



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

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The war in Ukraine has gone on now for 2 months. Thousands have been killed, tens of thousands have been wounded, millions have been displaced from their homes. Ecclesiastes 3:8 says there is a time for war, but that is balanced with a time for peace. The Bible isn't saying war is the preferential option, but that sometimes it may be the only option. Jesus taught us in the sermon on the mount "blessed are the peacemakers." The Biblical witness always skews towards peaceful resolution. But, and this is important, there are times when it is just and necessary to fight back. The prophet Jeremiah wrote, Thus says the Lord... "You are my war club, my weapon for battle— with you I shatter nations, with you I destroy kingdoms." (Jeremiah 51:20) There are kingdoms and nations that would do evil to others, and must be held at bay. So, what do we do? What do those of us who are not fit for military service, nor particularly inclined towards it do when justice must prevail?

The first thing those of us on the sidelines must do, and I mean absolutely must do, is pray for peace ("ask and it shall be given you.."). Then we can look for ways to support those who have been displaced by this war, and help support them. Currently UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is actively sending food and medical supplies to Ukraine. So far our denomination has sent over \$1 Million in relief aid. As the local church we can participate in this vital ministry by donating to the church earmarked for UMCOR Ukraine. Our church treasurer can then send all the money we donate directly to a special fund. UMCOR is a trusted charity, and 100% of the funds donated go directly to those who need it. All the administrative overhead is paid for by our mission shares. I am calling both churches to make May "UMCOR Ukraine month", and I am asking for every household to please make a donation (no donation too large or small) to help our brothers and sisters in need. Let us stand united on the side of justice, healing and peace.

Pastor David J. Martin



Office Hours

Pastor Dave

Monday & Tuesday

8:00-5:00ish

Office Manger Makayla

Monday & Thursday

9:00-12:00

IMPORTANT information regarding in person worship!!!

1. Everyone must wear a mask in the building.
2. There will be no congregational singing until it's safe to do so (except during outdoor worship). 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! When we worship outdoors, we will have congregational singing.
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. Starting May 16th, we could have a few tables set up (café style) for families to sit together. Please call in advance and let us know if your family would like a table.
8. 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. We are not out of the woods just yet!

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Passcode: 1234

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 831 0214 1139

Service Opportunity

We have a wonderful opportunity for you to serve NUMC! We have an opening for a Zoom host for our Sunday services. NUMC will be continuing to offer Zoom access to Sunday services to those who are not comfortable with or not able to attend in person. This ministry has been very important to many members of our congregation and guests. It is a link to our church family and is in keeping with our traditions of outreach and caring for our neighbors.

Being a host is easy and fun! It is only a once a month commitment and it comes with free training! We have a very detailed guide and there is typically someone at the Zoom worship service that is there to help as well.

If you are interested please reach out via email to Vickie at vlhadge@yahoo.com



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

For **Community Outreach and Emergency Services**

Please call **860-647-8003 x 31**

Food donations can be dropped off at the Community Emergency Food Pantry, located at 460 Main St. in Manchester, CT Monday through Thursday 9am-4pm and Friday 9am-2pm (or call to schedule a time).

For all other donations, please call 860-647-0440.

MACC EMERGENCY NEEDS ITEMS

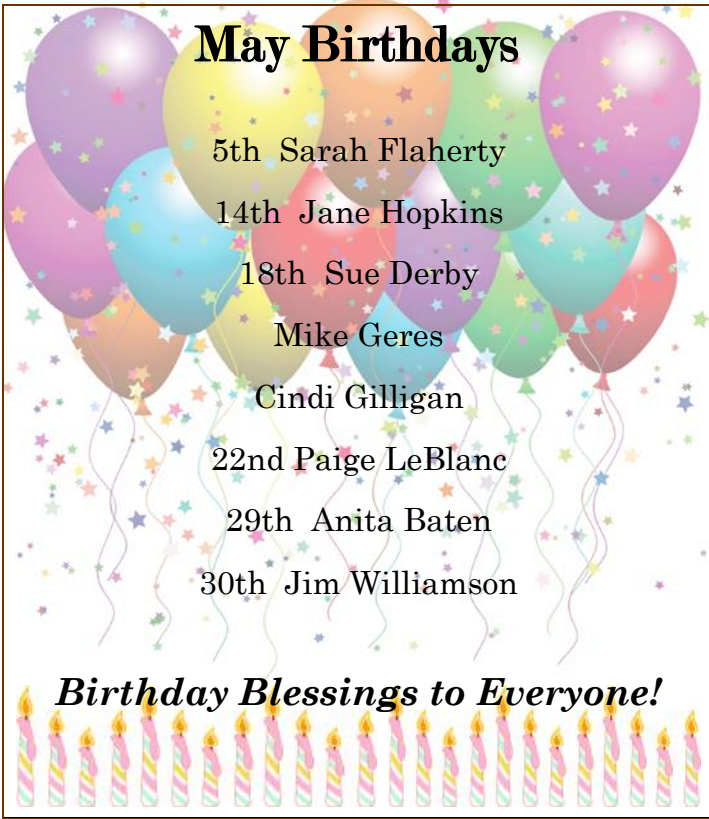
- Beans (Canned, All Beans: Black Brown, Red)
- Beef Stew (Canned)
- Chili (Canned)
- Cleaning Supplies
- Condiments: ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressing, etc.
- Cooking Oil
- Flour
- Fruit (Canned)
- Ground Coffee (Regular, Decaf, Instant)
- Hygiene Products for adults and children: Soap, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, wipes etc.
- Instant Potatoes (Not Mashed)
- Jelly
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
- Produce (Fresh Produce Mondays – Thursdays ONLY)
- Soups (Canned, All)
- Stuffing (Boxed)
- Sugar
- Vegetables (Canned)

Blended and ZOOM Worship Continues

As of 2/2/22 the Connecticut positivity rate is 7.43% The CD guidelines say that fully vaccinated groups are at reduced risk when positivity is under 9% We further reduce the risk by maintaining social distance, wearing masks and keeping gathering spaces well ventilated. We welcome back to worship folks who wear their masks and practice social distancing, and strongly encourage for the safety of everyone that every member be vaccinated and boosted.

I know for some the risks are a factor in returning fully to worship, which is why our hybrid zoom ministry is so important. We could use a few more folks at home who would be willing to help with zoom. Please contact Vicki.


Grace and Peace,
Pastor Dave



May Birthdays

5th Sarah Flaherty
 14th Jane Hopkins
 18th Sue Derby
 Mike Geres
 Cindi Gilligan
 22nd Paige LeBlanc
 29th Anita Baten
 30th Jim Williamson

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, 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, 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

May 5th and 19th

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.



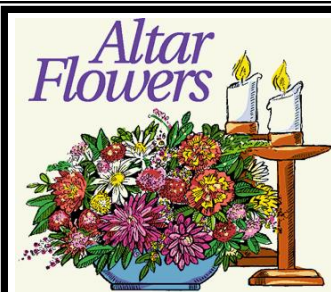
***REMINDER**
 Please wear name tags every Sunday.

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



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

WAMS (Wellness And Multiple Sclerosis)!

WAMS is a positive and affirming group that focuses on living well with MS using the Overcoming MS program and is co-led by North Members Heidi Lenhardt and Vickie Hadge.

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 our members to “do whatever it takes” to live well to be the healthiest they can. WAMS typically meets on the third Sunday of the month 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM ET (we will meet in person or on Zoom - details will be sent prior to each meeting).

Please reach out via email to Vickie at vlhadge@yahoo.com or Heidi wellnessandms@yahoo.com for more details!



Knitting Ministry

Our NUMC Knitting group's schedule has meetings held from 1:00pm -2:30pm. The tables will be set up so that everyone is spaced apart and masks will be required the entire time when we can meet in person, otherwise on ZOOM. The ministry will meet Mondays. All are welcome! :)

Our group is open to all with or without yarn skills. Contact: Paula Adamecyk anthony.adamecyk@snet.net or Susan Derby susanderby@cox.net with questions.

We've given MACC 51 hats, 6 scarves, 1 lap blanket and one small shawl so far this this winter. We gave 8 baby blankets to ECHN Birthing Center- Betsy, the director was thrilled to have them and sends her thanks to all.

We're all keeping busy!

Bible Study

Bible Study are every Tuesday at 6:30pm in person at Bolton or via zoom.

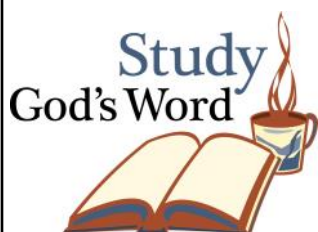
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89268730478>

Passcode: 1234

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 892
6873 0478



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!



May ZOOM Volunteers

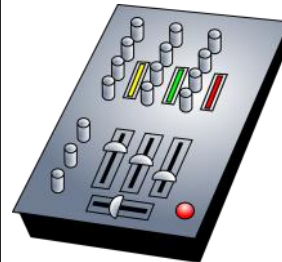
ZOOM Hosts

1st Tony
8th Vickie
15th Steve
22nd Emily
29th Tony



In Church Sound and Video

1st Harry
8th Harry
15th Barbie
22nd Caleb
29th Barbie



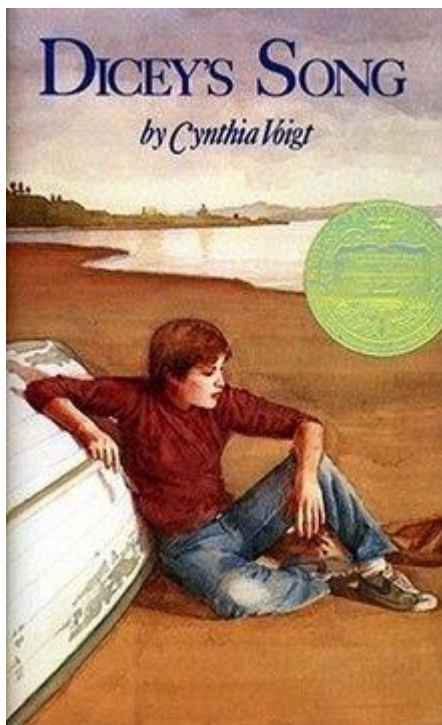
Men's Breakfast at BUMC

May 21, 2022 will be our Men's Breakfast. Come and join us for the best food in town and lively discussions.

Women's Breakfast at BUMC

May 14, 2022, Saturday is our Women's Breakfast at 8:00 am that will be a grand way to end your week. Great food and great fun!! Come and join us.






The North Church Readers



Our fifth reading this season of North Church readers will be *Dicey's Song* by Cynthia Voigt. When momma abandoned Dicey Tillerman and her three siblings in a mall parking lot and was later traced to an asylum where she lay unrecognizing, unknowing, she left her four children no choice but to get on by themselves. They set off alone on foot over hundreds of miles until they finally found someone to take them in. Gram's rundown farm isn't perfect, but they can stay together as a family — which is all Dicey really wanted. But after watching over the others for so long, it was hard for Dicey to know what to do now. Her own identity has been so wrapped up in being the caretaker, navigator, penny pincher and decision maker that she's not sure how to let go of some responsibilities while still keeping a sense of self.

Discussion will be May 22, 2022

See Jackie if you have any questions.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:30 am Blended In- Person and ZOOM Online Worship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 					8am Women's Breakfast at BUMC
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:30 am Blended In- Person and ZOOM Online Worship						8am Men's Breakfast at BUMC
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:30 am Blended In- Person and ZOOM Online Worship Book Discussion	1 pm Knitting Ministry 					
29	30	31				
10:30 am Blended In- Person and ZOOM Worship						

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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!*