



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

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Psalm 85:6 "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" May is here, and what was dead has been given new life. In other words the natural world around, slumbering through winter in a deathlike state, is once again coming to life. Each of us rejoices

when we see the first robin of spring, or when our flowers begin to bloom. Such great joy abounds in all of nature when spring arrives! Interesting to me though is that the word revive means that at some point nature must have "vive" or life. There must have been life for there to be a revival.

Churches seem to be on a different calendar than nature. It seems like the more life abounds outside the church, the less life we find inside the church. Some churches practically die over the summer. Mission and ministry is put on hold, and in the fall, it often takes months to regain momentum. Still, many churches seem to manage to cling to life. But, what of churches that seem spiritually dead? What of churches who have shrunk so deeply in numbers that they have lost their will? We know that at one time they "vived." We know that these churches all had their heyday, and were full of abundant life. No they find little to rejoice about. It begs the question: will you, O God, not revive us? God can and will give new life to each of us, and to our church. What shall we do with this new life and new opportunities? Shall we squander them? Or, can we rejoice in the new way that we show life through mission and ministry. May the flower of mission bloom in our church!

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

MISSIONS POT LUCK SUPPER



Friday,
MAY 18 at
6:30 pm

POTLUCK DINNER

Come and join us for a Potluck Supper while

stories and a slideshow are shared from the team who went on the Mission Trip to South Carolina Rural Islands in March. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Memorial Room and indicate if you would like to bring something to share. Thank you!

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:

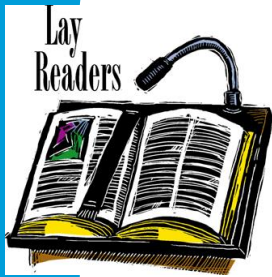
Monday 8:00-3:00

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.

May

- 6th TBD
- 13th TBD
- 20th TBD
- 27th 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.

May

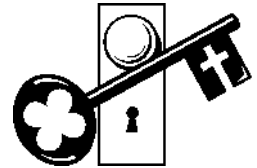
- 6th Barbara Judd
Becky Harris
- 13th Irene Fitzgerald
Cindy Lepack
- 20th Tim LePore
Harry Arendt
- 27th Collins Judd
Les VanDine



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:

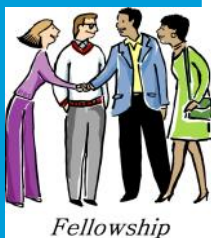
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Members

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.

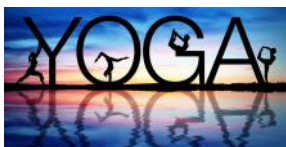
North Church is a NUT FREE zone.

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.

Northampton Pride Parade

Saturday, May 5, 11 AM

We hope you will join us as we carry the North Church banner joining Wesley UMC in Hadley Mass. We had a good group from North Church last year and had a wonderful time. The parade route is about 1 mile long. We will carpool from church.

A signup sheet will be available in the Memorial Room.

Contact Linda VanDine for more information.



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.

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!

100% Participation in SCRIP is the goal!

Scrip is Fundraising While You Shop!™



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!





May Birthdays

5th Sarah Flaherty
 14th Jane Hopkins
 18th Sue Derby
 Mike Geres
 Cindi Gilligan
 22nd Paige LeBlanc
 29th Anita Baten
 30th Jim Williamson

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
May 10th and 24th

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.

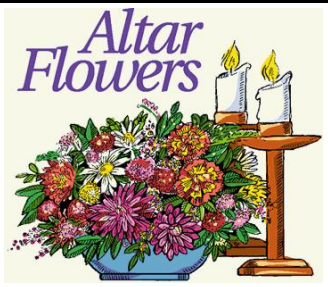
Anyone in need of a name tag, please note it on the back of your attendance slip on Sunday morning and one will be made for you.



Ad Council Meetings

May 21

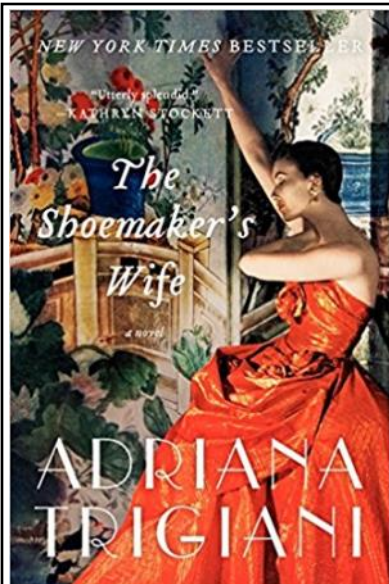
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Flowers are a wonderful way to acknowledge the Memory of a Loved One or to Celebrate a special person or occasion.

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



North Church Readers

The North Church Readers invites you to join us for any or all of the books! Our Seventh selection this season is *The Shoemaker's Wife*, by Adriana Trigiani.

A love story that travels from the Italian Alps across the Atlantic to New York City and to the iron range of Minnesota. A sweeping novel that happens around the first half of the 20th century, Enza and Ciro are both young teenagers who are poor but talented and who grow up a few miles apart in the beautiful mountains of Northern Italy. Poverty and injustice force both to go to America at the same time. The lovers meet and separate until finally the power of love changes both of their lives.

Discussion will follow the church service on May 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.



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: **May 27**

Arrive to church early and Make a Joyful Noise!



HYMN SING

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. This month's meetings are **May 14th and May 21st.**

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



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.



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, May 20th 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



GREATER MANCHESTER TRACK & FIELD INVITATIONAL

SATURDAY, MAY 19

The Randy Smith / JI Track meet is May 19th. NUMC members will again be in charge of the awards table. The meet officials provide us with results from events shortly after they are finished and we hand out medals to the top finishers.

There is a sign-up sheet in the memorial room for anyone who wants to work.

We are encouraging you to wear a new NUMC t- shirt if you have one to get our name out in the community. It is a wonderful event where the teenagers are so appreciative and happy to be there!

Sneakers for Manchester High School Athletes

We will also be collecting donations towards new sneakers for students who can't afford them. Any size donation is welcome. **Barbara Judd is collecting donations though June 17th.** If writing a check please write out to NUMC.

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.

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.



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.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

May 19th at 8:00 am at NUMC

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
		1	2	3	4	5
		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel	7p Yoga		Northampton Pride Parade
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 PrISM 7:00 Chancel	7p Yoga 		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		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
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.**

