As we are human we all have these conflicts but with our small choir the repercussions of these conflicts are very tough on our program.

This year we sent out a musical questionnaire to which many of you responded with thoughtful and insightful answers and suggestions. We hoped to hear what you had to say about us and to respond to your requests. We have heard what you had to say and, in sharing our results with you (you can still pick up a copy on the table in the fellowship area at the back of the sanctuary) have allowed all of us to see how, as a congregation we have similar and sometimes differing preferences in our worship music.

Next year we shall try to honor your requests, and I would ask that you prayerfully consider whether this might be the time for you in your life to join our ministry. I know we compete with other ministries for your time and talents yet still shamelessly make my pitch: 'come join us, you will love us!'

As far as our overarching 'theme' for our musical 2017-2018 year, I haven't chosen one yet, but rest assured it will be another terrific journey together!

I thank you for the honor of serving in your music ministry for these past 10 years.

*Consider offering your special summer music, sign up in the Memorial Room.*

### North Church Readers

North Church Readers will meet following the Sunday service on June 11 to select books for the coming year. Plan to bring titles you wish for us to read with a short description, title and author. New members are always welcome.



### Bakers and Helpers Needed — Flamingo Big Band Concert

We hope to have more than 100 attendees at the June 17 Flamingo Big Band concert so we will need lots of "forkless" pick up desserts such as cookies and bars. We hope that you can help us with baking. Goodies can be brought to church between 10-12 on the morning of the concert. We also welcome help with set-up for the concert at that time. Assistance is also needed the night of the concert with tickets, programs, drinks, and desserts. A sign-up sheet is in the Memorial Room. Thank you in advance for any help that you can provide. We especially hope that you can attend the concert and enjoy the fabulous big band swing music!

## STUFF THAT MATTERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH 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





## Flamingo Big Band Concert

Saturday, June 17, 7-9 PM

Flamingo is a 14 piece all female big band of experienced professional musicians specializing in music from the swing era with a sprinkling of rock 'n roll, pop tunes, and rhythm and blues. Invite your friends and neighbors! Light refreshments will be served at intermission.



Advance tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 for seniors. Cash and check only please.

They may be purchased after Sunday services or reserved by calling Sue at 860-218-4686 or emailing [northchurch@snet.net](mailto:northchurch@snet.net). Tickets at the door will be \$15. The concert is a fundraiser for Reconciling Ministries Network supporting the LGBT community and will be held at North United Methodist Church, 300 Parker St, Manchester, CT.

## Update from Reconciling Ministries Committee

Our committee continues to meet on the first Monday of the month. 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.



## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:00 AM June 24 at BUMC

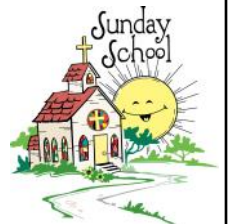


Share tasty food (healthy options available) and fellowship as we gather in community with the men of Bolton UMC every fourth Saturday.

## 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
				1	2	3
						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School <b>&amp; Communion</b> 11:30 Fellowship	7 pm Reconciling Ministries	7:00 Meditation  7pm Bible Study at BUMC "Paul"	Choir Rehearsal:  6:00 PrISM			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship <b>NUMC Readers Book Selection Meeting</b>		7:00 Meditation	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p><b>UMC New England Annual Conference June 13-17</b></p> </div>			7:00 pm Flamingo Big Band Concert  
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	Ad Council	7:00 Meditation				8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at BUMC
25	26	27	28	29	30	
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship <b>5pm Stuff That Matters</b>		7:00 Meditation				

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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.**

