

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



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Summer is here, and the activities we normally associate with and enjoy about summer are largely inaccessible to us because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Our routines have been disrupted, and there have been numerous protest marches all over the country (too many to count)

decrying another epidemic, the insidiousness of racism that continues to persist. It exists openly and overtly, as well as systemically. By the way, if you didn't know murder hornets are now in the Pacific Northwest. Can 2020 bring any more unwelcome news? There is an old saying: the more things change, the more they stay the same. Our problems may seem unique to us, but our great grandparents suffered through the pandemic of the Spanish flu, and they closed everything and social distanced for months then too. Our nation has dealt with influenza, racism, and all sorts of political upheaval in its history, we'll resolve and persevere through all of this to our betterment as well.

Things are unsettled. The world continues to change around us, I have a very simple message I hope you will hold close to your hearts. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Heb 13:8). No matter which strain of flu might be prevalent, Jesus is Jesus, mercy unmatched, grace immeasurable, and love unchanging. That was true 2000 years ago, and it will be true 2000 years hence. The unchanging nature of a risen Christ, who loves us beyond measure, who gladly gave himself for our sake, walks with us on this life journey. Together, we and our beloved savior, will persevere and see the fruition of our hopes for a better tomorrow.

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin



The knitting ministry continues to be busy this summer. A special thank you to Liz for creating these lovely hats. We're wondering..... can she make it to 50, 60, 70 ?? This batch had 32; second batch had 15. Watch for further update :-)

Resuming In-Person Worship

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As church leadership prepares the worship space for use, we have put a great deal of thought into how, where, and what we will do in worship. Many of you undoubtedly miss corporate worship (as do I), and it feels like forever since we have been together. We are reentering worship within the building at North church with an abundance of caution. This is for the safety of everyone present, AND everyone to whom you will go home to after worship. As we seek to balance the needs of the church to worship together, and the need to act responsibly towards our neighbors, we seek to be nimble in our responses to issues as they arise. And, we acknowledge that no matter the amount of planning, there will

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Office Hours

Pastor Dave

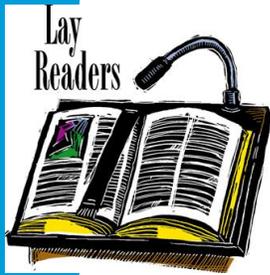
Monday & Tuesday

8:00-5:00ish

Office Manger Makayla

Monday & Thursday

9:00-12:00



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Consider Volunteering When We Can Meet Again

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.

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Regular Schedule Will Resume When Possible



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:

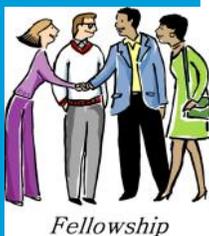
TRUSTEE

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.



COVID 19 ANNOUNCEMENT

Until further notice, MACC Charities' Emergency Policy is:

The Community Kitchen will remain open to give out bagged lunches.
1 bag per person will be handed out during regular lunch hours of **11:30-12:45pm**
Dining inside or outside of the MACC Campus is not permitted.

The Emergency Food Pantry will hand off prepacked groceries
(by appointment only, please call ***860-647-8003 x 31**)
No one is allowed to enter the pantry to shop on their own.

The Community Threads Thrift Shoppe will remain closed until further notice.

Note: All emergency assistance can be accessed through the same **number***

**Food and other donations will be gratefully received at the Community Pantry, 460 Main St, Manchester during these times:
Monday through Thursday 9am-4pm and Friday 9am-2pm**

MACC's essential food services will continue, following all social health & safety guidelines to protect our guests, volunteers, staff and community.

"Being kind to the poor is like lending to the Lord"
– Proverbs 19:17

News from our Food Pantry

MACC Charities would like to thank the community for all the wonderful donations MACC has received during this difficult time. **When thinking about donations**, please remember that we have many families with children that eat the typical children's favorites, such as:



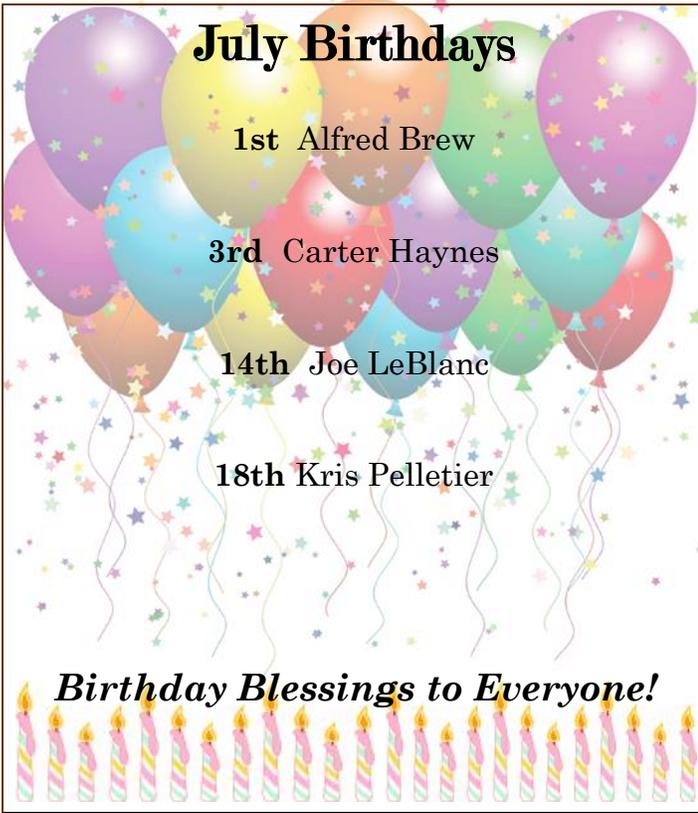
- Macaroni and cheese
- Spaghettios
- Cereal
- Fresh fruits
- Individually wrapped snacks like granola bars
- Fruit cups
- And fruit snacks etc.

News from Bistro On Main

BISTRO ON MAIN has made the difficult decision not to offer take out at this time. Please stay in touch with us by leaving a message on Facebook or call us 860-432-5267 and leave a message. We want to thank all our valued customers for your continued support. Please stay safe and healthy during these challenging times we are facing.

www.Bistro-on-Main.com





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, 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, Matt Turkington

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, Deb C.



**NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES
July 2nd and 16th**

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.

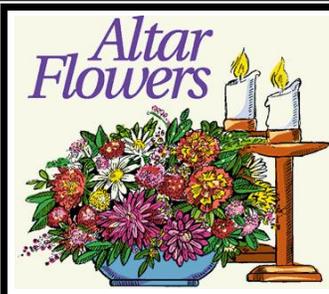


***REMINDER**
Please wear name tags every Sunday.

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
TBD



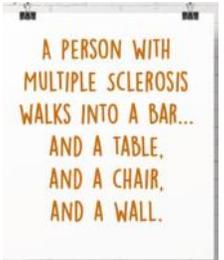
Flowers are a wonderful way to acknowledge the Memory of a Loved One or to Celebrate a special person or occasion. Consider what you may have to offer, fresh and seasonal are especially nice. *Forms are available in the Memorial Room to make such requests.*

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 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.



Wellness and MS (WAMS) will be meeting online every Sunday at 4:30 PM ET for as long as needed in Zoom. If you are an MS patient, a care partner, or family member of someone with MS please feel free to share. Have people reach out to me via Facebook or at my email vlhadge@yahoo.com for details. <https://overcomingms.org/community/find-support/>.

If you have questions please speak with or email Vickie vlhadge@yahoo.com or Heidi wellnessandms@yahoo.com.



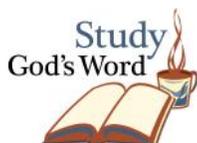
White Privilege Focus Group seeks those ready to engage in anti-racism work

The New England Conference has formed a White Privilege Focus Group to address white privilege and help engage our Conference in vital anti-racism work. By connecting people and their work, we hope to create opportunities for learning, witness, and advocacy in the local church, districts, and the Conference that will dismantle racism in our Church and the wider community. The White Privilege Focus Group is looking to identify persons in the NEAC who are called to anti-racism work. Although all United Methodists are called to this work, we acknowledge that not everyone is yet moved or ready to engage. In this moment, we seek to organize and encourage those who are ready now to engage in the work of nurturing a conference-wide anti-racism movement – while we find ways to help others continue to learn and prepare to engage. Is this you? Are you ready now? Let’s connect! Send your name, church, email address and phone number to communicate@neumc.org Thank you! The NEAC White Privilege Focus Group

MEMBERS: **Rev. David Calhoun** Seacoast DS, **Rev. We Chang** Commonwealth East DS, **Rev. Ted Crass**, Executive Director, UM Foundation of New England, **Beth DiCocco** Conference Communications Dir., **Rev. Allen Ewing-Merrill** Executive Director, BTS Center, **Rev. Leigh Goodrich**, chair, Conference Board of Church and Society, **Rev. Ralph Howe** First UMC, Pittsfield, MA, **Rev. Sam Johnson**, retired, **Rev. Stewart Lanier** LAOS Consulting, **Rev. Pat MacHugh** Weston (MA) UMC, **Rev. Effie McAvoy**, chair, Conference Commission on Religion and Race, **Rev. Wes Palmer**, Executive Director, Preachers’ Aid Society **Rev. Erica Robinson-Johnson** (convener), Assistant to the Bishop/Dir. of Connectional Ministries **Rene Wilbur** Conference Lay Leader

Bible Study

Online Bible studies continue while we are distanced following the lectionary readings for the week. Tuesdays at 6:30 (meeting code 440 071 613) the New Testament readings are discussed and Fridays at 3:30 (meeting code 177 986 590) is for the Old Testament and the Psalm. Watch email or



Facebook for the particular readings or check the lectionary for the week.



Online Giving

Online giving is 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!



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undoubtedly be blind spots. The staff, trustees, and worship team are open to how we might do things safer and make worship a meaningful and impactful experience. Please carefully read the protocol section, which includes the rules and expectations for conduct during worship, followed by the worship schedule (with links) for the next three months

Protocols for Safe Worship with Social Distancing in Mind:

1. Everyone must wear a mask in the building. The ONLY exception is if someone is speaking at the microphone.
2. There will be no congregational singing until it's safe to do so. Singing causes us to express our breath in a way that significantly increases the chance of transmission. We would have to social distance some 30 ft making corporate worship impossible. We truly regret this. The Music Director, Chris Collins, will be working hard at finding alternatives for this activity, she already has lots of great ideas!
3. All who enter the worship space must sanitize their hands. If they leave the worship space to use the bathroom, they must re-sanitize at the door. We also strongly encourage you to wash your hands in the bathroom as well.
4. Entrances and exits are one way. Entry will be via the office door (on the portico), exits will be via the double glass doors onto the portico. Exiting for the bathroom will be through the memorial room door. No exceptions.
5. Offering plates will be available near the ushers on tables by the entrance and exits. The offering will not be taken during worship. Please make your offering as you come in or as you leave.
6. The chairs will be set up 6 ft apart in any direction. Only family members living in the same household may move their chairs to be next to one another. However, if those chairs are closer than 6 ft to someone NOT in their household, the family will have to make another arraignment to get their chairs together.
7. We strongly urge everyone to maintain social distancing while in the building. This means there will be no fellowship/coffee hour. Please refrain from hugging, shaking hands and other behaviors that could potentially transmit the virus.

Tentative Worship Schedule:

(times and venues subject to change if Covid numbers spike)

7/19 9am BUMC. 10:30a, NUMC/Zoom
7/26 9am Drive-in church at Bolton UMC!
8/2 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom
8/9 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom
8/16 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom
8/23 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom
8/30 Drive-in church at Bolton UMC!
9/6 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom
9/13 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom
9/20 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom
9/27 Drive-in church at Bolton UMC!

NUMC Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83102141139>

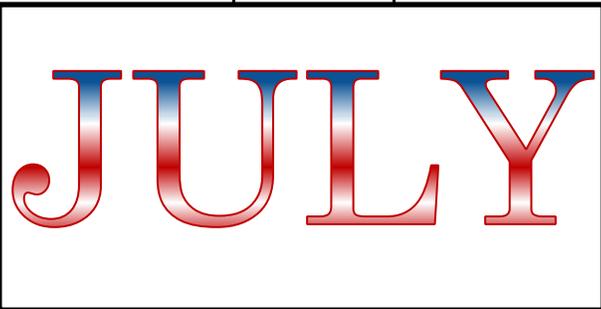
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By phone: 1 929 205 6099 then meeting number is 83102141139

Drive-in Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/268830607>

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If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the office via phone or email. We thank you for your cooperation during these times and we look forward to seeing you in person once again.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings		3:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—Old Testament	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30 am Live at NUMC and ZOOM Online Worship		6:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—New Testament	7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings		3:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—Old Testament	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:30 am Live at NUMC and ZOOM Online Worship		6:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—New Testament	7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings Tidings Submission Deadline		3:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—Old Testament	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:30 am Live at NUMC and ZOOM Online Worship		6:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—New Testament	7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings		3:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—Old Testament	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00 am Drive-In Church at Bolton and ZOOM Online Worship 		6:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—New Testament	7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings		3:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—Old Testament	

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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.**

