

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



Dear Siblings in Christ,

This month a special session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church will convene to attempt to find a way forward after many years of bitter infighting over the full inclusion of our LGBTQ siblings into the life of the church. Our disagreements seem to mirror with great accuracy, the unhealthy political discourse of our nation. I would not be wrong to claim that our country is suffering from a distressing spiritual sickness we call sin. Walter Rauschenbusch (author of *A Theology for the Social Gospel*) sums up the works of all the theologians prior to him on the matter of sin. Sin is deeply rooted in selfishness and self-centeredness. I can't help but think that it is no mere coincidence that our church is embroiled in the same kind of negative, unproductive bickering as the secular world. My conclusion is that church has allowed itself to fall into sin. I don't wish to argue the correctness of the full inclusivity (you all know my position on that) but rather to say that how we have allowed the dialogue and spiritual discernment process to be corrupted by sin. I hope you will join me in praying for all of the General Conference delegates as they look to find a path towards unity (not uniformity). I pray to God for forgiveness for myself, for the ways that I have contributed to any negative our unhealthy dialogue on the matter (in any matter really). May the Holy Spirit move our Bishops and the General Conference to a place of repentance, and an opening of hearts and minds to God's will.

Peace be with you all!

David Martin, Pastor

Updated Contact Information



A new year has started and we would like to update our church Membership

Directory... please let us know if there has been any changes with your contact information.

A new Membership Directory will available **February 10.**

Please make these changes in the Memorial room or contact the church office. Thank you!

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:00am

February 23 @BUMC



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

FEB. 3, 2019

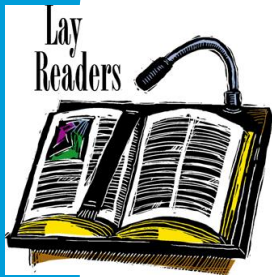
Pick up your delicious food items !

Thank you for supporting our Youth Group and MACC.



LITURGISTS

USHERS



February

- 3rd Caleb Cadman
- 10th Vickie Hadge
- 17th Jackie Abbott
- 24th Sandy Geres

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.

February

- 17th Jan Miller
- Judy Starkweather
- 24th Barbara Judd
- Becky Harris
- 3rd Irene Fitzgerald
- Cindy Lepack
- 10th Tim LePore
- Harry Arendt



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:

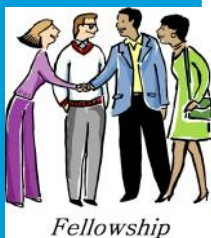
TRUSTEE

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!™



March 2019 John's Island Mission Trip

Another mission trip to South Carolina is in the works. Please see Pastor Dave or Jessica Smith if you have any questions.

We're always looking for new members to join our committee. Please see any of our existing members Marlene, Jessica, Judy, Pam, Sylvia, Joan or Jackie for more information.

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!

IMMIGRATION 101

A program with some basic information about Immigration will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 17 at 4:15 at North United Methodist Church. Jackie Abbott will share her experience in traveling through refugee camp in Jordan, located one mile from the Syrian border, which houses 85,000 Syrian refugees. She will also describe the process involved in the Refugee Resettlement Act, and finally introduce families living locally who have been settled here in Connecticut. All are welcome. An opportunity for discussion will follow the presentation. *For questions please call 860-646-5124*

Have you checked your 2018 yearly statement from NUMC?



Please double check your statements for 2018. After mailing them out Simple Church sent an email regarding pledges being assigned to the correct fund. If you notice an error on your statement please contact the office so Makayla can get you your corrected statement. Thank you! :)



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!

February Birthdays

8th Sarah Turley

11th Doris Timbrell

14th Adam Lenhardt

18th Jonathan Cadman

19th Tim LePore

21st Nicholas Lenhardt

25th Dianne LePore

26th Dave Harris

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, 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, Gary Chappell, Jon Scoville

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

February 14th and 28th

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.

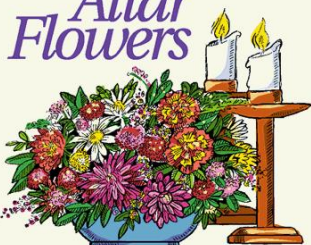
Anyone in need of a name tag, please note it on the back of your attendance slip on Sunday morning and one will be made for you.



Ad Council Meeting

February 3, 2019
following 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)!

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 Sunday February 10th** where our discussion topic will be MS Medications. We will discuss working with our doctors to choose the right medications to support our wellness while on this journey with MS. 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.



Mission Outreach Committee

Another successful Seasonal Sharing project in the books thanks to our wonderful Congregation! Your generosity provided several families Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Thank you for your food donations, your monetary donations, gift donations and thank you to those who helped wrap gifts and fill all 250 Blessing Bags. A special thanks to Marlene and Don Camper for all the work they do to make Seasonal Sharing so successful but also for the many, many hours they volunteer throughout the year at MACC.



Exciting NUMC Youth Group Information

I'm super excited to share all of the upcoming activities happening in the “Youts” (from My Cousin Vinny) Program! Below is what we currently have scheduled and there's plenty of room for other activities!!

The Boxers & Saints Book Study with Pastor Dave just wrapped up.

February 2- Souper Bowl Sunday Sleepover was a great success!

March 31 to April 28- #Avengers4Christ Program

April 27- Rebuilding Together Day

Please see Jessica Smith or Pastor Dave if you have any questions.



The Knitting Ministry

We have bi-monthly Monday meetings, enjoyably coming together to put our faith into service. February meetings are on the 4th and 18th. 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.

STUFF THAT MATTERS

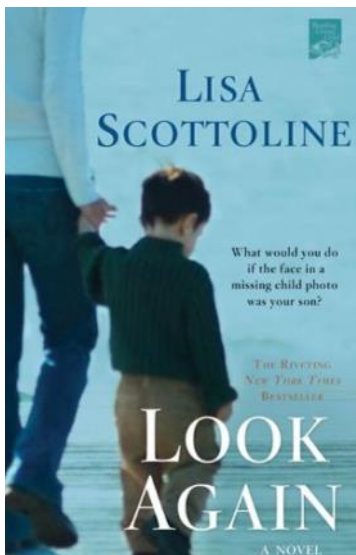
February 24th at 5:00pm

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 fifth selection this season is *Look Again* by Lisa Scottoline. This is the story of an adoptive mother who opens her newspaper and finds a picture of a missing child. To her shock, the photograph looks identical to her adoptive son. As a journalist she is driven to find the truth about the mysterious connection between the missing child and her son. Is it mere coincidence? The more she investigates the more convinced she is that the two boys are the same. The novel is well written and a page turning mystery of past events and a woman's struggle to deal with her decisions for the future. **Discussion will follow the church service on March 10.**

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 May 15 is *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar

CWM District Basic Course

DATE: Saturday, March 16th & 30th 2019

TIME: 8:30AM - 2:30PM

LOCATION: New Covenant UMC

16 Church St., East Hartford, CT

LEADER: Pastor David Martin

(Note: To enroll in the Basic Course, participants are required to provide a letter of recommendation from their pastor and chair of Administrative Board/Church Council. In addition, they need to submit, in writing, their reasons for wanting to become a lay servant.)

Any questions contact George Button, Registrar at 413-584-3189 or at geobtn70@gmail.com. All participants are required to attend both scheduled classes in order to receive certification credit.

Registration Forms are in the Memorial Room.

CWM District Advance Course

DATES: Saturday, March 9th, 8:30AM - 12:30PM

DATES: Saturday, March 23rd, 8:30AM - 12:30PM

DATES: Tuesday, April 2nd, 5:30PM - 8:30PM

LOCATION: Hope UMC

31 Main St., Belchertown, MA 01007

LEADER: Rev. Joy Toll-Chandler

This course is designated for those who have not completed formation preaching training, and for others who are called upon to preach in pastor's absence.

Registration deadline: February 27th, 2019

(shipment of text maybe delayed past initial class session with late registration)

Any questions contact George Button,

Registrar at 413-584-3189 or at geobtn70@gmail.com.



Meatloaf Supper

Saturday, February 23, 2019

4pm-6pm at BUMC

More information to follow

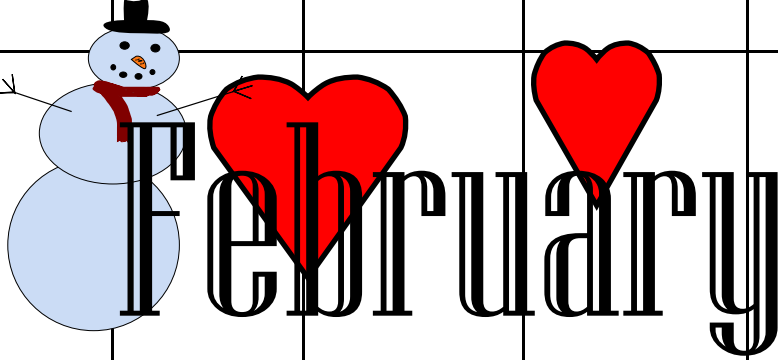




EVENING Bible Study w/Pastor Dave

Tuesday's at BUMC * 10 week study

"Daniel"

6:00 pm Potluck * Study at 7 pm

March 26, Pancake Dinner at BUMC (Free)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30 Worship 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 		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <i>Readers group after Worship</i>	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 @BUMC
24	25	26	27	28		
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship <i>5:00 pm Stuff That Matters</i>		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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E-mail: northchurch@snet.net
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.**

