

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



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Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

November is here, and like so many of you, I am looking forward to the end of the month and our family Thanksgiving dinner. I love Thanksgiving, but lots of folks dread what's coming; Thanksgiving, then the Christmas and New year season. For lots of reasons, the holidays are not a reason to celebrate, but a cause for withdrawal and isolation. Many people lack the financial resources to observe the holidays in the culturally expected ways. It is a financial burden that fills them with anxiety. Others dread the season because they will spend their holidays painfully isolated and alone. I would encourage each of you to be aware of how holiday celebrations and observances impact our friends, family and neighbors. If there is an opportunity to invite, support and love them, without adding a burden to them, then maybe you should consider doing so (so long as it doesn't create an anxiety filled burden for you).

Also, this coming holiday season, we will be focusing on the paradox of value. What is really important about the coming of Jesus? And, how do we understand the economy of the kingdom of God is one of abundance, not scarcity? As a part of that theme, we will be asking everyone to find some small sacrifice they can make between Thanksgiving Sunday and January 9th (3 Kings Sunday). Say for example, you give up your Dunkin' coffee on Fridays, then set that money aside; you may have another sacrifice in mind (that's good too). On January 9th, we would ask you to bring what you have saved or set aside to the church (or mail in ahead of time) as part of a special offering to go to UMCOR for the Haitian relief efforts. The suffering there is catastrophic! What more appropriate way to honor our King, than to bring gifts that reflect our willingness to sacrifice for love's sake! I hope you will prayerfully consider participating in this endeavour!

Grace and Peace to you all!

*Pastor David J. Martin*

## Annual Church Conference

**November 6 at 1:30pm**

**Via zoom only**



## 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](mailto:vlhadge@yahoo.com)

### Office Hours

Pastor Dave

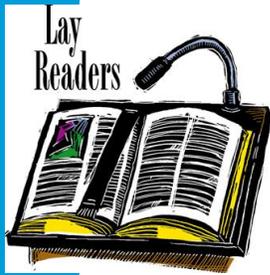
**Monday & Tuesday**

8:00-5:00ish

Office Manger Makayla

**Monday & Thursday**

9:00-12:00



## November

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.

## November

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:

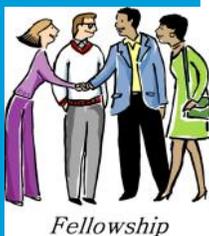
TRUSTEE

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.

## 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

- 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)

## Christmas Blessing Bags and Food Drive

It is that time again! Time to think about food drives and blessing bags!

1. **Christmas Blessing Bags** - We will be putting together 75-100 Blessing Bags this year. We will need the following items:

Winter hats, winter gloves, scarves, lotion, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, candy, snacks, gum, pens, note pads, \$5 to \$10 gift cards and anything else that you may come across. Right now Marlene is collecting things at my house as there is no storage at the church. You can leave the items in the grocery basket and she will pick them up. We can

meet as a group to put the bags together if we continue to wear our masks and social distance as required by the church. We will meet on Wednesday, December 1st 1:00 to 3:00.

2. **Christmas Food Drive** - Food items may be dropped off at the church any Sunday morning as the building will be open from 10:00 until 12:00. Marlene will open the building on Saturday, December 4th from 11:00 - 1:00 and Wednesday, Dec 8th from 4:00 - 6:00 for drop-offs. The small freezer will be placed in the narthex for any frozen items. The following items are needed for Christmas Baskets:

hams (not canned), small roasting chickens, frozen vegetables, instant potatoes, all canned vegetables (especially corn and green beans), gravy - or a \$25 gift card for Stop & Shop or ShopRite.

If you would like to take part in either of these events but have difficulty getting out, call Marlene (860 568-1331) and we will make arrangements for someone to shop for you!



*As always, thank you for your generosity!*

## November Birthdays

2nd Bertha Brew	19th Paula Admaczyk
3rd Vicky Ladabouche	22nd Florence Wollaston
7th Sandy Geres	26th Pastor David J. Martin
8th Lindsay Ladabouche	27th Gregory Harris
9th Cyndy Flaherty	29th Charley Cappello
10th Barbara Judd	Marlene Camper
12th Elaine Law	30th Ruth Mancell-Opoku
15th Harry Arendt	
16th Chris Collins	

**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 November 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.

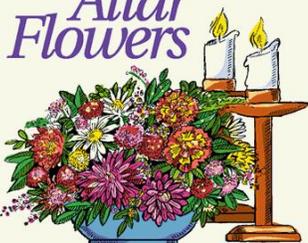
*Anyone in need of a name tag, please note it on the back of your attendance slip on Sunday morning and one will be made for you.*

Ad Council Meeting



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.

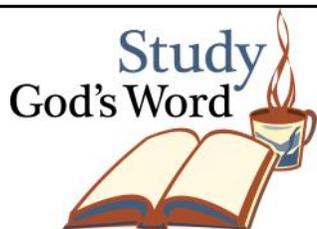
If you are newly diagnosed, have been living with MS for years, or are an MS care partner WAMS welcomes you! WAMS is a friendly, non-judgmental and safe place where privacy is protected. No matter where you are on your MS wellness journey we encourage our members to “do whatever it takes” to live well 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](mailto:vlhadge@yahoo.com) or Heidi [wellnessandms@yahoo.com](mailto:wellnessandms@yahoo.com) for more details!



### 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

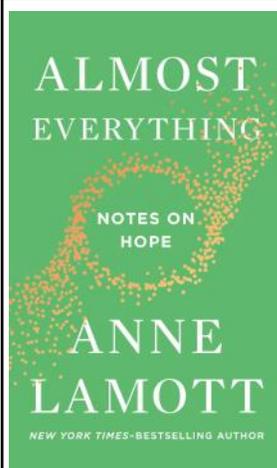
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 892 6873 0478

### The North Church Readers

#### The North Church Readers:

Our third reading this season of North Church readers is *Almost Everything* by Ann Lamott. It's a book for the presents a time in which we live. In a world peppered with frightening news. On TV or our computers, we can simultaneously feel hope. We can bounce back from personal horrors and yet eventually smile and have hope again. This book discusses the parables of Jesus and the paradox they present. It discusses your spiritual identity.



**Discussion will be November 21, 2021**

See Jackie if you have any questions

### Knitting Ministry



Our NUMC Knitting group's fall schedule has meetings held on 11/08, 11/22, 12/06,

12/20 from 1:00pm-2:30pm. The tables will be set up so that everyone is spaced apart and masks will be required the entire time.

The ministry will meet every other Monday. All are welcome! :)

Our group is open to all with or without yarn skills. Contact: Paula Adamczyk [anthony.adamczyk@snet.net](mailto:anthony.adamczyk@snet.net) or Susan Derby [susanderby@cox.net](mailto:susanderby@cox.net) with questions.



### 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!!!

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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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



## Thank you for your support!



On Saturday, October 2, a small group of us took a bike ride in memory of a good friend and to contribute to a worthy cause. Corrine Colman, Pastor Dave Martin, myself (Tony Adamczyk), and Dave Lynch (a neighbor of Dave and I and frequent biking buddy) met with other bicyclists at Charter Oak Park for *Rotary in Motion* (RiM), a community outreach project of the Rotary Clubs of Manchester, Vernon and Bolton.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/6017/Event/rotary-in-motion>

This annual event is to encourage use of the many biking and walking trails in the Manchester area, but we four added a personal twist to the ride. The Two Daves, Corinne, and I also rode in the memory of Rev Kyle McGaw, former Pastor of South and North United Methodist Churches, a well-loved and deeply missed friend to many of us. To remember and honor Kyle, a team had been created (Kyle's Crew) to walk the Boston Marathon route on Sunday October 3, as a fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund and Dana Farber Cancer Institute. We rode to support the Fight against Cancer.

[https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=1660&pg=team&team\\_id=9828](https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/TR?fr_id=1660&pg=team&team_id=9828)

After checking in with the RiM ride, we went a bit "rogue" and ventured off on our own. We biked up the paved East Coast Greenway from Charter Oak Park, past HPM and Georgina's, to Bolton Notch. We ventured up to Willimantic for lunch and returned along the same trail.

At the end of a beautiful Connecticut day, the four of us had biked approximately 45 miles over 5-1/2 hours. There were some anonymous/undisclosed donations, but at least nine friends of Kyle McGaw contributed at least \$455 total in his memory to the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund/Dan Farber Walk to Fight Cancer! (Follow the Link for some photos of our adventure.)

Thank you all for your generous support!

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

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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.**

