

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



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By the time you read this message, April 1st, or Easter this year, will have already passed. Some Legends say that the origins of April Fool's Day (April 1st) is due to a medieval era dispute on the proper day to celebrate the New Year. Traditionalists celebrated it on April first, while the influence of the Roman calendar placed it on January 1st. Those who continued to celebrated the April first date were called "April Fools". Christianity has a similar argument between the Orthodox churches of Greece and Europe and the rest of Christianity. What day shall we celebrate the resurrection? Jesus did not resurrect twice, why do we celebrate it twice? It comes down to something as simple as using the Julian calendar or the Gregorian calendar. Which calendar shall we use? How tragic that we only rarely celebrate the resurrection on the same day (as it periodically occurs) with our Orthodox brothers and sisters.

This has been the nature of Christianity, and an integral part of our history for nearly 2000 years: sometimes we disagree! The words of Jesus found in John 16:12-13 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come" Perhaps one of the reasons we disagree so much is that we argue over the minutia of things and fail to hear the greater truths that the Spirit is speaking to us. The date of Easter is minutia, the truth of Easter is that because Jesus lives, we too have the promise of life! It would be foolish of us to lose sight of the wonderful truth of God's love for us over small things.



Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

Office Hours

Pastor Dave's office hours are:

Monday 8:00-3:00

Tuesday 8:00-5:30

Thursday 10:00-5:00

Vacation

Pastor Dave will be on vacation and out of the office from April 2-7

Our Vision...Our Values...Our Mission

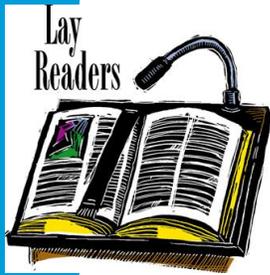
What is it that God is asking us as a church to be?

Who are we?

If you would like to be involved in a small group to discuss our vision, our values, and our mission, please contact Pastor Dave about being involved in a small group to make a difference in our church family and our world.

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.

April

- 1st Barbie Turley
- 8th Sandy Geres
- 15th TBD
- 22nd TBD
- 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.

April

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

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!

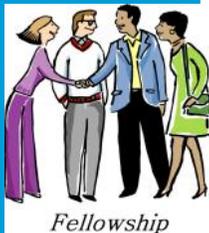


Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

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.



Yoga Classes

Tuesdays at 2:00 pm

Please bring a mat (if you have one) and a towel for your head. Both men and women are invited to attend.



This is an all levels yoga class at the North United Methodist Church in Manchester. Class will be focused on deep stretching, breathe work and more gentle movements and will incorporate chair yoga as well. Class is \$5 cash. Visit <https://carissagross.com/about/> to learn more about our instructor.

Yoga will also be on Thursday nights from 7-8 pm downstairs starting March 1st!

Shopping with Scrip—shop with gift cards OR give gift cards.

Either way you'll support NUMC!!

Order any Sunday morning and receive them the following Sunday or check out what we have on hand in stock!

Scrip is Fundraising While You Shop!™



100% Participation in SCRIP is the goal!

MACC Food Pantry 2018

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!

Reconciling Ministries

Welcoming Task Force

The next meeting will be:

Monday, April 9th at 7pm.

We are changing back to our usual Monday night meeting so as not to conflict with the final session of the Vital Conversation series. We welcome you to bring your ideas as we work on issues of welcome and diversity in the church.

We are currently updating the NUMC brochure and are assisting Pastor Dave with the Vital Conversations series on Racism and Diversity.

Please join us! All are welcome.



Northampton Pride Parade

Saturday, May 5, 11 AM



We hope you will join us as we carry the North Church banner joining Wesley UMC in Hadley Mass. We had a good group from North Church last year and had a wonderful time. The parade route is about 1 mile long. We will carpool from church.

A signup sheet will be available in the Memorial Room.

Contact Linda VanDine for more information.

Online Giving

Online giving is now available at:

<http://www.simplechurchgiving.net/northumc>

or scan the QR code to the left to go to the site. Set up an account and conveniently schedule your routine giving. Never miss another month or have to remember your checkbook. One time donations can be made as well. Clicking 'use check' to utilize the E-Check option costs NUMC the least in fees, but of course all donations are welcome.



Please contact us if you have any questions about online giving. Thank You!



April Birthdays

1st Julie LePore
5th Kow De-Graft-Eshun
8th Sarah Cadman
14th Elaine Hadge
15th Grace Didan
18th Judy Starkweather
22nd Paul Gilligan
24th Tony Adamczyk
25th Vickie Hadge
27th Taryn Gilligan
29th Stephen Gagnon
Katherine Turley
30th Martina 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, Liz, Sarah & Friends, Ray
Johnson, Austin, Craig & Lynn, Decency Wins,
Heidi Lenhardt, Alisa Smith, Betty Boop, Nichols
Family, Joan & Charles Nichols, Mark Fitzgerald,
Greg Sholomicky, Carol Haviland, Judy Parlee,
Jack Stroup, Diana Custer

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, Sheena



NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES

April 12th & 26th

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.



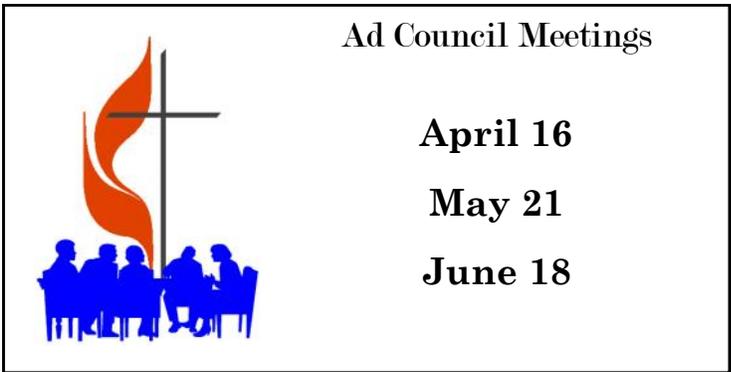
Questions may be directed to Rev. Martin.



***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.

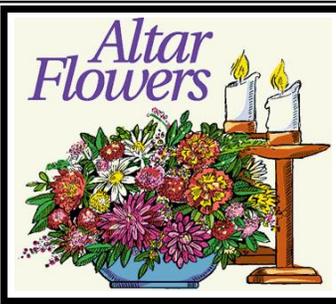


Ad Council Meetings

April 16

May 21

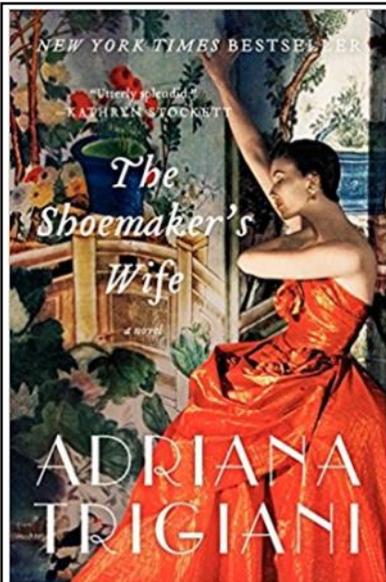
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Flowers are a wonderful way to acknowledge the Memory of a Loved One or to Celebrate a special person or occasion.

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 invites you to join us for any or all of the books! Our Seventh selection this season is *The Shoemaker's Wife*, by Adriana Trigiani.

A love story that travels from the Italian Alps across the Atlantic to New York City and to the iron range of Minnesota. A sweeping novel that happens around the first half of the 20th century, Enza and Ciro are both young teenagers who are poor but talented and who grow up a few miles apart in the beautiful mountains of Northern Italy. Poverty and injustice force both to go to America at the same time. The lovers meet and separate until finally the power of love changes both of their lives.

Discussion will follow the church service on May 20. 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.



JOIN NUMC YOUTH — REBUILDING TOGETHER

North United Methodist Church Youth Group as well as other church members will be participating once again in Rebuilding Together on Saturday April 28th.

If you'd like to join us please contact Tim McLaughlin @ 860-716-3472 or Charlene Sullivan @ 860-716-3451.

See page 6 for more information about this good cause.



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. April 2nd, April 16th and April 30th

Contact: Paula Adamecyk: anthony.adamecyk@snet.net or Sue Derby: susanderby@cox.net



Choir Rehearsals

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



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.



STUFF THAT MATTERS Sunday, April 29 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

A Refugee Family Jackie is Helping

Allow me to introduce the Maari family. This family of ten arrived here in Connecticut fifteen months ago under the Refugee Resettlement Act. The Maaris come from a small town near Aleppo, Syria. They fled their home in Syria 6 years ago and lived in a refugee camp in southern Turkey for the next five years. Mahmoud, their oldest child describes the camp days, "We lived in a tent for most of those years, our family and several other relatives. The last few months we were moved to a nice apartment with running water, a kitchen and a bathroom. Soon after that we received notice that we would be moving to America." During those years in the camp the children received very few opportunities to attend school. Now they are catching up as they attend school in New Britain.



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.



REBUILDING TOGETHER is part of a National non-profit organization called

Rebuilding Together. The goal of this organization is to bring communities together in efforts to assist those in need of general home repair and improvements.

This is a volunteer organization that, in partnership with the community, rehabilitates the houses of low income homeowners. The program targets the elderly, disabled and families with children, so they may continue to live in warmth, safety and independence. REBUILDING TOGETHER is a nonprofit, non-sectarian organization supported entirely by voluntary contributions of time and money. After months of planning and preparation, the program culminates on a National rebuilding usually the last Saturday in April. All repairs are completed on that one day. This year's rebuilding day is Saturday, April 28th.

The REBUILDING TOGETHER (formerly Christmas In April) program has been in existence in Manchester since 1992. The program has worked to restore over 1,300 homes. Over 20,000 volunteers have lent a hand in efforts to improve a neighbor's living conditions. Improvements have included roofing, interior and exterior painting, replacement windows, plumbing, handicap ramps, electrical work, flooring, landscaping, carpentry work, and small repairs.

To be eligible to receive assistance from this volunteer organization a person must own and occupy their home in Manchester, and be unable to do the work themselves. There are income guidelines as well. Priority is given to fixed, low to moderate income families, elderly or disabled individuals.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast April 28th at 8:00 am at NUMC



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Easter Sunday 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel	7p Yoga		
Pastor Dave on Vacation						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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*Worship the Lord in the
splendor of his holiness!*

1 Corinthians 16:29

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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.**

