



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

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The Journey

A musical production fundraiser produced by Hot Music Productions with a community message of hope, perseverance, and purpose to support the growing families we serve each day! Don't miss this amazing show October 4th and 5th at Manchester High School's Bailey Auditorium. Doors open at 7 PM with the show starting at 7:30 PM. Journey through the laughs, bumps, and triumphs of life with us by way of fabulous musical selections from shows such as A Chorus Line, Crazy for You, Guy and Dolls, In the Heights, Merrily We Roll Along, The Notebook, Shrek, and many more! By purchasing tickets to and enjoying this beloved musical tradition, you are building partnerships to break cycles of poverty in our community with us.

A Broadway Experience



THE JOURNEY
A Musical Production
Fundraiser

October 4th & 5th
Doors Open: 7:00 PM
Showtime: 7:30 PM
Manchester High School's Bailey Auditorium
134 Middle Tpke E, Manchester, CT 06040

Produced By: 

Tickets: \$35



Scan QR Code



Reconciling Ministries Welcoming Committee

Much fun was had and joy spread last month at our booth at Hartford Pride. Check out our website for more pictures!



Thank you to everyone that helped with and could attend the NUMC Reunion!!

It was such a lovely day full of worship, community, remembrances, fellowship, good food, and good fun!

There are so many to thank that helped to plan, organize, and contributed to the success of the day! This community of faith came together multitudes of ways:

- Multiple planning meetings
 - Coordinating needs and implementation of physical needs such as tents, tables, chairs, trash cans
 - Editing the online list of names/addresses
 - Printing, signing, and delivering invite postcards
 - Cleaning up of the exterior of the church in the gardens, parking lot, and planting flowers
 - Donating food and drinks
 - Donating money to offset the costs
 - Making phone calls
 - Providing photos for the PowerPoint display
 - Donating the Welcome Home banner
 - Buying the cake
 - and more...
- It was a testament to how many hands make light work. Thank you all!!



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 21**

The **Community Emergency Food Pantry** provides groceries by appointment only.
Please call **860-647-8003 x 28**

The **Community Threads Thrift Shoppe** hours are Mon through Fri 10am – 2pm and Sat 10am – 1pm
860-647-8003 x 29

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.



Add Meaning to Your Worship Experience

Looking for ways to add more meaning to your worship experience? Check out all these opportunities to serve waiting for YOU!

Liturgist: Help deliver the Word! Read some scripture and a prayer or two. Not a public speaker, then how about: ↪

Usher: Help all feel welcome and ready for worship. Greet new folks and regulars, pass out the bulletins, collect the offering, and help with communion. Prefer to stay focused on the service, then how about: ↪

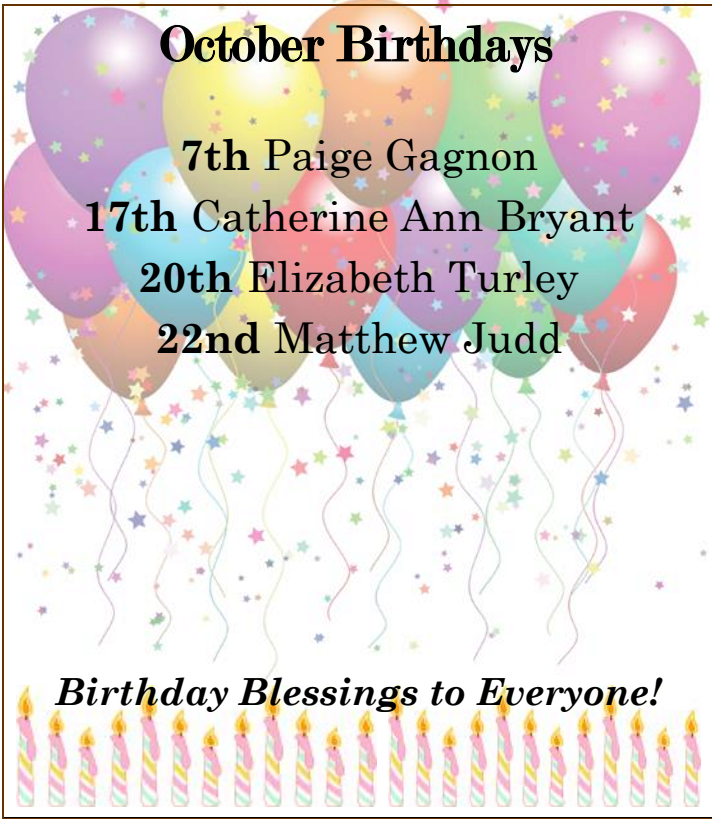
Coffee Fellowship: Add to our sense of community. Get the coffee and tea water ready and provide a few snacks for the post service get together. Don't want to deal with food, then how about becoming a: ↪

Zoom Host or Sound Board Tech: Help our outreach. Once every few weeks you start and facilitate Zoom church by providing a worship experience for those unable to leave home. (You can even host from the comfort of your home!) Keep the service running smoothly by setting up and monitoring the sound board. Free Training and Support! Not tech savvy, then how about: ↪

Seasonal Events: Beautify the church. Assist at various times throughout the year by helping decorate the chancel area. Not your thing, then how about: ↪

Flowers for the Altar: If you've got a green thumb and want to enhance the altar area consider bringing in some flowers.


We'd love to have you help out and add meaning to your worship experience. If you've never tried one of these things we invite you to try something new among your friends at North Church.




October Birthdays

7th Paige Gagnon
 17th Catherine Ann Bryant
 20th Elizabeth Turley
 22nd Matthew Judd

Birthday Blessings to Everyone!



Ad Council Meeting



TBD

Making Music Together

Come join our choir and/or praise band! We rehearse from 7 to 8:30P 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
October 3rd 17th and 31st
 DONORS URGENTLY NEEDED. CALL 1-800-GIVE LIFE
 (1-800-448-3543) to schedule an appointment.
Volunteers are needed to monitor the building during the drives.
Please sign-up in the Memorial Room to help out.



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

The Knitting Ministry is keeping busy this summer and we're enjoying the blessing of the AC cooled space at NUMC.

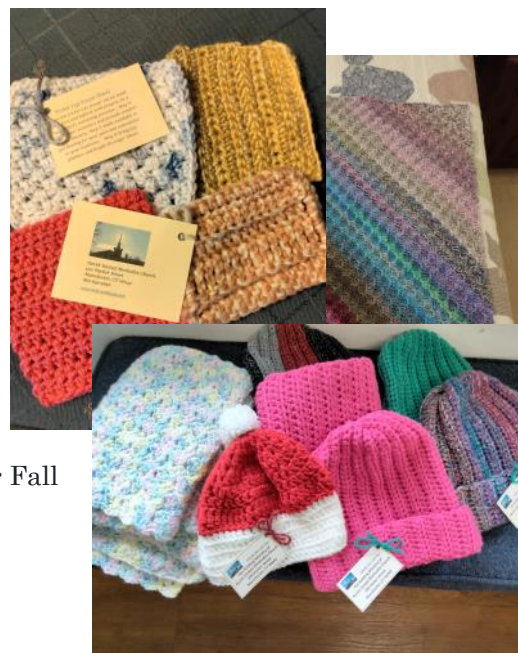
We crochet and knit prayers shawls, hats and scarves for our MACC friends, lap blankets for the John A. DeQuattro Cancer Center and baby blankets, etc. for the Family Birthing Center at the Manchester Memorial Hospital.

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 Fall 2024 is as follows: 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16

Contact: Paula Adamczyk anthony.adamczyk@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

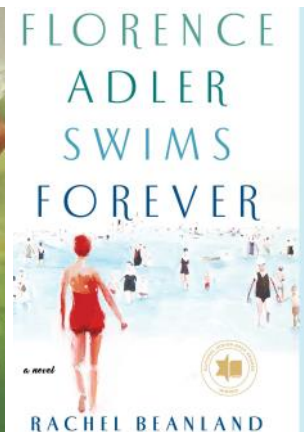
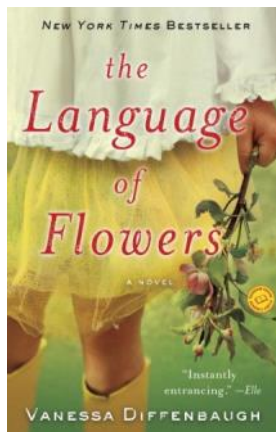
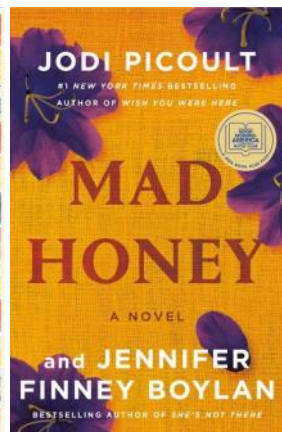
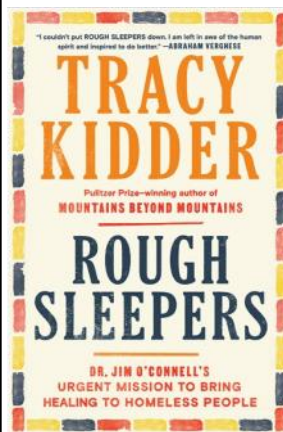
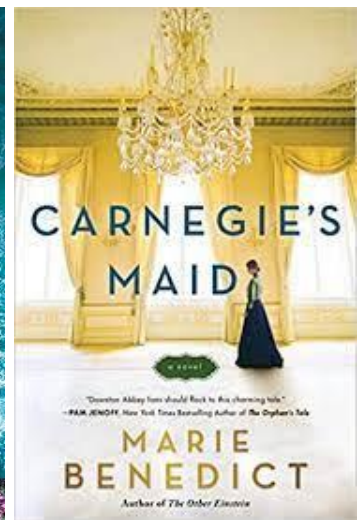
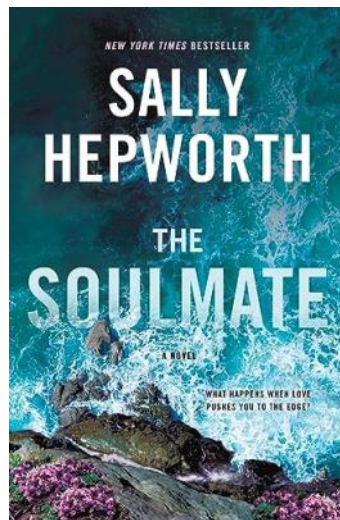
Attention North Church Readers: Our next book selection will be led by Sandy Geres and is scheduled for Sunday, October 20 after church. Books are available in a marked section of the reference room of Mary Cheney library.












We will be discussing *Things You Save in a Fire* by Katherine Center. Cassie Hanwell is one of the only female firefighters in her Texas firehouse. Her ailing mother, Diana, asks Cassie to move to Massachusetts to live with and help care for her, and the 26 year old reluctantly agrees to this upheaval of her life and gets hired as a firefighter in the nearby town called Lillian, Massachusetts. She and her mom start to rebuild their estranged relationship. Meanwhile at the fire dept., Cassie faces some misogynistic dynamics, as she is the first female firefighter in their town. She repeatedly proves that she is the most skilled person in the department, but the men still have trouble accepting her fully as an equal. She finds herself attracted to

Owen, the newest recruit in the dept., but suppresses her feelings, believing that a workplace romance will end her career. Plus she has been averse to any intimacy with men ever since a traumatic event in her teen years. She has her hands full at home, dealing with her mother who becomes more ill, as well as at the workplace where she has received threatening, anonymous notes. This novel is a heartfelt story about the strength of vulnerability, the nourishing magic of forgiveness, and the changing power of defining courage, at last, for yourself.

The North Church Readers is a group open to men and women at North who like to read and meet together monthly to discuss a book selected in advance by group members. Some are fiction, some non fiction, some serious, some more light-hearted. A different member leads discussion each month. It is great fun to discuss the huge variety of topics that arise. Book selections are available each month at the Mary Cheney library. Meetings are held at church the third Sunday of the month following morning worship. Everyone is welcome to join in!

Some recent books we have read:



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			
			6	7	8	9
10:30 am Blended In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 		7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:30 am In-Person and ZOOM Online Worship			7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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*Worship the Lord in the
splendor of his holiness!*

1 Corinthians 16:29

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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.

**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.**



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!*