



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

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Office Hours

Pastor Dave

Monday & Tuesday

8:00-5:00ish

Office Manger Makayla

Monday & Thursday

9:00-12:00



I find summer to be bittersweet for a few reasons. The first is that while there is lots of sun, and opportunity to do things outside, I could do without all the humidity. The second is that even though the days are long, the first day of summer (June 21st) marks the progression of sun to the South and shorter days. I know, I know, it's a very pessimistic way to see things. Consider if you will every joyful and fun event in your life. When you think about weddings, birthday parties, vacations, you seldom think about the uncomfortable and anxiety producing moments the inevitably occur when we travel, or we are with our extended family. That's part of the beauty of human existence, we can forget, or rather selectively forget. Nietzsche suggests that a cow lives without boredom and pain, because it does not remember. Because it has no past, the cow is happy. Human beings, to be happy and have a future he argues, must let go of the past in order to have a future.

The Lord speaking through Isaiah (43:18-19) says: "*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? God wants us to have a future, and has plans for each of us, but if we become rooted in pessimism, or the past, we are unable to see the new thing God is doing in our life. With all the last 2 ½ years has brought us (pandemic, war, inflation, political upheaval, a loss of human rights etc...) it is understandable that we may have trouble moving forward. But God wants us to let go of those things, and look for the new thing God is going to do. I know, it is asking a lot, but the alternative seems untenable to me. May fervent prayer for each of you this summer is that you will live into the future God has planned for you, and meet these new challenges and blessings with faith, hope, and joy!*"

Pastor David J. Martin

New Drinking Fountain



The fountain was purchased with donations to the church in memory of Sylvia "Sue" Hadge. Below is a picture of the plaque that goes with the fountain.



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)

MACC Back to School Needs

MACC is in need of school supplies for the upcoming school year and food items.:

Juice

Cereal

Instant potato's

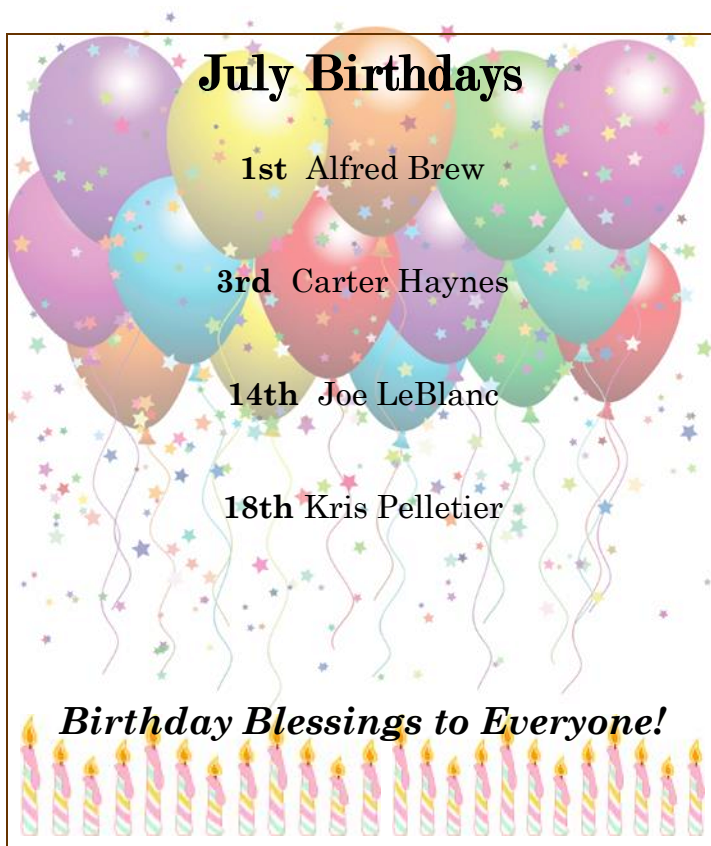
Chili

Beef stew

Jelly

Canned Veggies





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

July 7th and 21st

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.

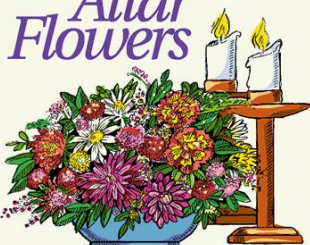
Anyone in need of a name tag, please note it on the back of your attendance slip on Sunday morning and one will be made for you.

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 Makayla Houle at 860-707-6895**

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 Adamczyk anthony.adameczyk@snet.net or Susan Derby susanderby@cox.net with questions.



Bible Study

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

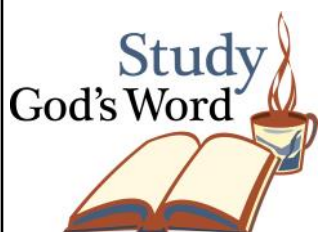
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Passcode: 1234

+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!



Covenant Disciple Group

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

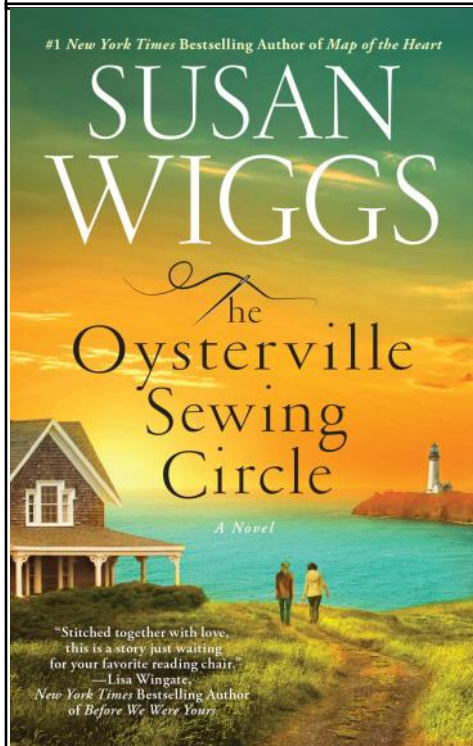
From July 19 to September 20 Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8pm, instead of a Tuesday night Bible Study, I am asking that you consider being a part of a Covenant Disciple Group. What is a Covenant Disciple Group? It is a small group spiritual formation cohort with the purpose of encouraging one another in spiritual growth as we journey on towards perfection, as well as supporting one another as we struggle with the many issues that we might encounter daily. Ideally a group will consist of 12 people who are committed to attending at least 9 of the 10 meetings. If you don't think you can make that commitment, I would ask that you wait for one of the future groups to participate in. Part of the covenant is regular participation. You will need to be able to count on one another. My participation in the group is largely exemplar and eventually supervisory. In other words, I will lead in the beginning, and a few of you will in turn lead the group.

The format is simple. We gather for a potluck, then we gather afterwards for a devotional, a time of prayer, and then a time of personal sharing focused on the traditional Wesleyan question "How is it with your soul?" Of course, there are other commitments like daily prayer and scripture readings and personal reflection on Wesley's "22 questions" (he asks a lot of questions, doesn't he?) My is that 10 weeks of discipline together you will experience growth in journey with Christ, and have a deeper well of faith to draw upon. Please consider making this commitment. If the number exceeds 12, we will split into 2 or more groups as needed.

RSVP by July 14. If you are interested and Tuesday does not work for you, let me know, we may find a different day/time for a second group.

Pastor Dave


The North Church Readers



Our sixth readings for this season is *The Oysterville* by Susan Wiggs. Caroline Shelby returns to her childhood home in Oysterville, Washington on the Pacific coast. For 10 years she has been trying to launch a fashion designing career in NYC, but scandal has forced her to leave. In the back seat are two children orphaned in a single chilling moment and Caroline is now their legal guardian and unready for that role. She's hoping for help from their parents. Her siblings now have their own complicated lives. Her childhood boyfriend still lives there and has married her best friend. Caroline returns to her favorite place, the sewing shop owned by the woman who inspired her and taught her to sew. There, she discovers that even in an idyllic beach town, where women can join forces to support each other though the troubles they keep hidden.

Discussion will be on July 24, 2022

See Jackie if you have any questions.

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

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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.**

