

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



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September has arrived, where did our summer go? Sometimes it seems like life just moves so fast, blink and you'll miss it! As we settle into our fall routines, I hope that each of you will find some time to reflect on what's essential, good and important to you. I often find that when I get busy, too busy, that I lose perspective on what's important. I can get tunnel vision, or obsessed with an activity. With tunnel vision, our peripheral vision gets impaired, so as we travel down the road of life, we fail to notice what's on the side of the road. It's sort of like driving through the Berkshires in early October, and never noticing the beautiful fall foliage. Or, it's like driving through town trying to get to the next appointment, and not noticing that your friend or neighbor is by the side of the road with a flat tire. I think any of us would stop for a friend and inquire if they need help, or we might pull off at a rest stop to enjoy a scenic overlook in the fall. Yet the cares of life, and the busy pace that we set for ourselves pushes out other possibilities. I hope this fall you will open yourself to more possibilities, and embrace the goodness that is our life, which is the greatest gift from God.

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

Hartford Pridefest

September 8, 2018 12-6 PM

The Reconciling Ministries Committee is excited that North Church will sponsor a booth at Hartford Pridefest providing information about our church as a welcoming Reconciling Congregation. We will distribute our updated church brochures and will be assembling small bags of multicolored candy tagged with our church contact information.



Hartford Pridefest takes place on Pratt Street between Trumbull and Main and offers food, entertainment, speakers, vendors and informational booths. Pridefest is a fun, uplifting event and we hope that you are able to attend. If you would like to help with assembling candy bags or staffing our booth, there is a sign up sheet in the Memorial Room or contact lindavandine@gmail.com.

NUMC Statement of Welcome

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.

Rally Sunday

**September 16 after
Worship!!**

***Be on the lookout for more information!!



Parables Bible Study

6:00 pm Potluck * 7:00 pm Study Tuesday, September 11 at Bolton UMC 1041 Boston Turnpike Road, Bolton CT

Classes will be each week, and are only cancelled in the event of inclement weather or some other emergency via email. Please find the Parables on the Memorial Table and read them ahead of coming to the study. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Dave.

Office Hours

Pastor Dave's

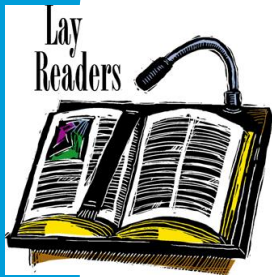
office hours are:

Monday 8:00-5:00

Tuesday 8:00-5:00

LITURGISTS

USHERS



September

- 2nd Tony Adamczyk
- 9th Roger Edinger
- 16th Caleb Cadman
- 23rd TBD
- 30th 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.

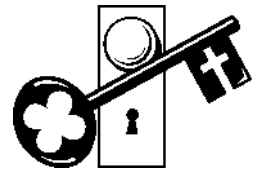
September

- 2nd Tim LePore
- Harry Arendt
- 9th Collins Judd
- Les VanDine
- 16th Jan Miller
- Judy Starkweather
- 23rd Barbara Judd
- Becky Harris
- 30th Irene Fitzgerald
- Cindy Lepack

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!

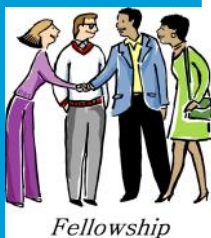


Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

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.

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 or Paula Smith 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!



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!



USE CHECK



September Birthdays

2nd Linda Gates
 4th Steve Hadge
 5th Deb Tedford
 6th Chris Larson
 8th Karen Cadman
 9th Linda VanDine
 12th Joan Wood
 18th Bob Pelletier
 26th John Fitzgerald
 29th Jackie Abbott
 30th Stephanie Brew

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,

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

September 6th and 20th

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

September 17

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 or Heidi wellnessandms@yahoo.com.



NUMC Family Bike Rides

Dates coming soon!!!

Be on the lookout for more

Information!!

Save the Date — Baked Potato Night!!! Saturday, October 20th at 5:00 pm

Come One – Come All !!!!

Vegans – Vegetarians – Carnivores

Please plan on joining us on

Saturday, October 6th – 5 pm

Baked Potato Night

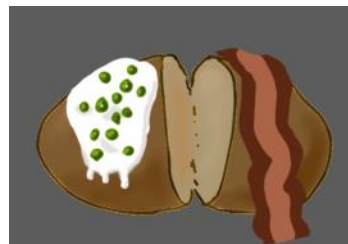
All the normal toppings and more!!

Free Will Donation (\$5 suggested)

All proceeds will go towards the mission trip

Mark your calendars
today!

*Sign up in the Memorial
Room.*



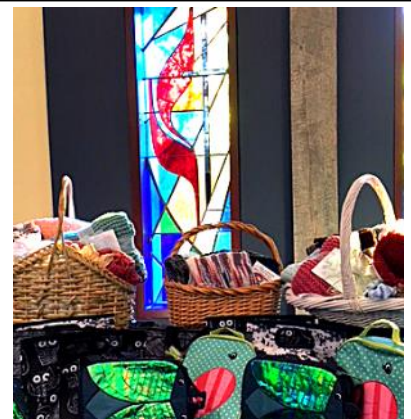
The Knitting Ministry

We will resume our bi-monthly Monday meetings beginning on September 10, 2018.

The rest of the fall meetings are as follows: 9/24, 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 or Susan Derby susanderby@cox.net



STUFF THAT MATTERS

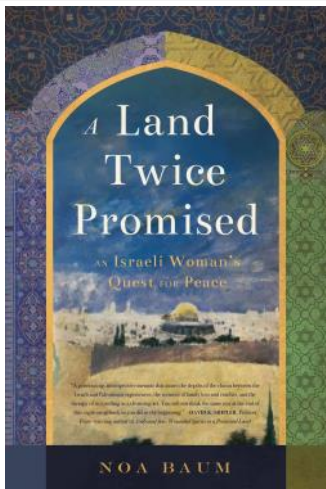
September 23rd at 5:00pm

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 first selection this season is *A Land Twice Promised* by Noa Baum. The author, now a renowned storyteller, tells of her life growing up in Jerusalem and later living in CA while her husband is working on a degree. While in CA she meets a young Palestinian woman who shares her story growing up in Palestine. Now Noa uses their dissimilar background in her storytelling. *A Land Twice Promised* gives the reader a balanced view of life in Israel past and present. **Discussion will follow the church service on September 9.** 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 October 14: *A Piece of the World* by Cristina Baker Kline

Choir Resumes and Welcomes YOU



We shall meet for our first rehearsal on Sept 5th at 6:20 for PrISM singers and 7P for Chancel singers. 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.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:00 am

**September 22 @
NUMC**



LEADERSHIP & VISION PLANNING RETREAT

**Meeting: September 22 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.

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!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	1/8
		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga 		8th from 12:00 to 6:00 pm Hartford Pridefest 
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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		Tidings Submission Deadline
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Rally Sunday! 	7p Ad Council	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga 		8a Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9a Creating a Mission Statement
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 5:00 pm Stuff That Matters	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	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
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ethnicity, gender identity,
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