

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



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Recently, Stacey and I were blessed with being able to take our grandson to Colorado with us as we visited our daughter and our granddaughter who live in Golden. On one adventurous outing, I took my daughter and grandson ziplining in Idaho Springs. The group we went with include folks from Colorado, Texas, and Exeter New Hampshire. The funny thing is that my sister-in-law lived in Exeter for over 20 years until just recently moving. As I looked out at the scenic vista from near the top of a Rocky Mountain, it got me to thinking about the likelihood of meeting someone so far from home who lived so close to a relative, and then I marveled at how big and small our world is all at once.

While the 24/7 news cycle works tirelessly to capture the attention of viewers by repeating the divisive sound bites of politicians, our worlds become smaller and bigger at the same time. We retreat into the smallness of the “certainties” of our familiarities. At the same time the world becomes a big scary place because “look those people over there are trying to steal our freedom, our happiness, our [insert something you care about]” What if we each decided that instead of letting politicians and news sources tell us what is happening in the world, we went out and actually experienced the world for ourselves? While we are “out there” we might meet some people with whom we can share in the joys of nature or adventure! Guess what? They might even have different political beliefs, or different religious beliefs than we do! When we look past the polarizing positions we have been fed by secular and religious authorities, we find that we have so much in common with so many other people. And then, the world no longer seems so big and scary anymore.

Grace and Peace to you all!

Pastor David J. Martin

Service Opportunity

We have a wonderful opportunity for you to serve NUMC! We have an opening for a Zoom host for our Sunday services.



NUMC will be continuing to offer Zoom access to Sunday services to those who are not comfortable with or not able to attend in person. This ministry has been very important to many members of our congregation and guests. It is a link to our church family and is in keeping with our traditions of outreach and caring for our neighbors.

Being a host is easy and fun! It is only a once a month commitment and it comes with free training!

We have a very detailed guide and there is typically someone at the Zoom worship service that is there to help as well.

If you are interested please reach out via email to Vickie at vlhadge@yahoo.com

Office Hours

Pastor Dave

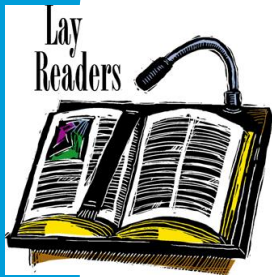
Monday & Tuesday

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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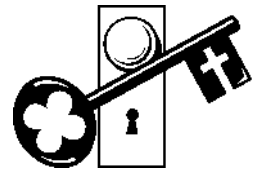
Regular Schedule Will Resume When Possible



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:

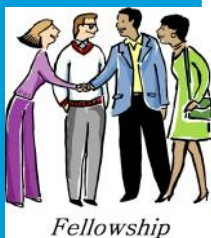
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Members

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!



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.

MACC Services

The **Community Kitchen** is open, giving out hot lunches on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays.

Bag lunches are available on Mondays, Fridays & Saturdays

Lunch is served between **11:30am & 12:45pm** each day (no appointment necessary)

You can reach the kitchen @ **860-647-8003 x 21**

The **Community Emergency Food Pantry** provides groceries by appointment only. Please call **860-647-8003 x 28**

The **Community Threads Thrift Shoppe** hours are Mon through Fri 10am – 2pm and Sat 10am – 1pm
860-647-8003 x 29

For **Community Outreach and Emergency Services**

Please call **860-647-8003 x 31**

Food donations can be dropped off at the Community Emergency Food Pantry, located at 460 Main St. in Manchester, CT Monday through Thursday 9am-4pm and Friday 9am-2pm (or call to schedule a time).

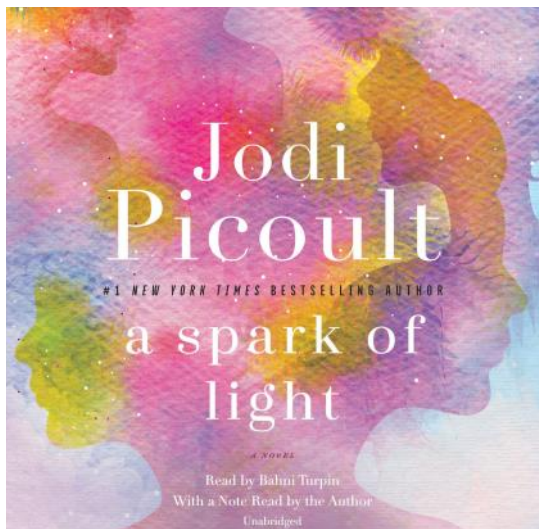
For all other donations, please call 860-647-0440.



MACC EMERGENCY NEEDS ITEMS

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

- Beans (Canned, All Beans: Black Brown, Red)
- Beef Stew (Canned)
- Chili (Canned)
- Cleaning Supplies
- Condiments: ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressing, etc.
- Cooking Oil
- Flour
- Fruit (Canned)
- Ground Coffee (Regular, Decaf, Instant)
- Hygiene Products for adults and children: Soap, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, wipes etc.
- Instant Potatoes (Not Mashed)
- Jelly
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
- Produce (Fresh Produce Mondays – Thursdays ONLY)
- Soups (Canned, All)
- Stuffing (Boxed)
- Sugar
- Vegetables (Canned)



The North Church Readers

The North Church Readers: Our first reading this season of North Church readers is *A Spark of Light* by Jodi Picoult. The story takes place in an abortion clinic. The characters are held together by a pro life gunman who holds them hostage in retaliation for the abortion of his daughter. The book explores the various conflicts and life stories of the gunman as well as the individual hostages. Well written with Jodi's ability to look into the various moral values and dilemmas of the characters brought together in a crisis.

Discussion will be September 26, 2021

See Jackie if you have any questions.

September Birthdays

- 2nd Linda Gates
- 4th Steve Hadge
- 5th Deb Tedford
- 6th Chris Larson
- 8th Karen Cadman
- 9th Linda VanDine
- 12th Joan Wood
- 18th Bob Pelletier
- 26th John Fitzgerald
- 29th Jackie Abbott
- 30th Stephanie Brew

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 October 7th and 21st

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

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 using the Overcoming MS program and is co-led by North Members Heidi Lenhardt and Vickie Hadge.

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. WAMS typically meets on the third Sunday of the month 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM ET (we will meet in person or on Zoom - details will be sent prior to each meeting).

Please reach out via email to Vickie at vlhadge@yahoo.com or Heidi 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 Adamezyk anthony.adamezyk@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

Bible Study are every Tuesday at 6:30pm in person at Bolton or via zoom.

It is a reflection on 1 Kings, the schism of Israel and Judah, and the corrupting influence of power

Weekly syllabus is available on our website

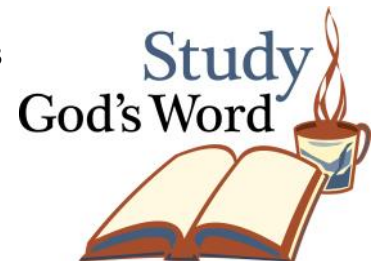
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89268730478>

Passcode: 1234

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 892 6873 0478



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!



IMPORTANT information regarding in person worship!!!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While we are offering in person worship; we will still be broadcasting worship on zoom as well. There is limited seating because the chairs have been spread out, but most who want to come should be able to find a seat.

Protocols for Safe Worship with Social Distancing in Mind:

1. Everyone must wear a mask in the building.
2. There will be no congregational singing until it's safe to do so (except during outdoor worship). 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! When we worship outdoors, we will have congregational singing.
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. Starting May 16th, we will have a few tables set up (café style) for families to sit together. Please call in advance and let us know if your family would like a table.
8. 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. We are not out of the woods just yet!

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Passcode: 1234

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 831 0214 1139

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.

Pastor David Martin and the Worship Committee.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30 am In Person and ZOOM Online Worship						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:30 am Outdoor Praise and ZOOM Online Worship		6:30 pm Bible Study at BUMC and on ZOOM	Tidings Submission Deadline			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:30 am In Person and ZOOM Online Worship		6:30 pm Bible Study at BUMC and on ZOOM				
26	27	28	29	30		
10:30 am In Person and ZOOM Online Worship North Church Readers		6:30 pm Bible Study at BUMC and on ZOOM				

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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.**

