

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

TIDINGS

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Pastor Dave

Monday & Tuesday

8:00-5:00ish

Office Manger Makayla

Monday & Thursday

9:00-12:00



Dear Siblings in Christ,

The Super Bowl is being played just a few days from the writing of this message. And, for the first time in four years the New England Patriots are not playing in it. For many people it is a bitter disappointment, but for the fans of San Francisco and Kansas City, it's going to be a great weekend. You see, it's really a matter of perspective. A few weeks ago the fans of the Tennessee Titans were filled with hope . . . until their team played the Kansas City Chiefs. You see, the Titans beat who everyone considered to be the odds on favorite to win the Super Bowl, the Baltimore Ravens. The fans of the losing teams will find it hard to cheer for the teams that beat them.

The playoffs are kind of like the kingdom of God. Everyone thinks they know what's going to happen. Everyone is so sure about what God wants. Then, when we are certain that God wants something, and it doesn't come to fruition, well, we become bitterly disappointed. Perhaps, a useful skill to practice is to cheer for all those who are playing. In other words, let's cheer for everyone who is actively working in the kingdom of God.

As many of you know, our denomination has a high chance of splitting this year. Some people are cheering this, others are hoping it will stay together. Some are going to be disappointed, some will not. Rather than see the split as a win or lose, maybe we can see it as God doing something unexpected in spite of us. I believe that no matter what happens with our denomination, the kingdom of God will always be but coming. So, let's cheer for all the players.

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 **at the end of February.**

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

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

FEB. 2, 2019



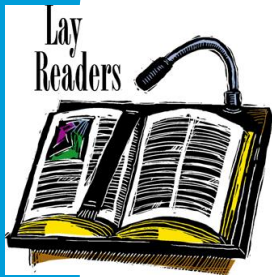
Pick up your delicious preordered food items and buy up any extras! The NUMC youth group will be making and selling delicious soups, breads, sandwiches and desserts to complete your Superbowl menu!! :)

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT MACC. CASH OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO NUMC

Thank you for supporting our Youth Group and MACC.

LITURGISTS

USHERS



February

- 2nd Jackie Abbott
- 9th Bridgette Woodall
- 16th TBD
- 23rd 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.

February

- 2nd Jan Miller
- Barbara Judd
- 9th Barbara Judd
- Becky Harris
- 16th Tim LePore
- Harry Arendt
- 23rd 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:

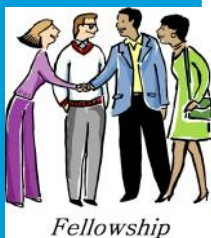
TRUSTEE

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 6:30-7:30 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, February 22nd

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 2020

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!



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,

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, Olivia 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, Brenda, Ella, Sue



NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES

February 6th and 20th

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 23

March 15

April 19

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 February 16th - Humor and the effects on Health

<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

February 23rd 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

Reconciling Ministries Committee Meeting



The Reconciling Ministries Committee will meet in the Library after church service on
Sunday, March 8.

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 meetings for the season will be on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the Memorial Room. The Winter/Spring Schedule is as follows: 2/3, 2/17, 3/2, 3/16, 3/30, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/18.

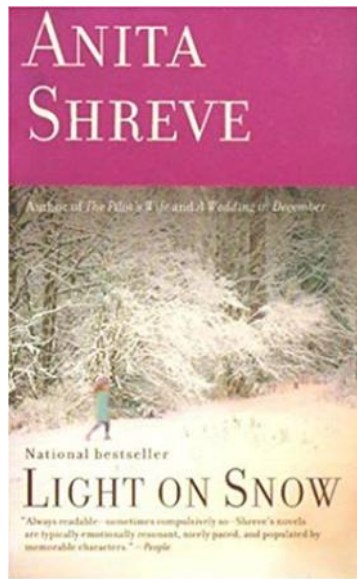
We enjoy making baby items and will donate to the Family Circles program at the

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 Adameczyk anthony.adameczyk@snet.net or Susan Derby susanderby@cox.net with questions.





The North Church Readers

Our fifth selection of our new season is called *Light on Snow* by Anita Shreve. On a freezing December afternoon a man and his 12 year old daughter snowshoe through a New Hampshire frost. A strange sound is heard disrupting the silence of the falling snow. As they follow the intermittent sound, they realize that the sound is that of a human infant. The man rushes through the blinding snow and discovers a newly born infant wrapped in a bloody towel inside a shopping bag. The book follows the heartbreaking search for the baby's mother and the mystery behind the abandonment of her child. **Discussion will follow the church service February 16, 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.

Bible Study Tuesdays at Bolton UMC

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

You are all invited to our new Bible Study group that begins on Tuesday, February 4.

Topic: "Relationships"

Where: UMC of Bolton

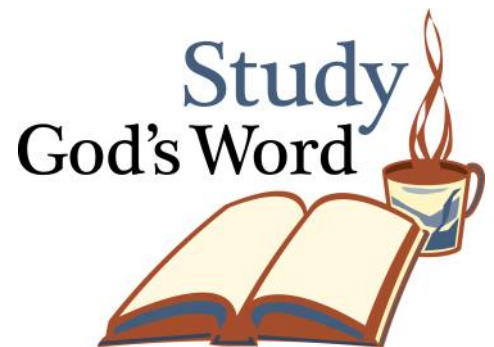
When?: Tuesday, Feb 4- Feb 25th

Time: 6:00pm Potluck

7:00pm Bible Study

Our last session will be on Tuesday, February 25 for Shrove Tuesday. We will be having a pancake supper!

All are invited! We hope to see you all there! :)

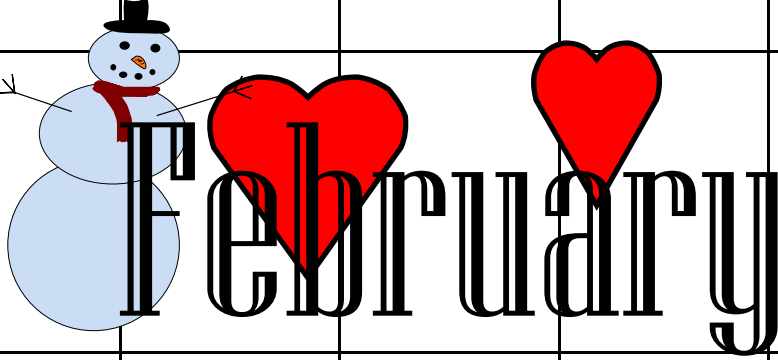







Turkey Dinner at UMC of Bolton

Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 4:30 PM – 6 PM



Turkey dinner with all the fixings! Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship. Adults \$12. Seniors \$10. Children 6-10 \$5. 5 and under free

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						Souper Bowl Overnight Cook-in
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	6:30 pm Yoga 		
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship Ad Council 5:00 pm Stuff That Matters		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6p Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 Chancel Choir	6:30 pm Yoga		

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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.

**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!*