

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



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Dear Siblings in Christ,

Just this week our denominations special General Conference met in St. Louis to decide on a way forward for the denomination. In short what they decided was business as usual, only now with a little more stick and a lot less carrot. The traditionalist plan that was passed has a number of provisions that have already been called “unconstitutional” according to our Methodist constitution. The judiciary branch of our denomination will meeting in April to decide what, if any, of these measures can be applied. This is the ugly, nuts and bolts operations of a human built church. The church designed by God, and the witness to it in the scriptures has no room for the kind of ugliness we have witnessed since 1972. Let me be clear, the traditional and the progressive fringes of our denomination have acted in ways that Jesus would have rebuked them for. How can a church find its way forward if anxiety, anger and hate are the prevailing modes of the church?

I call upon each of us to repent. I am first. Lord, for the way that I have held onto resentment, I repent and ask for mercy and forgiveness. Lord, for the ways that I have been less than Christian to my brothers and sisters who disagree with me, I repent and ask for mercy and forgiveness. Lord, for lacking faith in your Grace to see the church through the weeks, months and years to come, I repent and ask for your mercy and forgiveness. Our hope is in the name of the Lord, the one who made Heaven and Earth. As we find our way forward, let’s do so by prayerfully seeing God’s grace and mercy as exemplified through our Lord Jesus Christ, as we are led by the Spirit.

Peace be with you all!

David Martin, Pastor

## Narcan Training

Monday, May 6

7:00PM at NUMC

An opportunity at no cost, open to all, reservations are needed for training materials. RSVP in Memorial Room.



## Reconciling Ministries Meeting

Sunday, March 3 11:45 am  
in the library.

Everyone in the congregation is always welcome.



### 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.

### Office Hours

Pastor Dave

Monday & Tuesday

8:00-5:00

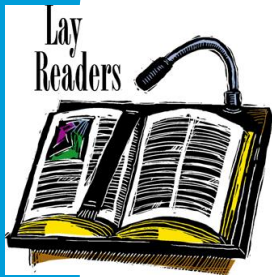
Office Manger Makayla

Monday & Thursday

9:00-12:00

# LITURGISTS

# USHERS



## March

- 3rd Barbie Turley
- 10th Vickie Hadge
- 17th TBD
- 24th Caleb Cadman
- 31st 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.

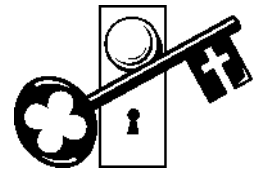
## March

- 3rd Collins Judd
- Les VanDine
- 10th Jan Miller
- Judy Starkweather
- 17th Barbara Judd
- Becky Harris
- 24th Irene Fitzgerald
- Cindy Lepack
- 31st 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!

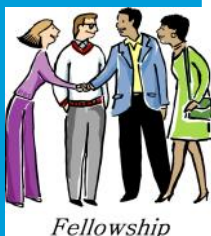


## Responsibilities of providing Fellowship:

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.



Fellowship

### 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!***

### Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays

PrISM 6:15pm Chancel 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 with Chris Collins if you have any questions.*



### **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!*



## March Birthdays

5th Ryan Harris  
 6th Paula Smith  
 Rob Arendt  
 12th Joan Byron  
 15th Caleb Cadman  
 21st Katelyn Gagnon  
 Ashley Lepack  
 25th Judy Galligan  
 30th Jan Miller  
 31st Melissa Lepack

*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, 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, Ron Starkweather, Wayne Zorger Sr. Melissa Lepack, JanMarie, Robert, Kevin Saint Hilaire

**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



## **NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES March 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**

**March 24, 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 March 10th where our discussion topic will be “Doing whatever it takes” to live well with MS including diet, lifestyle, and medications.

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](mailto:vlhadge@yahoo.com) or Heidi [wellnessandms@yahoo.com](mailto:wellnessandms@yahoo.com).



### Mission Outreach Committee

The Lenten Season is quickly approaching. It is a time of spiritual preparation prior to the joyous season of Easter. It is a time of prayer and sacrifice. The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Food Drive during the 40 days of Lent. The Community Food Pantry was blessed with an abundance during the fall but the shelves are almost empty. There is always a need for certain items as they go out as soon as they come in. The most needed items are jelly, pasta sauce, chili with beans, beef stew, red kidney beans, chicken soup, mayo, and ketchup. If you have extra reusable bags, please add those to your donation. The Community Food Pantry tries to encourage the clients to use reusable shopping bags as a way to reduce the use of plastic. Donations will be collected throughout Lent. If you find shopping difficult, we will shop for you



with scrip grocery cards. As always, thank you for your generosity!



### 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!!

Thank you to everyone who helped make **Souper Bowl** Sunday Sleepover such a great success, **\$941.35 for MACC!** Wahoo!!

March 31 to April 28- #Avengers4Christ Program

April 27- Rebuilding Together Day

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



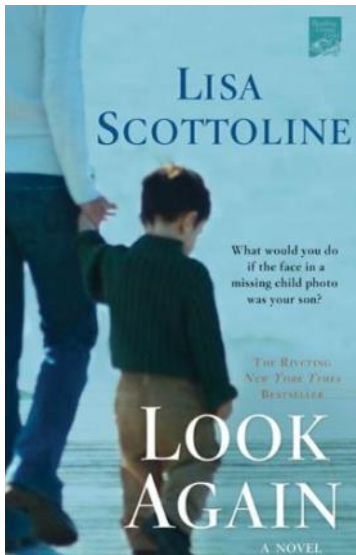
### The Knitting Ministry

We have bi-monthly Monday meetings, enjoyably coming together to put our faith into service. March 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](mailto:anthony.adamczyk@snet.net) or Susan Derby [susanderby@cox.net](mailto:susanderby@cox.net) with questions.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:geobtn70@gmail.com).



**Peace & Justice**  
**Monday, March 11**  
**7:00 pm**

**EVENING Bible Study w/Pastor Dave**  
**Tuesday's at BUMC \* 10 week study "Daniel"**  
 6:00 pm Potluck \* Study at 7 pm  
**SPECIAL PANCAKE BIBLE STUDY**  
 Tuesday, March 5th, FAT TUESDAY  
 Celebrate with Pastor Dave's Pancakes and Fun Night!

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat  |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| 3  | 4   | 5  | 6  | 7   | 1/8  | 2/9  |
| 10:30 Worship<br>w/Sunday School<br>11:30 Fellowship<br>11:45 Reconciling<br>Ministries<br>Meeting  | 1 pm<br>Knitting<br>Ministry<br>   | 2:00 Yoga<br>7:00 Meditation<br><br>Bible Study at<br>BUMC<br>6pm Potluck<br>7pm Study | 6:20 Prism<br>7:00 Chancel<br>Choir  | 7p Yoga   |  |  |
| 10   | 11  | 12   | 13   | 14  | 15   | 16   |
| 10:30 Worship<br>11:30 Fellowship<br><i>Readers group<br/>after Worship</i><br><b>4:30p MS</b><br>Support Group  | 7:00 pm<br>Peace &<br>Justice   | 2:00 Yoga<br>7:00 Meditation<br><br>Bible Study at<br>BUMC<br>6pm Potluck<br>7pm Study | 6:20 Prism<br>7:00 Chancel<br>Choir  | 7p Yoga<br>   | <b>Tidings<br/>Submission<br/>Deadline</b> |  |
| 17   | 18  | 19   | 20   | 21  | 22   | 23   |
| 10:30 Worship<br>w/Sunday School<br>11:30 Fellowship   | 1 pm<br>Knitting<br>Ministry<br> | 2:00 Yoga<br>7:00 Meditation<br><br>Bible Study at<br>BUMC<br>6pm Potluck<br>7pm Study | 6:20 Prism<br>7:00 Chancel<br>Choir  | 7p Yoga   |  |  |
| 24   | 25  | 26   | 27   | 28  | 29   | 30   |
| 10:30 Worship<br>w/Sunday School<br>11:30 Fellowship<br>Ad Council<br>following worship  |   | 2:00 Yoga<br>7:00 Meditation<br><br>Bible Study at<br>BUMC<br>6pm Potluck<br>7pm Study | 6:20 Prism<br>7:00 Chancel<br>Choir  | 7p Yoga<br> |  | 8:00 am Men's<br>Fellowship<br>Breakfast<br>@NUMC? |
| 31   |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| 10:15 Hymn Sing<br>10:30 Worship<br>w/Sunday School<br>11:30 Fellowship<br><i>5:00 pm Stuff<br/>That Matters?</i>  |   |  |  |   |  |  |

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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!*

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