

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



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## MACC BLESSING BAGS:

It is that time of year when we start collecting items for Blessing Bags for MACC. As in the past, we will need items for male and female adults.



Suggestions: new, unwashed socks, gloves, hats, toothbrush, toothpaste, face cream, nail clippers, scarves, shampoo, lotion, body wash, deodorant, pens, memo pads, gum, candy, snack items, gift cards (\$5 & \$10 to Dollar General or Dollar Tree), and any other items you can find that an adult might appreciate. (Please nothing with alcohol like mouthwash or hand sanitizer).

We will be collecting items until December 1st.

Please place your donations in the cart in the Narthex, but hand any gift cards directly to Judy Galligan.

We plan to fill the blessing bags on Wednesday, Dec 4th at 11:00am.

Please reach out to Judy Galligan with any questions.

Judy Galligan: 860-646-0454

## Reconciling Ministries Welcoming Committee



We celebrated 8 years! The fund raiser brought in enough to cover the annual donation to Reconciling Ministries with some additional to do further good work. We happily accept further donations to continue supporting this important work.



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

## Holiday Gifts for the Village Kids

NUMC continues our tradition of providing holiday gifts for the children attending the Village program. The staff has made general suggestions of types of gifts to choose from that they will then match to their students. Any extra gifts will be shared with other children in the Hartford Village Program. Books are not needed as they have already been donated.

There are 12 girls and 1 boy between the ages of 8 and 12. Pajamas are welcome for both girls and boys in sizes girls 8/10, girls 10/12, girls 12/14, girls 16/18, and boys 16/18.

All of the children like creative projects such as drawing, coloring, bead making, bracelet making, etc. The girls enjoy hygiene products such as creams, lotions. Deodorants, body washes, etc. (perhaps suitable for boys as well) while the boys are especially interested in sports and “Fidget” toys,

These are just a few suggestions so feel free to come up with other ideas. Gift bags and tissue are welcome.

Monetary donations should be marked for Village gifts.

**DEADLINE, SUNDAY, DEC 8** Please leave gifts in the church office on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 pm during choir rehearsal. Please DO NOT leave gifts in the narthex or under the table in the Memorial Room as that area is designated for the other church.

If you have questions or would like to have someone shop for you, or to arrange to have your gift picked up contact Linda VanDine [lindavandine@gmail.com](mailto:lindavandine@gmail.com) or text/call 860-830-6841



### NUMC Charge Conference

Sunday, November 3, 2024

4pm via Zoom



**Reawakening  
Information Night  
November 4 at 7pm**

## 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**

The **Community Outreach and Emergency Services** provides weekly showers and laundry availability to Manchester unsheltered residents.  
**Wednesday: Men’s Showers(10:00 A.M. – 12:30pm)**  
**Thursday: Women’s Showers(10:00 A.M. – 12:30pm)**  
Showers are limited to **15 minutes** and are on a first come first serve basis. Towels, soap, shampoo, shaving products provided.  
The **last shower** is at **12:15 pm**.

Laundry is by **appointment only**. Laundry is limited to **1 load per appointment**. Laundry detergent will be provided.

For any other Outreach Emergency needs or to make an appointment, please call **860-647-8003 x 131**

For information on **Volunteering**  
Please call **860-647-8003 x 112**

**Food Donations** can be dropped off at the Community Emergency Food Pantry, located at 460 Main St. in Manchester, CT

Please only drop off during donation hours (or call to schedule a time).

Drop off donation hours are:  
**Monday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**Tuesday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Wednesday: 9:00 am – 1:30 pm**  
**Thursday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Friday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

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

A list of items that are always in need can be found at <https://macc-ct.org>

All products must be unopened and within expiration dates.



## Add Meaning to Your Worship Experience

*Looking for ways to add more meaning to your worship experience? Check out all these opportunities to serve waiting for YOU!*

**Liturgist:** Help deliver the Word! Read some scripture and a prayer or two. Not a public speaker, then how about: ↪

**Usher:** Help all feel welcome and ready for worship. Greet new folks and regulars, pass out the bulletins, collect the offering, and help with communion. Prefer to stay focused on the service, then how about: ↪

**Coffee Fellowship:** Add to our sense of community. Get the coffee and tea water ready and provide a few snacks for the post service get together. Don't want to deal with food, then how about becoming a: ↪

**Zoom Host or Sound Board Tech:** Help our outreach. Once every few weeks you start and facilitate Zoom church by providing a worship experience for those unable to leave home. (You can even host from the comfort of your home!) Keep the service running smoothly by setting up and monitoring the sound board. Free Training and Support! Not tech savvy, then how about: ↪

**Seasonal Events:** Beautify the church. Assist at various times throughout the year by helping decorate the chancel area. Not your thing, then how about: ↪

**Flowers for the Altar:** If you've got a green thumb and want to enhance the altar area consider bringing in some flowers.

*We'd love to have you help out and add meaning to your worship experience. If you've never tried one of these things we invite you to try something new among your friends at North Church.*

## 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 Admaczyk	

***Birthday Blessings to Everyone!***



Ad Council Meeting



TBD

### Making Music Together

**Come join our choir and/or praise band! We rehearse from 7 to 8:30P on Wednesdays** and welcome more singers, instrumentalists: we have drums, guitar, bass, trombone, flute, etc, you name it, but need **you**, as sometimes we have to pick and choose with limited people. It is fun and fulfilling making music together, as well as a real sense of community and worship on our Wednesday evenings.

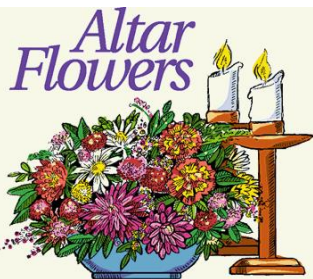


## NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES November 14th

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.



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**

### 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!*





## 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 groups 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](mailto:vlhadge@yahoo.com) for more details!



## Knitting Ministry

We crochet and knit prayers shawls, hats and scarves for our MACC friends, lap blankets for the John A. DeQuattro Cancer Center and baby blankets, etc. for the Family Birthing Center at the Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Our prayer squares are shared in person and/or mailed to those dealing with little or big struggles in life. Sometimes knowing that others are thinking about you or praying for you makes all the difference in the world. Our group is open to all with or without yarn skills.

Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month: 1:00- 2:30 PM at NUMC. The Knitting Ministry Meeting Schedule for Fall 2024 is as follows: 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16

Contact: Paula Adamczyk [anthony.adamczyk@snet.net](mailto:anthony.adamczyk@snet.net) or Susan Derby [susanderby@cox.net](mailto:susanderby@cox.net) with questions.



## Prayer Corner

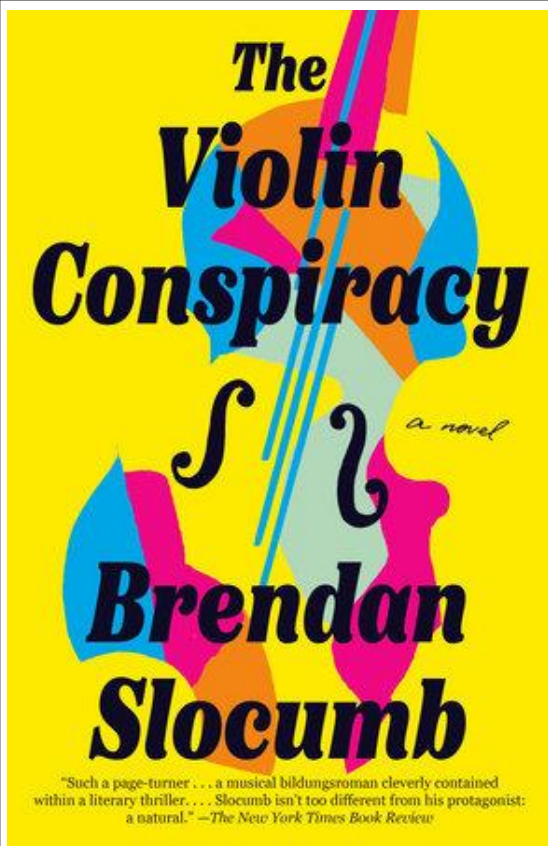
**Luke 11:1** *“When he finished one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray ...’”*

What follows is Jesus giving His disciples the prayer that begins “Our Father ...,” but that is just the beginning of the lesson. There is so much more to it! As you read through the gospels, you can see Jesus praying on numerous occasions, out loud and silently. Jesus didn’t just teach them *how to pray* but also *He taught them to pray, by modeling that regularly. He prayed on mountain tops and at Lazarus’ tomb and in the Upper Room and while He was dying on the cross.*

My intention for this series is for us to help each other to pray. Let’s share how we pray, and how God has answered our prayers. Let’s inspire each other, so our prayer time is interesting to us and not a chore. May it be more like a couple young friends sitting on a bed talking at a sleepover, like old friends walking through the woods going from one topic to another, like dear friends sorting things out over coffee.

I have so many thoughts I want to share with you, and you have so much to teach me! I’m really trying to keep this short, but it’s such a vast topic and so important for each of us and all of us together! So, this month I have one suggestion for something to try: have you ever spent time praying on your knees? I find it helps me focus and quiet distractions, and when my mind does wander, my position helps me to draw myself back to what I want to be doing. How about you? Talk to me about your prayer time! I’m really interested!

*Peace,  
Barbie Turley*

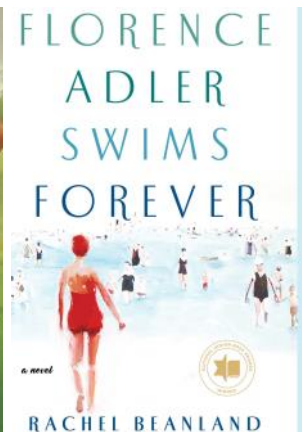
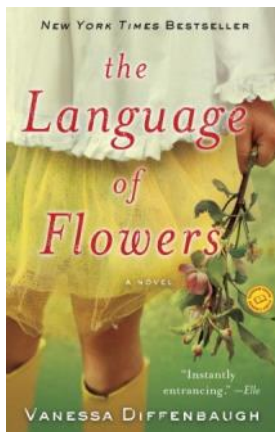
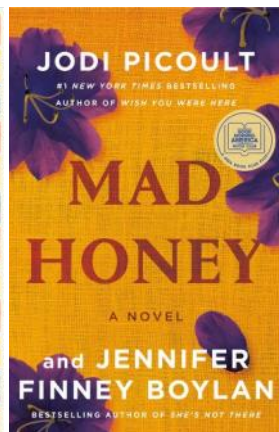
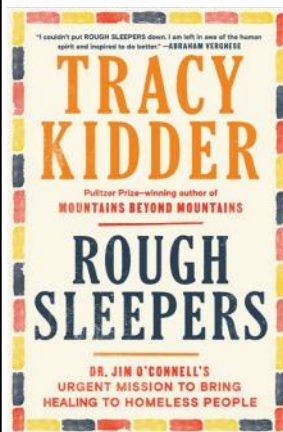
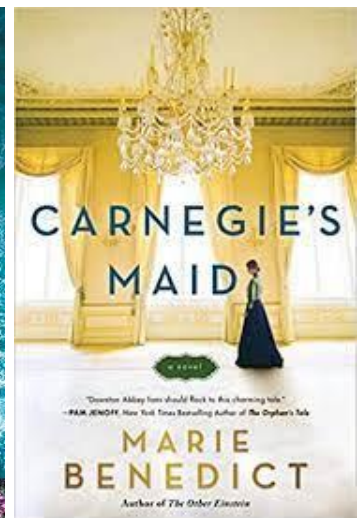
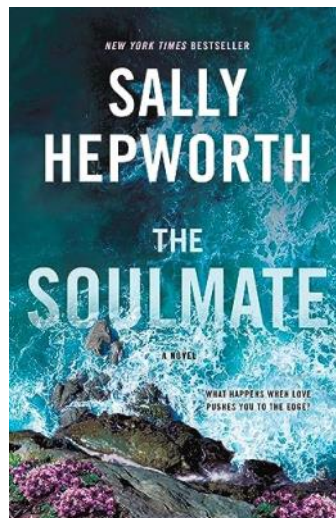


### North Church Readers









Attention North Church Readers: Our next book selection will be led by Linda Gates and is scheduled for Sunday, November 17 after church. Books are available in a marked section of the reference room of Mary Cheney library. We will be discussing **The Violin Conspiracy** by Brendan Slocumb. Growing up black in rural North Carolina, Ray McMillian's life is already mapped out. If he's lucky, he'll get a job at the hospital cafeteria and earn more than minimum wage. But Ray has a gift and a dream—he's determined to become a world-class professional violinist, and nothing will stand in his way. Not his mother, who wants him to stop making such a racket; not the fact that he cannot afford a violin suitable to his talents; not even the racism inherent in the world of classical music. When he discovers that his great-great-grandfather's beat-up old fiddle is actually a priceless Stradivarius, all his dreams suddenly seem within reach. Together, Ray and his violin take the world by storm. But on the eve of the renowned and cutthroat Tchaikovsky Competition--the Olympics of classical music--the violin is stolen, a ransom note for five million dollars left in its place. Ray will have to piece together the clues to recover his treasured Strad...before it's too late.

The North Church Readers is a group open to men and women who like to read and meet together monthly to discuss a book selected in advance by group members. Some are fiction, some non fiction, some serious, some more light-hearted. A different member leads discussion each month. It is great fun to discuss the huge variety of topics that arise. Book selections are available each month at the Mary Cheney library. Meetings are held at church the third Sunday of the month following morning worship. Everyone is welcome to join in!

Some recent books we have read:





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30 am Blended In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship  4p Charge Conference	1 pm Knitting Ministry  7 pm Reawakening Discussion		7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:30 am In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship			7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:30 am Blended In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship  11:30 North Church Readers	1 pm Knitting Ministry 		7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:30 am Blended In-Person and ZOOM Worship			7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 	Happy Thanksgiving! 		

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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.**

