



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

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## Manchester PRIDE 2026

### Manchester Pride 2026 Brings Two Days of Celebration, Community, and Advocacy to Manchester, CT



MANCHESTER PRIDE

Manchester, CT — Pride with Purpose - Manchester Pride 2026 on **June 13 and 14**, welcoming LGBTQ+ individuals, families, and allies for a two-day indoor/outdoor celebration. This free family-friendly event blends joyful festivity with meaningful education, while uplifting voices from across the community. The venue is fully wheelchair accessible, ensuring that all attendees can participate comfortably and safely.

Rooted in the mission “to create an inclusive, joyful space where the LGBTQ+ community and allies can come together to celebrate identity, honor history, and build a stronger, more connected community,” Manchester Pride 2026 will feature a dynamic mix of activities, speakers, and performances.

Attendees can enjoy a diverse lineup of speakers covering topics such as mental health, legal rights, trans rights, inclusive health care, and spirituality. The event will also highlight personal storytelling and lived experiences from community members. In addition to educational programming, the celebration will include a drum circle, drag story hour, live music, face painting, and food (for purchase). Activities are designed for all ages, making the event welcoming for families and adults alike.

Manchester Pride 2026 aims to foster connection, visibility, and empowerment while creating a safe and affirming space for everyone who attends.

#### Event Details:

Saturday, June 13: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: Northwest Park, 448 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06042

Sunday, June 14: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: North United Methodist Church, 300 Parker St, Manchester, CT 06042

Website: <https://www.numc.axelhouse.com/>

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible indoor and outdoor areas

Admission: Free

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*Sign up to help make this a fabulous first year , sign-up sheet in the Memorial Room*



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK



Last year we partnered with South UMC to pack 10000 meals in 2 hours. This year our effective crew helped achieve the same goal even faster and had fun making a real difference. We are excited to do it again next year! Donations appreciated anytime toward next year.

Rise Against Hunger impacted more than 7.3 million people in 2025, read more about their mission and stories at [riseagainsthunger.org](http://riseagainsthunger.org)



## Farewell Potluck Dinner

Join us for a Farewell Potluck Dinner in honor of Pastor Dave on **Saturday, June 20th at 5:30pm** at North United Methodist Church as we gather to celebrate his years of service, friendship, and ministry.



Pastor Dave's final service will be **Sunday, June 21st at 10:30am** at North United Methodist Church. Please join us as we celebrate and honor his many years of ministry and dedication.

## 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

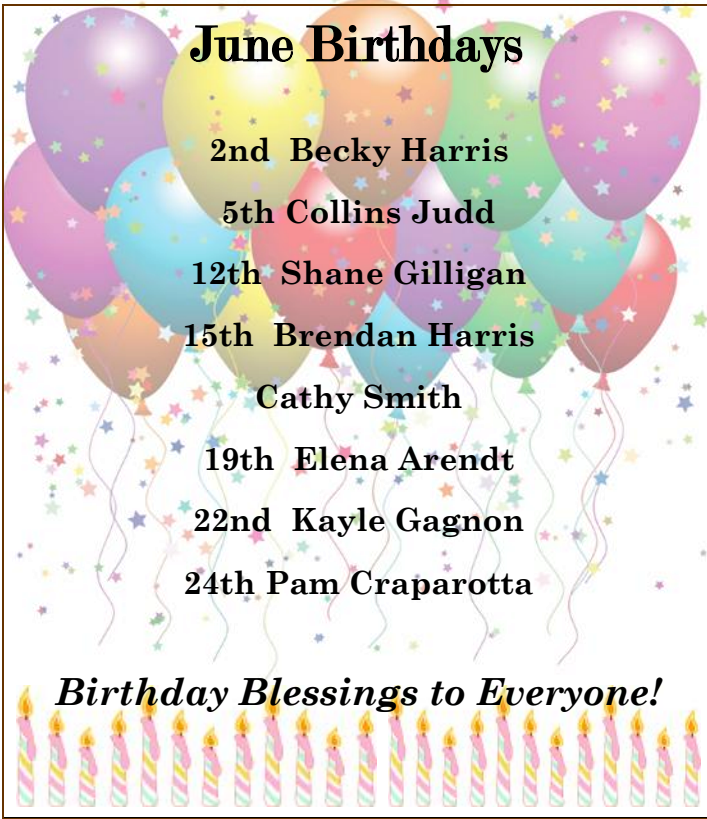
#### Food Items:

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




**June Birthdays**

2nd Becky Harris  
 5th Collins Judd  
 12th Shane Gilligan  
 15th Brendan Harris  
 Cathy Smith  
 19th Elena Arendt  
 22nd Kayle Gagnon  
 24th Pam Craparotta

***Birthday Blessings to Everyone!***



Church Council Meeting



**TBD**

**Making Music Together**

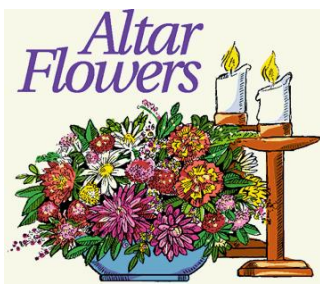
Come join our choir and/or praise band! We rehearse from 6 to 7:30pm on Wednesdays and welcome more singers, instrumentalists: we have drums, guitar, bass, trombone, flute, etc, you name it, but need **you**, as sometimes we have to pick and choose with limited people. It is fun and fulfilling making music together, as well as a real sense of community and worship on our Wednesday evenings.



**NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES  
 June 4th, 11th & 25th**

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.

**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**

**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 a as follows:

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 ...’”*

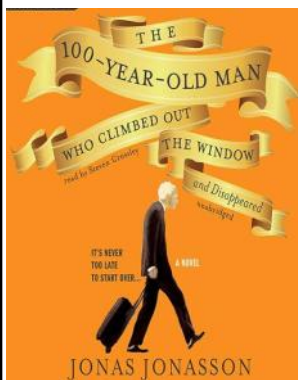
What follows is Jesus giving His disciples the prayer that begins “Our Father ...,” but that is just the beginning of the lesson. There is so much more to it! As you read through the gospels, you can see Jesus praying on numerous occasions, out loud and silently. Jesus didn’t just teach them *how to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

*The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson

Allan Karlsson ends up in a nursing home, believing it to be his last stop. The only problem is that he's still in good health, and one day, he turns 100. A big celebration is in the works, but Allan really isn't interested (and he'd like a bit more control over his alcohol consumption.) So he decides to escape, embarking on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey. It would be the adventure of a lifetime for anyone else, but Allan has a larger-than-life backstory. Not only has he witnessed some of the most important events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, he has actually played a key role in them. Quirky and utterly unique, this novel is fast-moving and relentlessly sunny.

### 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	5	6
	1 pm Knitting Ministry 		6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:30 am Blended In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship Meeting about PRIDE after worship			6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			10-3 Manchester Pride at Northwest Park 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10-3 Manchester Pride at NUMC 	1 pm Knitting Ministry 		6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			5:30 pm Potluck— Farewell Pastor Dave!
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pastor Dave's last service 10:30 am Blended In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship			6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			
28	29	30	 <b>JUNE</b>			
10:30 am Blended In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship						

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Manchester, CT 06042

Address Service Requested



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Pastor: David J. Martin

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

1 Corinthians 16:29

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E-mail: northchurch@snet.net  
Web-Site: <http://numc.axelhouse.com>

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.**

