



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

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January is here! As we welcome in 2021, and say good riddance to 2020, let us not be too hasty in dismissing the past year. Though the year may have been exceedingly difficult for people all over the world, it has taught us some valuable lessons. The first lesson that I hoped you

learned, was that we truly are all in this together. Before the pandemic, most of us lived our lives disconnected from the realities of our neighbors. We now know that simply ignoring the suffering of our neighbors is not an option. Nor is ignoring the bad and boorish behavior. It is crucial to speak up when folks endanger others (like by not wearing a mask in public) but also when their words and behaviors are dangerous in other ways. We have also learned to be creative. I have seen so many videos on how to make my own mask at home. I was astounded by the resourcefulness of others. People have also found innumerable ways to keep themselves "entertained" during isolation. I hope we hold onto our new found resourcefulness and creativity. I learned to waste less. When going to the store is far riskier than it was previously, we should consider whether we will eat those leftovers or throw them away. Or, if I need to fix something around the house, do I have something else in the garage that will do the trick? Can I fix this broken thingamabob?

Considering how much I've learned, I can't say I want to repeat 2020, but I am grateful for all the new lessons I've learned. I am also grateful for all the doctors, nurses, grocery store attendants, and all of the front-line workers and first responders. Maybe the best lesson of 2020 is that I am more grateful every day. Thank you, Lord, for this hard learned but important lesson!

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

Zoom-Only Worship

The link for the Zoom broadcast is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83102141139>
Password: 1234

By phone: 1 929 205 6099 then mtg
number 83102141139

An email reminder will be sent each
Sunday morning with the link to join as
well.

We will resume our blended zoom/in
person worship when the state 7-day
average returns to orange condition. We
hope that will be soon, but we are acting
in an abundance of caution for the sake of
our members and are doing everything we
can to keep people safe.

We are asking you to stay home and
worship with us remotely via zoom. Not
only that we are encouraging you to stay
home, stay socially distant, wear a mask,
and wash your hands. I know that many of
us are experiencing "Covid fatigue" We
want to eat in restaurants, and spend time
with friends and relatives, but that time
has not yet come. Its really important that
we go well beyond the guidelines, and
minimize contact, and follow the best
practices of social distancing. There is a
vaccine on the way, but it will be late
spring before enough doses have been
distributed to come anywhere near what is
called "herd immunity." It is our civic,
patriotic, and Christian duty to keep others
safe, and be good stewards of our health.

Office Hours

Pastor Dave

Monday & Tuesday

8:00-5:00ish

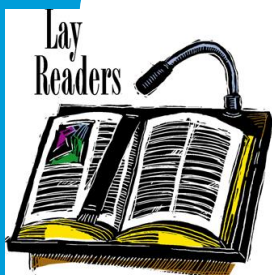
Office Manger Makayla

Monday & Thursday

9:00-12:00

LITURGISTS

USHERS

**January**

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 at-
tendees, collect the
offering, and direct
people to the altar table
on Communion Sunday.
Be available to answer
questions of visitors,
show them to class-
rooms 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.**

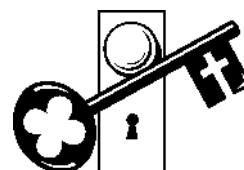
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Regular Schedule Will
Resume When Possible

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:

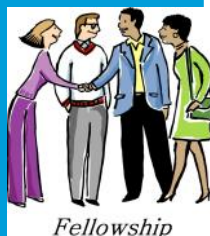
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Members

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

EMERGENCY NEEDS ITEMS

The following are always in need and your donations are welcomed.

Cereal
Pasta Sauce
Pasta
Pasta Salad Mix
Boxed Stuffing
Canned Vegetables
All Canned Soups
Jelly
Peanut Butter
Mac N Cheese
Mashed Potatoes
Canned Tuna
Canned Fruit
Mayonnaise
Ketchup
Cooking Oil

Fresh Produce (Monday – Thursdays)

All Hygiene Products
Cleaning Supplies

January Birthdays

1st Jason Starkweather

3rd Carl Lepack

6th Diana Custer

7th Emily Fitzgerald

Nathan Fitzgerald

8th Charlene Sullivan

9th Cindy Lepack

23rd Ron Starkweather

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, 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, Henriette, Tom, Brenda, Ella, Sue, Deb C.



NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES

January 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.

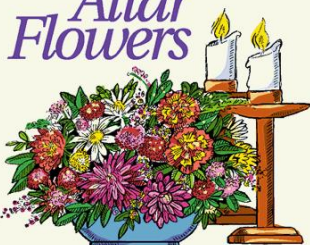


Ad Council Meeting

7:00 pm

TBD

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

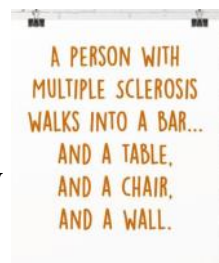


Introducing WAMS (Wellness And Multiple Sclerosis)!

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.

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.



Knitting Ministry

The Knitting Ministry continues to be prolific in their creation of hats, shawls and blankets to donate.

We meet on Mondays at 1:00 pm on ZOOM.

The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88513484753>

Password: 1234

Our group is open to all with or without yarn skills. Contact: Paula Adameczyk anthony.adameczyk@snet.net or Susan Derby susanderby@cox.net with questions.

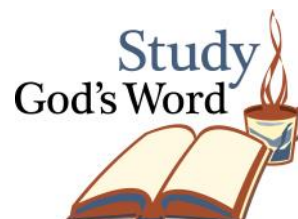


A beautiful blanket crocheted by Liz, who crocheted over 100 hats last year in addition to other items. Such great comfort she gives to others!

Bible Study

More Bible Study Starting Soon!

Watch for emailed details.



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!



BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S FIRST ANNUAL

Oh So Cozy BLANKET DRIVE

bringing warmth & comfort to our neighbors
in Manchester and Rockville shelters

November 30—February 22

TYPES OF BLANKETS

New handmade quilts and knit, crochet and tie blankets.

COMPLETED BLANKETS

Please call Bentley Memorial Library to arrange a time to bring your blanket. 860 646-7349 206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton CT
We can meet you at the door or come on in to browse. Please do not leave blankets outside.

Mon, Tue, Thu 10:00-7:30, Wed 10:00-4:30, Sat 10:00-2:30

TIE BLANKET HOW-TO ZOOM SESSION

Monday, November 30th at 7:00*

*Call or email us for the zoom link 860 646-7349 or bmlreference@biblio.org.
The video will be available on our website starting December 1st.

knit and crochet



quilt



tie



Per shelter request, non-smoking homes only, please!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	1/8	2/9
10:30 am ZOOM Online Worship			7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:30 am ZOOM Online Worship			7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:30 am ZOOM Online Worship	Tidings Submission Deadline		7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings		3:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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*Worship the Lord in the
splendor of his holiness!*

1 Corinthians 16:29

Phone: 860-649-3696
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!*

**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.**

