

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



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Manchester PRIDE 2026

Reconciling Ministries Has Opportunities

For nearly the decade that Reconciling Ministries of NUMC has been attending the Hartford Pride Fest, we have longed for a Manchester Pride celebration to support. Last year a group began to organize with that in mind for our Town. After numerous

conversations with Town officials and each other, we have announced the inaugural Manchester Pride, Saturday & Sunday, June 13 & 14, 2026 at North United Methodist Church!

Others in town are arranging Speakers, Activities, Entertainment, Food, etc., so North just has the Host responsibilities. We will have many jobs for many hands on that weekend: Set up/Clean up, Decorations, Coffee and ?, Parking, Usher, and more - all to support and minister to LGBTQ neighbors and families. Please let me know to add you to our Reconciling Ministries e-mail group so you will be informed and find something, some way that you can lend support.

Thank you, Tony Adamczyk - anthony.adamczyk@snet.net

Reconciling Ministries & Rainbow Squad Meeting

Saturday, April 18
6:30pm at NUMC



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK



Last year we partnered with South UMC to pack 10000 meals in 2 hours.

We join them again
May 30, 2026 from 10 am to noon

Sign up on the sheet in the back of the church

Donations appreciated (our church contribution is \$1000)



A Window into the Soul of North Church!



North recently opened its doors to host a Sea Glass Window Craft Night with The Art Lab & Gallery organized by our own Barbara Judd. Thanks Barb!



The event brought together 34 people from our church and the surrounding community! It was an evening where people of all ages gathered for fellowship and to explore their creative side.



Throughout the evening participants took a simple glass frame and added glass pieces that were handcrafted and eco-friendly made from 100% recycled glass to create stunning works of art.



Laughter and conversation filled the room. We welcomed back old friends and made new friends. It was awesome to see the collaboration and the shared ideas.



It was so lovely to see everyone having fun and all the smiles on their faces. There was a great sense of community in the room!



At the end of the evening there were dozens of stunning windows, and everyone admired each other's creativity. Everyone left feeling happy and having enjoyed a night filled with fun, fellowship, and creativity.



A special thank you to the many hands that organized the event, provided snacks, set up the tables and chairs and helped to clean up afterwards.



We look forward to hosting more events like this that help strengthen the bonds within our church and extend a warm welcome to our neighbors.



Anyone can organize an event. Do you have a special talent to share or know about an event that is fun, creative, or important to you? Please consider organizing a date to host it at North Church.



To see all the smiling faces and gorgeous creations you can use this Facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EeFQNhnHG/>



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 121**

The **Community Emergency Food Pantry** provides groceries by appointment only.
Please call **860-647-8003 x 128**

The **Community Threads Thrift Shoppe** hours are Mon through Fri 10am – 2pm and Sat 10am – 1pm
860-647-8003 x 129

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.



COMMUNITY

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

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

Toiletries:

- Shampoo / Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Toothpaste
- Body Soap
- Body Wash (Liquid)
- Baby Wipes

Food Items:

- Instant Potatoes
- Chili / Canned Pasta
- Beef Stew
- Canned Veggies
- Peanut Butter / Jelly
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- Baking Mix (Cake & Brownie)
- Rice/Rice Mixes
- Baked Beans
- Fresh Fruit and Veggies
- Coffee (Regular, Decaf or Instant)
- Hot Chocolate

- Stuffing / Cornbread Mix
- Sugar
- Flour
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Ramen Noodles
- Chicken Noodle
- Cooking Oil

Cleaning Products:

- Dish Detergent
- Laundry Detergent

April Birthdays

1st Julie LePore
5th Kow De-Graft-Eshun
8th Sarah Cadman
14th Elaine Hadge
18th Judy Starkweather
22nd Paul Gilligan
24th Tony Adamczyk
25th Vickie Hadge
27th Taryn Gilligan
29th Stephen Gagnon
Katherine Turley
30th Martina Brew

Birthday Blessings to Everyone!

Church Council Meeting



TBD

Making Music Together

Come join our choir and/or praise band! We rehearse from 6 to 7:30pm 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.

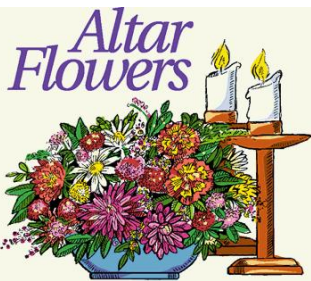


NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES

April 16, 23 & 30

DONORS URGENTLY NEEDED. CALL 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543) to schedule an appointment, or [sign up online](#). Volunteers are needed to monitor the building during the drives.

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 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 Spring 2026 is as follows:

3/2, 3/16, 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, 5/18; 6/1, 6/15

Contact: Paula Adameczyk anthony.adameczyk@snet.net or Susan Derby 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 ...’”

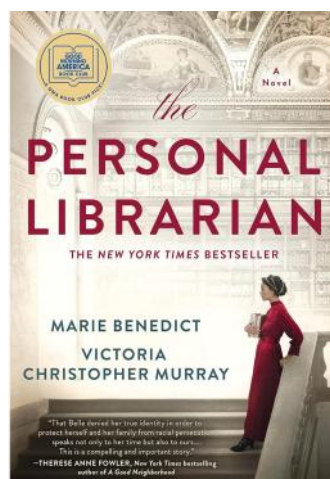
What follows is Jesus giving His disciples the prayer that begins “Our Father ...,” but that is just the beginning of the lesson. There is so much more to it! As you read through the gospels, you can see Jesus praying on numerous occasions, out loud and silently. Jesus didn’t just teach them *how to 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



Our book discussion for our next book selection will be led by Judy Galligan and is scheduled for Today, Sunday, April 19 2025 after church. ***The Personal Librarian*** by Marie Benedict In her 20's, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J.P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps create a world-class collection. The story also shares the lengths she must go to—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.

Stuff That Matters

At 6pm on the last Sunday evening of every month adults ages 25-45 are invited to join us at North United Methodist Church. We will cook a meal together, eat together, clean up together and talk about stuff that matters. Pastor David Martin facilitates the group, but the topic of conversation is up to the group. As a small community you decide what is important, and what your needs are. Our nation has become an increasingly difficult place to live.

People work harder and longer for less. Housing prices are through the roof, groceries are outrageous, political or current event conversations in the workplace are like landmines, and the degrading of rights and freedoms can feel overwhelming. Young people are under a lot of stress; we want to help support you on your journey!

Stuff That Matters is a safe space for folks to vent, seek support, have fun, laugh, (cry if you need to!) and just enjoy a tasty meal while shutting out the noise of the world for a few hours. We hope you will put the last Sunday evening of each month on your calendar, and spend some times being refreshed in good company.

MACC COMMUNITY

OUTREACH NEEDS LIST

Items are always in need and donations are welcomed. All products must be unopened and within expiration dates.

Toiletries:







- Deodorant
- Razors
- Travel Size Shaving Cream
- Toothbrushes
- Travel Size Toothpaste
- Combs / Brushes
- Chap Stick
- Bug Spray
- Sunblock

HOMELESS KITS:

- Granola / Protein Bars / Cereal Bars
- Individual Size Peanut Butter Packets
- Individual Size Crackers Packages
- Individual Size Cookie Packages
- Trail Mix / Beef Jerky
- Individual Pringle Cups
- Individual Size Pretzel Packages
- Individual Size Pudding/Jell-O
- Fruit Snacks
- Canned Meat / Tuna – Must be Pull Tab Lids
- Gatorade

Clothing for Men & Women

- Tee Shirts
- Baseball Style Hats
- Light Jackets
- Sunglasses
- Socks
- Underwear
- Sneakers
- Hiking Boots – Lightweight & Waterproof
- Rain Ponchos
- Waterproof Backpacks

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 	7pm Maundy Thursday at Wesley UMC	7pm Good Friday Service	Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Happy Easter! 10:30 am Blended In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:30 am In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship			6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			6:30 pm Reconciling and Rainbow Squad Meeting for Manchester Pride
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:30 am Blended In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship 11:30 North Church Readers	1 pm Knitting Ministry 		6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			
26	27	28	29	30		
10:30 am Blended In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship 6pm Stuff That Matters			6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			

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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.**

