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WELCOME CELEBRATION

There is a buzz in the air at North United Methodist Church as the congregation of over 400 prepare to welcome their new pastor, The Reverend Laurel E. Scott and new Minister of Music, Ms. Christine Collins.

The welcome event will take the form of a worship service followed by a reception outdoors on the beautiful grounds of the church, weather permitting, on **Saturday October 3, from 3:30pm until 7:00 pm.**

In an unusual convergence of events, the congregation welcomes the two ministers

at the same time. United Methodists are accustomed to welcoming their pastors in the month of July, when new appointments are the norm across the denomination. However, this year following the announcement of the appointment of Pastor Scott, the former minister of music announced his relocation to the mid-west and so a vacancy occurred in that work area.

Reverend Scott started on July 4 and Chris Collins started on August 8.

Reverend Scott's last ap-

pointment was in Lowell, Massachusetts where she served for two years. Prior to that, she served the congregation at historic Old West Church in downtown Boston, Massachusetts.

Ms Collins has directed musical work areas at several churches in the Vernon-Rockville-Manchester area for the past eleven years.

The program on October 3 will feature performances by a variety of musical arts groups from Manchester and other areas.



Letter from the Pastor's Desk

Dear North UMC,
Eight weeks have gone by since I moved into this garden city and it feels as though I've been here forever! *I mean that in a good way.* I've been overwhelmed by your generosity and the warmth with which I have been em-

braced and welcomed. It occurred to me as I was reflecting on this, that someone — most likely a previous pastor — must have sown the seeds of hospitality that I have been blessed to reap.

That means I must pay it

forward — plant other seeds with you that will result in a harvest of goodwill not only for the pastors who succeed me but also for the community in which we live and the **"kin-dom"** we are called to proclaim.

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SUNDAY SERVICES ~ 9:00 and 10:30 am

Experiencing God's Grace Everyday



North United Methodist
300 Parker Street
Manchester, CT 06042

The Rev. Laurel E. Scott, Pastor

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

I Corinthians 16:29

NURSERY

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

WORSHIP

9:00 am Traditional
10:30 am Contemporary

FELLOWSHIP

10:00 & 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 dismiss at 11:45 am.

COMMUNION SUNDAYS

The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday, at which time the children will begin their day by attending their classes at 10:30 am and will then join the service with their families for communion and the remainder of the service.

For over 200 years, North UMC has proclaimed 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!

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*The history
of anti-
Semitism in
the Catholic
Church*

GENESIS
The Book
of Begin-
nings
13 Week
Study



Welcome to Christine Collins

We are very pleased to have Chris Collins join us as our new Choir Director. Chris has been our rehearsal choir director for several years, and has now joined us fulltime. There is no doubt that Chris will be a blessing and great addition to the music ministry of our Church. We invite everyone to welcome Chris to our North Church family.

Wesleyan Study Group

Tuesday, September 22nd at 7 pm the WSG will meet to view *Constantine's Sword*.

Oren Jacoby's documentary (based on James Carroll's book) examines the history of anti-Semitism in the Catholic Church. From Constantine's reign in the fourth century to today, the film offers a provocative look at the roots of holy war.

Questions about joining the WSG - contact Carolyn Gimbrone (643-9310).



Adult Bible Study ~ GENESIS

**Sundays at 6:30pm
begins September 13**

This study helps students answer the question, "What does the Bible say?" The meaning of passages are made clear by considering such aspects as ancient customs, locations of places, and the meanings of words. Students connect the meaning of the Scripture with their own lives.

Questions may be directed to John Chadwick at 643-0943. Sign-up in the Memorial Room.

Tell me the Story...Remember The Sabbath...

Pastor Laurel

Sabbath keeping — the idea of resting from work and consecrating the time to prayer, meditation, family and faith has been enjoying a resurgence in popularity in the Christian world in the past few years.

And not a moment too soon. As major Christian organizations have been experiencing a decline in membership and participation by members in the context of rapidly emerging technologies which make it easier for us to participate in activities like worship remotely, in the comfort of home; and in the context of many other activities like open malls and recreational activities, organized sporting events and even work, the need for recapturing the observance of Sabbath has increased.

Why Sabbath? For the Christian, who celebrates Sabbath on the first day of the week in remembrance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and in reaction to having been forbidden to use the synagogues in the time immediately following Jesus resurrection and ascension, the command to observe Sabbath is critical for reasons related to our physical, mental and spiritual health. The book

of beginnings — Genesis — relates that God rested on the seventh day, blessed and hallowed the seventh day; and in the commands for living in community given to the freed Hebrews in the desert, gave this command to Moses

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath day to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work...for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day...

Keep it holy. How do we do that?

Holiness means that we set apart from common use, for the glory of God. For the ancient Hebrews this meant doing absolutely nothing except worship and rest and eating at prescribed times.

Worship of God was at the center of what they did on Sabbath. From sundown to sun up, their focus was on the Creator and the way in which they were provided for, protected and guided.

Following that ancient tradition, worship is also at the center of our Sabbath tradition. We set aside at least one hour for the worship of God. This is important — that we

set aside this time, that we consecrate this time to give praise and adoration to the Creator for what He continues to do for us, in us, through us and around us. We are encouraged, both in the Hebrew Bible and in the Apostolic writings of Paul to sing, pray, and give thanks to the One who created, redeemed and continues to guide us through this life and into eternity.

Worship is also at the center of the scene described by John in the Revelation as the activity in which we will be engaged throughout eternity, so we are afforded the opportunity to practice for eternity every Lord's Day.

So, let us set aside all bickering and contentiousness, anything that might hinder us from fully participating, as we prepare to worship the only one who is worthy of worship, God the Eternal, the Almighty.

This is a glorious experience. Something special is about to happen as we enter the Presence of God....Shhhh, Can't you feel it? It's like fire, caught up inside us. God is building the glorious church.

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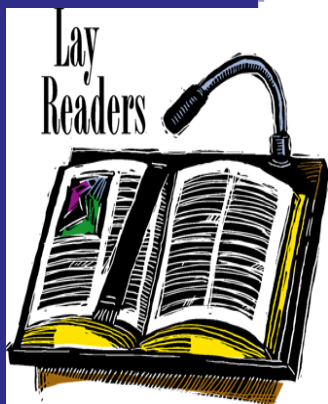
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So how shall I pay it forward? That's actually quite easy for me. I believe my entire call is about paying it forward. It is about performing the tasks that I have been called to perform. This means first and foremost loving everyone with whom I come into contact, being the love of God in action, whether the individual be a member of this congregation or not, I need always remember that each person is potentially a member of God's congregation, of the gathered people of God, even though they might not presently be participating in a discrete congregation.

All God's 'chilrun' got wings, ...and a robe... and a crown... and ...slippers says the old Spiritual sung by my ancestors, so I treat them as such — even though they themselves may not know that. Love is where it's at, and seeds sown in love reap a bountiful harvest indeed. I can hardly wait for the harvest! Abundant Blessings!

Pastor Laurel

LITURGISTS



9:30 am
6th Jackie Abbott

9:00 am
13th Judy Morton

20th Lorrie Rowe

27th Elaine Law

10:30 am

13th Steve Hadge

20th Sandy Geres

27th Jim Glass

We welcome anyone interested in serving as a liturgist to contact Diana Custer at 875-9805.

Responsibilities of the liturgist: lead responsive readings, read the scripture lesson, and assist with communion if assigned on the first Sunday of the month.

9:00am Service
 Liturgist will meet with pastor at 8:35am for preparatory prayer time.

10:30am Service
 Liturgist will meet with pastor at 10:20am for preparatory prayer time.

USHERS / GREETERS



9:30 am
6th Steve Hadge
 Paula Smith

9:00 am
13th Bruce & Pam
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20th Linda Gates
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27th Paula Smith
 Maryanna Stephens

10:30 am

13th Judy Galligan
 Pam Craparotta

20th John Chadwick
 Jack Bertrand

27th Krystyna Obst
 Jack Bertrand

We welcome anyone interested in serving as an usher to contact Paula Smith at 643-6597.

Responsibilities of Ushers/ Greeters:

Welcome members and visitors at the door, hand out bulletins, count attendees, collect the offering, and direct people to the altar table on Communion Sunday.

Be available to answer questions of visitors, show them to classrooms for Church School.

Ushers/Greeters should arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of service.

FELLOWSHIP TIME



Fellowship

6th
 Cindi Gilligan

13th TBD

20th
 Pam Craparotta

27th
 Jan Miller

Responsibilities of providing Fellowship: Bring a quart of whole milk for use with coffee and tea, and a healthy snack to share. North Church is NUT FREE zone. Set aside a plate of snack for the pastor on the kitchen island. Set-up coffee to brew, hot water for Tea and Hot Chocolate, a pitcher of juice, 2 containers of milk, and sugar/sugar substitute, napkins, and plates if needed. Fellowship is served between services and after the 10:30 service. Clean-up after fellowship time (approx. 12 noon) includes washing out pots and containers and returning them to their place in the kitchen, and wiping down tables in the Memorial Room. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please speak with Cindi Gilligan at 742-9511.



COUNTERS

6th
Judy Starkweather
Jan Miller

20th
Jane Hopkins
Barbara Judd

Responsibilities of Counters: Counters work in teams of two and are responsible for counting the offering on Sunday morning directly following the 10:30 worship service.

Any interested in volunteering should contact Jim Glass, Finance Chair, at 643-9201.

OFFERING COUNTERS

13th
Kris Pelletier
Liz Twarkins

27th
Tim LePore
Jim Glass

ALTAR FLOWERS

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



Over 50's Fellowship

Letters from Turkey

Wednesday, October 7th

Jackie Abbott will be our speaker at our October meeting. The topic will be letters from Turkey. When Jackie was teaching in Turkey, she wrote letters home to her mom. Jackie found that her mother kept all the letters. I would like to invite other church members to join us at **12:45 pm** for an interesting talk.

The regular Over 50's members will meet at 12:00, as usual, for lunch.

Any questions can be directed to Linda Gates at 647-9756.



Senior Fellowship

MEDITATION GROUP

TUESDAYS * 7:30PM—9:00 PM

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

Additional information is available in the Memorial Room.

Questions may be directed to Tom Duva, 729-2342.



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**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

ALLELUIA SUNDAY!



CT/WMA District Rally
October 4, 2009 * 3pm – 6pm

Wesley United Methodist Church
 98 North Maple Street, Hadley, MA 01035

- **Time for laity and clergy to come together**
 Time to celebrate “all things new”
 New pastors, new lay speakers, new ministries, new UM members, . . . and much more!
- **Time to elect Equalization members for 2010**
- **Time to elect district leadership**
- **Time to give thanks**
- **Time to be blessed by a variety of talent from the district**

Time for worship and fellowship-nourishment for body and soul!

Each is encouraged to bring something visual celebrating the “Alleluia” in their church. These representations will be brought forward during the opening procession to create a worship center for our gathering time. Sign up to attend!

“ . . . The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.”

John 14:26

One-Room Summer Sunday School Teachers

Thank you to all the teacher volunteers who worked with our children this summer. Please be sure to thank the following volunteers when you see them. We are very fortunate to have so many join in this important ministry of teaching our youngest members. May God Bless you richly!

- Harry Arendt**
- Chris Bannon**
- Cindi Gilligan**
- Elaine Law**
- Adam Lenhardt**
- Whitney Smith**
- Victoria Smith**
- Alexander Smith**
- Barbie Turley**



**THANK YOU TO OUR
 SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL
 TEACHERS**

Sunday School Classes & Teachers

We are very blessed to have dedicated teachers for our children and youth this year. Classes begin on September 13 and are held during the 10:30 service. Parents will be asked to take a few moments to fill out

registrations forms which will be available from your child’s teacher on Sundays.

Our Teachers this year:

Preschool/Kindergarten

Harry Arendt

1st/2nd/3rd Grades

Emily Fitzgerald

Lindsay Ladabouche

Barbie Turley

4th/5th/6th

Grades

Kayle Gagnon

Anita Haynes

7th—12th Grade

Charlene Sullivan

Tim McLaughlin

Rick Lenhardt

Youth Group Meetings:

Date and time to be determined.

“Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.”

Proverbs 22:6



		1	2	3	4	5
		<p>7:00 pm Health Team</p> <p>7:30 pm Meditation</p>	<p>7:00 pm Worship Team</p>			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>14th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:30 am Blended Worship</p>		<p>7:30 pm Meditation</p>	<p>CHOIR Rehearsal</p> <p>6 pm PrISM 7 pm Chancel</p>	<p>7:00 pm SPRC Meeting</p>		<p>TAG SALE 8:am—12 pm</p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>17th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:30 Contemporary Worship</p> <p>6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p><u>Church Office Closed</u></p> <p>7:00 pm Trustee Mtg.</p>	<p><u>Church Office Closed</u></p> <p>7:30 pm Meditation</p>	<p><u>Church Office Closed</u></p> <p>CHOIR Rehearsal</p> <p>6 pm PrISM 7 pm Chancel</p>			
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27	28	29	30			
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SHELTER WEEK September 28 - October 4

North United Methodist Church is part of the rotation of churches in the area that staff the MACC shelter for one week at a time.

Volunteers are needed for North's Shelter Week for the following:

Stay Overnight

Serve Meals

Serve Breakfast

Provide the Sunday Meal

This is a very rewarding ministry and we ask that you prayerfully consider the opportunity. If it is your first time volunteering, please consider teaming with someone who is a veteran volunteer. Our Shelter Coordinator, **Florence Wollaston (649-9903)**, will be very happy to answer any questions.

A sign-up is available in the Memorial Room.



"I do the very best I know how - the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end."

~ Abraham Lincoln

"MACC Does Our Community Good"

www.macc-ct.org

MACC FOOD PANTRY

North Church welcomes food donations which may be placed in the grocery cart in the church Narthex. These on-going donations are delivered to the Food Pantry weekly. The pantry is always in need of the following: **soup, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, mayonnaise, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, canned fruit, cereal.**

Thank you for your continued support!



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HUNGRY**