

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



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I am currently reading a book entitled "The Great Emergence" by Phyllis Tickle. Tickle is one of the great theological minds of our time, and in this book she explores how Christianity is changing and why. It's funny to me in a sense, because I have read plenty of books on the declining state of the church, and no one seems to have any real answers as to why. Tickle however takes a longer view of history and connects the emergent church movement to the reformation, and even further back in 500 year cycles. In each cycle of transformation there is always a foundational question about who or what is the guiding authority. After the reformation the authority moved from the church and tradition to Sola Scripture (scripture alone). In the Catholic Church's counter-reformation the dogma of the infallibility of the Pope became the new authority.

This process of negotiating what will be the authority by which the church is led in the next 500 years has caused much tension and conflict. In our own denomination we are debating whether to fully include the LGBTG community into the life of the church. In the last half century the church wrestled with whether divorce was sinful, whether we could work on Sundays etc. Tradition and scripture alone no longer seem sufficient to answer these questions. It is in this spirit of wrestling with our future, and discerning what we will believe, how we will be incarnational in how we will live out our faith, and what we will hold sacred, that we are entering into a season of visioning and strategic planning. Please watch carefully for the upcoming sessions. We want to hear your voice, your concerns, and your passionate dreams of a church that emerges victorious in its struggle! I ask that you prayerfully consider joining us!

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

Annual Conference
June 13-16.



Pastor Dave will be out of the office during this time.

If you have any questions please contact the church office.

Pastor Dave will also be away in Rochester, NY June 4-8.

He will be available by email and phone.

LEADERSHIP & VISION PLANNING RETREAT

Pre-Meeting: June 3 after Worship

Official Meeting: 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:

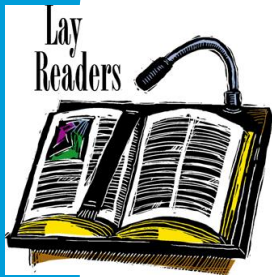
Monday 8:00-3:00

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.

June

- 3rd Jackie Abbott
- 10th Karen Cadman
- 17th Caleb Cadman
- 24th 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.

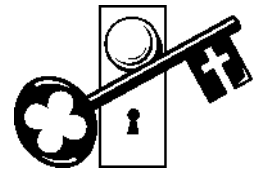
June

- 3rd Jan Miller
Judy Starkweather
- 10th Barbara Judd
Becky Harris
- 17th Irene Fitzgerald
Cindy Lepack
- 24th 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!

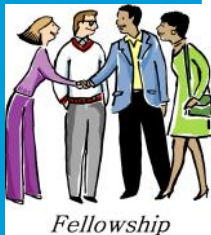


Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

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.



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!

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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!



CPR Training Class

Friday, June 8 at 7:00 pm

If you would like to take part in this class held at

NUMC, please contact:

Jessica Smith at 860-327-3875.

Thank you!

Class size is limited.

Youth Confirmation Celebration

JUNE 17th after worship come Help Us **CELEBRATE OUR YOUTH** with pizza & cake!!



Please prayerfully consider bringing a dish to share with everyone!



All are welcome to join us!!!!

See sign-up sheet in the Memorial Room.

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!





June Birthdays

2nd Becky Harris
 3rd Dottie Ouillette
 5th Collins Judd
 11th Sue Hadge
 12th Shane Gilligan
 15th Brendan Harris
 Cathy Smith
 19th Elena Arendt
 22nd Kayle Gagnon

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



**NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES
 June 14th and 28th**

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.

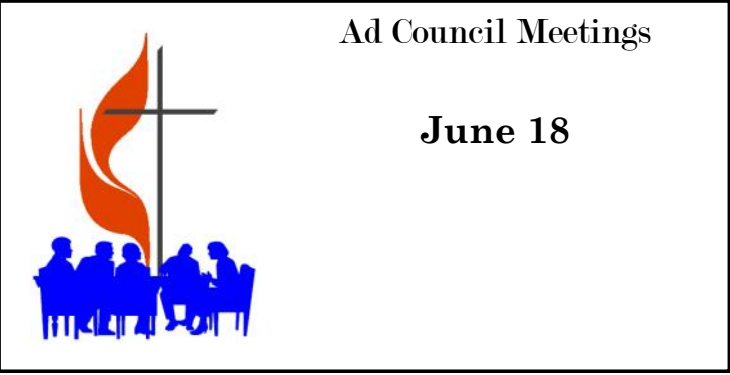


Questions may be directed to Rev. Martin.



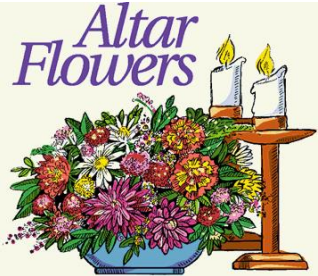
***REMINDER**
Please wear name tags every Sunday.

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

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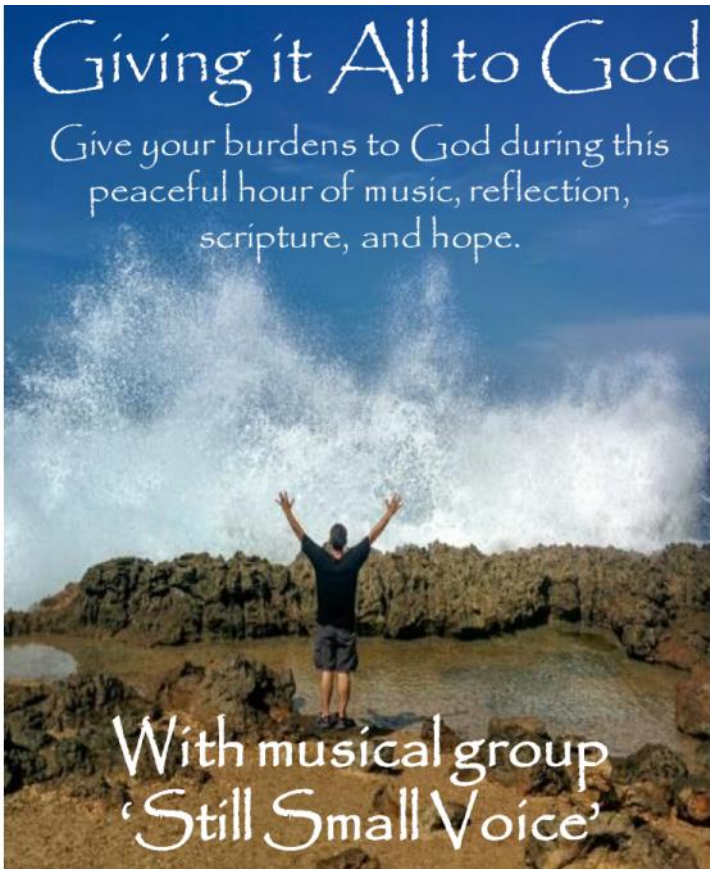
Flowers are a wonderful way to acknowledge the Memory of a Loved One or to Celebrate a special person or occasion.

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

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 12th
7:00 PM

North United Methodist Church
 300 Parker Street
 Manchester, CT

Reception following event

CDs available for free will offering



Be on the lookout for music changes to our Summer Worship Services beginning June 24th. We are so excited for what is to come!

—also—

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

Hymn Sing

10:15am on the 4th Sunday of each month



People just like you who love to sing or have favorite hymns come and call out a number from the United Methodist Hymnal. You can too! Often we sing old favorites, but also obscure songs and hymns “out of season” are called not infrequently. Come, enjoy and have a song number in mind.

Next Hymn sing: **June 24**

Arrive to church early and Make a Joyful Noise!

THE KNITTING MINISTRY

The Knitting Ministry will have its last meeting June 11th at the Adams Mill for a luncheon. 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.



STUFF THAT MATTERS

Sunday, June 24th 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



MISSION TRIP TO SOUTH CAROLINA HAS MANY UNEXPECTED RESULTS

On March 1, 2018 a hearty group of members from North Church headed south to South Carolina on their first work trip. The trip down took on the magnitude of adventure. In addition to a large snowstorm, they encountered a huge backup of vehicles in Pennsylvania

caused by a multi vehicle accident involving several eighteen wheeler trucks. After sitting in place for many hours they finally were able to leave the highway and found refuge in a gym where they spent the night. Apparently the remainder of the trip seemed uneventful as they continued south to Carolina the next day.

Upon arrival they met up with people from The Greenfield and Leyan Methodist Churches and a group from Cape Cod. Our six members quickly mixed in with the others and learned the ropes from the more experienced folk who had been on this trip before. Elaine, Jessica, Sylvia and Charlene settled into the makeshift dorm at the local church as did Pastor Dave and Tim.

The background here is that homes lived in by the offspring of former slaves from Africa are showing their age and work on the islands is limited. It seems obvious that these folks are among the working poor through no fault of their own. The purpose of the annual mission trips is to provide repairs and updates in order for the houses not to be declared 'uninhabitable' by local authorities. Generations have lived on the land given to them at the end of slavery and we believe it is important that they remain in the hands of those families

With those goals clearly in mind the volunteers came ready to work. They went to work on various projects. Supplies and materials needed to be bought and workers assigned. Our volunteers worked on 3 sites. During the week they were involved in roofing, siding, electrical, plumbing, flooring, sheet rocking and painting. In some cases this was their first attempt at installing a floor or applying sheet rock. Being quick, capable learners they were pronounced proficient.

North Church raised \$4,080 for the project. Those funds covered travel, supplies, a gift to the church that graciously housed them, and turned over remaining funds to the Rural Mission of the United Methodist Church. These dollars can be used for materials as needed for projects. i.e. to purchase a stove for a home that had been 18 months without heat.

Funds here at North were raised by a church-wide tag sale as well as by individual donations.

Will our willing workers return next year? A resounding yes was heard from all. Perhaps you are saying to yourself, 'I think I would like to go along next year.' Hopefully, next time there will be no snow or accidents on the road.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please be sure to check the sign up sheets in the Memorial Room. Each month there are opportunities to be an **Usher**, provide **Fellowship**, and to monitor the building during **Blood Drives**.

Contacts for more information are as follows:

Ushers: Paula Smith/Roger Edinger

Fellowship: Marlene Camper

Liturgists: Barbie Turley

Or you can speak with our **Lay Leader:** Jessica Smith

Thank you for your consideration!




Sign-up sheet for Liturgist is in the Memorial Room.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

June 23rd at 8:00 am at BUMC

Calling all MEN of North and Bolton to join together for good food and conversation. If you haven't been, give it a try as it is well worth attending.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship Vision Retreat Pre-Meeting Following Worship		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation		7p Yoga		
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	Knitting Ministry Season End Luncheon	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation Tidings Submission Deadline		7p Yoga 		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Pastor Dave at Annual Conference </div>						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Confirmation Celebration Following Worship	7:00 Ad Council	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation		7p Yoga		8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at BUMC
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 5:00 pm Stuff That Matters		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation		7p Yoga 		

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*Worship the Lord in the
splendor of his holiness!*

1 Corinthians 16:29

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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.**

