

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



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October is Here! Usually we look forward to the fall colors, apple picking, and everything pumpkin flavored. This year the Connecticut region has experienced a drought, so the leaves have changed early, and will fall quickly. Our gardens were not as fruitful, and the land is parched, it thirsts for water! I have been reflecting on drought the last few days, and the parallels we are experiencing theologically and socially. Covid 19 has disrupted our social lives, so getting out and visiting with friends, going to restaurants, the movies, and other activities have been severely restricted. Many people are thirsting for companionship, reassurance, and the presence of others. God made us as social beings. Even the most introverted of us require human contact of some sort.

I have also noticed (as I am sure that you have as well) that our society has become increasingly uncivil towards each other. The number of ways that we hurt one another is innumerable. Suffice it to say that this is merely a symptom of a deeper problem. Many in our nation are in a spiritual drought. When the Holy Spirit is poured into our life, the fruits of the Spirit become evident to people around us. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are things that are clearly lacking in our society. Our communities are in a drought of the Spirit, they thirst for God's presence in their lives. As we move deeper into Autumn, help break the drought of the Spirit and spread the fruits of the Spirit, and the Good News! Only the Holy Spirit can break this drought!

Grace and Peace to you all!

*Pastor David J. Martin*

## Knitting Ministry

The knitting ministry has been busy this summer working on prayer shawls, hats and scarves. We gave prayer shawls/lap blankets to Guy Feeny and Jeanne Shaffer. We meet on Zoom most Mondays and enjoy our time of fellowship. Liz Twarkins has been very, very busy and has crocheted 85 hats this summer, so far. This is the latest batch of 36.



### Office Hours

Pastor Dave

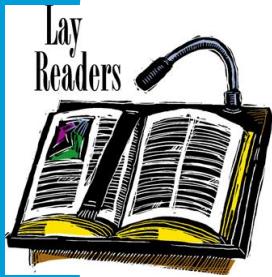
**Monday & Tuesday**

8:00-5:00ish

Office Manger Makayla

**Monday & Thursday**

9:00-12:00



## October

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.

## October

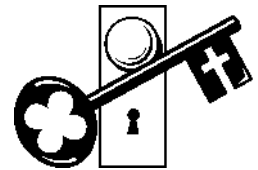
Regular Schedule Will Resume When Possible



## 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:

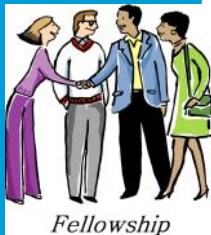
TRUSTEE

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!



## 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 IS OPEN again!  
Hours: Mon – Sat 10AM – 2PM

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

### Notes from Marlene - upcoming MACC events:

**Crop Walk – Ending Hunger One Step at a Time – October 18th.** For more information copy and paste the following in Google.  
**Manchester Community CROP Hunger Walk**  
<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/manchesterct>  
Proceeds to benefit MACC pantry and Church World Service.  
**Joy of Community Sharing opportunities for you to help as a volunteer or donor.**



♥ Blessing bags for pantry guests who do not qualify for family options. I have signed up to do 100 bags. We will not be able to do a group activity but any and all donations will be appreciated. I will pick donations up at the church memorial room. (Possible items: socks, scarfs, gloves, lotion, shampoo, candy, gum, pens, small note pads, chap stick, gift cards, small tissue packs, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, etc) I think scrip cards for \$10 are available for purchase. We try to have 1 "nice" item in each bag.

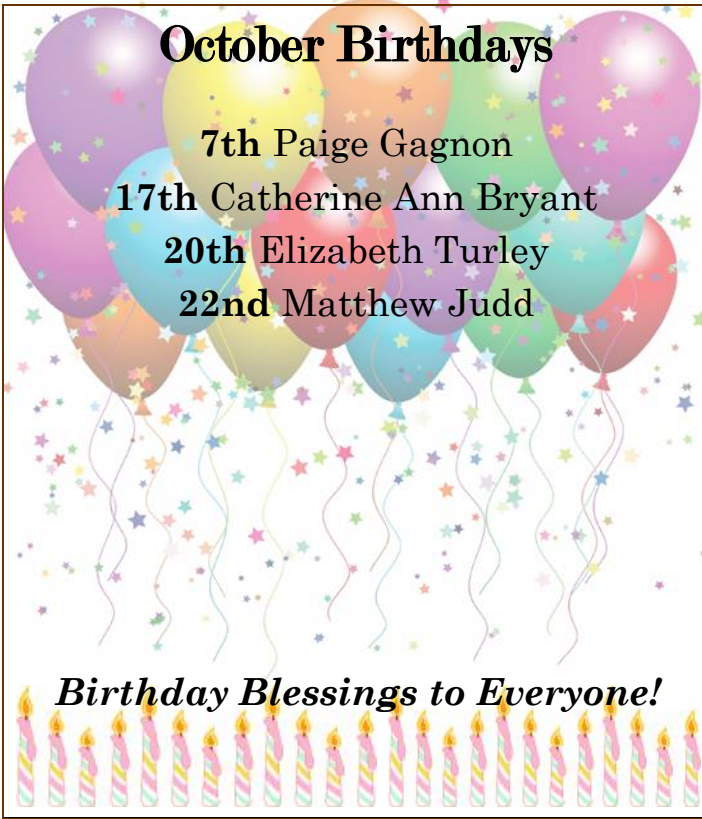
♥ Senior Center – small gift bags for seniors at the Senior Center luncheon. Let me know if you would like to make a few of these.

♥ Adoption program – Adopt a family for the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and gifts and deliver to their house. The church will not be doing this but individuals can contact Shannon Baldassario, Director of Services, at 860-647-8003 Ext. 31 or by email [sbaldassario@macc-ct.org](mailto:sbaldassario@macc-ct.org)

♥ Gift cards for families not adopted. If you wish to donate to this effort, the gift cards can be dropped off at MACC or a check can be sent to MACC Charities, PO Box 3804, Manchester 06045. This will allow the families to self-select their holiday food and gift items.

If you are interested in volunteering at MACC, contact [pgregory@macc-ct.org](mailto:pgregory@macc-ct.org)  
Call Marlene Camper for more information. 860 568-1331 or email [marmetc@comcast.net](mailto:marmetc@comcast.net).





**October Birthdays**

7th Paige Gagnon  
 17th Catherine Ann Bryant  
 20th Elizabeth Turley  
 22nd Matthew Judd

*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  
 October 1st and 15th**

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.

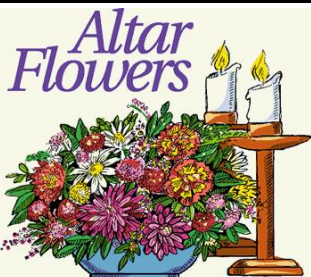
*Anyone in need of a name tag, please note it on the back of your attendance slip on Sunday morning and one will be made for you.*



Ad Council Meeting

7:00 pm

Oct. 5th



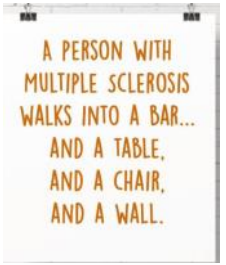
Flowers are a wonderful way to acknowledge the Memory of a Loved One or to Celebrate a special person or occasion. Consider what you may have to offer, fresh and seasonal are especially nice. *Forms are available in the Memorial Room to make such requests.*

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](mailto:vlhadge@yahoo.com) for details. <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).



### Trustees Update

These are the current completed and ongoing projects that the trustees are working on.

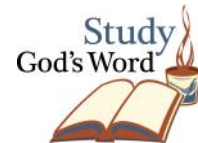
1. Parking lot clean up and line painting. **Complete.**
2. Zoom meeting support in the church. **On-going**
3. Expanding the church wifi to cover the whole church. **Complete**
4. Moving our internet and phone service to Cox. **Ongoing**
5. Replace carpet in hallway. **On-hold**
6. Sell excess property to fund capital improvements.
7. Restore lower outside doors. **An estimate has been obtained and approved.**
8. Ongoing support for the Village.
9. Paint the outside railings. **Complete.**
10. Paint portcullis. **An estimate has been obtained and approved.**
11. Building inspection. **TBD**

### Bible Study

#### What does it mean to be a Methodist?

I have completed the syllabus for the first 6 weeks of the upcoming study "What does it mean to be a Methodist?" which you can find on the education page of our website. Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:30 we start. The syllabus has embedded hyperlinks that will take you to a website where you can read the history, and maybe even explore more on your own. No books to buy, just go to the sites and read a bit to prepare. The zoom link is the same Tuesday night link as we have been using. I have sent this to both churches, but I may have missed people so spread the word.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88051673694>



### 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!*



## 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 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 Zoom link and password for those that continue to join us at home. Great thanks to Harry and Jack and all who have helped improve the capability to manage the zoom production more effectively!



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.

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

Password: 1234

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	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:30 am Live at NUMC and ZOOM Online Worship		6:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study	7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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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!*