



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

TIDINGS

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Brothers and Sisters, our year is quickly drawing to a close with so much to do and so little time to do it in! In the very busy time within which we find ourselves, it is my sincere desire for each of you that on this Advent journey towards Christmas, we may encounter the miracle that is God incarnate.

Theologian Richard Niebuhr (brother of Reinhold) wrote about preachers who preach “a God without wrath brought men without sin into a kingdom without judgement through the ministrations of a Christ without a cross.” We must boldly proclaim the truth of Jesus to the world. This truth is Good News to the ears of those who will listen. Jesus who is our Christ, died on a cross because of, and for, our sins. Long before we were born, God incarnate made the conscious decision to live among humanity, teaching us to love and care for one another. The life (and death) of Jesus is our model. If we want to know what it means to live like a Christian, we need only do our best to emulate Jesus by being loving, forgiving, offering healing, and sharing what we can when we can. In the end it is the sacrifice of Jesus that gives us new life, and allows us to set aside the past as we journey to a new future where we are conformed to the image of Christ in our daily lives.

All of this begins in a manger. Jesus came into this world in a lowly state. He wasn't born in a palace or the home of a rich man. He was born in a barn, and his bed was the feed trough of the animals. When God walked among us as Jesus, he didn't become powerful by the world's standards, certainly not rich by worldly standards, and spent his time with the irreligious and marginalized of his day. This should be a cause for joy. To know that our Savior chose to be with the meek, the low, the weak and the poor because he loved them, and loves us, is a sign of hope! It means that every single person from the lowest of the low, is loved by God, and that grace has become the great equalizer of humanity before God. Thanks be to God for Jesus the Christ who came to us, a babe in a manger! I hope you encounter the miracle of God's love found in Christ this season.

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin



North United Methodist Church, 300 Parker St, Manchester

Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 PM*

Free will donation

Reception following event

CDs available

*Snow date December 18th

Office Hours

Pastor Dave

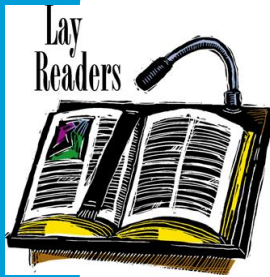
Monday & Tuesday

8:00-5:00

Office Manger Makayla

Monday & Thursday

9:00-12:00



December

- 2nd Vickie Hadge
- 9th TBD
- 16th TBD
- 23rd Steve Hadge
- 30th TBD

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.

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.

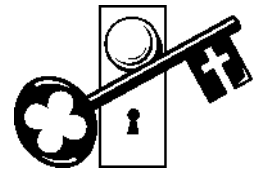
December

- 2nd Barbara Judd
Becky Harris
- 9th Irene Fitzgerald
Cindy Lepack
- 16th Tim LePore
Harry Arendt
- 23rd Collins Judd
Les VanDine
- 30th 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



OFFERING COUNTERS

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!



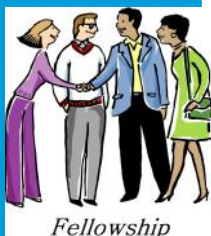
Join us for Fellowship

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.



Fellowship

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.

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!

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.

100% Participation in SCRIP is the goal!

Scrip is Fundraising While You Shop!™



Thank You

We would like to send our deepest gratitude to the Knitting Ministry for the two beautiful prayer shawls that they sent us. They are absolutely beautiful and mean so much to my husband & myself.

Kindly, Mary & Gary Chappell

MACC Food Pantry 2018

Shopping List:

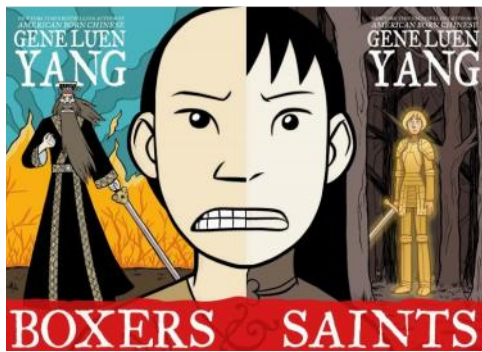
Lentils * Dry Red Kidney Beans * Cereal * Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, ham & beef stew) * Peanut butter * Pasta & Sauce * Canned Veggies & Fruits * Low Sodium Soup * Chili * Healthy Snacks for Children * Jam/Jelly * Rice * Condiments (mustard, ketchup, mayo, salad dressing, etc.)

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!

Youth Group



Pastor Dave will not be preaching in the month of

January. He will be teaching our Youth Group *Boxers & Saints*, by Gene Luen Yang. Our Lay Leaders will be preaching for the month.

Reconciling Ministries



Thank you to everyone who donated to Reconciling

Ministries Network in recognition of our 2nd anniversary as a Reconciling Congregation. We collected \$194 which enables us to make our full annual donation of \$250 with enough left in our budget to continue our projects supporting the LGBTQ community.



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!

December Birthdays

2nd Liz Twarkins

4th Barbie Turley

6th Ron Starkweather

12th Pam Putinas

John Wilks

15th Trudi Tinklepaugh

16th Sylvia Lapenta

19th Heidi Lenhardt

24th Ray Gagnon

25th JESUS

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, Sue L. Alisa Smith, Betty Boop, Nichols Family, Joan & Charles Nichols, Mark Fitzgerald, Greg Sholomicky, Carol Haviland, Judy Parlee, Jack Stroup, Stephanie Oppon-Kunty, Cindy & Carl Lepack, Doris & Ed, Sara Miller, John Harris, Florence, Gary Chappell

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

December 6th and 20th

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 Meeting

January 27, 2019

following Worship

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

Introducing WAMS (Wellness And Multiple Sclerosis)!

WAMS is a positive and affirming group that focuses on living well with MS. This group is co-led by North Members Heidi Lenhardt, National MS Society Support Leader and Vickie Hadge, Overcoming MS (OMS) Ambassador. If you are newly diagnosed, have been living with MS for years, or are an MS caregiver WAMS welcomes you! WAMS is a friendly, non-judgmental and safe place where privacy is protected. No matter where you are on your MS wellness journey we encourage members to “do whatever it takes” to live well to be the healthiest they can be while living with MS.

Join us on **Sunday Dec. 9th** where we will welcome Heidi and Alicia (wellness advocates for doTerra) to come in and talk about essential oils. There are so many uses for these oils. Essential oils have been around for thousands of years. Health and wellness being one to the most common uses. At the meeting you will be able to smell these high quality oils and make a spray or roller to take home! There will all be an opportunity to order oils. Meetings will typically be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month with occasional field trips and social events as well.

To join WAMS and be included on the mailing list and part of the Google Group (where will send updates, information, and upcoming meeting information) please use this link and fill out the form.

<https://overcomingms.org/community/find-support/>.

If you have questions please speak with or email Vickie vlhadge@yahoo.com or Heidi wellnessandms@yahoo.com.



Games, Giggles & Grub

DROP and SHOP for CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 8th 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Children ages: 3 – 13 years

Adult volunteers will provide supervision and activities, along with a meal and snacks for your children while you take time for Christmas preparations.

COST: Free!!

Please sign up in the Memorial Room.

Questions may be directed to Barbara Judd and Jessica Smith.



If you would like to order Poinsettias for the sanctuary this Christmas Season, please fill out the form below and leave it in Susan Fenn's mailbox in the Narthex, give to Jessica Smith or mail directly to North Church at:
North United Methodist Church - Poinsettia Order
300 Parker St
Manchester, CT 06040

Please do not put orders in the collection plate-Thank you
This year the poinsettia cost is \$20.00. Please include payment with your order. Make checks payable to **NUMC** with memo note: Christmas Poinsettia.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

The poinsettias will decorate the chancel. We hope you will leave your plants on the chancel until Christmas Sunday, December 23. If you have any questions, please call Jessica at 860-327-3875 or email Mrsjsmithsr21112@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

I would like to order _____ red and/or
_____ white plants.



In Loving Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Given by: _____

On 12/23/18 I will pick up my plants Please donate my plants



The Knitting Ministry

We have bi-monthly Monday meetings, enjoyably coming together to put our faith into service. The winter meetings through the end of the year are as follows: 12/03, 12/17. Our group is open to all with or without yarn skills. We have crochet hooks, Knitting needles, and our patterns are easy. Come and join us from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Memorial Room.

Contact Paula Adamczyk anthony.adamczyk@snet.net or Susan Derby susanderby@cox.net with questions.

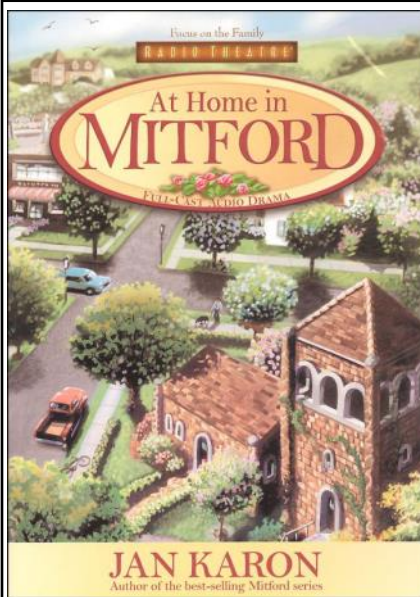
STUFF THAT MATTERS

December 30th at 5:00pm

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



North Church Readers

The North Church Readers continues their season with a list of books chosen by group members. We invite you to join us for any or all of the books!

Our fourth selection this season is *A Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon. The rector of a small Episcopal Church in Mitford seems to go from one small trial/adventure to the next—a jewel thief, a large dog, a 60 year old secret, and a neighbor who begins wearing a path through the hedge to Father Tim’s door. Designed to make the reader laugh and cry.

Discussion will follow the church service on January 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.

Next Book for March 10 is *Look Again* by Lisa Scottoline

The Advent Season begins on Sunday, December 2

Each Sunday of Advent, and on Christmas Eve, the Advent candle will be lit during service. *Please consider participating in this part of worship by volunteering, with your family, or friend(s), to light the candle and read a brief passage.*

Sign-up in the Memorial Room.



Peace & Justice

The Peace and Justice group meets monthly at NUMC on the second. *Our next meeting is December 10th at 7:00 pm.* You are invited to join. For more information speak to Jackie or call her at 860-646-5124.

Mission Project for Christmas

Each year NUMC provides food and gifts for MACC families with children. Households with only adults receive a Christmas dinner but no gifts. If you would like to help with this project, we will be collecting small items until **December 9th**. Suggestions for the Blessing Bags:

winter hats, scarves, gloves, socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, nail clippers, razors, shaving cream, hand lotion, face cream, gum, candy, snack bars, coffee gift certificates, bus passes, flashlights, small tissue packs, and any small item that you think would make someone happy!

Please; nothing with alcohol such as mouth wash or hand sanitizer.

We have 8” X 5” bags so we can’t take anything too large. Come help stuff the 300 Blessing Bags Dec. 10th.

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

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Please keep Scrip in mind for Holiday Gift Card Giving.

Order any Sunday morning and receive them the following Sunday.

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Books for the Village Children

We will again be purchasing new books as Holiday gifts for the 16 children in the Village Program. There are 13 boys and 3 girls ages 6-13.

The deadline is Sunday, December 16.

If you would like to participate please contact Linda VanDine for details on ages and preferences.

Phone: 860-646-0366 email: lindavandine@gmail.com

Christmas Card Mailbox

The North Church Christmas Mailbox will be available starting December 2 for the exchange of cards with your church family and friends. The box is located in the back of the sanctuary and has slots Organized alphabetically by last initial. Please remember to check for cards you may have received each week.

The mailbox will be available until January 6th.

You are welcome to deliver cards to friends and neighbors who have not been present to pick up their cards.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	1/8
1st Advent Day 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga 		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2nd Advent Day 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 4:30p MS Support Group	Blessing Bags 4-8 Games, Giggles and Grub 7pm Peace and Justice Group	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation 7:00 Still Small Voice presents "Noel...the story of Amazing Love"	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
3rd Advent Day 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	Tidings Submission Deadline 1 pm Knitting Ministry 	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga 		Christmas basket deliveries
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
4th Advent Day 10:30 Worship w/Special Music 11:30 Fellowship	Christmas Eve!	Christmas Day! 2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga		
30	31	Jan. 1, 2019				
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 5:00 pm <i>Stuff That Matters</i>		Happy New Year!				

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Address Service Requested



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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.

**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.**



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!*