



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

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Recently our church has completed work on a new mission statement. After crafting a vision statement and gathering in retreat to work on a mission statement the group came up with the following: Strengthened by God's unfailing love, we are called to live our faith with purpose, as

we invite the diversity of God's creation to be a vital part of our future. The thoughts behind it are inspired by Jeremiah 31, and God's promise of unfailing love which will restore Israel's people, and return her to fruitfulness. We believe that God's everlasting and faithful love can restore our spirits, heal our wounds and make us whole. God also works this way in the life of the church. As God heals us, gives us strength and purpose, we become the fruitful church God is calling us to be through faith.

In faith we will step out, and create a proactive strategic plan that will live into the mission statement. God desires for us to grow in our diversity of welcome and invitation, our mission, and our spiritual understanding. Please join us on November 1st for a strategic planning session. We will meet at 6pm for a potluck (optional) followed by a planning session from 7-9pm. Our work is to identify several key areas we want to affect about our church ministry and attach measurable goals and objectives to them. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining us as we step out in faith to a new tomorrow!

Grace and Peace to you all!

*Pastor David J. Martin*

## NUMC Family Bike Rides

**Saturday, October 6, 3:00 PM for the NUMC Family Bike Ride Number 2 – The Pre-Potato Pedal!** We'll have a nice ride and return to North Church in time for the Baked Potato Dinner.

Meet at North Church for 3:00 departure. We will pedal down Parker St/Colonial Rd from NUMC to the Manchester Rail Trail, or to avoid riding on the road you can just meet us at the parking lot at 180 Colonial Rd.

The Rail Trail runs across several marked road crossings into Vernon, to Bolton Notch and beyond. For our Family Ride we'll pedal out until we are half tired (or until approximately 4:00 PM) then turn around and head back. Trail is almost all packed dirt, sand, crushed stone, gravel. Trail tires work best but a strong or adult rider can handle it on road tires. Constant gentle climb from parking lot. Easier, slightly downhill return trip.

For more information, contact Tony Adamczyk at 860-646-6609 or [anthony.adamczyk@snet.net](mailto:anthony.adamczyk@snet.net)

**Ride #3—Halloween Ride October 27th 3:00 to 4:00 Location TBD**



## Halloween Bring a Friend Sunday

**October 28**

All Sunday School children and youth who bring a friend will receive a prize! Dress up in your favorite Halloween costume!

**\*\*Anyone may dress up!!! Prize for the best costume!!!**

**\*We will be doing Trunk or Treat for the kids after Worship service in our church parking lot (depending on the weather)!!\* Sign up in the Memorial Room**

### Office Hours

Pastor Dave

**Monday & Tuesday**

8:00-5:00

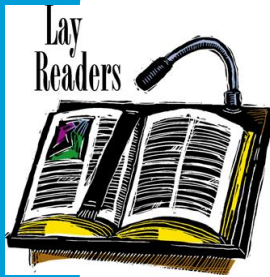
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**Monday & Thursday**

9:00-12:00

# LITURGISTS

# USHERS



## October

- 7th TBD
- 14th TBD
- 21st TBD
- 28th 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.

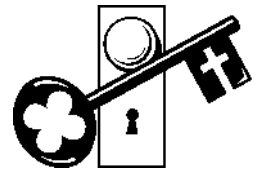
## October

- 7th Tim LePore  
Harry Arendt
- 14th Collins Judd  
Les VanDine
- 21st Jan Miller  
Judy Starkweather
- 28th Barbara Judd  
Becky Harris

## 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!*

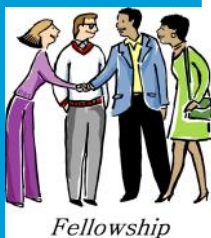


## Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

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.

### **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 sheets for Fellowship and Liturgists are in the Memorial Room.*

### **New Name Tags**

We have new name tags! Multiple attachment options available.

*If we missed your name or misspelled your name please reach out to Vickie Hadge [vhadge@yahoo.com](mailto:vhadge@yahoo.com) or Paula Smith [p.smith48@cox.net](mailto:p.smith48@cox.net) and we will get a new one made for you!*



### *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!™



### **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!*



## October Birthdays

7th Paige Gagnon  
17th Catherine Ann Bryant  
20th Elizabeth Turley  
22nd Matthew Judd

*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

**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**

**October 4th and 18th**

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.*

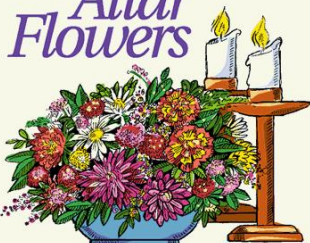


**Ad Council Meeting**

**7:00 pm**

**October 22**

### ***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.

Our first meeting will be on Sunday October 14th, 4:30pm -6:00pm at North in the memorial room. 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](mailto:vlhadge@yahoo.com) or Heidi [wellnessandms@yahoo.com](mailto:wellnessandms@yahoo.com).



### Sunday School Advisory Board

Pastor Dave would like to start an Advisory Board for Sunday School.

Please contact Pastor Dave if you have any input on this or would like to volunteer.

## Save the Date — Baked Potato Night!!! Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

Come One – Come All !!!!

Vegans – Vegetarians – Carnivores

Please plan on joining us on

**Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm**

### Baked Potato Night

All the normal toppings and more!!

Free Will Donation (\$5 suggested)

All proceeds will go towards the mission trip

Mark your calendars  
today!

*Sign up in the Memorial  
Room.*



## 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: 10/08, 10/22, 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.

Contact Paula Adameczyk [anthony.adameczyk@snet.net](mailto:anthony.adameczyk@snet.net) or Susan Derby [susanderby@cox.net](mailto:susanderby@cox.net)



## STUFF THAT MATTERS

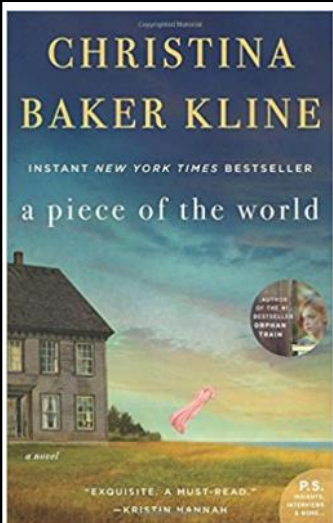
**October 28th at 5:00pm**

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 opens their new season with a list of books chosen by group members. We invite you to join us for any or all of the books! Our second selection this season is *A Piece of the World* by Cristina Baker Kline. Based on the famous painting by Andrew Wyeth, the book tells the story of Christina Olson, subject of the painting. Born severely physically disabled, Christina leads a life of serving her parents and brothers. The reader experiences Christina’s pain, heartbreak and bitterness. This piece of historical fiction is an excellent character driven read. **Discussion will follow the church service on October 14.** 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 November 11** *No More Words* by Reeve Lindbergh

### Choir Resumes and Welcomes YOU



We meet Wednesdays at 6:20 for PrISM and 7P for Chancel choir, as well as practicing before worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 as not all can make

Wednesday night. We welcome new people who are considering being part of our ministry and continue to seek out those interested in sharing their talents and passions with our congregation, be they musical, dramatic readings, or interpretive dance.

One of the overarching themes during the ministry of Jesus Christ was the idea of 'doing' rather than 'watching others doing'. Many accounts of the intercession of the Holy Spirit resulted in the people who were visited participating communally in worship with passion and presence. Some of the most vibrant churches today embrace the message that worship isn't a 'spectator sport' but one where we all actively share in our witness of the power of the Christ in our lives.

One needs not be an experienced singer, poet or artist to share what they are passionate about. To 'love to tell the story' is enough. So please consider finding a way to 'shout it from the rooftops' and use those innate gifts which God entrusted you to use well.



**We celebrated 2 years as a Reconciling Ministry!**

### Save the Date: Peace and Justice Event — Friday, October 12 at 5:30

North UMC of Manchester invites you to come and learn with us. Listen and engage in a conversation about the Muslim Faith and Community.

Presenter — Aida Mansoor, Board Member of The Muslim Coalition of Connecticut.

Dinner will follow the presentation including questions and discussion. Religious dietary guidelines will be observed. More information to follow.

*Please contact Jackie Abbott 86-646-5124 or Sylvia Gafford-Alexander 860-633-3365 with any questions or concerns.*

*Thank you!*



### Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

**8:00 am**

**October 27 @ BUMC**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation		7p Yoga 		3:30 Pre-Potato Ride 5:00 Baked Potato Night
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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	5:30 Peace and Justice Event	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 4:30p MS Support Group	<b>Tidings Submission Deadline</b>	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga 		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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	7p Yoga		8a Men's Fellowship Breakfast at BUMC
28	29	30	31			
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship <b>Trunk or Treat</b> 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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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.**

