

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



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John Wesley once wrote, "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences." When I was in my 30's and looking for a home church for my family and me, I checked out the First UMC of Westfield Mass. I had gone to more conservative evangelical churches when I was young, but in the Methodist theology of John Wesley I found the true heart for Christ. In Methodism we are called to look beyond political opinions, doctrines, dogmas, and biases and attend to the command of "love thy neighbor." John Wesley also wrote that a Methodist is not what they believe, they are what they do. Love is an action verb. It is a verb of doing, of movement and change. Love requires much from us. Where we do not love passionately or pathologically, we must love practically (Emmanuel Kant).

In the upcoming election season, we will be faced with folks who differ from us. Can we respond to them with love? As our denomination faces an imminent schism, can we not at the very least be loving towards those who would seek another path apart from us? In your personal life, family and friends will try your patience, test your mettle, and sometimes wound your soul. Can you still be a Methodist? Can you still love those who hurt you? I think that is the great test of our times; to love without limits, to see beyond difference and offer love and welcome.

MYF

Greetings brothers and sisters, hermanos y hermanas!

It's almost fall, and this time of year we normally start up Sunday School. Because of Covid, we have not done that for the last 2 years! with vaccines available for kids, and hospitalization rates way down, we are once again ready to work with children, and offer opportunities for religious education and spiritual growth. We have not figured out Sunday School for the younger kids quite yet, but be on the lookout for more emails!

I am hoping to do this a little different than we are used to here. Instead of Sunday school for the middle/high school age kids, we will be meeting on Sunday evenings from 5-7:30pm. The youth are encouraged to bring a friend (or several), and we will start off with dinner, followed by a devotional, and then some fun (hopefully) activity.

I will need volunteers to help with food and be present with us (did I mention I am leading I hope that doesn't scare the kids away). Safe sanctuary rules are important for everyone's safety and peace of mind. Here's the catch. I don't want the parents of youth group kids (MYF) volunteering. There needs to be space for them to open up about their spiritual lives, and the things that they need to discuss.

If we believe that youth are important in the church, then we need to show them that by supporting Sunday School and MYF activities. If they see a lack of enthusiasm and volunteerism, they will see quite quickly that they are not valued. Why should they remain part of the church when they grow up if the church has not valued and loved them?

Sign up sheets and e-mails will go out regularly asking for folks to help out. I hope you will consider the enormous impact your time can make in the lives of young people! Today I am asking for volunteers for the following dates: Sept 29, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Grace and Peace, Pastor Dave

Office Hours

Pastor Dave

Monday & Tuesday

8:00-5:00ish

Office Manger Makayla

Monday & Thursday

9:00-12:00



Hartford Pridefest Saturday, September 10th, 12:00-6:00

North Church has once again registered to have a 10 x 10 booth to support the LGBTQ+ community at Hartford Pridefest which will be held on Trumbull Street this year. It is always a lot of fun and we are hopeful that we will have enough volunteers to staff it this year. If you are able to help with tent set-up or a couple of hours of staffing the booth please contact Linda VanDine at lindavandine@gmail.com or text or call 860-830-6841.

As usual we will hand out church brochures and individually wrapped small candies. (Think small Halloween size). The candy always goes quickly so we need to plan for a large quantity. If you would like to donate candy please leave it in the church office or under the skirted table in the Memorial Room. Monetary donations are also always appreciated and we can shop for you. Please indicate that your donation is for Reconciling Ministries/ Hartford Pridefest. Thank you.

CLARO is the leading LGTBQI+ cultural organization located in the heart of Connecticut. CLARO, on every second Saturday in September, presents Hartford PRIDE week with the support of the many allies, supporting organizations, businesses, and the City of Hartford. The annual Hartford Pride Fest and Concert is a family-centered event showcasing entertainment, food, local businesses, giveaways, activities, and numerous community organizations. Hartford Pride provides New England's LGTBQI+community with a series of events throughout the year to celebrate the achievements, foster inclusion, educate, and create awareness on issues impacting the LGTBQI+



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



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)

Gift Cards Needed for School Supplies

Thanks to all who have already donated to MACC's food drive!

This year the Town of Manchester is **not** accepting school supplies. They are asking for \$25 gift cards to be given to the families who qualify for assistance. The cards should be for stores where the families can purchase the needed supplies. MACC will accept supplies to assist those families that need a little more than they can purchase. The gift cards can be turned in at the Social Service office (downstairs in the Weiss building) or give them to Marlene and she will deliver!



September Birthdays

2nd Linda Gates
 4th Steve Hadge
 5th Deb Tedford
 6th Chris Larson
 8th Karen Cadman
 9th Linda VanDine
 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, 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 September 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



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 Makayla Houle at 860-707-6895**

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

Our NUMC Knitting group’s schedule has meetings held 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 when we can meet in person, otherwise on ZOOM. The ministry will meet Mondays. All are welcome! :)

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.



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!



Covenant Disciple Group

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

From July 19 to September 20 Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8pm, instead of a Tuesday night Bible Study, I am asking that you consider being a part of a Covenant Disciple Group. What is a Covenant Disciple Group? It is a small group spiritual formation cohort with the purpose of encouraging one another in spiritual growth as we journey on towards perfection, as well as supporting one another as we struggle with the many issues that we might encounter daily. Ideally a group will consist of 12 people who are committed to attending at least 9 of the 10 meetings. If you don't think you can make that commitment, I would ask that you wait for one of the future groups to participate in. Part of the covenant is regular participation. You will need to be able to count on one another. My participation in the group is largely exemplar and eventually supervisory. In other words, I will lead in the beginning, and a few of you will in turn lead the group.

The format is simple. We gather for a potluck, then we gather afterwards for a devotional, a time of prayer, and then a time of personal sharing focused on the traditional Wesleyan question "How is it with your soul?" Of course, there are other commitments like daily prayer and scripture readings and personal reflection on Wesley's "22 questions" (he asks a lot of questions, doesn't he?) My is that 10 weeks of discipline together you will experience growth in journey with Christ, and have a deeper well of faith to draw upon. Please consider making this commitment. If the number exceeds 12, we will split into 2 or more groups as needed.

RSVP by July 14. If you are interested and Tuesday does not work for you, let me know, we may find a different day/time for a second group.

Pastor Dave

A closer look at Annual Conference resolution RS-22-224

Seeing our buildings as community assets

In June, the 2022 Annual Conference authorized the formation of a community development corporation (CDC). A separate, mission-based nonprofit, the CDC will work with the Conference to come alongside churches to explore using their buildings and/or sites in innovative ways to support mission and strengthen community engagement.



Rev. Ted Crass

...pertise, and sale and repurposing resources to New England churches. It will begin under the auspices of the United Methodist Foundation of New England and eventually become an independent entity.

Foundation President Ted Crass said a rough estimate based on statistical reports would put the Conference's property assets at \$1 billion.

The CDC, as proposed by [RS-22-224](#), would offer consulting services, legal and property development ex-

...But for many congregations, maintenance and deferred maintenance on their buildings and proper-

ty are burdens draining resources and thwarting mission. The focus of this CDC is to change that perspective — transforming churches' physical assets into tools for effective stewardship and discipleship.

One way to make that shift is to see properties not just as church assets but as community assets.

"This little shift puts our church in our community, our congregation in the community, saying 'What does our community need?' 'How can [our ministry] be a part of that?'" Rev. Crass said.

Some examples might be:

- assisted living
- affordable housing

- senior centers
- art centers
- youth centers

However, Rev. Crass said, churches often don't have the personnel or the expertise to accurately assess what their community needs or the real worth or condition of their buildings to determine how their property might help fill those needs, and that's where the CDC would come in.



Scan for the full story

Special Sunday





World Communion Sunday is Oct. 2

Your gifts to this Special Sunday Offering support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds In-Service Training Programs for racial and ethnic persons.

Scan the QR code to find more info and worship resources .

DID YOU KNOW?

The WCS offering provides racial and ethnic leadership training programs?

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:30 am Blended In- Person and ZOOM Online Worship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:30 am Blended In- Person and ZOOM Online Worship						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:30 am Blended In- Person and ZOOM Online Worship Book Discussion	1 pm Knitting Ministry 					
25	26	27	28	29	30	
10:30 am Blended In- Person and ZOOM Worship						

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

1 Corinthians 16:29

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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.**

