

TIDINGS

North United Methodist Church
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JUNE 2008
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True North . . .



*“For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.”* John 3:17

“In the ancient world, ships often included in their crews a powerful swimmer. In case of a shipwreck within sight of land, this person would swim ashore, carrying a line, and he would fasten it securely to something on shore so the rest of the passengers could follow in safety. Such a swimmer was called 'archegos'.”

“Jesus was given the same name by the writer of Hebrews: 'Looking to Jesus the archegos and perfecter of our faith' (12:2). Most bibles translate archegos into our English word pioneer and indeed, Jesus is our pioneer and trailblazer. Yet pioneering can imply a sort of rugged individualism that goes out and beyond weaker souls who may not dare follow. Pioneers often do not pay much attention to those left behind, adrift, aground or alone.”

“'Lifeline Swimmer' seems a better translation. Jesus is our strong swimmer; his power fixes our lifeline on the shore so that we can pull our way to safety. Our salvation is secured by the efforts of Christ, yet we must pull our way to him on the rope he offers.”

“We who are within the company of those seeking abundant faithful life know we cannot go it alone. We often run aground and get stuck. We know distress and fear of being dead in the water! We need strong swimming not only in Christ, but in the Christ who lives in our fellowship. We need help. Yet we have to choose it and use it. The redeeming repenting, refocusing lifelines are plentiful; our part is to grasp them, hold on, and pull for shore. The spiritual disciplines (the methods of Methodists) are such Christ-given lifelines. Prayer, scripture, fellowship, prayer, service, study, sacraments, prayer, worship, gifts, community, fasting, meditation, prayer these are lifelines offered to us.”

“Dear God of our salvation and our well-being, give us the courage, the trust, to accept your lifelines and to come to your safe shore. Amen.”

(Letting God. A Philip Parham, adapted)

Grace and Peace,
Margaret



JUNE

- 1
10:00 Steve Hadge
- 8
10:00 Lori Fowler
- 15
10:00 Youth Sunday
- 22
9:30 Lorrie Rowe
- 29
9:30 Vickie Hadge



COUNTERS

JUNE

- 1 Jan Miller and
Judy Starkweather
- 8 Kris Pelletier and
Liz Twarkins
- 15 Jane Hopkins and
Barbara Judd
- 22 Tim LePore and
Jim Glass
- 29 Les VanDine and
Collins Judd



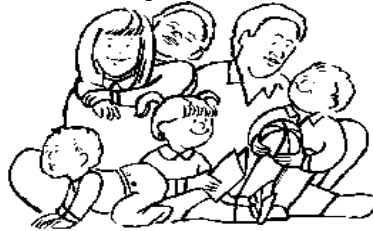
JUNE

- 1 Judy Galligan
- 8 Don and Marlene
Camper
- 15 Irene Fitzgerald
- 22 Don and Marlene
Camper
- 29 Jan Miller

USHERS

JUNE

- 1 Bob Pelletier and
Bill Gamble
- 8 Jack Bertrand and
Roger Edinger
- 15 Linda Gates and
Quent Mangun
- 22 Elaine Hadge and
Krystyna Obst
- 29 Paula Smith and
Judy Starkweather



NURSERY WORKERS

JUNE

- 1 Gail Bannon
- 8 Cathy Smith
- 15 Angela Hustus
- 22 Lindsay Ladabouche
- 29 Kayle Gagnon

SUNDAY CHURCH CLOSING

JUNE

- 1 Barbara Judd
- 8 Paula Smith
- 15 Curt Whatley
- 22 Roger Edinger
- 29 Maryanna Stephens



NURSERY

- 8:30 am to 11:30 pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

- 8:00
Devotional Worship
- 10:00 am
- (9:30 starting 6/22)
Blended Worship

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

11:00

SUNDAY SCHOOL

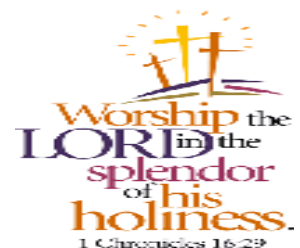
- approx. 10:15 am

Children attend the beginning of worship and proceed to class following the Children's Sermon. Classes dismiss at 11:15 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 10:00 am and then join the service with their families for communion and the remainder of the service.

Please Note: Youth should not be downstairs until a teacher is present for supervision. The youth teachers are required to be present by 9:45 am.





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) 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)

Marilyn Wilks

Gaye Fisher and Family



OVER 50'S

**Wednesday, June 4 and 18
12:00 pm**

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

- Linda Gates



The Knitting Ministry meets on the first and third Mondays, of each month. The Knitting Ministry, will meet on **Monday, June 2 and 16, at 1:00 pm.** in the Church, Memorial Room. We will continue making Prayer Shawls, and Chemo Caps, and we have started a project with Guidepost Ministries, making sweaters, for refugee children. Please join us, for an afternoon, of knitting and fellowship. If you are unable to attend our monthly meetings, please help our Ministry, by knitting at home. Call Lucy Falk, at 647-1488, if you have any questions, or need patterns.



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).



FRIDAY, JUNE 13

For the July/August Issue of Tidings

This is a reminder that all articles and notices for the *July/August Tidings* should be submitted to the church office by the **June 13** deadline.

Manchester Area
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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!



“ANCHORING YOUR WELL-BEING”

The group has agreed upon the following schedule for June:

June 8 #8: Helping Heal God's Wounded World

All are welcome to join in! Workbooks are available to borrow or to purchase. Please see Bob or Cathy Fogel if you would like more information.



“BUILDING ON FAITH”
BUILD-A-THON
Saturday, June 14

Ten workers are needed to volunteer for the day. Workers will meet at the church parking lot at 7:15 a.m., and will return home by 4:00 p.m. The construction is taking place in Hartford.

Also – for those who wish, monetary donations will be accepted for covering costs for our building volunteers. Checks may be made to NUMC, note in Memo: Habitat Workday. Questions may be directed to Jim Williamson (228-2166) or Bud Moyer (646-0424).

Lucy Falk needs volunteers to make snacks and to help with making the sandwiches for the work crew. Thank you.



Introductory Yoga ~ Friday,
June 13 * 7 PM

As an outgrowth of the Anchoring Your Well Being group, we are scheduling an introductory Yoga session, with the possibility of continued sessions if there is sufficient interest. An evening class has been scheduled based on the instructor's availability. If you have ever thought about trying Yoga, here is your

chance to see what it is like in a warm, supportive environment. Yoga is a wonderful way to reduce stress and increase flexibility. The class will be taught by Melissa Little, owner of Lotus Yoga Studio on Hartford Road, who will give an introduction to Yoga geared to the abilities and experience of the group. Melissa also teaches a class at the Manchester Senior Center and is a visiting instructor at Kripalu. Bring a mat or towel, and dress comfortably. Cost \$14/session. Please sign up by June 8 on the new sheet in the Memorial Room. Contact Linda VanDine for more information at 646-0366 or lindavandine@cox.net

BLANKET
SUNDAY

All human beings need nurture. God provides families and friends to provide that nurture. In thankfulness for the blessings of nurture we have been given, we are honoring our parents and others who have nurtured us by purchasing Church World Service Blankets for emergency use around the globe. A blanket honoring those who nurture can be purchased for \$5 each. Cards to send acknowledging this honor will be available.

Blankets may be purchased May 4 through Father's Day – June 15.





ONE-ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 22 – August 31

Teachers are needed for our Summer Sunday School Program.

If you have wondered about being a Sunday School teacher, this is the perfect opportunity to give it a try. The curriculum and teacher guide are very easy to follow. Speak with Heidi or Irene if you have any questions.

Please see the sign-up in the Memorial Room and consider teaching for a Sunday or two this summer.

Your help is greatly appreciated!



Wednesdays

July 9 – August 27

PrISM will learn and rehearse new pieces for Sunday Services from 6 pm – 7 pm.

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

Chancel's rehearsal time will be from 7 pm – 8 pm.



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!*

WE ARE GOING THE EXTRA MILE — JOIN US!

Our Spring and Summer session of the Sunday school curriculum started with the Road to Emmaus.

Did you know those two disciples walked seven miles on that road?!?

And . . . then when they realized Jesus had risen, they ran back!

That same day!!!

Our children are very excited to go the extra mile too! There are 5280 feet in a mile and the 4th and 5th grade classes have decided to try and raise 5280 cents by going the extra mile during each week. They are

doing extra chores, helping out when needed, running lemonade stands, and having tag sales to earn change to put in our "Extra Mile" bucket.

All the money they collect will go toward the youth mission trip this summer.







If you would like to add *your* coins to the cause, there is an "Extra Mile" bucket in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Youth and Children Sunday June 15

The Youth and the Sunday School children of NUMC will lead worship with the help and guidance of Tim and Charlene. Children will usher and read, and the youth will provide the message for the service.

We will recognize graduates and celebrate children passing from 3rd grade to 4th grade with Bible presentations.

We will also recognize and honor the teachers who have taught Sunday School throughout this year. Please join us in thanking them and celebrating their ministry with our children.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Third Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 – 11:30 Nursery 8:00 Devotional Worship 9:00 Chancel Warm-up 10:00 Blended Worship w/Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship 6:30 Bible Study Inv. To John	1:00 Knitting Ministry	7:30 pm Meditation Group	12:00 pm Over 50's Fellowship 7:00 pm Chancel 	6:30 Health Team Mtg.		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 – 11:30 Nursery 8:00 Devotional Worship 9:00 Chancel Warm-up 10:00 Blended Worship w/Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 "Anchoring" group 6:30 Bible Study Inv. To John	7:00 pm Trustee Mtg. 7 – 9 pm MSOC Board Meeting	7:00 pm SPRC Mtg. 7:00 pm Wesleyan Study Group 7:30 pm Meditation Group	7:00 pm Chancel (last rehearsal) 	7:00 pm YOGA <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> TIDINGS DEADLINE </div>		7:15 am HABITAT WORKDAY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost YOUTH & CHILDREN SUNDAY 8:30 – 11:30 Nursery 8:00 Devotional Worship 8:45 PrISM Rehearsal 9:30 Chancel Warm-up 10:00 Blended Worship and <i>NO Sunday School</i> 6:30 Bible Study Inv. to John	1:00 Knitting Ministry 7:00 pm Ad Council	7:30 pm Meditation Group	12:00 pm Over 50's Fellowship	7:00 pm Outreach Meeting		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (One Service Schedule Begins) 8:30 – 11:00 Nursery 8:30 PrISM Rehearsal 9:30 Blended Worship w/ Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 6:30 Bible Study Inv. To John		7:30 pm Meditation Group				
29	30					
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 – 11:00 Nursery 8:30 PrISM Rehearsal 9:30 Blended Worship w/ Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 6:30 Bible Study Inv. to John (last class)						

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Address Service Requested



Summer
Worship
9:30 am

One Summer Worship Service

June 22 - August 31

Nursery available 8:30 am – 11:00 am

Music Rehearsal ~ 8:30 am

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

Fellowship ~ 10:30

I would like to acknowledge and thank two ladies from the congregation who have given so much of their time for the benefit of others.

Julie Dutton has devoted several Sunday afternoons to teach CPR to more than 30 of us who now have that knowledge, if needed.

Lucy Falk spends two afternoons a month guiding a group of ladies in the Knitting Ministry, making prayer shawls, blankets, chemo caps, and children's sweaters.

They are truly using and sharing their "gifts".

- Doris Timbrell

A Special
THANK YOU

*We appreciate
your gifts*