

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



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NUMC Vision Statement: As receivers of God's grace and supported by powerful and inspiring worship, we continuously seek to grow in discipleship. We share that grace through mission, reconciliation, the pursuit of peace and justice, and the sharing of God's love to all he world.

Recently I met with a number of church members on a Saturday to craft our new vision statement. We believe that this statement accurately reflects the hard work of discernment that we engaged in order to follow God's leading Spirit. It starts with the acknowledgement that we are recipients of God's grace. Grace is an undeserved merit or reward. If we are to be lead to new places, I do believe it is essential to understand that who we are as disciples of Christ rests principally on grace. Our ability to express love to the world, to witness to the transformational power of Christ working in our lives is sanctifying grace, or God working through us.

Sharing grace in mission, while pursuing and working towards a more just and peaceful community naturally leads to a recognition of God's never-failing love. Knowing who God is calling us to be is powerful. It helps give shape to what we will do, and how we will do it in the future. Our next step is to create a mission statement, this is the "what we will do" part. Please consider joining us for the mission statement planning session on September 22 at 9 A.M. (until about 2 P.M.) Lunch will be provided. Pre-mission planning materials will be available in the memorial room.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Dave Martin

The Town of Manchester is collecting school supplies for Fall



If you would like to donate school supplies to needy children in Manchester, you may leave them in the Memorial Room between now and **August 8th**.

The following items have been requested:

New items needed for students ages 5 to 17 include: backpacks, pens and pencils, highlighters, colored pencils, erasers, notebooks, and other school needs.

Marlene will deliver them to the Town Office Building

Save the Date: Peace and Justice Event — Friday, October 12 at 5:30

North UMC of Manchester invites you to come and learn with us. Listen and engage in a conversation about the Muslim Faith and Community.

Presenter — Aida Mansoor, Board Member of The Muslim Coalition of Connecticut.

Dinner will follow the presentation including questions and discussion. Religious dietary guidelines will be observed. More information to follow.

Please contact Jackie Abbott 86-646-5124 or Sylvia Gafford-Alexander 860-633-3365 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you!



Office Hours

Pastor Dave's office hours are:

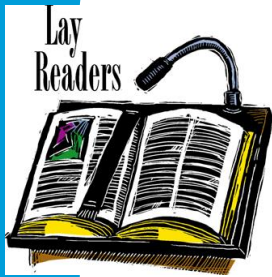
Monday 8:00-3:00

Tuesday 8:00-5:30

Thursday 10:00-5:00

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.

August

- 5th Karen Arendt
- 12th TBD
- 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.

August

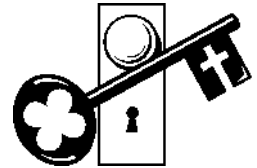
- 5th Collins Judd
- Les VanDine
- 12th Jan Miller
- Judy Starkweather
- 19th Barbara Judd
- Becky Harris
- 26th Irene Fitzgerald
- Cindy Lepack



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:

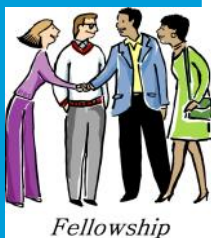
TRUSTEE

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 and Thursday nights from 7-8 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.

Hartford Pridefest

September 8, 2018 12-6 PM

The Reconciling Ministries Committee is excited that North Church will sponsor a booth at Hartford Pridefest providing information about our church as a welcoming Reconciling Congregation. We will



distribute our updated church brochures and will be assembling small bags of multicolored candy tagged with our church contact information.

Hartford Pridefest takes place on Pratt Street between Trumbull and Main and offers food, entertainment, speakers, vendors and informational booths. Pridefest is a fun, uplifting event and we hope that you are able to attend. If you would like to help with assembling candy bags or staffing our booth, there is a sign up sheet in the Memorial Room or contact lindavandine@gmail.com.

NUMC Statement of Welcome

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.

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!

Online Giving



Online giving is now available at:

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

or scan the QR code shown below 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!



August Birthdays

6th Gene Turley

7th Glenn Law

9th Wesley Hadge

11th Jamie Ladabouche

12th Karen Arendt

19th Don Camper

21st Judy Morton

28th Les VanDine

31st Michael 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, 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, Stephanie Oppon-Kunty, Sue L.

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, Geoff



NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES

August 9th and 23th

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.

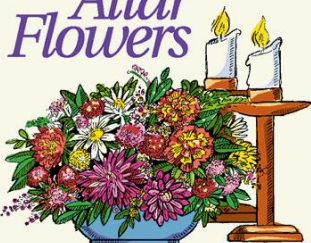
Anyone in need of a name tag, please note it on the back of your attendance slip on Sunday morning and one will be made for you.

Ad Council Meetings



Stay tuned following a brief summer break!

Altar Flowers



Flowers are a wonderful way to acknowledge the Memory of a Loved One or to Celebrate a special person or occasion. Consider what you may have to offer, fresh and seasonal are especially nice. *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

**Save the Date — Baked Potato Night!!!
Saturday, October 20th at 5:00 pm**

Come One – Come All !!!!

Vegans – Vegetarians – Carnivores

Please plan on joining us on

Saturday, October 6th – 5 pm

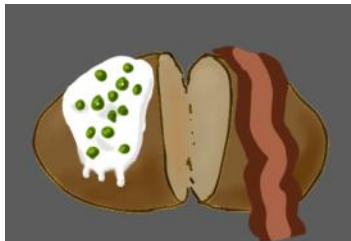
Baked Potato Night

All the normal toppings and more!!

Free Will Donation (\$5 suggested)

All proceeds will go towards the mission trip

Mark your calendars today!



Consider offering your special summer music, solo or group, vocal or instrumental (or dance, dramatic recitation, etc.). Sign up in the Memorial Room.

THE KNITTING MINISTRY

The Knitting Ministry is off for the summer, or at least not meeting together formally. Our next season will begin after Labor Day.

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



**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, though **TAKING A SUMMER BREAK.**



JI Track Meet

It was wet. It was cold. Despite the conditions, our volunteers had a great time handing out medals and T-shirts to greatly appreciative youths. Hopefully the weather will be nicer next year, but either way it is a great thing to do and much appreciated!



STUFF THAT MATTERS

Watch and listen for the next date!

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

Our Lay Representatives Report from Annual Conference

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our church at the New England Annual Conference this year.

The agenda for three days is packed full of business to be conducted, worship and music.

The following are the highlights for me:

We learned about a book that Bishop Devadhar is encouraging us all to read called *Anatomy of Peace*. The central theme of this book is about how we view the other, particularly when we disagree. We can look at one another with hearts of peace or with hearts of war. When we have a heart of war, we see the other as an object, but when we have a heart of peace, we can see each other, even in the midst of deep conflict, as human beings. This concept provided a foundation for the continuation of our Vital Conversations session, which was focused on culture. We were assembled in groups of 10 or less and asked to respond to 5 questions which became more thought provoking as we went along.

This process, called the circle process, provided each person at the table to answer the questions from their own perspectives. It was a safe environment to share our own personal experiences.

These are the five questions:

- 1) what is a favorite food/recipe from when you were a child!
- 2) what is a gift that my culture offers to others?
- 3) when have I received a gift from another culture?
- 4) what makes it hard for me to offer a heart of peace?
- 5) when have I unexpectedly been offered a place of peace?

(Jackie, this would be an opportunity to share your circle experience if there is time)

Another highlight was the Ordination service Friday night. Two were commissioned as provisional deacons, five were commissioned as elders and seven were ordained as full elders. It's a very formal service and proud moment for family and friends of those being commissioned and ordained

The music, led by Mark Miller is always a highlight. Mark is on the faculty at the Drew Theological School and the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University where he teaches music and worship. At Friday nights service, Mark was joined by the Crossflame Youth Choir from St Luke's UMC in Hickory, NC. This was a group of approximately 50 6th to 12th graders from schools and churches in the Hickory area who provided wonderful voices to an awesome evening. This group tours the country during the month of June sharing their beautiful voices!!

The final highlight for me is knowing that the Council of Bishops has recommended the One Church Plan. This plan would remove the restrictive language against the practice of homosexuality in the Book of Discipline and allow decisions about whether to ordain LGBTQ clergy or to officiate same-gender unions to be made closer to the congregational level. This plan will be reviewed at the Special Session of General Conference being held February 23 through 26, 2019. Bishop Devadhar is encouraging us to pray daily for our churches as delegates from all over the world prepare to attend this important session.

As I conclude these highlights, I'd like to share the conference closing prayer:

When someone needs a blessing, let us be a blessing.

When someone needs a shoulder, let us be a shoulder.



When someone feels distant and alone, help us show that we are woven, connected.

When we need a tie that binds, let us be the tie that binds!

As we go forth into this day, let us weave sunshine in all that we do.

When we consider the earth and all its inhabitants, let us be the hope of tomorrow.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				7p Yoga		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation		7p Yoga 		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship and Meeting with Sunday school teachers after Worship		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	Tidings Submission Deadline	7p Yoga		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	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
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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.**

