

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



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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Autumn in New England makes Connecticut one of the best places to be in fall. The weather is cool and crisp, but not bone chilling cold. We can sleep with our windows open, the leaves change colors, apple cider (apple everything!) and of course pumpkin spice EVERYTHING (well not pumpkin spice communion at least). It is truly a blessing to be here in autumn. Come to think of it, my life is full of blessings. I think too often we forget how blessed we are. The cares of life weigh us down. The horrific images on the news plants a seed of darkness that if not rooted out can grow. Television news seems to be just bad news, and more bad news. What's a good Methodist to do?

Jeremiah 17:7-8 - "Blessed is the person who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They are like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." Trust in God helps us to grow deep strong roots that stabilize us, hold us firm, and help us to weather the storms of life. What a blessing it is to belong to a community of faith that worships together with others who are sending down their deep roots of faith! You all have invested in a technology that allows for people unable to physically be in the space with us to still be a part of worship, what a blessing the church has been. North Church has a long history of being welcoming and inclusive. This is just another example of your deep love and concern for others. Through every difficulty you have risen to the occasion. Not only are you blessed, you have been a blessing. I thank God every day for the community of faith that is our church. You are such a blessing to each other and to me. Thanks be to God for North UMC!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Dave



Thank you to everyone who donated to our fundraiser celebrating our Sixth Anniversary as a Reconciling Congregation. Due to the generosity of the congregation we raised over \$650

which enables us to send our annual \$250 donation to Reconciling Ministries Network and to fund continuing activities in support of the LGBTQ+ community.

Saturday, November 19th at 2:00pm

Annual Charge Conference

Our conference will be online via zoom. Please reach out and contact us if you haven't received the email with the link and wish to attend.

Office Hours

Pastor Dave

Monday & Tuesday

8:00-5:00ish

Office Manger Makayla

Monday & Thursday

9:00-12:00



Books For the Village

We will again be providing new books as holiday gifts for the children who attend the Village program. The Village staff have provided us with a list of children, their gender, age, and interests in order that we may shop for a particular child. There are 6 male and 4 female children ages 8-11 at various reading levels. We also appreciate gift bags to fit your book choice. Books should be non-violent of course.



Books are due by Sunday, December 11 and can be dropped off any Sunday morning and placed under the table in the Memorial Room. They can also be dropped off during church office hours and on Wednesday, December 7 when the church will be open at 1:00 to fill Blessing Bags for Seasonal Sharing. I am also happy to pick up at your home if you like. Cash donations are also welcome and we will shop for you.

If you would like to “adopt” one of the children to provide a book, please contact Linda VanDine to be matched with a child and their interests. Call, email, or text to lindavandine@gmail.com home: 860-646-0366, or cell: 860-830-6841. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Service Opportunity

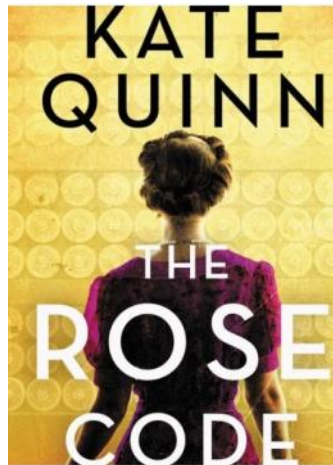
We have a wonderful opportunity for you to serve NUMC! We have an opening for a Zoom host for our Sunday services. NUMC will be continuing to offer Zoom access to Sunday services to those who are not comfortable with or not able to attend in person. This ministry has been very important to many members 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



The North Church Readers



Our second book reading this season of North Church readers will be *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. The Rose Code is a heart stopping WW II story of a female codebreaker at Bletchley Park and their top secret jobs that they had. The story revolves around three characters and the spy they must root out after the war is over. 1940 as England prepares to fight the Nazis. Three very different women answer the call to mysterious country estate, Bletchley Park, where the best minds in Britain train to break German military codes.

Discussion will be November 20, 2022.

See Jan Miller if you have any questions.

MACC's 50th Birthday

MACC will be celebrating their 50th Birthday on January 19, 2023. The original 14 member churches have been invited to a celebratory dinner at Georgina's Restaurant. There is no cost to attendees. The limit for each church is 12. The evening begins at 5:30 pm with appetizers and cash bar followed by dinner at 6:30. 7:30 - 9:30 speakers, music, silent auction and door prizes. If you are interested in attending, please let Marlene know ASAP. Phone 860-568-1331 or email marmctc@comcast.net. The final number attending must be in by November 21.

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)

SEASONAL SHARING

A Message from Marlene: It is that time of year when we start to think about Blessing Bags for MACC. For the first time in a couple years, we will be able to assemble the bags at the church. We will be doing 80 bags this year

(MACC will let me know if we need more!). As in the past, we will need items for male and female adults.

Suggestions: new, unwashed socks, gloves, hats, scarves, shampoo, lotion, body wash, deodorant, pens, memo pads, gum, candy, snack items, gift cards, and any other items you can find that an adult might appreciate. Last year I found folding umbrellas and they did fit in the bags! Remember the bags are small! I will try to have some bigger bags to take care of the larger items.

Please place your donations under the Memorial Room table or in the MACC basket and I will collect them. Join us in the Memorial Room Wednesday, Dec 7th at 1:00 to sort out items and fill the bags. MACC will start distributing them on Monday, Dec 12th.

MACC will also be collecting food for Thanksgiving and Christmas

Dinner Baskets for singles and families without children. Gift cards to grocery stores are always appreciated! If you would like to volunteer some time you can contact: Patti Thurlow at 860-647-8003 X12 or by email: PThurlow@macc-ct.org. Give Marlene a call if you have questions! 860-568-1331.



November Birthdays

2nd Bertha Brew	19th Paula Admaczyk
3rd Vicky Ladabouche	22nd Florence Wollaston
7th Sandy Geres	26th Pastor David J. Martin
8th Lindsay Ladabouche	27th Gregory Harris
9th Cyndy Flaherty	29th Charley Cappello
10th Barbara Judd	Marlene Camper
12th Elaine Law	30th Ruth Mancell-Opoku
15th Harry Arendt	
16th Chris Collins	

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 November 3rd and 17th

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.

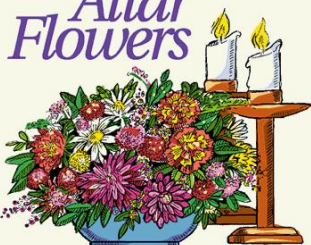
Anyone in need of a name tag, please note it on the back of your attendance slip on Sunday morning and one will be made for you.

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 on Mondays from 1:00pm-2:30pm in the Memorial Room. We are back to in person meetings with the rest of the fall schedule being 11/14, 11/28, and 12/12. All are welcome! :)

The knitting ministry continues to stay busy. We've given out prayer shawls and lap blankets to NUMC members and mailed some little prayer squares to others. We've given 7 lap blankets to the John Dequattro Cancer Center-Manchester Hospital., and 44 hats and 26 scarves to Marlene for the Blessing Bags or MACC.

We really enjoy making things to share!

Our group is open to all with or without yarn skills. Contact: Paula Adamczyk

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



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!



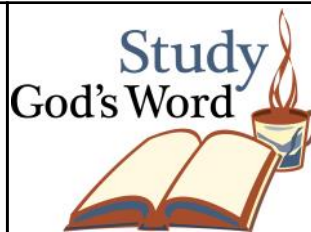
Covenant Disciple Group

Covenant Discipleship Group tomorrow at Bolton UMC. The program starts at 6pm for a potluck meal (optional of course) followed by group discussion at 7pm. Come grow with us as we delve into our spiritual lives, and support one another in our faith! This group will meet from Oct 4 to Nov 22 6-8pm

We recognize that not everyone is able to drive in the evenings, or may have a conflicting schedule, so I am offering an alternative Covenant Discipleship Group on e Friday afternoons from 12:30-1:30pm. Please feel free to bring a bag lunch! The dates run from Oct 14 to Dec 30, with breaks on Nov 25 and Dec 23.

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.



Advent Bible Study

Advent Bible Study will be on Tuesday evenings at the United Methodist Church of Bolton

beginning **November 29th** and ending on **December 20th**

Potluck at 6:00 pm

Study at 7:00 pm

MYF

MYF has gotten off to a pretty good start. Wonderful meals and Support have been provided by several of you. At this point we will need volunteers to help for November. volunteers provide meals, and are a part of the discussion. It is absolutely essential that there are two adults present during MYF as per our safe Sanctuary policy.

We will met every Sunday in November except the 27th (Thanksgiving weekend). On the 13th we will need a few extra adults as we will be at the corner of Main and Center St collecting for fuel assistance!

Please let me know if you are available to help.

Mission Report Fall 2022

The Mission Committee has not met since Covid started. However, outreach work has continued in the form of food drives, the Crop Walk, Seasonal Sharing, and assistance with collection of school supplies.

NUMC has continually contributed needed food to the MACC Charities Community Food Pantry. Donated food is placed in the grocery cart and picked up and delivered once a week to the pantry. For those unable to shop, Marlene Camper will shop for them so that everyone can contribute to the food drives.

NUMC took part in the Town of Manchester "School Supplies Collection" in late August. The Town had requested gift cards to be dropped off at Social Services office. Donations were received from eight NUMC members.

The yearly Crop Walk was held on October 16, 2022. Seven members of the congregation walked the 2 miles with a large contingent of walkers from MACC and from other churches. The total monetary donation to the Crop Walk from NUMC members was \$475.

NUMC takes part in Seasonal Sharing sponsored by MACC Charities by filling 80 Blessings Bags to be given to adult families and single adults during the holiday season. In 2022, for the first time since Covid started, we will meet as a group in the Memorial Room to fill the bags. The Christmas season also has included "Books for the Village of Families and Children" with Linda VanDine taking the lead on this. The congregation generously donated new books and games to the nine children attending the Village program. The staff has been very appreciative and distributes the books at their Holiday party.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
					12:30-1:30 Covenant Discipleship Group at BUMC	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:30 am Blended In- Person and ZOOM Online Worship MYF		6/7 Covenant Discipleship Group at BUMC			12:30-1:30 Covenant Discipleship Group at BUMC	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:30 am Blended In- Person and ZOOM Online Worship MYF Fuel \$\$\$	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	6/7 Covenant Discipleship Group at BUMC			12:30-1:30 Covenant Discipleship Group at BUMC	2pm Annual Charge Conference
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:30 am Blended In- Person and ZOOM Online Worship Book Discussion MYF		6/7 Covenant Discipleship Group at BUMC		Happy Thanksgiving 		
27	28	29	30			
10:30 am Blended In- Person and ZOOM Worship	1 pm Knitting Ministry 	6/7 Advent Bible Study at BUMC				

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

1 Corinthians 16:29

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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.**

