

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



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Mega-church pastor Rick Warren wrote a pair of books with “purpose driven” as the core idea. One is “The Purpose Driven Life” the other “The Purpose Driven Church.” The core idea is that our lives are not accidental or incidental. God created all life with intention. If we believe this then there is an affirmed purpose to each life. And, God wants us to seek that out purpose, and live into it. This is no less true for churches. God’s hand is in the creation of every church. While churches may stray from the path, lose focus and even be a hindrance to the Kingdom of God, God has an intention and purpose for each church. It’s the driving force of our purpose, our mission empowered by the Holy Spirit, that gives dynamic power to the life and ministry of a church.

Over the next few months I will be working with leaders of North UMC to discern where God is leading us, and what sorts of things will help illuminate our core identity and purpose. There are several initiatives we are exploring that we hope will bring positive change to the ministry here, and will invigorate us with new life. In the weeks and months to come, remember that change and new things can be scary for some people; it brings about heightened anxiety. This all very natural. But, I believe that if we are honestly walking where God is leading, walking with purpose, the church can accomplish anything. I look forward to walking together on this journey with you.

Grace and Peace to you all!
Pastor David J. Martin

Rainbow Cake AUGUST 25



We will have a **rainbow cake** following worship on **August 25** to celebrate our participation in **Hartford Pridefest** on Saturday, September 14. Costs for a booth at Pride have increased significantly this year and our budget is straining to meet costs. We welcome donations to the Reconciling Ministries account to assist us in demonstrating support for our local LGBTQ+ community at Pridefest. We also welcome your help to staff our booth at Pride. It’s a wonderful way to share God’s love with our LGBTQ+ friends. After cake on August 25th please join us for our meeting. All are welcome.

Summer Sunday School

June 23—September 1

Please consider participating in this ministry throughout the summer. Curriculum is easy to follow.



Please prayerfully consider signing up for a Sunday (or two).

Sign-up in the Memorial Room.

Office Hours

Pastor Dave

Monday & Tuesday

8:00-5:00ish

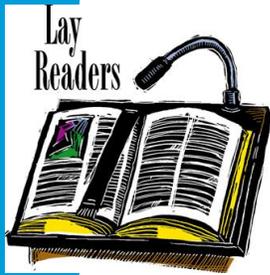
Office Manger Makayla

Monday & Thursday

9:00-12:00

LITURGISTS

USHERS



August

- 4th Elaine Law
- 11th Sandy Geres
- 18th Vickie Hadge
- 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.

August

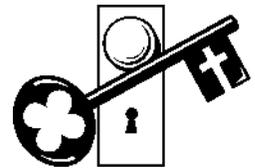
- 4th Tim LePore
Harry Arendt
- 11th Collins Judd
Les VanDine
- 18th Jan Miller
Barbara Judd
- 25th Barbara Judd
Becky Harris



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:

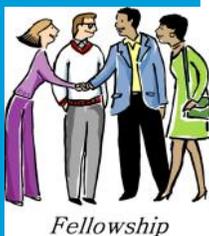
TRUSTEE

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.

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!™



Men's Fellowship Breakfast Watch Announcements for the next one!



MACC Food Pantry 2019

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!



Peace & Justice

Monday, September 9 at 7:00 pm
At United Methodist Church of Bolton

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. Selecting 'Bank Account' rather than 'Credit Card' 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!



Consider offering your special summer music, solo or group, vocal or instrumental



(or dance, dramatic recitation, etc.). Sign up in the Memorial Room.



August Birthdays

6th Gene Turley

7th Glenn Law

9th Wesley Hadge

11th Jamie Ladabouche

12th Karen Arendt

19th Don Camper

21st Judy Morton

28th Les VanDine

31st Michael Judd

Birthday Blessings to Everyone!



FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

Crystal Price, Dottie Allen, Jean Derby, Jenna & Patty, Nellie, Ruth Mancell, Mary, Marian, Mike & Dorothy Thompson, Liz, Sarah & Friends, Ray Johnson, Austin,

Decency Wins, 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, Gary Chappell, Jon Scoville, Ron Starkweather, Wayne Zorger Sr. Melissa Lepack, JanMarie, Robert, Kevin Saint Hilaire, Susan Fenn, Jack Benton, 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, Geoff, Tricia, Marilyn, Dave, Henriet, Tom



NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES

August 8th and 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 Meeting

September

15th after

Worship

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)!



National
Multiple Sclerosis
Society

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.

Please join us on from **4:30 to 6:00** on **August 18th** where our discussion topic will be **Mindfulness Meditation**.

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

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



OVERCOMING
MULTIPLE
SCLEROSIS

STUFF THAT MATTERS

Ears and Eyes open for the Next One!

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

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:**

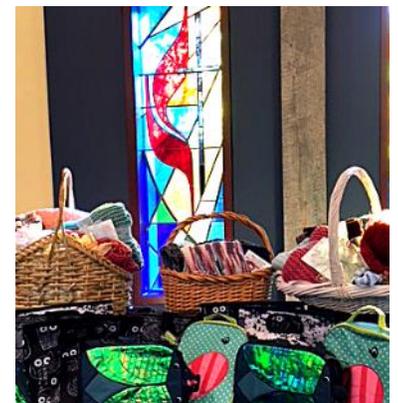
Jessica Smith

Thank you for your consideration!

Sign-up sheets are in the Memorial Room.

The Knitting Ministry

The Knitting Ministry's first meeting for the season will be on Monday 9/09/19 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the Memorial Room. The rest of the Fall Schedule is as follows 9/23, 10/07, 10/21, 11/04, 11/18, 12/02, 12/16.



We enjoy making baby items and will donate to the Family Circles program at the Manchester Memorial Hospital. This program provides prenatal care, education/parenting skills and support to young women in need. 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 with questions.

North Church Readers



The North Church Readers: Our last selection for this season is *Until We Find Home* by Cathy Gohlke. An American Claire Stewart during World War II works with French Resistance in smuggling French and German children to safer shores in England.

Discussion will follow the church service on August 11, 2019.

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.

Reconciling Ministry Happenings



Reconciling Ministries is now at work getting ready for an exciting fall event! On Saturday September 14th from 12-6 we will be hosting a booth at Hartford Pride to share our message of inclusion at NUMC. It is a fun and uplifting event and we welcome help to staff our booth and assemble candy bags for distribution. Signup sheets will be available in the Memorial Room.



On May 4 a group from NUMC joined Wesley UMC in Hadley, MA and others from our conference to march in the Northampton Pride Parade for the third consecutive year. A new addition this year was Pastor Dave's trailer which was converted into a wonderful float able to carry participants. We continue to seek opportunities to spread our message of inclusion to the LGBTQ+ community and welcome your suggestions and participation.



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|---|-----|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|  | | | | 7p Yoga | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship | 7:00 pm Peace & Justice | 2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation | | 7p Yoga  | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 4:30p MS Support Group | | 2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation | | 7p Yoga | | Tidings Submission Deadline |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship | | 2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation | | 7p Yoga  | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| 10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 11:45 Ad Council Meeting | | 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.

**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.**



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!*