

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



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I am thankful for many things: my wife and children, the home I live in, my calling to ministry, Marion Knight (who puts together [Bolton's] newsletter), good friends and so much more. November brings out the thankfulness in me, and I think it does of many of you as well. This month we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, an opportunity to celebrate with friends and families, reflect on how blessed we are, and to respond to God's goodness by sharing the blessings. There are numerous ways you can do this. Of course, one could always donate food or cash to MACC, or you can invite an elderly neighbor or a single alone person to Thanksgiving dinner... let your imagination run wild. These are easy simple ways to express thankfulness.

What do we do with the other eleven months? I think that Thanksgiving should be a year round holiday. So often we find ourselves going through life not thinking about how blessed we are... every single day. We worry about money, stress out about family or work (or both) and we certainly do not spend enough time thinking about the plight of those less fortunate than us. My hope for each of us is that we cultivate an attitude of gratitude. By that I mean that we nurture a sense of thankfulness that becomes a part of our everyday life. I think it looks something like this: We remember to say grace before every meal. We take a moment to pray for world peace, for refugees and for the homeless. We offer help to a neighbor, or volunteer someplace that helps others. We (fill in your own gratefulness activity here). Let's make Thanksgiving a year round celebration, and a way of life!

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 2
6pm at NUMC

*More details to follow!



Thanksgiving Day Communion: 8 am—9:45 am

Army Navy Club, 109 Main Street, Manchester

Pastor Dave will present Liturgy and Communion outside on the lawn of the Army Navy Club at approximately 15 minute intervals. Whether you are a runner or spectator we hope you will stop by!



Office Hours

Pastor Dave's

office hours are:

Monday 8:00-3:00

Tuesday 8:00-5:30

Friday 8:00-1:00



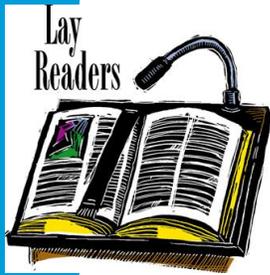
Seasonal Sharing is here.

Food requests for Thanksgiving and Christmas are on the back table!

Don't miss out on this important mission. See Marlene for any questions.

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.

November

- 5th Caleb Cadman
- 12th Roger Edinger
- 19th TBD
- 26th TBD

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.

November

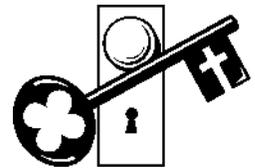
- 5th Collins Judd
- Les VanDine
- 12th Barbara Judd
- Becky Harris
- 19th Irene Fitzgerald
- Cindy Lepack
- 26th Tim LePore
- Harry Arendt



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:

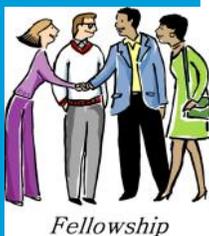
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Members

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.

Yoga Classes

Tuesday's at 2:00 pm ~
November 7 & 14



Please bring a mat (if you have one) and a towel for your head. This is a free class for anyone associated with NUMC. Both men and women are invited to attend. There will be a \$5 charge per class for friends. If you have any questions please call Judy Galligan at 860-646-0454.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Memorial Room. We hope to see you there!

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!



PASTOR DAVE WILL BE ON VACATION FROM NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 14. (BACK IN OFFICE ON DECEMBER 15)

MACC Food Pantry 2017

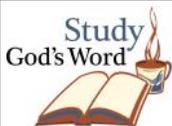
Shopping List:

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 * Deodorant

*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!



Bible Study Tuesdays at Bolton UMC

6:00 pm Potluck * Study starts at 7:00 pm
The Book of James

Speak with Pastor Dave if you have questions

Choir Rehearsals



Every Wednesday—PrISM at 6:00, Chancel at 7 pm

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.



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!

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:00 am

November 25 (NUMC)

Join us for good food and conversation!



November Birthdays

2nd Bertha Brew	19th Paula Admaczyk
3rd Vicky Ladabouche	22nd Florence Wollaston
7th Sandy Geres	
8th Lindsay Ladabouche	26th Pastor David J. Martin
9th Cyndy Flaherty	27th Gregory Harris
10th Barbara Judd	29th Charley Cappello
12th Elaine Law	Marlene Camper
15th Harry Arendt	30th Ruth Mancell-Opoku
16th Chris Collins	

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, Austin, Craig & Lynn, Heidi Lenhardt, Nellie Mancell, Alisa Smith, Betty Boop, Nichols Family, Jack Harris, Joan & Charles Nichols, Mark Fitzgerald, Greg Sholomicky, Carol Haurland

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, Ryan



NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES

October 5th & 19th

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.

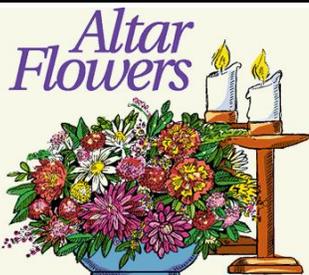
Anyone in need of a name tag, please note it on the back of your attendance slip on Sunday morning and one will be made for you.



Ad Council Meetings

November 20

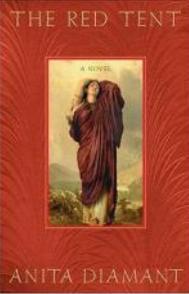
December 18



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 this season is reading books chosen by group members. We invite you to join us for any or all of the books! Our Fourth selection for this season is *The Red Tent*, by Anita Diamant. Her name is Dinah. In the Bible, her life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters of the Book of Genesis that are about her father, Jacob, and his dozen sons. Told in Dinah's voice, the novel reveals that traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood—the world of the Red Tent. *The Red Tent* combines rich storytelling with a valuable achievement in modern fiction: a new view of biblical women's society.

Discussion will follow the church service on November 19. We meet in the library directly after church. 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.

UPCOMING BOOKS FOR NORTH CHURCH READERS 2017-2018

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



Reconciling Ministries Welcoming Task Force Monday, Nov. 6 at 7pm

The next meeting of the Reconciling Ministries Welcoming Committee will be Monday, November 6 at 7pm.

We will continue to meet monthly to further our commitment to diversity and to develop ideas to extend a meaningful welcome to the LGBTQ community. All are welcome.



Thank you to everyone for observing the following requests at all worship times.



Please set cell phones to **off/silent** during worship services.

Food and beverages are to remain in the Memorial Room.

Please, water only allowed in the sanctuary.



Food and Beverages in Memorial Room only

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.



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 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



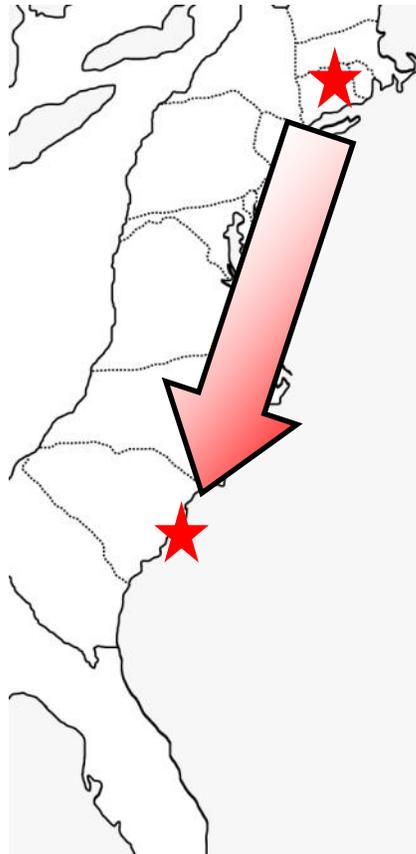
Tag Sale Results In Mission Trip Funds

North Church came together once again to support a tag sale to benefit a Mission Trip scheduled for the spring of 2018. The sanctuary and Memorial Room was transformed into literally thousands of items to tempt buyers looking for bargains. A small committee worked tirelessly all week sorting, organizing, cleaning and pricing items as members and friends brought in their no longer wanted items from their homes. One of the most interesting item was a windup record player that actually played with good sound. Many remarked that they would buy this antique piece if they had room, including this writer. At last report the old player was still waiting for its forever home. Many are still rejoicing at their new treasures, and what a bargain they got!

The recipient of the profits is the Mission Trip to Johns Island, South Carolina, in the amount of \$2,000.00. Our Mission Committee intends to hold additional fund raisers until the early spring of 2018 in order to raise as much money as possible. North will be joining with the Westfield, Ma, United Methodist Church for the trip. The money goes to purchase supplies to repair and revitalize the homes of the Gullah Nation. Those North Church members who will go on the mission trip will be expected to provide their own travel and support funds.

Who are the people called Gullahs? The term was originally used to designate the creole dialect of English spoken by Gullah or Geechee people. Taken as slaves mainly from West Africa's rice growing regions, the people were enslaved and brought to the Carolinas, Georgia and northern Florida, and especially on the coastal plain and on the offshore Sea Islands, where rice growing was a very lucrative industry. In the steamy tropical climate the plantation families would leave the humid and insect infested areas in the summer and left the slaves and overseers to tend the crops. Following the Civil War and freedom the African and later others remained on the islands. Because of the isolated nature of the Sea Islands and the freedom to live as they wished they adopted many of the customs of their West African roots. A unique culture exists that includes language, crafts, farming and fishing traditions, folk beliefs, music, rice-based cuisine and story telling traditions, all exhibiting a strong influence from Central and West African cultures. More than a century later the Gullahs continue to fight with the government to preserve, protect and promote their history, culture, language, and homeland from being taken over for commercial development. Their homes are always in need of repair and revitalization. The goal of those who will travel there will be doing such work.

Those from North who travel to the Gullah nation will be rewarded with a rich cultural experience as well as an awareness of the struggles these Americans deal with every day to hang on to their lifestyle and culture. What an opportunity for our members to serve and learn.



Substitute Sunday School Teachers Needed!!

Please consider participating in this ministry when our Sunday School Teachers or our Nursery leaders are unable to teach. We would hate to have to cancel Sunday School because we do not have a teacher. Curriculum is easy to follow.



Please prayerfully consider being on our substitute teacher list. If you would like to shadow a teacher one morning, please let us know!

Sign-up in the Memorial Room.

THE KNITTING MINISTRY



The Knitting Ministry meets from

1:00-2:30 pm in the Memorial Room. All are welcome with or without yarn skills. We are all patient teachers and our patterns are easy. **Fall Meeting Schedule:** 11/06, 11/20, 12/4, 12/18.

Contact: Paula Adamczyk: anthony.adamczyk@snet.net or Sue Derby: susanderby@cox.net

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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NOVEMBER			Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel		12:45 Bible Study	
			5		6	7
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 7 pm Reconciling Ministries	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation Bible Study at BUMC—6pm Potluck, 7pm study James	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel		12:45 Bible Study	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22		23	24
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship Stuff That Matters ~5-7pm	1 pm Knitting Ministry 6:15 Finance 7:00 Ad Council	7:00 Meditation Bible Study at BUMC—6pm Potluck, 7pm study James		Thanksgiving 8 to 9:45 am Communion at Army Navy Club		8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at NUMC
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		7:00 Meditation Bible Study at BUMC—6pm Potluck, 7pm study James	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			6:00 Church Christmas Party
						

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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.**

