

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



# TIDINGS

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Dear Brothers and Sisters, this month's message is one of joy and hope! For a few years now the Greater Manchester Peace and Justice Committee (GMPJ) has worked towards opening a warming shelter in Manchester. Many people from the UMC of Bolton and North UMC have volunteered time to make this a reality. On Thursday January 28 the Manchester warming center opened its doors to clients at the "Y" recreation center. The timing couldn't have been better, because just as it opened, a brutal cold snap hit, followed by a Nor'easter. In the first four days we helped five guests find temporary shelter in hotels because it was simply too cold to stay outside even in the daytime. The guests were processed into the state 211 system, and a caseworker from Cornerstone Foundation was assigned to help them find more permanent housing solutions. They were given a hot meal, and plenty of snacks and bottled water that they could take away with them. Warm blankets, coats, scarves, gloves, socks and toiletries were also provided. Five people, and we just opened up, and word is hardly even out on this. This signals to us that there is a much larger homeless problem in Manchester than we previously thought.

There are a lot of people to thank for their hard work. First, Jackie Abbott did a lot of groundwork, made phone calls, visited other locations, and chaired the committee for over a year before needing a little break. Judy Galligan and Lorrie Rowe have also helped, writing letters, making calls and bringing attention to the need for a warming shelter (I apologize if I leave anyone out). The GMPJ includes members from several churches and our local synagogue. Many of these folks provided invaluable leadership and time to make this work. We also partnered with Cornerstone Foundation from Rockville. They have extensive knowledge and experience operating shelters and have done a wonderful job helping us move the project forward (they manage the warming shelter as well). God has called many hearts and many hands to work in the kingdom, and I give thanks for each and every one of them. All time and effort is valuable and appreciated! If you feel called to help out in this valuable ministry or would like to be involved in other GMPJ activities please e-mail me at [djmartin413@verizon.net](mailto:djmartin413@verizon.net), or call or text me at (413)-454-7294.

## 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

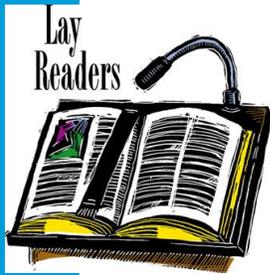
**Monday & Tuesday**

8:00-5:00ish

Office Manger Makayla

**Monday & Thursday**

9:00-12:00



## February

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.

## February

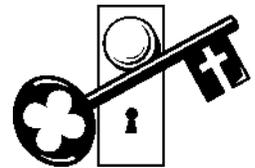
Regular Schedule Will Resume When Possible



## 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:

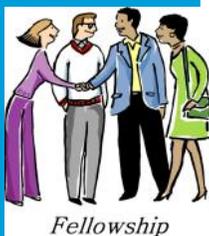
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Members

# 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

## 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, 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**

**February 4th and 18th**

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

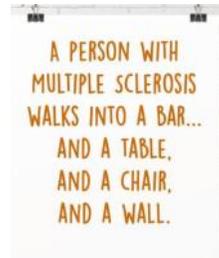


Flowers are a wonderful way to acknowledge the Memory of a Loved One or to Celebrate a special person or occasion. Consider what you may have to offer, fresh and seasonal are especially nice. *Forms are available in the Memorial Room to make such requests.*

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



# 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 our members to “do whatever it takes” to live well to be the healthiest they can be while living with MS. WAMS typically meets on the third Sunday of the month 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM ET in Zoom (until it is safe to meet in person again). Please reach out via email to Vickie at [vlhadge@yahoo.com](mailto:vlhadge@yahoo.com) or Heidi [wellnessandms@yahoo.com](mailto:wellnessandms@yahoo.com) for more details!



## 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 Adamecyk [anthony.adamecyk@snet.net](mailto:anthony.adamecyk@snet.net) or Susan Derby [susanderby@cox.net](mailto: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

Fridays at 3:30pm on zoom we will be doing a study/conversation on the Book of Hosea. It is the first of the minor prophets, and odd in its use of prophetic symbolic action. The core of the text is a polemic against the corruption and systemic evil within the nation of Israel. It seemed like an appropriate study given our current political climate. The syllabus is easy, read ahead of time, and be ready to discuss current events and how they are mirrored in Hosea.

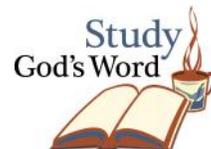
- \* 1/22 Hosea 1 & 2
- \* 1/29 Hosea 3 & 4
- \* 2/5 Hosea 6-8
- \* 2/12 Hosea 9:1-5, & Ch 11 & 14

ZOOM meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84905798749>

By phone: 1 929 205 6099 then meeting number 849 0579 8749

Passcode: 1234

*Lenten Study to start Tuesday, February 23rd.  
Watch for an email with the link and syllabus.*



## Online Giving

Online giving is available at:

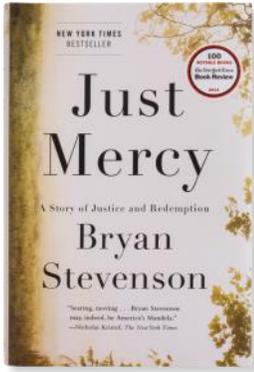
<http://www.simplechurchgiving.net/northumc>

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!*





## The North Church Readers

Our next selection of the season is called *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. *Just Mercy* is a real-life account of a contemporary Black American lawyer's career, focusing on a major miscarriage of justice that put an innocent man on death row. This is interspersed with other cases involving poor people, women and children, ethnic minorities, and people with poor mental health.

**Discussion will be on February 7, 2021**

*Contact Jackie if you have any questions.*

## 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](mailto:bmlreference@biblio.org).  
The video will be available on our website starting December 1st.

knit and crochet



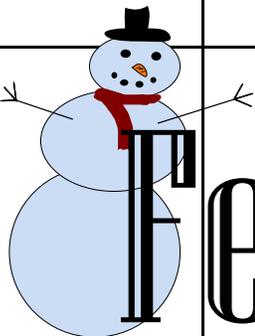
quilt



tie



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings		3:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:30 am ZOOM Online Worship			7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings		3:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:30 am ZOOM Online Worship	Tidings Submission Deadline		7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:30 am ZOOM Online Worship		Lenten Study Starts	7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings			
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10:30 am ZOOM Online Worship		 <h1>February</h1>				

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*Worship the Lord in the  
splendor of his holiness!*

1 Corinthians 16:29

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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.

**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!*