



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

# TIDINGS

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The month of March is named after the Roman God of war, Mars. I find this apropos, as March is also the month of the Spring equinox. Winter fights to maintain its icy grip, while the dogged and relentless march of the sun drives us inevitably towards warmth and light. We

live in a world that is both harmonious and in conflict. The natural world often appears chaotic to us, with events (like weather phenomena, earthquakes etc.) happening at random. Yet taken from a broader view, the Earth, seen from deep space, appears quite at peace with itself; stable in its rotation and orbit. Though natural disasters are often harmful to human life, they exist within a framework of balance and harmony.

People too seem to be locked in conflict, with political, religious and social forces marching inevitably towards some preferred goal or outcome. These forces too are often harmful to humankind. Psalm 133 says:

- 1 How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!*
- 2 It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.*
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.*

Ultimately it is God's will for us to live in harmony. The fact that humanity is mired in continual conflict only emphasizes the fact that we have strayed far from the will of God. I cannot be responsible for the actions of every individual, only my own. The same goes for each of us. Yet, if each of us seeks to live in peace and make the world a better place, then in truth the world can become a better place for all. May you live in peace and harmony this Spring!

Grace and Peace to you all!

*Pastor David J. Martin*



**Holy Week**  
**PALM SUNDAY—**  
**March 25th**

**Good Friday Service—March 30th**  
**7:00 pm at NUMC**

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Service—March 29th**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**\*Foot Washing Service**  
**7:00 pm at Bolton UMC**

**April 1st \* 10:30 am at North UMC**

**Office Hours**

Pastor Dave's

office hours are:

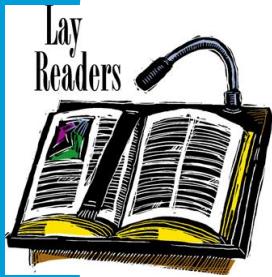
**Monday 8:00-3:00**

**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.

## March

- 4th TBD
- 11th Sandy Geres
- 18th TBD
- 25th 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.

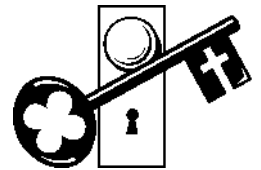
## March

- 4th Irene Fitzgerald  
Cindy Lepack
- 11th Tim LePore  
Harry Arendt
- 18th Collins Judd  
Les VanDine
- 25th 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



# 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!

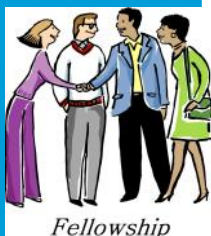


## Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

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.

***Yoga will also be on Thursday nights from 7-8 pm downstairs starting March 1st!***

### **Reconciling Ministries**

### **Welcoming Task Force**

The next meeting of will be

**Tuesday, April 10th at 7pm.**

We continue to meet regularly to further NUMC's commitment to issues of welcome and diversity. Current projects include updating the church brochure and assisting Pastor Dave with the workshop on Vital Conversations about Racism and Diversity February 13-March 20 at NUMC Tuesday nights @ 6:00pm. New members are always welcome.



Please join us! All are welcome.

### ***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!***

### **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!*

### **Online Giving**

Online giving is now available at:

<https://www.simplechurchgiving.net/dl/?uid=nort300298>

or scan the QR code to the left 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!*





## March Birthdays

5th Ryan Harris  
 6th Paula Smith  
 Rob Arendt  
 12th Joan Byron  
 15th Caleb Cadman  
 21st Katelyn Gagnon  
 Ashley Lepack  
 25th Judy Galligan  
 30th Jan Miller  
 31st Melissa Lepack

***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, Diana Custer

**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** **March 8th & 22nd**

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**

**March 19**

**April 16**

**May 21**

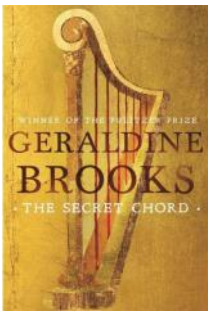
## ***Altar Flowers***



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 Sixth selection this season is *The Secret Chord*, by Geraldine Brooks.

A complete history of David from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from hero to traitor, from brilliant poet, glorious musician, and glamorous young tyrant into an ailing and remorseful old age.

*The Secret Chord* reinterprets the well-known episodes of David's life and foregrounds other, even more remarkable and emotionally intense episodes that have been largely neglected.

**Discussion will follow the church service on March 18.** 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

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

### Choir Rehearsals

Every Wednesday—PrISM at 6:00, Chancel at 7:00 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!**

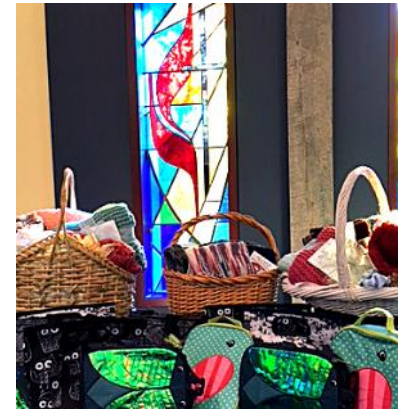
Please speak to Chris Collins with any questions.



### 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. **March 5th and March 19th**

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



### Vital Conversations about Racism and Diversity

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



### 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.



**During our Lent Season we will be taking a special donation of food items for MACC at the altar.**

**Items especially needed are:**

- Pasta Sauce \* Jelly \* Peanut Butter \* Canned Soup
- \* Cereal \* Red Kidney Beans \* Canned Fish \* Mac & Cheese
- \* Canned Coffee

### STUFF THAT MATTERS

**Sunday, March 25 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



### Our 2018 Mission Trip to the Gullah Islands:

We plan on departing on March 2 and return back home on March 11.

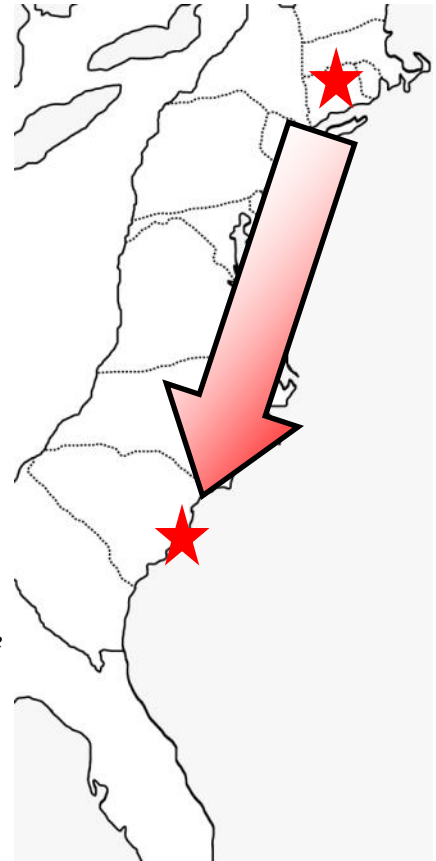
We are welcoming any donations for our Mission Trip to the Gullah Islands. (Make sure to put in memo for Mission Trip). Help us make a difference!

An excerpt from Jackie Abbott’s October Tidings article on the mission trip:

*The money goes to purchase supplies to repair and revitalize the homes of the Gullah Nation. Those North Church members who will go on the mission trip will be expected to provide their own travel and support funds.*

*Who are the people called Gullahs? The term was originally used to designate the creole dialect of English spoken by Gullah or Geechee people. Taken as slaves mainly from West Africa’s rice growing regions, the people were enslaved and brought to the Carolinas, Georgia and northern Florida, and especially on the coastal plain and on the offshore Sea Islands, where rice growing was a very lucrative industry. In the steamy tropical climate the plantation families would leave the humid and insect infested areas in the summer and left the slaves and overseers to tend the crops. Following the Civil War and freedom the African and later others remained on the islands. Because of the isolated nature of the Sea Islands and the freedom to live as they wished they adopted many of the customs of their West African roots. A unique culture exists that includes language, crafts, farming and fishing traditions, folk beliefs, music, rice-based cuisine and story telling traditions, all exhibiting a strong influence from Central and West African cultures. More than a century later the Gullahs continue to fight with the government to preserve, protect and promote their history, culture, language, and homeland from being taken over for commercial development. Their homes are always in need of repair and revitalization. The goal of those who will travel there will be doing such work.*

*Those from North who travel to the Gullah nation will be rewarded with a rich cultural experience as well as an awareness of the struggles these Americans deal with every day to hang on to their lifestyle and culture. What an opportunity for our members to serve and learn.*



### 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
				6p Potluck & 7p BibleStudy at BUMC  7p Yoga	Mission Trip Departs	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry	2:00 Yoga 6:00 Vital Conversations about Racism 7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel	7p Yoga  		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		2:00 Yoga 6:00 Vital Conversations about Racism 7:00 Meditation	6:00 Ash Wednesday at BUMC Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel	7p Yoga  Tidings Submission Deadline		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <b>North Church Readers Book Discussion</b>	1 pm Knitting Ministry 7:00 Ad Council	2:00 Yoga 6:00 Vital Conversations about Racism 7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel	7p Yoga  		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 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	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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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.

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.**

