

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

TIDINGS

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December can be the busiest month for most people. We have Christmas shopping errands, holiday parties, church events, Christmas and Christmas Eve, and of Course New Year's Eve to celebrate. This is also the month with the littlest daylight. So much to do, and so little daylight to do it in! The themes of dark and light are part of Christmas nativity story. Jesus, light of the world, is born in the deep darkness of winter, to a world steep in spiritual darkness. This season, as busy as it is, fills most of us with joy because of this light. Many don't understand it or articulate this source of joy, but Christmas celebrations have been a cause and source of peace and goodwill for nearly 2 millennia.

Even with this sense of peace, there are many people will experience deep emotional pain during the holiday season. They will have lost loved ones, and be mourning the empty chair at the table, or feeling the loss of traditions. In your merry making, reach out to someone who is alone. This is the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of the love of Christ. Making Christmas merry for another is a gift for both you and them!

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

Books for the Village Kids

We will again be providing NEW books as holiday gifts for the 16 children attending the Village Program. If you would like to participate please bring unwrapped books to church by **Sunday, Dec. 15**. Cash contributions are also welcome and we can shop for you.



Please let Linda VanDine know if you plan to participate so that we can coordinate our efforts: lindavandine@gmail.com

8 Girls, ages 6, 7(two), 9 (two), 10, 11, 12

8 Boys, ages 5, 6 (two), 10 (three), 11 (two), 12

Suggestions include (but are not limited to) series/graphic novel books such as Captain Underpants, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Dork Diaries, Big Nate, Dog Man, Harry Potter and the Cursed Child (older kids). Younger girls like the Unicorn series and The Yeti Files series. Choices should be non-violent, of course.



Thank You!

Office Hours

Pastor Dave

Monday & Tuesday

8:00-5:00ish

Office Manger Makayla

Monday & Thursday

9:00-12:00

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm here at North UMC

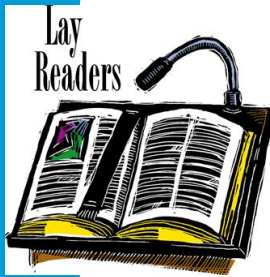
6:30 pm at UMC of Bolton

Join us for a joyous time for the whole family!



LITURGISTS

USHERS



December

- 1st Vickie Hadge
- 8th Sandy Geres
- 15th Jackie Abbott
- 22nd TBD
- 29th 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.

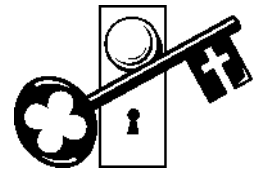
December

- 1st Collins Judd
Les VanDine
- 8th Jan Miller
Barbara Judd
- 15th Barbara Judd
Becky Harris
- 22nd Tim LePore
Harry Arendt
- 29th 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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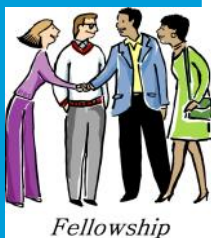
Members



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. New instructor for Tuesday Yoga is Helen. Contact Joan Everson 860-944-3328 with Tuesday yoga questions.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast



**Saturday,
December 21
8:00am at UMC of
Bolton**



Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays

PrISM Praise Band at 6:15pm

Chancel at 7pm

Come join in the fun!!!

New members are always welcome!

Requirements: love music, love to sing or play an instrument.

Ability to read music is NOT required!

Please speak to Chris Collins with any questions.



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 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!



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!



December Birthdays

2nd Liz Twarkins

4th Barbie Turley

6th Ron Starkweather

12th Pam Putinas

John Wilks

15th Trudi Tinklepaugh

16th Sylvia Lapenta

19th Heidi Lenhardt

24th Ray Gagnon

25th JESUS

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, Carol Haviland, Judy Parlee, Jack Stroup, Stephanie Oppon-Kunty, Sara Miller, Florence, Gary Chappell, Ron Starkweather, Wayne Zorger Sr., Melissa Lepack, JanMarie, Robert, Kevin Saint Hilaire, Susan Fenn, Jack Benton, Diana Custer, Walter Johnson, Lisa Roman

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
December 12th and 26th**

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.

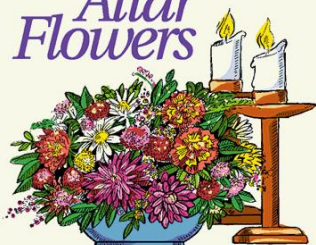
Anyone in need of a name tag, please note it on the back of your attendance slip on Sunday morning and one will be made for you.



Ad Council Meeting

**Be vigilant for
the next date!**

**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 care partner 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 from **4:30 to 6:00** on December 15th - Holiday Social/Pot Luck Dinner - Bring your favorite healthy dish to share. Please RSVP to Vickie or Heidi for this meeting.

<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

December 22nd at 5:00 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

Assembly of Blessing Bags Wednesday, December 4th

Sorting Items: 12:30 pm

Bag Assembly: 2:00 pm

Contact Marlene Camper if you have any questions.

The Knitting Ministry

The Knitting Ministry's next meeting for the season will be on Monday November 4th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the Memorial Room. The rest of the Fall Schedule is as follows 12/02 and 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.

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

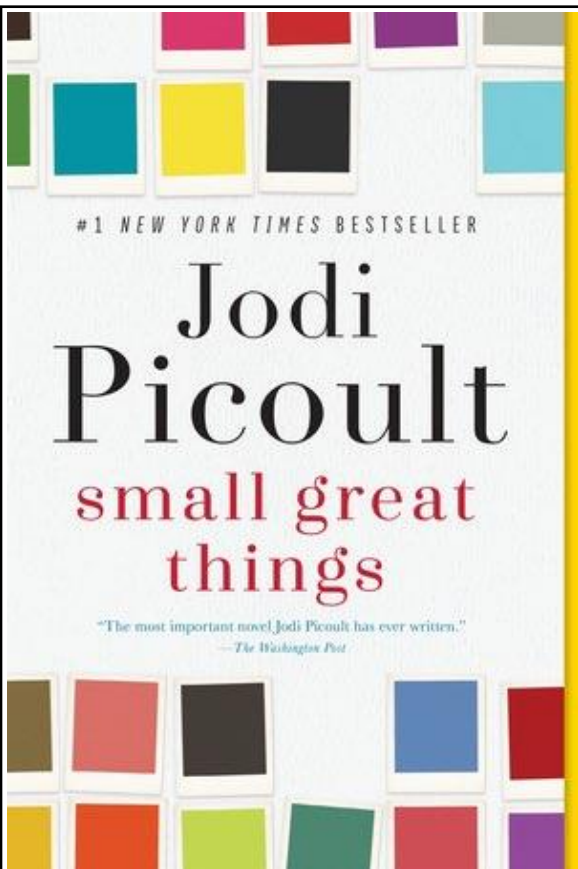
Liturgists: Barbie Turley

Or you can speak with our **Lay Leader:**

Jessica Smith

Thank you for your consideration!

Sign-up sheets are in the Memorial Room.



The North Church Readers

Our fourth selection of our new season is called *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. An African American labor/delivery nurse in charge of newborns at a Connecticut hospital is ordered not to touch the baby of a white supremacist couple. After the baby dies in her care, she is charged with murder and taken to court. The story is told from the complex, multiple racial perspective of the principal characters.

Discussion will follow the church service on January 12, 2020.

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.



Christmas Card Mailbox

The North Church Christmas Card mailbox will be available starting December 1st for the exchange of cards with your church family and

friends. The box is located in the back of the sanctuary and has slots organized alphabetically by last initial. Please remember to check for cards you may have received each week. The mailbox will be available until January 5th.

You are welcome to deliver cards to friends and neighbors who have not been present to pick up their cards.

Bible Study Tuesdays at Bolton UMC

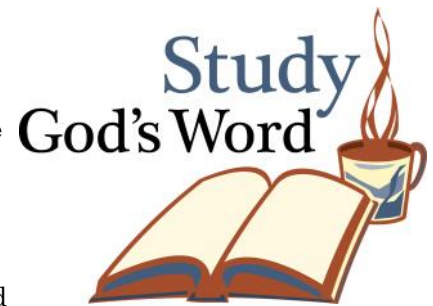
We will be studying Judges. All are welcome.

We have a potluck dinner at 6:15 followed

by Study at 7. You are welcome to do both or just the Study.

We currently have different denominations and churches represented.

Hope you're able to join us!



The Advent Season Begins on Sunday, December 1st

Each Sunday of Advent, and on Christmas Eve, the Advent candle will be lit during service. Please consider participating in this part of worship by volunteering, with your family, or friend(s), to light the candle and read a brief passage. *Sign up in the Memorial Room.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	12:30 pm Assemble Blessing Bags 6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga 		Tidings Submission Deadline
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 4:30p MS Support Group	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga		8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at UMC of Bolton
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:30 Worship w/Special Music 11:30 Fellowship 5:00 pm Stuff That Matters		2:00 Yoga 5:00 Christmas Eve Service, 6:30 at Bolton 7:00 Meditation	Christmas Day!	7p Yoga 		
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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Web-Site: <http://numc.axelhouse.com>

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.**

