

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



# TIDINGS

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I've been hearing and reading the phrase "the new normal" a lot lately. As our state slowly opens up, and we emerge from our isolation, how we are engaging the world around us looks quite different than it did 6 months ago. Restaurants have staggered seating, people and servers wear protective masks, and some businesses have not opened up at all. Even going to the doctors is different now. This social distancing, so necessary to protect the most vulnerable in society, and so necessary to slow and stop the spread of Covid 19, is having a lasting impact on how we think about public safety measures.

Want to know what hasn't changed? There is still bitter hyperbolic arguments in the news and social media around nearly every single issue (even the no-brainer of Covid 19 policies). There are still people of color being treated like second class citizens, police brutality (and brutality against police). Our health care system needs an overhaul, our economy works well for a few, but the vast majority struggle. All this talk of "the new normal", what if the new normal were about justice and mercy? What if the new normal has us treat our differences civilly instead of pointless ad hominem attacks? In the absence of real leadership (I don't just mean the President, but all our leaders) we have devolved from a society that aspired to be free and just, to bitter squabbling.

Walter Rauschenbusch wrote: *The better we know Jesus, the more social do his thoughts and aims become. Jesus was both religious and social reformer. Of course, it is important to understand that he lived in a theocracy, so to reform religion was to reform his society. If we want our new normal to resemble the kingdom of God, the leadership our communities need must come from the ranks of those who truly know Jesus, who have studied his words, and followed his commands. Imagine a new world, a new normal that is based on courtesy, civility, mercy, justice, and most important...love. I pray that love will be your new normal, and that you will help others to find that same grace.*

Grace and Peace to you all!

*Pastor David J. Martin*

**Peace and Justice** will have their next meeting on Monday, August 10 at 6:00pm. The committee will meet in person on the North Church portico outside, as well as having a zoom interface for those who are unable to be present. Please bring your own chair if you are attending in person. Please see the zoom information below for this meeting. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88691382674>  
Meeting ID: 886 9138 2674 Passcode: 1234  
One tap mobile  
+19292056099,,88691382674# US  
(New York)



## Resuming In-Person Worship

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As church leadership prepares the worship space for use, we have put a great deal of thought into how, where, and what we will do in worship. Many of you undoubtedly miss corporate worship (as do I), and it feels like forever since we have been together. We are reentering worship within the building at North church with an abundance of caution. This is for the safety of everyone present, AND everyone to whom you will go home to after worship. As we

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### Office Hours

Pastor Dave

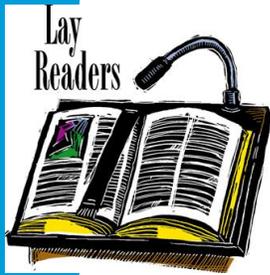
**Monday & Tuesday**

8:00-5:00ish

Office Manger Makayla

**Monday & Thursday**

9:00-12:00



## August

Consider Volunteering When We Can Meet Again

We welcome anyone interested in serving as a liturgist to contact Barbie Turley.

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

## Ushers Needed!

Responsibilities include: Welcoming Members and Visitors at the door, Handing out bulletins, Record a count of attendance, Collect the offering, and guide people to the altar on Communion Sundays.

*Please prayerfully consider this important ministry!*

If you have any questions please speak with **Roger Edinger**



Sign up in the Memorial Room

## Responsibilities of Ushers:

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 should arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of service. Please be in touch with Roger Edinger 860-646-8984 if you would like to serve.

## August

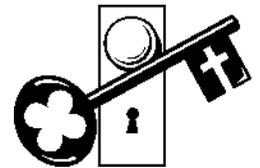
Regular Schedule Will Resume When Possible



## Responsibilities of

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

Any member interested in volunteering for this task should contact the church office or talk to any of the counters.



CHURCH

SUNDAY

CLOSING:

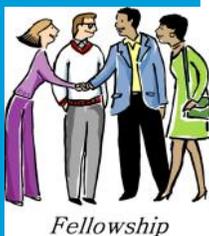
TRUSTEE

Members

# FELLOWSHIP TIME

Individuals and groups are invited to please volunteer and sign-up in the Memorial Room to provide fellowship refreshments after service on Sunday mornings.

Thank you!



Join us for Fellowship

## 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 a NUT FREE zone.

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 after the service. Clean-up after fellowship time (approx. 11:50 am) includes washing out pots and containers and returning them to their place in the kitchen, and wiping down tables in the Memorial Room.



## COVID 19 ANNOUNCEMENT

### Until further notice, MACC Charities' Emergency Policy is:

The Community Kitchen will remain open to give out bagged lunches. 1 bag per person will be handed out during regular lunch hours of **11:30-12:45pm**. Dining inside or outside of the MACC Campus is not permitted.

The Emergency Food Pantry will hand off prepacked groceries (by appointment only, please call **\*860-647-8003 x 31**)  
No one is allowed to enter the pantry to shop on their own.

The Community Threads Thrift Shoppe will remain closed until further notice.

Note: All emergency assistance can be accessed through the same **number\***

**Food and other donations will be gratefully received at the Community Pantry, 460 Main St, Manchester during these times:  
Monday through Thursday 9am-4pm and Friday 9am-2pm**

MACC's essential food services will continue, following all social health & safety guidelines to protect our guests, volunteers, staff and community.

*"Being kind to the poor is like lending to the Lord" – Proverbs 19:17*

### **PEACE, I LOOK FOR IT IN SMALL THINGS AND SMALL PLACES**

This is from one of the founders of A Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World and at 83 years young and with the ongoing request that 'old folks' should stay home. So I look for peace here at home.

1. Being alive and waking up each morning in my own home is a blessing.
2. A peaceful sleep and a day with what is familiar is high on the peaceful list.
3. People who have adopted me, making sure I have groceries and are willing to do things I can no longer do for myself.
4. Friends who call to make sure I am okay. Good conversation is always a must and keep me with an active mind.
5. My pets that give me joy and even when I am having a bad day seek me out and let me know they are loved, especially my new puppy Louie who makes me laugh and showers me with doggie kisses.
6. My Church family and my wonderful neighbors that keep me centered and let know I am still needed and valued. I am grateful to be alive and be a part of the many changes that we are experiencing.

The world seems alive for change. Our younger people have kept their promises that change is necessary to our survival and are demanding that our world needs to make significant changes, so that everyone can experience justice in order that ALL may experience PEACE. My prayer is that those of us who have had a long life here on this earth will support youth as they demonstrate peacefully and offer new approaches to solve old problems. They are sincere, they are hopeful and they are smart. From where I sit today I could think these past several months with virus, and problems welcoming immigrants and looking on with horror as young black men. are being killed These and many other issues that shock us may feel like hopelessness, BUT instead I am inclined to see these problems as a time for cleansing and rethinking how we see ourselves. That is why we must have Justice for all so that we may have PEACE for all. What an opportunity we have to actually experience JUSTICE AND PEACE.

*Jackie Abbott*

## August Birthdays

6th Gene Turley

7th Glenn Law

9th Wesley Hadge

11th Jamie Ladabouche

12th Karen Arendt

19th Don Camper

21st Judy Morton

28th Les VanDine

31st Michael Judd

*Birthday Blessings to Everyone!*



## FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

Crystal Price, Dottie Allen, Jean Derby, Jenna & Patty, Nellie, Ruth Mancell, Mary, Marian, Mike & Dorothy Thompson, Liz, Sarah & Friends, Ray Johnson, Austin,

Decency Wins, Sue L. Alisa Smith, Betty Boop, Nichols Family, Joan & Charles Nichols, Mark Fitzgerald, Carol Haviland, Judy Parlee, Jack Stroup, Stephanie Oppon-Kunty, Sara Miller, Florence, Gary Chappell, Ron Starkweather, Wayne Zorger Sr., Melissa Lepack, JanMarie, Robert, Kevin Saint Hilaire, Susan Fenn, Jack Benton, Diana Custer, Walter Johnson, Lisa Roman, Olivia Roman, Matt Turkington

**Prayers for Cancer:** Sheila, Ann, Beth, Elliot, Betty, Nick, Rachael, Charlotte, Ted, Janet, Muriel, Miriam, Anita, Garry, Lena, Jane, Jennifer, Judy, Joan, Myia, Tracy, Jean, Deb, Jenn, Rose, Jeffrey, Jackie, Diane, Ray, Cindy, Terry, Robin, Sheena, Geoff, Tricia, Marilyn, Dave, Henriet, Tom, Brenda, Ella, Sue, Deb C.



## NORTH UMC will host BLOOD DRIVES

August 6th and 20th

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.



### \*REMINDER

Please wear name tags every Sunday.

*Anyone in need of a name tag, please note it on the back of your attendance slip on Sunday morning and one will be made for you.*



Ad Council Meeting

TBD

## Altar Flowers



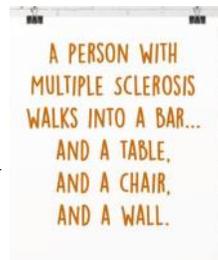
Flowers are a wonderful way to acknowledge the Memory of a Loved One or to Celebrate a special person or occasion. Consider what you may have to offer, fresh and seasonal are especially nice. *Forms are available in the Memorial Room to make such requests.*

If you have any questions or prefer to order by phone, please contact Susan Fenn 860-729-6446



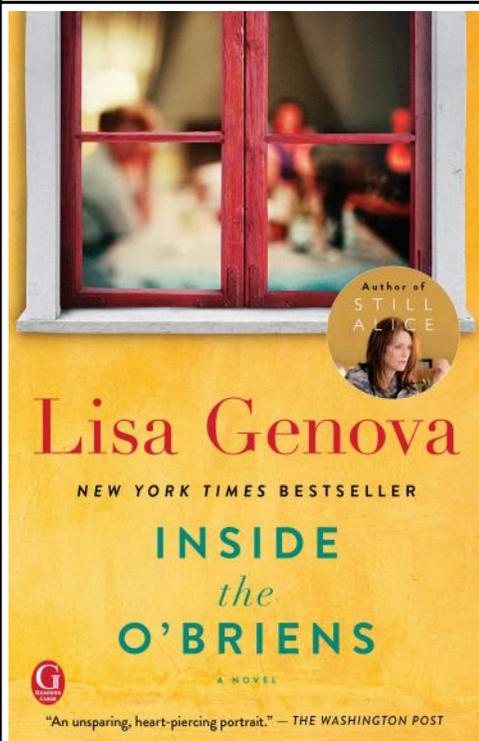
## Introducing WAMS (Wellness And Multiple Sclerosis)!

WAMS is a positive and affirming group that focuses on living well with MS. This group is co-led by North Members Heidi Lenhardt, National MS Society Support Leader and Vickie Hadge, Overcoming MS (OMS) Ambassador. If you are newly diagnosed, have been living with MS for years, or are an MS care partner WAMS welcomes you! WAMS is a friendly, non-judgmental and safe place where privacy is protected. No matter where you are on your MS wellness journey we encourage members to “do whatever it takes” to live well to be the healthiest they can be while living with MS.



Wellness and MS (WAMS) will be meeting online every Sunday at 4:30 PM ET for as long as needed in Zoom. If you are an MS patient, a care partner, or family member of someone with MS please feel free to share. Have people reach out to me via Facebook or at my email [vlhadge@yahoo.com](mailto:vlhadge@yahoo.com) for details. <https://overcomingms.org/community/find-support/>.

If you have questions please speak with or email Vickie [vlhadge@yahoo.com](mailto:vlhadge@yahoo.com) or Heidi [wellnessandms@yahoo.com](mailto:wellnessandms@yahoo.com).



### North Church Readers

We are reading the book *Inside the O'Briens* by Lisa Genova for the August North Church Readers meeting, which will occur on the portico outside of NUMC on Sunday August 16 at 11:30 am. Those attending should bring a chair with them as we did last time. The author has a PhD. in neuroscience from Harvard. In this fictional book, she combines science with the human spirit and gets into the heads of her characters who are unwillingly involved with a debilitating disease. One literary commentary says she "turns the unthinkable into art."

The meeting will also be available to view on zoom. Below is the zoom information for this meeting.

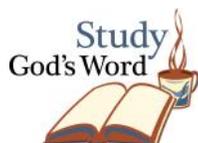
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88385041984>

Meeting ID: 883 8504 1984  
Passcode: 1234

Or Dial-In at 1 (929) 205-6099

### Bible Study

Online Bible studies continue while we are distanced following the lectionary readings for the week. Tuesdays at 6:30 (meeting code 440 071 613) the New Testament readings are discussed and Fridays at 3:30 (meeting code 177 986 590) is for the Old Testament and the Psalm. Watch email or



Facebook for the particular readings or check the lectionary for the week.



### 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!*



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seek to balance the needs of the church to worship together, and the need to act responsibly towards our neighbors, we seek to be nimble in our responses to issues as they arise. And, we acknowledge that no matter the amount of planning, there will undoubtedly be blind spots. The staff, trustees, and worship team are open to how we might do things safer and make worship a meaningful and impactful experience. Please carefully read the protocol section, which includes the rules and expectations for conduct during worship, followed by the worship schedule (with links) for the next three months

#### Protocols for Safe Worship with Social Distancing in Mind:

1. Everyone must wear a mask in the building. The ONLY exception is if someone is speaking at the microphone.
2. There will be no congregational singing until it's safe to do so. Singing causes us to express our breath in a way that significantly increases the chance of transmission. We would have to social distance some 30 ft making corporate worship impossible. We truly regret this. The Music Director, Chris Collins, will be working hard at finding alternatives for this activity, she already has lots of great ideas!
3. All who enter the worship space must sanitize their hands. If they leave the worship space to use the bathroom, they must re-sanitize at the door. We also strongly encourage you to wash your hands in the bathroom as well.
4. Entrances and exits are one way. Entry will be via the office door (on the portico), exits will be via the double glass doors onto the portico. Exiting for the bathroom will be through the memorial room door. No exceptions.
5. Offering plates will be available near the ushers on tables by the entrance and exits. The offering will not be taken during worship. Please make your offering as you come in or as you leave.
6. The chairs will be set up 6 ft apart in any direction. Only family members living in the same household may move their chairs to be next to one another. However, if those chairs are closer than 6 ft to someone NOT in their household, the family will have to make another arraignment to get their chairs together.
7. We strongly urge everyone to maintain social distancing while in the building. This means there will be no fellowship/coffee hour. Please refrain from hugging, shaking hands and other behaviors that could potentially transmit the virus.

#### Tentative Worship Schedule:

(times and venues subject to change if Covid numbers spike)  
8/2 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom  
8/9 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom  
8/16 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom  
8/23 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom  
8/30 Drive-in church at Bolton UMC!  
9/6 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom  
9/13 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom  
9/20 9am BUMC. 10:30am NUMC/Zoom  
9/27 Drive-in church at Bolton UMC!

NUMC Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83102141139>

Password: 1234

By phone: 1 929 205 6099 then meeting number is 83102141139

Drive-in Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/268830607>

By phone: 1 929 205 6099 then meeting number is 268830607

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the office via phone or email. We thank you for your cooperation during these times and we look forward to seeing you in person once again.

| Sun  | Mon                       | Tue  | Wed                    | Thu  | Fri                                    | Sat                         |  |
|--|---------------------------|--|------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|--|
| 2  | 3                         | 4  | 5                      | 6  | 7                                      | 1/8                         |  |
|  |                           | 6:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—New Testament   | 7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings |    | 3:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—Old Testament |                             |  |
| 9  | 10                        | 11   | 12                     | 13   | 14                                     | 15                          |  |
| 10:30 am Live at NUMC and ZOOM Online Worship  | 6:00 pm Peace and Justice | 6:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—New Testament   | 7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings |  | 3:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—Old Testament | Tidings Submission Deadline |  |
| 16   | 17                        | 18   | 19                     | 20   | 21                                     | 22                          |  |
| 10:30 am Live at NUMC and ZOOM Online Worship<br>11:30 North Church Readers  |                           | 6:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—New Testament   | 7:00pm ZOOM Gatherings |  | 3:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study—Old Testament |                             |  |
| 23   | 24                        | 25   | 26                     | 27   | 28                                     | 29                          |  |
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| 30   | 31                        |  |                        |  |  |                             |  |
| 9:00 am Drive-In Church at Bolton and ZOOM Online Worship<br> |                           |  |                        |  |  |                             |  |

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

1 Corinthians 16:29

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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.**

