

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



# TIDINGS

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

Grace and Peace in the name of our blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus who is the Christ! I write this message to you from the home office of the new parsonage at 183 Thompson Rd. in Manchester. On February 15<sup>th</sup> Stacey and I moved the bulk of our belongings here. We want to thank all the people who showed up at the parsonage to unpack and help us get settled. We are especially appreciative because Stacey has been out of commission with a bum knee. She is scheduled for knee replacement on March 2. During the process of packing I realized some really important things. I have too much stuff.

As I sorted through my things, I realized I had been holding onto clothes I no longer wore, or no longer fit me. All totaled, Stacey and I ended up donating 10 bags of clothes. We also packed 30+ boxes for the move. Many of the things we had been holding onto ended up in the dump. There are still things in our basement and garage that will likely end up there as well. I estimate the total poundage to be in the neighborhood of 3,000 lbs. That's a ton and a half of things I had been keeping that served no purpose anymore. In this Lenten season I would encourage you to consider what kinds of things you are holding onto that no longer fit, or serve a purpose. I don't just mean clothes or material things. What attitudes and behaviors no longer serve you well? What habits and vices are weighing you down? Getting rid of so much of our stuff has actually been quite liberating. Shedding excess baggage and attachments frees us for so much more. This lent, lighten your load, and free yourself, you'll be glad you did!

Peace be with you all!  
David Martin, Pastor

## Lenten MACC Meat Drive

As the Lenten season approaches, we at North Church will once again make a needed donation to the MACC Food Pantry. This year, the pantry is in need of meat to support our food pantry shoppers. Our shoppers' households range in size from 1 adult to 10 adults and children. MACC supplies frozen meat each time a shopper visits. Right now meat is in short supply and as we look forward to Easter we hope to help increase this supply. Please consider family size in selecting packaged meat. Favorite meats include whole and packaged chicken, ham (whole and dinner sliced), fish fillets, ground meat, beef hot dogs, sausage and kielbasa .

The church freezer will be placed in the church narthex and we will collect the meat until Sunday, March 29.

*As always, thank you for your generosity.*

Contact Marlene Camper 860 568-1331 with any questions.



### Office Hours

Pastor Dave

**Monday & Tuesday**

8:00-5:00ish

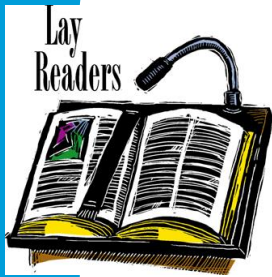
Office Manger Makayla

**Monday & Thursday**

9:00-12:00

# LITURGISTS

# USHERS



## March

- 1st Tony Adamczyk
- 8th Sandy Geres
- 15th Vickie Hadge
- 22nd TBD
- 29th Caleb Cadman

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

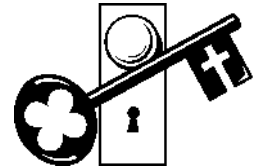
- 1st Jan Miller  
Barbara Judd
- 8th Barbara Judd  
Becky Harris
- 15th Tim LePore  
Harry Arendt
- 22nd Collins Judd  
Les VanDine
- 29th Jan Miller  
Barbara Judd



## 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:**

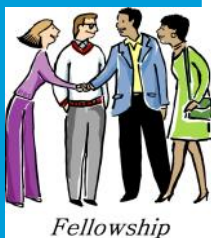
**TRUSTEE**

**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.

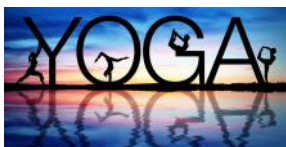
North Church is a NUT FREE zone.

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, March 21st  
8:00am at NUMC



### 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!*



## 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, 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, Ed Timbrell, 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**

**March 5th and 19th**

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 15**

**April 19**

**Altar Flowers**



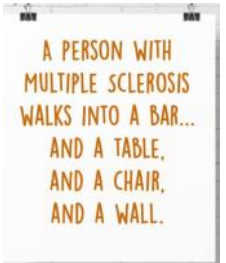
Flowers are a wonderful way to acknowledge the Memory of a Loved One or to Celebrate a special person or occasion. Consider what you may have to offer, fresh and seasonal are especially nice. *Forms are available in the Memorial Room to make such requests.*

If you have any questions or prefer to order by phone, please contact Susan Fenn 860-729-6446



## Introducing WAMS (Wellness And Multiple Sclerosis)!

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 March 15th - we will be talking all things funny! The topic will be using humor to help with dealing with chronic illness. Bring your funniest memes, jokes, and recommendations for funny movies. If you have links to short videos that make you laugh send them to me and if time permits we will show a few.

<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).



## STUFF THAT MATTERS

**March 22nd 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: 3/2, 3/16, 3/30, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/18.

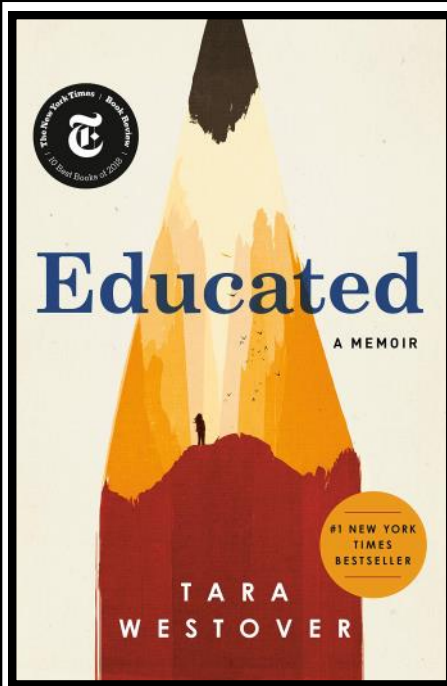
We enjoy making baby items and will donate to the Family Circles program at the Manchester Memorial

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](mailto:anthony.adameczyk@snet.net) or Susan Derby [susanderby@cox.net](mailto:susanderby@cox.net) with questions.



## The North Church Readers

Our sixth selection of our season is called *Educated* by Tara Westover. From mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children receives an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brother became violent. When an other brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she's traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

**Discussion will follow the church service, March 29, 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.**

## Open Spirit Task Force

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm to 9pm**



The New England Delegation to the 2020 General Conference and the Open Spirit Task Force (OSTF) are moving forward with their work and are planning to give presentations in each district in advance of the 2020 New England Annual Conference session. At these district gatherings, facilitators from the OSTF and delegation will share the options that will be presented at the Annual Conference in June 2020 and provide educational materials that will help facilitate congregational conversations about these options. The Open Spirit Task Force will be meeting with the CTWMA district at Trinity UMC on March 25, 2020 from 7pm to 9pm. This informational meeting is open to all.

## Bible Study Tuesdays at Bolton UMC

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

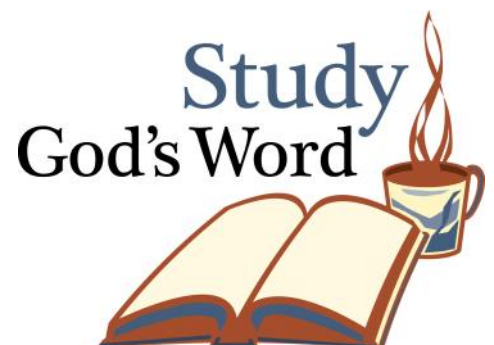
You are all invited to our new Lenten Bible Study group that **begins on Tuesday, March 3rd**

Where: UMC of Bolton

Time: 6:00pm Potluck

7:00pm Bible Study

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	6:30 pm Yoga 		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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		<b>Tidings Submission Deadline</b>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship <b>4:30p MS Support Group</b>		2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	6:30 pm Yoga 		8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at NUMC
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:30 Worship w/Special Music 11:30 Fellowship 12p Worship Meeting <b>5:00 pm Stuff That Matters</b>	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	2:00 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	6:20 Prism 7:00 Chancel Choir	6:30 pm Yoga		
29	30	31				
10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship w/Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship <b>North Church Readers</b>		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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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.**

