

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



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My Goodness! Where did summer go? It seems like just yesterday I was planting my garden, but summer is nearly over. Schools are back in session, days are getting shorter. This is the cycle of life. Fall is not the end of summer, so much as it is a unique season of its own, full of wonder and opportunity. We can mourn the end of warm sunny days, backyard BBQ's and days at the beach. But, time spent looking backward doesn't allow us to embrace the here and now, or make room for hope of the future.

Churches too are in fall. The salad days of large Sunday Schools, and crowded pews are from days gone by. What's ahead is a new opportunity to be the church; to find how God is leading us. I hold so much hope for the future of the church. It's not about packed parking lots or record attendances. I have hope for a church that sees the beauty in being the church, in living their faith, and in following where Jesus may lead us. Like seasons the church goes through a cycle. I do not despair at our season, but marvel at the way God always returns us to Spring, to new life, and to places of hope and promise.

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

Rally Sunday & Grandparents Day!!!



September 10

FOOD

Fun & Games



All Grandparents who have a child attend Sunday School on September 10, receive a Friendly's gift card!! We <3 Grandparents!!! We hope you can join us for food, games, and a bounce house!!!

All Church Conference

**September 13 at 7pm
(SPRC Meeting @ 6pm)**

Finance Committee Meeting

September 18 at 6:15pm

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.



Office Hours

Pastor Dave's office hours are:

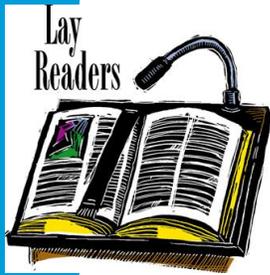
Monday 8:00-3:00

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.

September

- 3rd Christine Collins
- 10th Steve Hadge
- 17th Jackie Abbott
- 24th 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.

September

- 3rd Barbara Judd
Becky Harris
- 10th Irene Fitzgerald
Cindy Lepack
- 17th Tim LePore
Harry Arendt
- 24th 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:

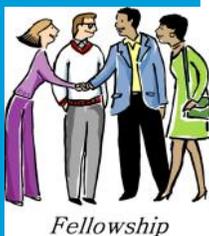
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Members

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!



Join us for Fellowship

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



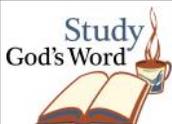
There will be a collection box in the back of the church for anyone who wants to donate their box tops. They can just put them in there! The box tops will be divided between all the Manchester public schools. If you have any questions please contact Kayle Gagnon 860-830-8062

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

Starts Tuesday, September 12

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

The Book of Genesis

Speak with Pastor Dave if you have questions

Choir Rehearsals Resume— Sept. 6

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.

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!

Hartford Pride Fest

Saturday, September 9th 12:00-6:00pm

This year's Pride Fest is taking place on Pratt Street in downtown Hartford. Although Hartford Pride Fest will not include a parade, there will be food, entertainment, and informational booths. Many members of the Reconciling Ministries Welcoming Committee are planning to attend and we hope that you will join us. Although you may attend at your convenience, those who would like to carpool should meet at church at 12:30. The committee hopes to gather ideas for sponsoring a booth next year and to pursue projects that support the LGBT community. Contact Linda VanDine with questions.



lindavandine@gmail.com or cell: 860-830- 6841.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:00 am

September 23 (NUMC)

October 28 (BUMC)





Birthdays

September

2nd Linda Gates
 4th Steve Hadge
 5th Deb Tedford
 6th Chris Larson
 8th Karen Cadman
 9th Linda VanDine
 12th Joan Wood
 18th Bob Pelletier
 26th John Fitzgerald
 29th Jackie Abbott
 30th Stephanie Brew

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

September 7th & 21st

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.



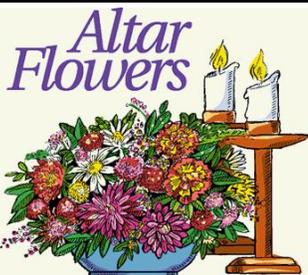
***REMINDER**
Please wear name tags
every Sunday.

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



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 opens their new season with a list of books chosen by group members. We invite you to join us for any or all of the books! Our Third selection this season is by Martha Hall Kelly. Based on a true story of a New York socialite who championed a group of concentration camp survivors known as the Rabbits, this acclaimed debut novel reveals a story of love, redemption, and terrible secrets that were hidden for decades. The lives of these three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and Kasia is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents, as Caroline and Kasia strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten. **Discussion will follow the church service on September 24.** 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.

TENTATIVE DATES FOR NORTH CHURCH READERS 2017-2018

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



Lay Servant Ministries *CWM* *District Courses*

First United Methodist Church
55 Fenn Street Pittsfield MA 01201

Basic Course

Sunday. Sept. 17 & Sept. 24, 2017 12:30 – 5:30 pm

This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that hold members accountable in their discipleship.

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.

CHURCH TAG SALE:

Date: Saturday, September 16

Location: North United Methodist Church

Time: 8:00—12:00pm

We will begin collecting items following service on September 10th and throughout the week.

Please see the sign-up table in the Memorial Room for more

information and volunteer sign-up.

No clothing, no large furniture (bookcases, small

tables, small shelves, plant stands, wooden chairs are ok), no stuffed furniture, no large TV sets (only flat screens).

We hope that you will prayerfully consider taking part in this event.

All Proceeds Go Towards Our 2018 Mission Trip!!!



STUFF THAT MATTERS

Sunday, September 24 ~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

HOW TO HELP WITH HURRICANE HARVEY

Below is a list of items we can collect at church that can be used in the clean up efforts of which UMCOR will be a part of. Donations can be made directly to the church with cash in an envelope marked for UMCOR, or checks with UMCOR in the memo.



UMCOR CLEANING BUCKETS:

- 5-Gallon Buckets with re-sealable lids - buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned. No buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner. Advertisements on the outside are acceptable. Maximum height, 15" to top of lid.
- Liquid Laundry Detergent - 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only
- Liquid Household Cleaner - 12-16 oz. concentrated liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water
- Dish Soap - 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand
- Clothespins - wood, plastic, spring-loaded or push-on
- Clothesline - 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines, cotton or plastic
- Sponges - no cellulose sponges due to mold issues, foam only
- Heavy-Duty Trash Bags, 24-roll of 33-45 gallon sizes
- Cleaning wipes - i.e. Hand-wipes or reusable wipes, no terry cleaning towels
- Air Freshener - aerosol cans or pump
- Insect-Repellent Spray - 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover
- Kitchen Dishwashing Gloves - should be durable enough for multiple uses
- Work Gloves - all cotton with leather palm or all leather
- Scouring Pads - no stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)
- Scrub Brushes - with plastic or wood handle

UMCOR HYGIENE KIT:

- Hand Towels - 15" x 25" to 17" x 27" (no kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels please)
- Washcloths - adult size
- Sturdy Combs - at least 6" of teeth (no pocket combs or picks please)
- Metal Nail Files or Clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers please)
- Bath-size Soap - 3 oz. and larger sizes only, no Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content, do not remove from original packaging
- Toothbrushes - adult size only, do not remove from original packaging
- Adhesive bandages - 3/4" to 1" size, common household-type, character band-aids are OK as long as they are not patriotic
- Gallon-size re-sealable bags

Cash to purchase toothpaste - toothpaste must be purchased by UMCOR immediately before shipping to recipients because of expiration dates

Important Notes: All items must be new. Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used. Please consider the list carefully as the items are specific in size and quantity. If you are unable to complete a full kit, any items toward a kit are gratefully received.

Thank You

Dear North Church Family,

Mark, John, Nathan, Emily, and I are all very grateful for all the prayers, love, prayers, cards, prayers, meals, prayers, and positive energy we have received. Did I mention all the prayers?! I cannot emphasize enough how much prayer was (and still is) an integral part of Mark's recovery. Mark's initial prognosis was very serious and much invasive intervention was anticipated for the type and severity of the stroke. With each passing day in the Neuro ICU, the doctors and nurses were astonished with Mark's ability to remain stable and then actually show improvement with medical treatment alone.

PRAYER was and is hard at work thanks to so many of you. Mark continues to maintain a positive mind set and works very hard at therapy each day. His next transition in recovery will be to move home from Rehab.

We are all so very thankful for the love and support.

The Fitzgerald Family

THE KNITTING MINISTRY



The Knitting Ministry will have its first meeting on 9/11 from 1:00-2:30pm 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:** 9/11, 9/25, 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
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		7:00 Meditation	Resume Choir Rehearsals: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			12:00-6:00pm Hartford Pride Fest
10	11	12	13		14	15
Rally Sunday 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	6:00 SPRC 7:00 All Church Conference Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel		Tidings Submission Deadline	8-12 Church Tag Sale
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	6:15 Finance 7:00 Ad Council	7:00 Meditation Bible Study at BUMC—6pm Potluck, 7pm study Genesis	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at NUMC
24	25	26	27		28	29
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship NUMC Readers Stuff That Matters ~5-7pm	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	7:00 Meditation Bible Study at BUMC—6pm Potluck, 7pm study Genesis	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			

North United Methodist Church

300 Parker Street
Manchester, CT 06042

Address Service Requested



North United Methodist
300 Parker Street
Manchester, CT 06042

Pastor: David J. Martin

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

1 Corinthians 16:29

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E-mail: northchurch@snet.net
Web-Site: <http://numc.axelhouse.com>

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.**

