

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



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Pastor Dave

Monday & Tuesday

8:00-5:00

Office Manger Makayla

Monday & Thursday

9:00-12:00



Greetings brothers and sisters. I am writing this message to you as I sit in my new office on the second floor of my home. Recently my mother-in-law, who was in need of care, came to live with us. She doesn't navigate stairs well, so we emptied out the office I had renovated several years ago, and set her up comfortably there. The room I am in is without carpet (thanks to some very old cats) no drapes (we just painted it) and is completely unorganized. As I sit here I am reminded of its original use when our young family moved here a little over 21 years ago. It was the play and TV room for the kids. For many years sounds of laughter, arguing, things braking, could be heard as well as the occasional ominous silences when they were plotting no good! The room has a new use. It seems fruitless to keep looking back and wishing for broken lamps, giggles and childish messes for this office. It has a new purpose, and I am already finding more quiet and peace here, than I did downstairs. Something good came of this new season.

Each of us has experienced new seasons in our lives, they often don't resemble our old realities. My house seemed small when we had five kids, it seems a tad too big now. I am sure each of you reading this have struggled in some way with new and emerging realities. The church too has undergone numerous changes in your lifetime; some for good, so not so. Yet in the face of our new seasons of life, the constant through it all is God and the beloved community of faith to which we look for comfort and companionship. I hope that whatever change of season you may be facing is met with hopeful expectation of God doing something wonderful, and something good!

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin



Almost turkey time!. Please pick up your food "cards" and sign up for chicken or turkey donations starting on October 22. These food items will be distributed at MACC starting on November 12th so please bring them to the church by November 11th.

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Meeting: November 1st at 6pm Potluck*

7pm-9pm meeting

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.



A special collection for the MACC pantry will run from October 28 until November 11th.

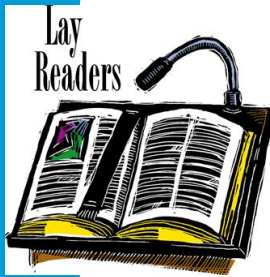
The following items are needed for this collection:

- paper towels, tissues,
- toothpaste, toothbrushes,
- deodorant, anti-bacterial wipes (not hand sanitizer),
- razors, feminine products, baby diapers (pull-ups only), dish detergent, shampoo,
- cleaning products...

Donations can be left in the Memorial Room. If you have questions, please see Linda Gates or Marlene Camper.

LITURGISTS

USHERS



November

4th Tony Adamczyk

11th TBD

18th Lorrie Rowe

25th TBD

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.

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.

November

4th Irene Fitzgerald
Cindy Lepack

11th Tim LePore
Harry Arendt

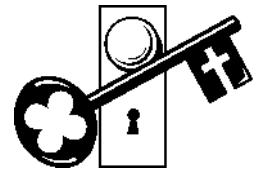
18th Collins Judd
Les VanDine

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



OFFERING COUNTERS

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!



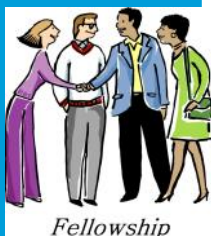
Join us for Fellowship

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.

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!

If everyone were to participate by simply purchasing store cards for their weekly grocery budget—the church would benefit greatly with

NO additional cost to you. Not to mention other regular purchases—gas, drug stores, restaurants, fast food, etc.

100% Participation in SCRIP is the goal!

Scrip is Fundraising While You Shop!™



Thank You

Thank you to our wonderful NUMC congregation for the going away reception and delicious Irene cake! We will miss everyone in our extended family. It has been a pleasure to work with the NUMC youth over the years and watch them grow into adulthood. You have given us so much by allowing us to teach and in turn, learn from your young people. They are awesome! We will stay in touch and visit when we are in the neighborhood. You are always welcome in our Florida home.

Tim & Charlene

The past few weeks have been difficult with the unexpected loss of my son, Chris. Pastor Dave visited our home to offer support and comfort and gave us a beautiful service. Numerous calls and cards, flowers and suppers have been delivered to help during this time. Everyone's caring support has provided comfort to me, and reminded me that kindness and love as well as faith can carry us through. To Christine and the choir, your music and singing was beautiful and heartwarming. Thank you to everyone for the hugs – there is more power in them than you realize. Charlene

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!

Reconciling Ministries



Thank you to everyone who donated to Reconciling

Ministries Network in recognition of our 2nd anniversary as a Reconciling Congregation. We collected \$194 which enables us to make our full annual donation of \$250 with enough left in our budget to continue our projects supporting the LGBTQ community.



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!

November Birthdays

2nd Bertha Brew	19th Paula Admaczyk
3rd Vicky Ladabouche	22nd Florence Wollaston
7th Sandy Geres	
8th Lindsay Ladabouche	26th Pastor David J. Martin
9th Cyndy Flaherty	27th Gregory Harris
10th Barbara Judd	29th Charley Cappello
12th Elaine Law	Marlene Camper
15th Harry Arendt	30th Ruth Mancell-Opoku
16th Chris Collins	

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, Sue L. Alisa Smith, Betty Boop,
Nichols Family, Joan & Charles Nichols, Mark
Fitzgerald, Greg Sholomicky, Carol Haviland, Judy
Parlee, Jack Stroup, Stephanie Oppon-Kunty,
Cindy & Carl Lepack, Doris & Ed, Sara Miller, John
Harris, Florence

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

November 1st and 15th

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 Meeting

7:00 pm

November 19th

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

Introducing WAMS (Wellness And Multiple Sclerosis)!

WAMS is a positive and affirming group that focuses on living well with MS. This group is co-led by North Members Heidi Lenhardt, National MS Society Support Leader and Vickie Hadge, Overcoming MS (OMS) Ambassador.

If you are newly diagnosed, have been living with MS for years, or are an MS caregiver WAMS welcomes you! WAMS is a friendly, non-judgmental and safe place where privacy is protected. No matter where you are on your MS wellness journey we encourage members to “do whatever it takes” to live well to be the healthiest they can be while living with MS.

Join us on **Sunday Nov. 11th** where the topic will be about Whole Foods Plant Based Diets and how to get through the holidays eating healthy. Meetings will typically be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month with occasional field trips and social events as well.

To join WAMS and be included on the mailing list and part of the Google Group (where will send updates, information, and upcoming meeting information) please use this link and fill out the form.

<https://overcomingms.org/community/find-support/>.

If you have questions please speak with or email Vickie vlhadge@yahoo.com or Heidi wellnessandms@yahoo.com.



NOEL ...the story of Amazing Love

An hour of music, reflection and praise as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior!

With musical group 'Still Small Voice'

North United Methodist Church, 300 Parker St, Manchester
Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 PM*

Free will donation Reception following event CDs available

*Snow date December 18th

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:00 am

November 24 @ NUMC



Good food and fellowship!

Join us!



The Knitting Ministry

We have bi-monthly Monday meetings, enjoyably coming together to put our **faith into service**. The fall and winter meetings through the end of the year are as follows: 11/05, 11/19, 12/03, 12/17. Our group is open to all with or without yarn skills. We have crochet hooks, Knitting needles, and our patterns are easy. Come and join us from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Memorial Room.

Contact Paula Adamczyk anthony.adamczyk@snet.net or Susan Derby susanderby@cox.net

STUFF THAT MATTERS

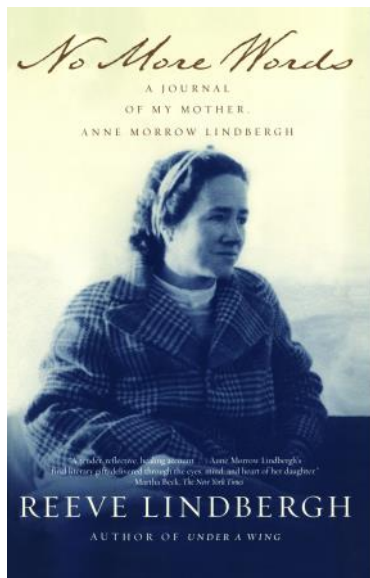
November 25th at 5:00pm

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

North Church Readers



The North Church Readers continues their season with a list of books chosen by group members. We invite you to join us for any or all of the books!

Our third selection this season is *No More Words* by *Reeve Lindbergh*. Reeve Lindbergh creates a journal of her mother Anne Morrow's later life, when she was nearly speechless and dependent for many years. Reeve writes with great sensitivity and sympathy for her mothers plight.

Discussion will follow the church service on November 11.

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.

Next Book for January 20 *A Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon

The Muslim Community and Islam

On Friday, October 12, 2018 North United Methodist Church hosted a program titled The Muslim Community and Islam. Our talented speaker, Aida Mansoor, member and past president of the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut wowed the 50 plus attending with her power point presentation about Islam and contemporary attitudes and misconceptions about Islam.

Those present were entranced by the information Aida gave, providing examples from experiences both she and other Moslems have experienced. She included descriptions of words from Muhammad, himself an uneducated man, but words taken directly from God (Allah). These words are recorded in the Koran and are used in the prayers by the faithful five times a day. Fasting and celebrations were described, as well as other aspects of the faith. Aida distinguished between actual elements of the faith and customs that have evolved.

Aida left the group spellbound for over an hour and then answered questions for another fifteen minutes.

A pot luck supper, with halal customs observed, was then enjoyed by all. Aida handed a plate to every person as they went through the line, greeting them and continuing answering questions. She finally ate and still continued to answer questions.


This writer stopped to chat with Aida as she packed up her computer and projector. It was noted that she was among the first to arrive and the last to leave. The comments that I received were universally very positive. One person expressed an interest in visiting a mosque and attending as service. We may be able to arrange that, so watch for an announcement.

Those who organized the evening were interested in starting a interfaith Peace and Justice Committee. Ten people completed the sheet left at each seat expressing an interest in being a part of the committee. Hazardville UMC expressed interest in having Aida as a speaker at their church in Enfield. The organizers need only to meet and set a date for the first meeting of the Peace and Justice Committee. We invite any others who wish to join in the committee to come to our first organizational meeting. Watch Tidings and the Sunday Bulletin for information.

Thanks are gratefully given to Harry Arendt, Pastor Dave, Jack Bertrand, Judy Galligan, Joan Byron, Marlene Camper, Pam Craparotta, Linda Gates, Karen Arendt, Makalya Roman and anyone else whom I may have forgotten.

This report is given by Jessica Smith, Sylvia Gafford-Alexander, and Jackie Abbott who insisted that we do this. We are glad we did the program in spite of the hours involved in planning and making it all happen. We extend our special thanks to Aida Mansoor for agreeing to educate us and to our sung and unsung heroes for coming.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				7p Yoga 		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
ALL SAINTS DAY 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
PLEDGE SUNDAY 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 4:30p MS Support Group		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga 	Tidings Submission Deadline	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry  7p Ad Council	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	Thanksgiving day! 7p Yoga		8a Men's Fellowship Breakfast at NUMC
25	26	27	28	29	30	
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 5:00 pm <i>Stuff That Matters</i>		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir			

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

1 Corinthians 16:29

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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.**

