



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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this it is a cold rainy day in late October. The foliage colors have passed peak, the days are noticeably shorter, and chillier.

That inevitably means that the holidays are upon us. First up Halloween, then All Saints Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years! It was the tradition of the church in antiquity to have many feast days between the fall equinox and the spring equinox; far more than we have today! During the short, cold days of fall and winter, it's nice to have something to look forward to when the weather and time of year has you feeling blue. Lucky for you that the church still has lots to do in the cold months!

I hope when you read through the newsletter you will find that your church is alive, vibrant and active. Though the plants have gone dormant for the winter, the body of Christ is evergreen; always alive, always seeking the sun, always seeking growth. So when the winter blues seem to have a hold on you, come to the house of worship and join in with your siblings in Christ in celebrating our faith together!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Dave Martin

## Holiday Gifts for the Village Kids



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Due to the large  
number of books  
donated by  
Barnes and

Noble, this year the Village has suggested that a gift package of pajamas, socks and underwear for each child would meet a greater need.

The Village staff will soon provide us with the age, gender and approximate sizes for the children in the program here at NUMC, so watch for more information to come in the next few weeks.

Contact Linda VanDine with questions  
or for more information  
860-830-6841 lindavandine@gmail.com



## Reconciling Ministries

We had colorful cake to celebrate 7 years of being a Reconciling Ministry! \$346 was raised to support this vital mission.



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

## Liturgists Needed

We are open and worshipping together again! We are seeking liturgists to share the Word each Sunday. Please consider joining this meaningful ministry. Sign up in the Memorial Room.



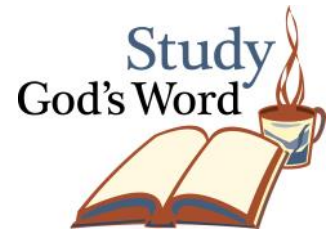
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## Counters Needed

As we work our way back to normal, I am asking for volunteers to become counters. New counters or returning counters are wanted.

The job is usually straightforward and is a great way to serve North Church. Please talk to Jackie Abbott or email me at jabbott814@aol.com if you are able to serve.

Thank you,  
Jackie Abbott, Financial Secretary



## Bible Study

### Examining Current Events

Bible Study will be on Tuesday evenings at the United Methodist Church of Bolton

Potluck at 6:00 pm

Study at 7:00 pm

## Service Opportunity

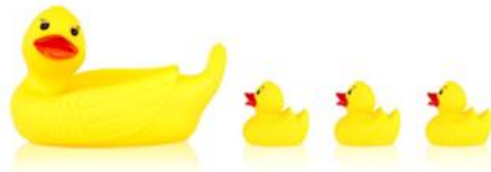
We have a wonderful opportunity for you to serve NUMC! We have an opening for a Zoom host for our Sunday services. NUMC will be continuing to offer Zoom access to Sunday services to those who are not comfortable with or not able to attend in person. This ministry has been very important to many members 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



## Are All Your Ducks in a Row?



## Organize Your Life

**SUNDAY / 11:30 AM / November 19, 2023**  
**NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

300 Parker Street / Manchester CT

### TOPICS COVERED:

Wills & Bequests

Maximizing Income & Gifting

Health Care Directives

Understanding the Planning Process

### SPEAKER:

Gary Melville, ChFC, CAP / Director of Development  
United Methodist Foundation of New England

## 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 Tree Decorating Potluck



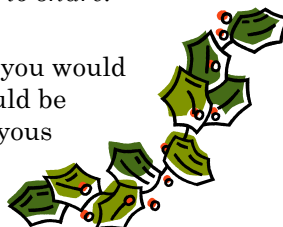
Please plan to join us to celebrate the Christmas  
season by attending our **Fellowship Potluck, Tree  
Decorating and Carol Sing**, Monday December 11th from  
**6PM-8:00PM.**

We will begin the potluck by lighting the tree and singing our grace  
before the meal (We Gather Together).

During dinner we will play Christmas music and invite everyone to  
participate in decorating the inside trees and putting up the Creche.

*Bring your family and friends and a dish to share.*

Please contact Becky Harris @ 860-982-2718 if you would  
like to attend, but need transportation. We would be  
happy to pick you up so you can celebrate this joyous  
evening with us.



## Advent Candle Lighting

Each Sunday in  
Advent the Advent  
Candle on the altar is  
lit and a brief prayer  
is read.



**Please consider signing up for a  
Sunday morning, with family or  
friends, to read the prayer and light  
the candle.**

*Thank you!*



## November Birthdays

2nd Bertha Brew	20th Emily Peters
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	
19th Paula Admacyk	

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



## **NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES**

**November 2nd, 16th and 30th**

**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.*

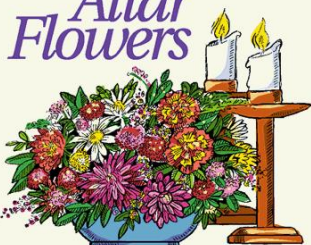


**Ad Council Meeting**

**December 7th**

**7:00 pm**

## **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**

## Overcoming MS - Manchester, CT Circle

This MS support group focuses on living well with MS using the Overcoming MS program that includes diet and lifestyle changes in addition to medications. This group is open to people with MS and their care partners.

The group typically meets on the third Monday of the month at 5:30pm and alternates between Zoom meetings and face to face meetings at local restaurants or parks.

Please reach out via email to Vickie Hadge at vlhadge@yahoo.com for more details!



## Knitting Ministry

Our NUMC Knitting group's schedule has meetings held on Mondays from 1:00pm-2:30pm in the Memorial Room. Meetings are on 11/06, 11/20, 12/04, 12/18. All are welcome! :)

The Knitting Ministry has continued to meet during the summer. We enjoy time for fellowship as we knit and crochet. Prayer shawls and lap blankets have been given to the Thompson family, Marcia Scott and Jan Miller. We wanted Jan to have something special as a colorful reminder of North Church.

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



## Worship Planning Meeting

**10:00 am SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th**

Come discuss planning around worship themes, decorations, fellowship opportunities and such. All are invited, no make that ALL ARE WELCOME, to attend and offer their ideas and assistance in planning activities beginning with the first Sunday in Advent (December 3rd) and going through to Epiphany Sunday (January 6th).



## 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!*







## Pews and Chairs

The administrative council has decided that we have far too many chairs and benches in our church and really nowhere to store them. Our only remaining storage is the choir room and we do not want to clutter that up. We also have so many chairs in the sanctuary that the church looks empty on any given Sunday.

To this end it has been decided that we will get rid of the old pews that are scattered about the church and the wooden chairs now stacked up in the choir room. Once these are gone, we will move the chairs currently in our first two rows

to where the pews are now, mostly the back of the church and use some for the choir room. In the end we will use our matching chairs in the sanctuary and not need to store any excess chairs in our choir room.

I would like to give the congregation first dibs on anything we are going to get rid of. After that we will open it to the wider world and try to sell them on the Facebook marketplace.

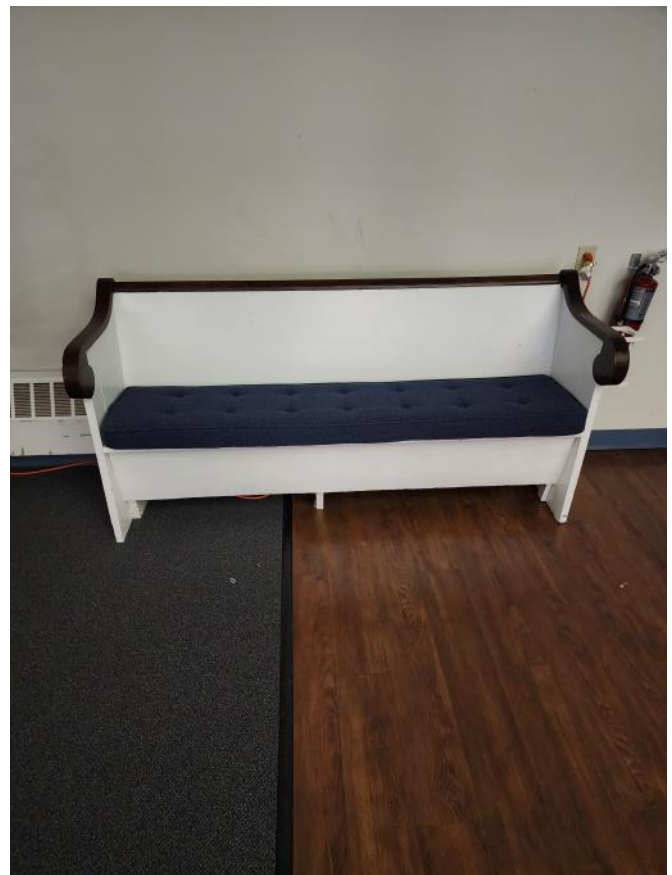
We cannot deliver any of these items so you will need to pick them up.














The pews are, in inches, 27, 41, 68, 91, 129, 129. The 129-inch ones are the dual pew picture.

We have 22 wooden chairs and about 10 small child chairs.

Please contact Harry Arendt by email or phone if you are interested in the pews or chairs.

Contact Information: [arendth99@gmail.com](mailto:arendth99@gmail.com) or 860-463-0314



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			10 am Worship Planning Meeting
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30 am Blended In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	6 pm Potluck at BUMC 7 pm Lenten Study at BUMC	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:30 am Blended In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship 11:30 Ducks In a Row 	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	6 pm Potluck at BUMC 7 pm Study at BUMC	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 	Happy Thanksgiving! 		
26	27	28	29	30		
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*Worship the Lord in the  
splendor of his holiness!*

1 Corinthians 16:29

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New England Conference  
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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.**

