



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

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I hope that this message finds each of you safe warm, and deeply embraced by the loving grace of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. New Years' time evokes sentimentality even most of us, and we often look back at previous years with fondness and longing for simpler times. I think though as we look back we look through our rose-colored lenses and see a time that doesn't really exist. One of the gifts that God has given us is the ability to forget. Without it the pain of each loss, the hurt of each wound would be ever-present. It's no wonder the past always looks so good to us. It's a safe place. Even if we remember the pain, at least we knew what to expect. That's the problem with the future, we seldom know what to expect. Who can predict what this New year will bring?

I can't predict the events of the year, but I can proclaim a certainty. God's promise of comfort and grace. Hebrews 13 says: *I will never leave you or forsake you.* Whatever comes your way this year, you can count on this promise. God remains present with us through every trial, every hardship. I prefer to see the New Year as a new opportunity to get it right this year, or do better than last year, but I am a realist. I know that sometimes life throws us a curveball. When it does, know that God is with you. May you be blessed this New Year!

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

NUMC Tee Shirts!

Let the world know about North Church with a snazzy new NUMC tee shirt! An optional Reconciling Ministries rainbow flame is available on the left sleeve. Descriptive flyers, sample sizes and order forms are available following the service and we will continue accepting orders over the next several weeks. We welcome donations of shirts for our mission trip volunteers or to welcome new NUMC members. Unisex adult sizes S-XL \$12 plain sleeve and \$15 rainbow flame sleeve. Larger sizes available at additional cost. Contact Linda VanDine or Sue Derby with questions.



Souper Bowl Sunday February 4, 2018

Tim, Charlene and the Youth are cooking!

Proceeds benefit **MACC**

Please help by purchasing soup, chili, pepperoni/mozzarella bread, and/or additional goodies.

***Note: Sandwiches are pre-order only!**

You will be enjoying a good meal and in turn, helping someone else also enjoy a good meal.

Order forms will be available
1/21-1/28



Office Hours

Pastor Dave's

office hours are:

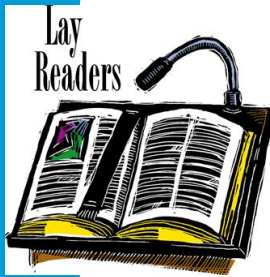
Monday 8:00-3:00

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.

January

- 7th TBD
- 14th TBD
- 21st Caleb Cadman
- 28th 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.

January

- 7th Collins Judd
Les VanDine
- 14th Jan Miller
Judy Starkweather
- 21st Barbara Judd
Becky Harris
- 28th 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!

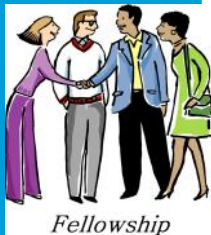


Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

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.



Fellowship

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.



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

Either way you'll support NUMC!!

Please keep Scrip in mind for Holiday Gift Card Giving.

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



100% Participation in SCRIP is the goal!

NUMC Counting Training Refresher February 3 at 9:00am

We are looking for a few more counters to add to our weekly rotation. We will be having a quick refresher course for our current and any new counters.



Bagels and donuts will be served.

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!

Stewardship

**Our 2018 Stewardship Campaign will be
January 14th to February 11**

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

January 27 (NUMC)

Join us for good food and conversation!



January Birthdays

1st Jason Starkweather
 3rd Carl Lepack
 6th Diana Custer
 7th Emily Fitzgerald
 Nathan Fitzgerald
 8th Charlene Sullivan
 9th Cindy Lepack
 13th Ed Timbrell
 23rd Ron Starkweather

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, Austin, Craig & Lynn, Decency Wins

Heidi Lenhardt, Nellie Mancell, Alisa Smith, Betty Boop, Nichols Family, Joan & Charles Nichols, Mark Fitzgerald, Greg Sholomicky, Carol Haviland, Judy Parlee,

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

January 11th & 25th

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

January 22
 February 19
 March 19

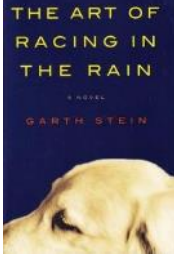
Altar Flowers



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 invites you to join us for any or all of the books! Our Fifth selection this season is *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, by Garth Stein. Enzo knows he is different than other dogs: a philosopher with a nearly human soul, he has entertained himself by watching TV extensively, and by listening very closely to the words of his master, Denny Swift, and up and coming race car driver. Through Denny, Enzo has gained tremendous insight into the human condition, and sees the world through racing. It isn't simply about going fast. On the eve of his death, Enzo takes stock of his life, recalling all that he and Denny have been through. A heart wrenching, but deeply funny and ultimately as story of family, love, loyalty, and hope of *Racing in the Rain*. This beautifully crafted book looks at the absurdities and wonders of human life...as only a dog can tell it.

Discussion will follow the church service today, January 21. 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

March 18, 2018 *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks—Jackie Abbott

May 20, 2018 *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigani—Judy Galligan

Reconciling Ministries

Welcoming Task Force

The next meeting of will be **Monday, January 8 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.



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.

Meetings: January 8th and January 22nd

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.



Vital Conversations about Racism and Diversity

February 13-March 20 NUMC Tuesday nights @ 6:00pm

Stay tuned for more details

Office Hours

Makayla, our office Manager will be going back to school on January 8 to pursue a Patient Care Specialist Program.

Her office hours will be changing to Monday-Thursday 4pm-6pm.

Sunday School/Youth Group Incentive Program coming soon!!!

More information to follow!

STUFF THAT MATTERS

Sunday, January 28 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

HEROES, HEROES HEROES

By Jackie Abbott

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. Our hero comes in the person of Sue Hadge as she committed to an act of civil disobedience in March of 1965 over the right to vote. Sue and a group of like minded people , including Earl Custer a former pastor at North, boarded a bus and headed for Selma, Alabama. The purpose of their trip was to protest violence against people of color marching for the right to vote.

The march Sue and the group from Manchester was the third in a week. The first two marches were primarily by Black persons marching in nonviolent civil disobedience. In these earlier marches they were attacked by law enforcement officers with guns, truncheons, whips and horses. The second march was dubbed Bloody Sunday as the beatings were brutal. One person was beaten to death. Media nationwide reported what now became outrage over the violence, leading thousands to head for Selma. Sue joined the many, leaving her husband Mitch and Elaine and Steve at home, to follow her conscience and her commitment to civil disobedience. President Lyndon Johnson ordered the Alabama National Guard under federal command and many FBI agents and Federal Marshalls protected the marchers in which Sue marched. By now the marchers grew to over 25,000 and represented clergy and those everyday heroes from every state. Within weeks the Voting Rights Act was passed by Congress and signed into law, ending an unfair practice of refusing African Americans their right to register and then vote.

I shivered when I saw this practice seen in the recent movie Selma as I did watching the violence filled in Charlottesville, VA recently. I have attempted to get Sue's first person account of the march on Selma but she seems reluctant to be in the spotlight and she protests that she can't remember. Steve and Elaine, both young children at the time remember only that their Mom left them for a while to make a statement for truth. I thought it was a good time to tell the story and remind us all that North Church has always stood up for what is right,

engaging in civil disobedience, remembering the many acts of Jesus and Paul when they did just that. How they faced violence against themselves and jail for standing up to protect the weak and doing what is right. Is this another time when such acts are needed?



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.

Teachers Needed!



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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Happy New Year	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 7 pm Reconciling Ministries	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship North Church Readers Book Discussion	1 pm Knitting Ministry 7:00 Ad Council	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at NUMC
28	29	30	31			
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship <i>5:00 pm Stuff That Matters</i>		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel			

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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.**

