

# TIDINGS

**North United Methodist Church**  
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**JULY/AUGUST 2008**  
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*True North . . .*



*“Ask and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”* Matthew 7:7-8

I cannot believe we are to July and August already. What a summer lies before us at North!

respite   rejoice   retreat   renewal  
reveal   **SUMMER**   re-image  
rethink   revisit   reunion

This summer we offer a sermon series on the Lord's Prayer. Come and allow these ancient words of Christ Jesus to enlighten and empower your summer.

The Youth of our church are on a journey—to do God's mission work and to be God's work as we share North's love of God in Copper Hill, Tennessee, July 12 - 19.

The first cycle of Natural Church Development has begun. When our minimum factor is revealed—we will use our gathered wisdom and insight to rethink and reform our ministry around our need. [There will be opportunities during the end of July and all of August for every member to respond to our minimum factor, share reflections, and reunite with church friends.]

There will also be ongoing opportunities for study, prayer, fellowship, and service. Please check the web-site and the Sunday bulletin inserts each week.

*“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.”* Mark 9:37

A selection from *Letting God*, by A Philip Parham –

Three generations of women—a grandmother, a mother, and a little girl—went to a restaurant. The waitress took the grandmother's order, then the mother's, and then she asked the little girl, “What would you like honey?” The mother immediately interrupted and said, “Oh, I'll order for her.” Politely ignoring the mother, the waitress repeated her question, “Just what would *you* like to eat, dear?” Glancing over her shoulder to see how her mother was reacting, she answered, “A hamburger.” “How would you like your hamburger, with mustard, catsup, pickles, and the works?” asked the waitress. With glee she answered, clapping her hands, “The works!” The little girl turned to her mother in utter amazement and said, “Mommy, she thinks I am real.”

This waitress is in the ministry. She sees people as unique and special. She listened to a little girl and treated her like a real person. This kind of attention is life-giving. When we are in the company of another who looks at us, listens to us, responds to us, and conveys interest and enjoyment in our presence—a miracle takes place. We become real. We never realize what a gift of grace we can be until we have received such life-giving attention ourselves.

How many times have we experienced such genuine interest from another in our faith family? How often have we given it *to* another?

*Dear Lord of listeners, please teach me to give the gift of life to others' souls  
by listening to them and rejoicing in their reality. Amen.*

Grace and Peace,  
Margaret





**JULY**

- 6 9:30 Carolyn Gimbrone
- 13 9:30 Harry Arendt
- 20 9:30 Jan Miller
- 27 9:30 Irene Fitzgerald

**AUGUST**

- 3 9:30 Karen Arendt
- 10 9:30 Elaine Law
- 17 9:30 Caleb Cadman
- 24 9:30 Steve Hadge
- 31 9:30 Lori Fowler

**COUNTERS**

**JUNE**

- 6 Bob Bowsza and Harry Arendt
- 13 Jan Miller and Judy Starkweather
- 20 Jane Hopkins and Barbara Judd
- 27 Kris Pelletier and Liz Twarkins

**AUGUST**

- 3 Tim LePore and Jim Glass
- 10 Les VanDine and Collins Judd
- 17 Bob Bowsza and Harry Arendt
- 24 Jan Miller and Judy Starkweather
- 31 Kris Pelletier and Liz Twarkins

**ONE-ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**JULY**

- 6 TBD
- 13 Elaine law
- 20 Cathy Smith
- 27 Grace Kutz

**AUGUST**

- 3 Gail Bannon
- 10 Barbie Turley
- 17 Anita Haynes
- 24 TBD
- 31 Barbie Turley



**JULY**

- 6 Vickie & Steve Hadge
- 13 Barbara Judd
- 20 Chris Larson
- 27 Karen Arendt

**AUGUST**

- 3 Vickie Hadge
- 10 Irene Fitzgerald
- 17 Marlene Camper
- 24 Jan Miller
- 31 Linda Gates

**USHERS**

**JULY**

- 6 John Chadwick and Roger Edinger
- 13 Tim and Dianne LePore
- 20 Steve and Vickie Hadge
- 27 Elaine Hadge and Krystyna Obst

**AUGUST**

- 3 Paula Smith and Lucy Falk
- 10 John Chadwick and Pam Gaboury
- 17 Pat Smith and Paula Smith
- 24 Cathy Fogel and Jack Bertrand
- 31 Tim and Dianne LePore



**NURSERY WORKERS**

**JULY**

- 6 Dianne LePore
- 13 Gail Bannon
- 20 Lindsay Ladabouche
- 27 Angela Hustus

**AUGUST**

- 3 Lindsay Ladabouche

- 10 Kayle Gagnon
- 17 Dianne LePore
- 24 Gail Bannon
- 31 Lindsay Ladabouche

**SUNDAY CHURCH CLOSING**

**JUNE**

- 6 Paula Smith
- 13 Bob Pelletier
- 20 Curt Whatley
- 27 John Chadwick

**AUGUST**

- 3 Jim Williamson
- 10 Les VanDine
- 17 Barbara Judd
- 24 Roger Edinger
- 31 Maryanna Stephens



**NURSERY**

**8:30 am - 10:30 pm**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**9:30 am**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

**10:30 am**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**- approx. 9:45 am**

Children attend the beginning of worship and proceed to class following the Children's Sermon. Classes dismiss at 10:45 am.

**COMMUNION SUNDAYS**

The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday, at which time the children begin their day by attending their class at 9:30 am and then join the service with their families for communion and the remainder of the service.



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

We are a community of faith and we believe in the power of prayer. These are long-term prayer concerns in our monthly "Tidings". These could remain for three months. You may call the office (649-3696) or email ([northchurch@snet.net](mailto:northchurch@snet.net)) and add names as the need arises –however, we ask that you seek permission of those involved so that we may protect their need for privacy as we reach out in faith.

**Lillian Fenn**

**Etta Miner**

**Joan Dewyer**

**James Lapenta**

**Joe** (friend of the Fogels)

**Carole and Matthew**

(Liz Twarkins' daughter & grandson)

**Gaye Fisher and Family**



The knitting Ministry will NOT meet during June, July, and August. Please continue making Chemo Caps, and ICU Blankets, for both hospitals, during the Summer months, if you can. Your kindness, in helping others, is so appreciated. Enjoy your Summer Break, with your family, and friends. See you in September.....

Call Lucy Falk, at 647-1488, if you have any questions.



## Wesleyan Study Group

The WSG will be taking its summer break for the months of June, July, and August. We will be starting our meetings again in early September. Look for news of our next discussion book selection later on this summer. The WSG shares contemporary books concerning Christian faith and theology. We always welcome new members and visitors to our discussion group meetings. If you would like more information about this study group contact Carolyn Gimbrone (643-9310).



## MEDITATION GROUP

**Tuesdays ~ 7:30 – 9:00 pm**

Join in practicing engaged Buddhist meditation. All are welcome regardless of your backgrounds or affiliation.



**Altar Flowers** are a wonderful way to acknowledge the Memory of a Loved One or Celebrate a special person or occasion. Forms are available in the Memorial Room to make such requests. If you have any questions, please speak with Doris Timbrell, our Flower Steward (649-6494).



## OVER 50'S Wednesdays

**July 2 & 16; August 6 & 20**  
**12:00 pm**

Bring a sandwich, and dessert and beverages will be provided.

- Linda Gates



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15**

**For the September Issue  
of Tidings**

This is a reminder that all articles and notices for the *September Tidings* should be submitted to the church office by the **August 15** deadline.

**Manchester Area**  
**Conference of Churches**  
**FOOD PANTRY**



*Thank you for your weekly generous donations to the Food Pantry.* The Pantry is always low on **soup, peanut butter and jelly, tuna and mayonnaise, sauce (for pasta), mac & cheese, canned fruit and cereal.**

Monetary donations are also accepted if you would like one of our regular shelter volunteers to shop for items that are most needed. If you choose to donate by check – please note “Food Pantry” in the memo.

***Thank you for your help!***

Summer Book Group



**July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30 a.m.**

North’s summer book club is back! We hope you will be able to join us. Feel free to bring a friend. Participants are asked to read the book on their own and then join us for a one-time discussion, lasting about an hour. This summer we will be sharing two books. Both books are available from local libraries and bookstores. Look for sign-up sheets for the discussions and

bulletin reminders. Our first book discussion will take place on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> immediately after our worship service. Carolyn Gimbrone will be leading this discussion. Teatime refreshments will be served as we share our thoughts about this inspiring book.

From the book’s back cover:  
***Three Cups of Tea- One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time***

“In 1993 a mountaineer named Greg Mortenson drifted into an impoverished Pakistan village in the Karakoram mountains after a failed attempt to climb K2. Moved by the inhabitants’ kindness, he promised to return and build a school. Three Cups of Tea is the story of that promise and its extraordinary outcome. Over the next decade Mortenson built not just one but fifty-five schools especially for girls in the forbidding terrain that gave birth to the Taliban. His story is at once a riveting adventure and a testament to the power of the humanitarian spirit.”

Our second book is Sara Gruen’s: ***Water for Elephants: A Novel.***

Jackie Abbott will be leading this discussion, immediately after our worship service on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Circus refreshments will be served!

**An excerpt from the review by Publishers Weekly:**

“With its spotlight on elephants, Gruen’s romantic page-turner hinges on human-

animal bonds. The novel, told in flashback by nonagenarian Jacob Jankowski, recounts the wild and wonderful period he spent with a traveling circus he joined during the Great Depression. When 23-year-old Jankowski learns that his parents have been killed in a car crash, leaving him penniless, he drops out of Cornell veterinary school and parlays his expertise with animals into a job with the circus, where he cares for a menagerie of exotic creatures...” The characters in this book will stay with you long after the story’s end.



*I would like to thank you all for helping me get through the demise of Marilyn. Pastor Margaret was great in her concern for me and my family. The service on Sunday was wonderful, even without electric power for a time. Thanks to the ladies for providing snacks. They were great. Thank you all for coming and for your cards and words of encouragement. I am grateful. - John Wilks*

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*Dear NUMC Friends,*  
*We would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, and words of comfort following the loss of our dad. Also, thanks to the knitting ministry for the beautiful shawl you presented us.*  
*We are grateful for such a caring and thoughtful church family.*  
*-Tim, Dianne & Julie LePore*



**REVISED SUMMER REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

PrISM will learn and rehearse new pieces for Sunday Services from **7 pm – 8 pm on Wednesdays, and 9 am – 10 am on Saturdays.**

Chancel is also invited to rehearse this summer to begin work on a special piece for Christmas.

**Chancel's rehearsal time will be from 8 pm – 9 pm on Wednesdays, and 10 am – 11 am on Saturdays.**

**Rehearsal Dates:**

- Saturday, July 12
- Wednesday, July 16
- Saturday, July 26
- Wednesday, July 30
- Saturday, August 9
- Wednesday, August 13
- Saturday, August 23
- Wednesday, August 27



**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF NUMC —**

The special piece that Chancel will work on for Christmas will be sung acappella and will require

many voices. *All are invited to join choir to add their voices to this very special piece.* Please consider joining us this summer (even if only for this particular selection) – *we need you!*

**ALSO . . .**

**"Brick Church Revival"  
Concert w/ Rockville UMC  
Sunday, October 5 at 6 pm**

For those participating in the concert with Chris Collins, here are the Rockville UMC rehearsal dates: **Thursdays - August 7, 14 and 21.** One rehearsal will be at NUMC (TBD). There will also be a dress rehearsal at the Senior Center in Rockville - date to be determined based on the building availability.

Practice CDs are being made for all those participating. Please contact the church office if you have not yet received one.

**VACATION BIBLE**



**SCHOOL  
July 21 -25**

**South UMC, Manchester**

*This is the spot that is oozing with Bible adventures!*

Each day children will be part of fun Bible learning they can see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point Crafts, team-building games, lively Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the Power

Lab activities that help faith flow into real life. For children who are kindergarden ready through finishing 5th grade.

**Registration Forms and additional information is available in the Memorial Room.**

***Thank you to everyone who participated in the TAG SALE and CAR WASH. Over \$1000 was raised toward the Youth Mission Trip to Tennessee.***



This summer, Pastor Margaret will preach a sermon series on "The Lord's Prayer". Come and allow these ancient words of Christ Jesus to enlighten and empower your summer.

The proposed schedule of exploring the prayer is as follows:

**July 6** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.








**July 27** Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**August 3** Give us this day our daily bread.

**August 10** And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**August 17, 24, 31** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                      | TUESDAY                  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------|--|---|
|  |                             | 1                        | 2   | 3        | 4  | 5   |
|   |                             | 7:30 pm Meditation Group | 12:00 pm<br>Over 50's Fellowship<br><br>6 pm<br>Stress Management Group   |          | <u>Church Office Closed</u><br><br> |   |
|  | 6                           | 7                        | 8   | 9        | 10   | 11  |
| Eighth Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:30 – 11:00 Nursery<br>8:45 Music Rehearsal<br>9:30 Blended Worship<br>w/One Room Sunday School<br>10:30 Fellowship  | <u>Church Office Closed</u> | 7:30 pm Meditation Group | 6 pm<br>Stress Management Group   |          | <u>Church Office Closed</u>  | Youth Mission Trip<br>Departs<br><br>9 am PrISM<br>10 am Chancel<br> |
| 13   | 14                          | 15                       | 16  | 17       | 18   | 19  |
| Ninth Sunday after Pentecost<br>JACKIE ABBOTT Preaching<br><br>8:30 – 11:00 Nursery<br>8:45 Music Rehearsal<br>9:30 Blended Worship<br>w/ One Room Sunday School<br>10:30 Fellowship                 | <u>Church Office Closed</u> | 7:30 pm Meditation Group | 12:00 pm<br>Over 50's Fellowship<br><br>7 pm PrISM<br>8 pm Chancel<br> |          | <u>Church Office Closed</u>  | Youth Mission Trip<br>Returns   |
| 20   | 21                          | 22                       | 23  | 24       | 25   | 26  |
| Tenth Sunday after Pentecost<br>MARK GOAD Preaching<br><br>8:30 – 11:00 Nursery<br>8:45 Music Rehearsal<br>9:30 Blended Worship<br>w/ One Room Sunday School<br>10:30 Fellowship<br>10:30 Book Group | <u>Church Office Closed</u> | 7:30 pm Meditation Group | 6:30 pm<br>Health Team  |          | <u>Church Office Closed</u>  | 9 am PrISM<br>10 am Chancel<br>                                     |
| 27   | 28                          | 29                       | 30  | 31       |  | 2008  |
| Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost<br><br>8:30 – 11:00 Nursery<br>8:45 Music Rehearsal<br>9:30 Blended Worship<br>w/ Sunday School<br>10:30 Fellowship  | <u>Church Office Closed</u> | 7:30 pm Meditation Group | 7 pm PrISM<br>8 pm Chancel<br>                                       |          |                                   |   |

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Address Service Requested



## One Summer Worship Service

June 22 - August 31

Nursery available 8:30 am – 11:00 am

Music Rehearsal ~ 8:45 am

One-Room Sunday School ~ 9:45 – 10:45 am

Fellowship ~ 10:30

***Summer Office Hours (July/August)***

***Tuesday – Thursday \* 8:00 – 11:00 am***

