

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

TIDINGS

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Recently I drove to Kittery Maine to meet with my clergy mentor. We met at a bakery called "When Pigs Fly". I took a browse through the sales floor, and there must have been 30 different types of specialty breads in large baskets. There was this abundance of diverse and flavorful bread. They also had cookies of various sorts, jams, jellies and more. On my drive home, I began to think about this wonderful variety, this bounty of bread, and how most people never get to enjoy so many choices. Some 2 Billion people in this world live on \$2 a day or less. Their choices are never which of the thirty loaves of bread should I buy, but whether they actually have enough money for a pittance of flour so they can bake their own bread.

Most churches lack diversity; diversity of choices, diversity of people, diversity of thought, diversity of people with differing levels of income. Most churches have that sign outside that says all are welcome, but the reality is that no one honestly believes that to be true. Why is diversity so important in the church? Besides the Biblical command to go into the world and make disciples of every nation, and minister to people of every description, rich or poor. Imagine a church that allowed itself, and encouraged itself to become richly diverse. How flavorful would a church like that be? The strength of that community would make it far more resilient, and be far better equipped to meet the challenges of ministry to the world around them. Some say that this will never happen, or will happen when pigs fly. I think God is just waiting for this to be our desire, our purpose and our vision.

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin



Afternoon Study with Pastor Dave
Fridays at 12:45 PM, Beginning October 13th
Isaiah, Spirit of Courage, Gift of Tears
by Daniel Berrigan

Bring a lunch

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Memorial Room. Pastor Dave will be ordering the books for the Study. **Each book will cost \$10.**

Please speak with Pastor Dave with and questions.

Reconciling Ministries Welcoming Task Force
Monday, October 2 at 7pm

The next meeting of the Reconciling Ministries Welcoming Committee will be Monday, October 2 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.



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

Office Hours

Pastor Dave's

office hours are:

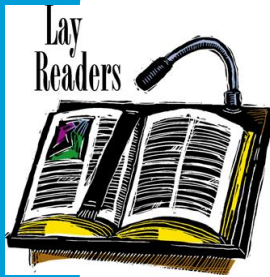
Monday 8:00-3:00

Tuesday 8:00-5:30

Friday 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.

October

- 1st Karen Arendt
- 8th Jackie Abbott
- 15th Doris Frimpong
- 22nd Sandy Geres
- 29th 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.

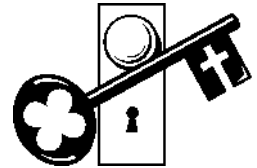
October

- 1st Jan Miller
- Judy Starkweather
- 8th Barbara Judd
- Becky Harris
- 15th Irene Fitzgerald
- Cindy Lepack
- 22nd Tim LePore
- Harry Arendt
- 29th Collins Judd
- Les VanDine

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!

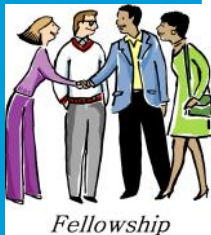


Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

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



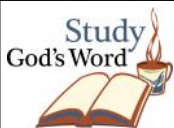
There will be a collection box in the back of the church for anyone who wants to donate their box tops. They can just put them in there! The box tops will be divided between all the Manchester public schools. If you have any questions please contact Kayle Gagnon 860-830-8062

NICU Totes



The kids will be making totes again for the NICU babies and mothers. We are collecting money to purchase thermal lunch totes and items to fill them with helpful items for mothers of babies in the NICU.

Please consider donating and helping NICU babies and mothers. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Smith. *Thank You!*



Bible Study Thursdays at Bolton UMC

6:00 pm Potluck * Study starts at 7:00 pm

The Book of Genesis

Speak with Pastor Dave if you have 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 * 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!

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

October 28 (BUMC)

November 25 (NUMC)


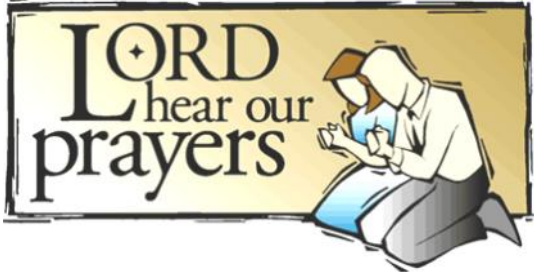


Birthdays

October

7th Paige Gagnon
 17th Catherine Ann Bryant
 20th Elizabeth Turley
 22nd Matthew Judd

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, Alisa Smith, Betty Boop, Nichols Family, Jack
 Harris, Joan & Charles Nichols, Mark Fitzgerald, Doug
 Allen, Greg Sholomicky

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
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.



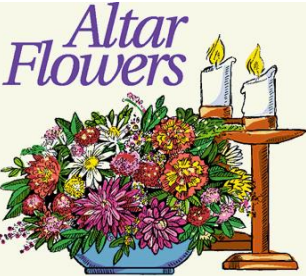
***REMINDER**
Please wear name tags
every Sunday.

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

- October 16
- November 20
- December 18

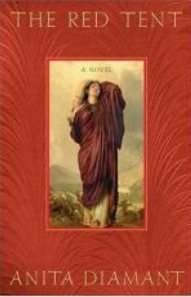


Altar Flowers

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 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



Lay Servant Ministries *CWM* *District Courses*

First United Methodist Church
55 Fenn Street Pittsfield MA 01201

Advanced Course

Sun. October 22 & October 29, 2017 12:30 - 5:30 pm

FROM YOUR HEART TO THEIRS (Delivering an Effective Sermon): Moving beyond the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon, this course also includes types of sermons – from exegetical to topical to children's sermons – as well as how to find a story, use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper.

Registration forms are located in the church office.



**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

Sunday, October 22 ~5pm-7pm

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



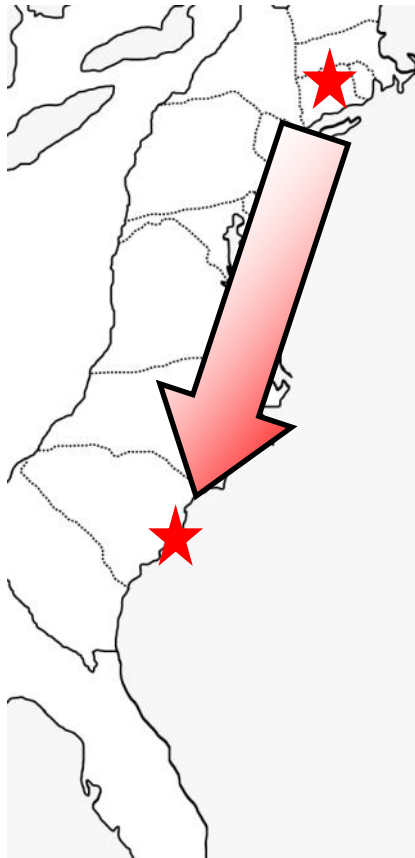
Tag Sale Results In Mission Trip Funds

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.



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.**

We are also gathering seeds for an orphanage of 10 children in India and also a new Christian school for underprivileged and orphaned children in India who will use the seeds for a community garden.







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:** 10/9, 10/23, 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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		7:00 Meditation Bible Study at BUMC—6pm Potluck, 7pm study Genesis	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 Bible Study at BUMC—6pm Potluck, 7pm study Genesis	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel		12:45 Bible Study	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	6:15 Finance 7:00 Ad Council Tidings Submission Deadline	7:00 Meditation Bible Study at BUMC—6pm Potluck, 7pm study Genesis	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel		12:45 Bible Study	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31				
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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.**

