



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

# TIDINGS

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*Hebrews 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

Many Americans live in poverty and have little or no health insurance. In the richest nation on Earth, we find great wealth living next to tremendous poverty. The poor in America are not poor by choice, but by circumstance of birth. People who are born into poverty are 70% likely to remain there. While most of the remaining 30% barely make it into the lower middle class. Here are some examples of people who will likely never make it out of poverty. Jairo Gomez is 17 years old and lives in a tiny apartment in New York City with eight other family members. Their family is \$15,000 below the poverty threshold. Statistically speaking, children born into poverty are unlikely to ever escape it. In his freshman year of high school, he wore ripped jeans and sneakers with holes in them, not as a fashion statement, but because there was no money for new school clothes. He has since dropped out of high school and works 13-hour shifts making food deliveries to help his mother raise his siblings. Eleven-year-old Luisa shares a three-roomed apartment with her mother, step-father and 9 other family members. Her step-father lost his job in construction in 2007 and her mom has been unable to find any lasting work. The family relies on a soup kitchen for food and donations of clothing from neighbors.

Not long ago, a young Ohio woman named Trina Bachtel, who was having health problems while pregnant, tried to get help at a local clinic. Unfortunately, she had previously sought care at the same clinic while uninsured and had a large unpaid balance. The clinic wouldn't see her again unless she paid \$100 per visit — which she didn't have. Eventually, she sought care at a hospital 30 mile away. By then, however, it was too late. Both she and the baby died. These are stories of our neighbors, of people living and working in the same cities as us, children going to the same school's side by side with children who have everything they need. What is your Christian response to this? Are you outraged? Are you saddened? Have you been moved towards action? I hope that your answer to all of these would be yes! Christ calls us into action, and into service to the world around us, and for such sacrifices God is pleased!

Grace and Peace to you all!

*Pastor David J. Martin*

## Charge Conference

Saturday, July 7 at 2:30 pm

Topic: To give the trustees authorization to sell the church parsonage and building lots.

## LEADERSHIP & VISION PLANNING RETREAT

**July 7 9am-2pm (Lunch Included)**

Topics will include (but are not limited to):

- Our Mission · Our Values · Our Vision
- Additional special planning

*Please prayerfully consider the gifts and talents you possess which will contribute to the commitment we all hold to the Mission of North UMC. See Sign-up sheet in Memorial Room.*

### Office Hours

Pastor Dave's office hours are:

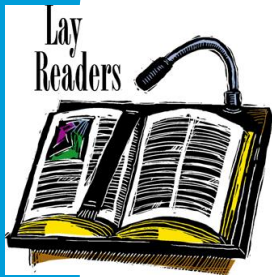
**Monday** 8:00-3:00

**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.

## July

- 1st TBD
- 8th Lorrie Rowe
- 15th TBD
- 22nd TBD
- 29th Sandy Geres

## 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.

## July

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

## 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!

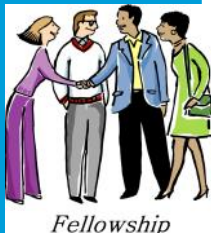


## Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

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 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, watch for 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!*





**July Birthdays**

1st Alfred Brew

3rd Carter Haynes

14th Joe LeBlanc

18th Kris Pelletier

*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**  
**July 5th and 19th**  
 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.

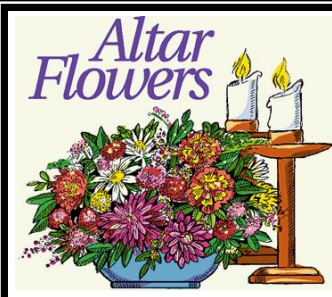


**\*REMINDER**  
**Please wear name tags every Sunday.**  
*Anyone in need of a name tag, please note it on the back of your attendance slip on Sunday morning and one will be made for you.*



**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

# Giving it All to God

Give your burdens to God during this peaceful hour of music, reflection, scripture, and hope.

With musical group 'Still Small Voice'

Join us for this inspiring and uplifting evening on  
**Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 PM**

**North United Methodist Church**  
 300 Parker Street  
 Manchester, CT

Reception following event

CDs available for free will offering



*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.



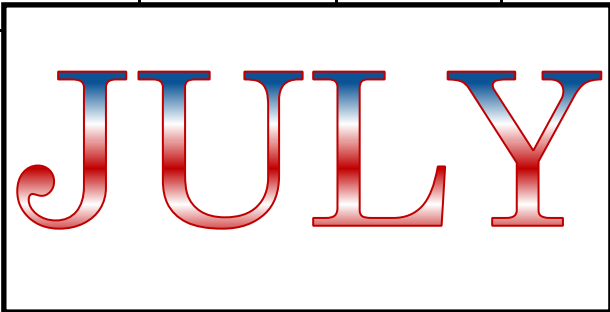
When someone feels distant and alone, help us show that we are woven, connected.

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	5	6	7
						9:00 am Vision Planning Retreat  2:30 Charge Conference
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation		7p Yoga  7:00 pm Giving It All to God w/ Still Small Voice		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	Tidings Submission Deadline	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation		7p Yoga		8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at BUMC
29	30	31				
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship <b>5:00 pm Stuff That Matters</b>		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation				

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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.**

