

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



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Dear Brothers and Sisters, there are no shortages in the news about the ecological crisis facing our planet. The global climate is changing, the earth is getting warmer, the seas are polluted with chemicals, and sea life is literally drowning in plastic. In Genesis 2 and Leviticus 25

God places the care of the land, its creatures and bounty in the care of humankind. Humanity has failed miserably in our charge. I think it's important for each of us to reflect deeply on ways that we are impacting the environment.

Corporately, we as a church have quite a large carbon footprint. Over the summer I will be putting together an initiative to significantly lower our footprint, and reduce our dependence on plastics. I believe that if we add a water filtration system at the church, and provide refillable, reusable Nalgene bottles, we can eliminate the need altogether for bottled water here. Moreover, we should eliminate the use of paper, plastic and Styrofoam cups. I believe there are green solutions for that also. I hope when we roll out this initiative you will see the value in being proactive about healing our planet.

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



Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to our Reconciling Ministries budget.

We look forward to having a North UMC booth at Hartford Pride on September 14th and making our annual donation to the Reconciling Ministries Network.

Reconciling Ministries Meeting

Sunday, July 7 at 11:45am

Meet in the library after Worship.

Everyone is always 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.



Short report from MACC:

School is out and that always means a shortage of food at the pantry and very few food drives. We are in constant need of pasta sauce, chili with beans, beef stew, jelly, red kidney beans and chicken noodle soup.

Pastor Dave will be on Vacation from July 4-13.

Office Hours

Pastor Dave

Monday & Tuesday

8:00-5:00ish

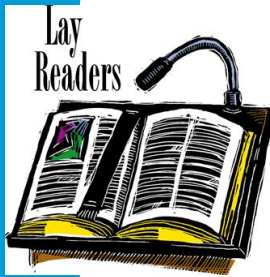
Office Manger Makayla

Monday & Thursday

9:00-12:00

LITURGISTS

USHERS



July

- 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.

July

- 7th Irene Fitzgerald
Cindy Lepack
- 14th Tim LePore
Harry Arendt
- 21st Collins Judd
Les VanDine
- 28th Jan Miller
Judy Starkweather



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:

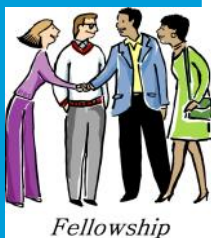
TRUSTEE

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!



Join us for Fellowship

Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

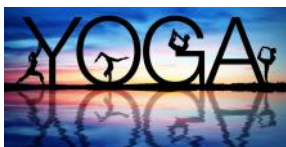
Bring a quart of whole milk for use with coffee and tea, and a healthy snack to share.

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, July 8 at 7:00 pm

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.



July Birthdays

1st Alfred Brew

3rd Carter Haynes

14th Joe LeBlanc

18th Kris Pelletier

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, Henriette, Tom



**NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES
July 11th and 25th**

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.

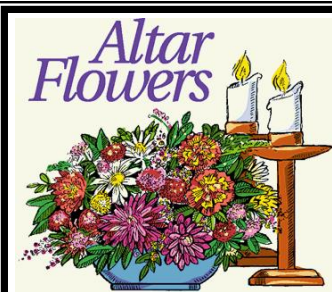


***REMINDER**
Please wear name tags every Sunday.

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

**July 28th after
Worship**



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 Please join us on Sunday July 14th where our discussion topic will be 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.



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 is taking the summer off. We enjoyed a nice luncheon at Rocco's on June 3rd. Lots of good food and fellowship, even though Pastor Dave couldn't join us. We enjoy making baby items and will donate to the Family Circles



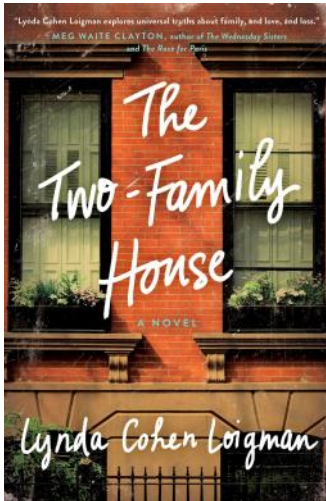
program at the Manchester Memorial Hospital. This program provides prenatal care, education/parenting skills and support to young women in need. They meet every other week and the handmade items are given as gifts to those who may not have much support at home and/or limited funds for baby showers.

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 seventh selection this season is *The Two Family House* by Lynda Cohen. In a single intensely charged moment, two women come to a private agreement meant to assure to each others happiness. But life is not so simple, especially when it involves two families tightly intertwined by love, alliances, the messiness of life, and long buried secrets and its powerful consequences that span decades. This is an exquisitely written novel.

Discussion will follow the church service July, 14 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.

2019 Annual Conference opens with bishop's Episcopal Address

The bishop's address focused on the year's theme, "Vital Conversations: Justice," and the guiding scripture Micah 6:8:

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

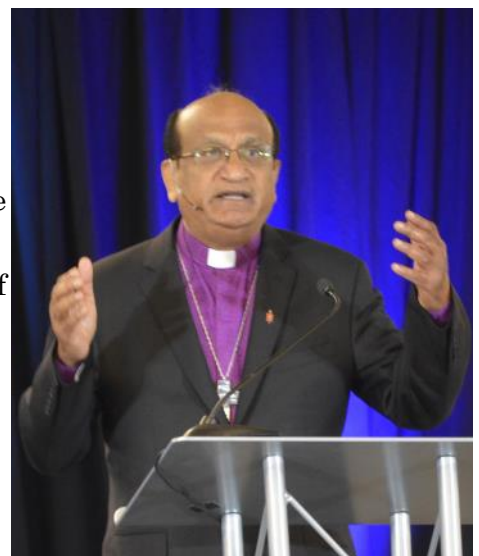
In attempting to follow Micah's call today, we think especially of the LGBTQIA+ community, Bishop Devadhar said.

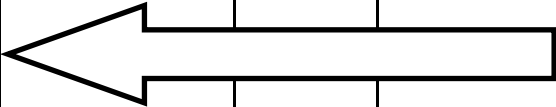

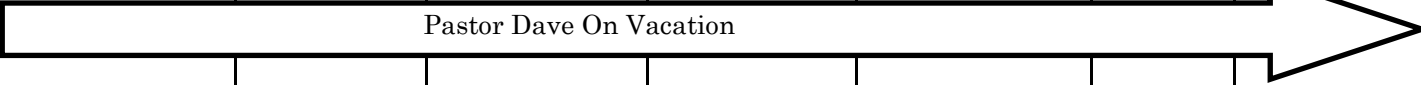


"We are to show constant love to our neighbors, regardless of race, nationality, sexual orientation, or political perspective," he said, pointing to the Wesleyan and Methodist tradition of an open communion table.

"We invite all to the table because holy communion is a means of grace, and we want to extend that means of grace to all," the bishop said, adding "as so many of our churches have affirmed, all means all."

"In our humility, we say to our siblings who disagree with us theologically that we may be wrong," Bishop Devadhar said, "but we live out of this conviction as we seek to walk humbly with our God, our constant companion, our Guide, our Redeemer in every aspect of our life's journey."

Find the bishop's full address and more from the 2019 Annual Conference on our website; Annual Conference stories are labeled AC19: www.neumc.org/news



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga		
						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship	7:00 pm Peace & Justice	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	7p Yoga 		
						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation		7p Yoga 		
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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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.**

