



THE CIRCLE CHURCH NEWS

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North Madison Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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PASTOR'S NOTE

Advent blessings! Joy to the World!

The season of darkness and, seemingly incongruously, also of growing light, is upon us.

We remember an ancient story. A son born. A mother. An aunt. A father. Confusing parentage. (What parenting isn't confused or confusing?) A human family.

I don't know what life among or apart from your family feels like for you today. I do know that, despite appearances, or even the cover stories we tell on Facebook or in cheery Christmas letters, no family, no human, escapes suffering. And, every home, every birth, every breath, holds room for the hope of joy.

Clothed though it is in shopping and visiting and people-y things and busyness, this dark season of Advent preparation at its core makes explicit the sacred dance between suffering and joy.

Joy does not mean everything is ok. It is the reminder that underneath it all there is a beauty that cannot be snuffed; that there is light always in the darkness, and darkness will not put it out.

So, this Advent, I pray we all pause and allow for sacred balance. Acknowledge your suffering as part of acknowledging your joy. Laugh, dance, grieve, bake, sing. Feel. Light a candle. It's all part of the balance. Let go a little into the sacred unknowable. Breathe. The universe is breathing with you.

In slowing to embrace the waiting Advent darkness, as we hang our twinkle lights we return our attention to the most basic home of human life. "In Advent, we put all our hope in the sacred blackness of a womb. As we wait, we remind ourselves that darkness...too often reduced to a trite symbol for sin and death, in fact has the unique capacity to bear the divine. In Advent, we reclaim the holy dark" from which we all come and to which we all return. (*@BlackLiturgies*) In Advent, we reclaim our place in the inexplicable mystery of human life...born again as we all were, from the darkness...containing the light.

Blessings and sacred darkness...

Love,

Heather

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES



Hi NMCC Families! Welcome, Advent!

I'd like to invite you all into a special Advent practice that will become a birthday present for Jesus and our world - a gift that grows with our participation and each passing day that leads us to Christmas. In case you missed Meredith's Children's Moment during worship on Nov. 27th, here is a little background on The Sparkle Box:

The award-winning book, *The Sparkle Box : A Gift with the Power to Change Christmas*, is a heartwarming story about a boy named Sam who discovers a mysterious sparkly box in his home.

"His parents tell him it's a special gift called a Sparkle Box that they will open together later, but they need to fill it first. As Sam enjoys the festivities of the season, he continues to wonder, *What's inside The Sparkle Box?* When it's finally time to open it, what Sam discovers catches him by surprise and changes Christmas, and his heart, forever." - *The Sparkle Box*



Participating is easy:

You may choose to share the story with your family by checking out our North Madison Congregational Church Facebook page video, or by borrowing the book from me.

Then, simply look for ways to help our neighbors as you go about daily life. Helping can be as simple as holding a door for someone outside the post office as they approach with arms filled with packages, or spending a few hours serving in a soup kitchen.

When you come to worship each week, don't forget to write down what you did to help other people, animals or creation during the week and add it to our church family Sparkle Box. We can open it together on Christmas Eve.

Let's all add some sparkle this Advent season!

Please also plan to join us for these special events as we prepare anew for baby Jesus' arrival, Emmanuel - God with us.

NMCC Christmas Fair fundraiser: Calling all kids and teens 5th grade and above! We need you to oversee our raffle table to benefit Clinton Food Pantry, and runners to take and deliver lunch orders to our vendors during this fun annual event. Come and access your inner elf, 9:00-2:00pm! Please RSVP to Sue AND use this [Sign Up Genius Link](#) to signup.

Junior and Senior Youth: Please join us in making gift blankets to help keep people experiencing homelessness warm this winter. We will be making fleece blankets for Columbus House to distribute Sunday afternoon, Dec. 4th, from 5:00-6:30, at NMCC in Fellowship Hall. We need you!

Christmas Pageant - Dec. 11th at 10:00am: This year we are pleased to offer an opportunity for everyone of all ages to participate in a joyful, lighthearted retelling of the first Christmas, with no practice needed. Just show up with an open heart. We look forward to a fun and sacred morning together!

All Church Christmas Caroling: Save the date to join us early evening, Friday, December 16. We will gather at NMCC and carpool as we visit NMCC friends' and sing in their yards to spread some holiday cheer. Details to follow in the all church email. - Ann Clemmons, organizer

4:30pm Christmas Eve Family Worship: Please join us for this festive early evening worship service with special readings, Christmas carols, bells, a children's story, and more. All are welcome as we begin to celebrate Jesus' birth.

And, here's a simple guided conversation to have with kids to grow gratitude this holiday season . . .

Cultivating Gratitude in Kids this Holiday Season
From the Greater Good Science Center at UC Berkeley

As parents, caretakers, and educators, we teach and expect our kids to say "thank you" when they receive gifts. And while that's one important part, gratitude also involves other social and emotional skills that need to be broken down and practiced.

Researchers have identified four parts that make up the gratitude experience:

- * What we NOTICE in our lives for which we can be grateful
- * How we THINK about why we have been given those things
- * How we FEEL about the things we have been given
- * What we DO to express appreciation in turn

Discussing these parts with your children can teach them about gratitude. Here are some examples of NOTICE-THINK-FEEL-DO questions that you can ask your kids about their gratitude experiences, whether they are getting an actual present from a relative, receiving kindness from their friends, or eating a tasty meal.

NOTICE:

- * What have you been given or what do you already have in your life that you are grateful for?
- * Is there a gift behind the gift you are grateful for, like someone thinking or caring about you enough to give you the gift?

THINK:

- * Why do you think you received this gift?
- * Do you think you owe the giver something in return?
- * Do you think you earned the gift because of something you did yourself?
- * Do you think the gift was something the giver had to give you?

FEEL:

- * Does it make you feel happy to get this gift?
- * What does that feel like inside?
- * What about the gift makes you feel happy?

DO:

- * Is there a way you want to show how you feel about this gift?
- * Does the feeling you have about this gift make you want to share that feeling by giving something to someone else?



Please keep a lookout for **Kids' Kindness Club** (for K-2nd graders/teen facilitators), **Girls' Empowerment Club** (for middle schoolers/teen facilitators), and a snow tubing outing, along with other kids and teen events and programs coming in January/February. Also in the works is a Parents' Night Out . . .

(Left) Our Kindness Club kids "rocked" out painting kindness rocks for Circle Nursery students to find in their classrooms the next morning. We hope our surprise brought smiles to our preschool friends' faces.



(Right) Many thanks to Chris Bernier for giving our Kindness Club kids a tour of the firehouse and for reminding us that it is important for all families to have an exit plan in place in our homes in the event of a fire. Our kids all agreed that the fire jackets are heavy and the thermal cameras are cool! Much fun was had holding our hands to the cold metal door and then seeing the resulting handprints through the thermal camera viewer. Thanks again, NoMad Fire Co!

I am always up for conversation and prayer, to hear about programming ideas and needs in our community, and would love to connect! My working days/evenings are Tues-Weds-Thurs and Sundays. I am always available in emergencies. My cell - 203.843.6206

With love and blessings to you all,

Sue & your CE Crew (Erica, Missy, Lyndia, Lyn, Jeff, Meredith and Jen)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND FUNDRAISERS



Mission Ministry Team: We welcomed our newest Ministry, Call to Care Uganda, with a goal of raising \$7500 to build a new well, our plans for Christmas at Columbus House were announced, and our Food Pantry Ministry is focused on several fund-raising efforts to support the Clinton Food Pantry. Our Prison Ministry shared the results of the November collection for our ministry partner Free Forever Prison Ministry and has identified an organization to partner focused on new legislation for the plight of women in prison with children. A shout out to SMPA's amazing trip to NASA to see the Artemis launch and work Pastor Heather has been doing with the SMPA staff. And a new pair of Yoga series to reduce your holiday stress beginning November 28 and December 2.



Call to Care Uganda - New Mission for NMCC!!! We welcome our newest outreach ministry whose mission is bringing health, safety and education to the people of Uganda **through clean, accessible water.** Hear from Mary Hoffman, founder of Called to Care Uganda: www.calltocareuganda.org. Our goal to support to CTCU is to raise during Advent \$7500 in donations to dig a well for the 896 people in Amidikan Village in Kalaki, Uganda. We're off to a strong start with \$2230 raised so far!:

- An anonymous donation of \$1000 started off the fund!
- \$500 was given by our Mission Ministry Team
- We collected \$750 after launching the campaign during worship November 27 Mission Ministry.

How can you help us reach our goal?

- A table will be set up in Fellowship Hall each Sunday during Advent with folks to receive your cash, check or Venmo donation, or send a check to the church office or donate online noting "Well Project."
- Donate online at <https://www.northmadisoncc.org/ugandawell>.
- You may "purchase" Christmas cards at the table to give as a gift to honor someone.
- Check out the CTCU table at the Craft Fair on December 3!!! Featuring Christmas ornaments and all kinds of wonderful handcrafts, a portion of proceeds from the booth sales will be added to NMCC's "Well Project!"

You will receive a blue Christmas ornament to use on your tree to remind you of your loving gift of clean water! And for every donation, a blue ornament will be placed on the church Christmas tree. **Can we cover it with blue by Christmastime??!**





Columbus House: Our holiday plans at Columbus House have begun! This year, with your help, we will deliver (in person!) wrapped gifts, Dunkin gift cards, holiday cards and warm blankets for the Respite Floor clients. And sing carols! Beginning December 4th, we invite you to drop off:

- New warm hats, gloves and socks for men, women or gender-neutral clients (and children's gifts for clients to give to their families) in the labeled gift bins in Fellowship Hall. Please individually wrap the gifts and mark male, female or gender neutral with size, if applicable. Any questions, contact Peter Meier, peterm190@yahoo.com.
- \$10 Dunkin cards in the box near the gift bins in Fellowship Hall, give them to Scott Conover scottconover56@gmail.com or leave in the office
- Christmas or holiday card to a client, signed with your first name(s), noting it's from North Madison Congregational Church and offering words of encouragement in their journey to a home of their own. There is a basket to put those in near the gift bins. If anyone has extra Christmas cards others can use, please contact Roberta Hanlon robertahanlon@msn.com or 203-500-8311.

Our youth will be making colorful fleece blankets for the Respite Floor clients recovering from medical challenges on December 4th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

On the morning of December 24, we will also have the opportunity for a small (12?) team to sing Christmas carols and distribute our gifts to the clients as we have in the past! The clients will have a stay-in morning and we will be serving breakfast. We have reached out to past Columbus House breakfast cooks to confirm their availability and will keep you updated on the final plan. Roberta Hanlon, Champion robertahanlon@msn.com or 203-500-8311



Food Pantry: December is a special time of year in the life of food pantries. They struggle to fulfill the recurring needs of those who are food insecure and simultaneously welcome the challenge of providing special food for holiday celebrations. In Clinton, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, they were preparing to receive 500 clients on the day they distribute food, 80% of whom come from the town of Clinton.

Our church continues to be amazing! Our new canning jar Coins for Food initiative on Communion Sunday in November brought in about \$140, all to benefit Clinton Food Pantry at the First Congregational Church of Clinton. We hope the trend continues, as we all give thanks every day for the food on our own table. We are Jesus lovers to be sure! We also donated 49 pounds of food to Clinton and 78 pounds of food to Madison Food Pantry in November. Don't forget to stop by the Craft Fair and purchase some raffle tickets – all proceeds will go to the Clinton Food Pantry thanks to the generosity of our crafters and our youth who will sell the tickets! Your generosity changes lives. Thank you. Holly Francis, Champion



Prison Ministry and Free Forever Prison Ministry Holiday Collection: What wonderful and generous donations you gathered for the November Holiday Collection for Free Forever Prison Ministry. Thank you, thank you NMCC! We delivered 230 items consisting of household items, personal products, a variety of basic foods, holiday groceries and goodies, as well as new toys for the children. We're sure you've made the holidays a little happier for the families of those incarcerated.

Rev. Brixaida Marquez thanked us for all our giving and help and said the receivers were very happy. NMCC shows the love in so many ways. Blessings to you in the new year and many thanks for all you do to serve others.

Prison Ministry and New Legislation: After reviewing past and present initiatives of this ministry, we're exploring partnering with the National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls. Their campaign and legislation are to keep incarcerated parents who are caretakers with their children through alternatives to incarceration. The NMCC Prison Ministry team met with Louellyn Lambros, Policy Director of the National Council and two other council members, one who was separated from her children while incarcerated. We are working on the next steps towards bringing this legislation to Connecticut. We will give updates on this important legislation as well as how you can participate. Peace and blessings, Nora Price for the NMCC Prison Ministry Team



St. Martin de Porres Academy in Need of Volunteers: Speaking of volunteers, Pastor Heather has been involved at SMPA in New Haven, most recently leading a second retreat with their staff. And in case you missed the news, their students and staff finally made it to the Space center for the Artemis launch in November!! They certainly had a lot to celebrate – check out the New Haven Register story of their trip [New Haven students witness NASA's Artemis rocket launch in Florida \(nhregister.com\)](https://www.nhregister.com) or visit their Facebook or their web site: [We Are The Artemis Generation! - Saint Martin de Porres Academy \(saintmartinacademy.org\)](https://www.saintmartinacademy.org) page to experience their daily adventure throughout the trip! Karen Miller, Champion



Community Yoga: Taking care of yourself during the Holiday Season and set aside time to prepare both mentally and physically with the practice of Yoga. For the next series, we offer classes twice a week at 6:00 pm:

- Mondays – November 28 to December 26 – 5 classes in person and Zoom - \$35
- Thursdays – December 1 to December 29 - 5 classes via Zoom - \$35

Give the gift of Yoga this holiday season. If your friends or family would like to join, we'd love to have them - advising them previous experience is recommended. First class is free. Please mail your checks to NMCC, 1271 Durham Road, Madison, CT 06443 or visit www.northmadisoncc.org and follow the instructions on the "Donate" button. Either way, please CLEARLY mark the payment is for Yoga. Questions or to register, contact Roberta Hanlon robertahanlon@msn.com or 203- 500-8311.

Mission Ministry Team: If you are interested in starting a new Outreach Ministry, the Mission Ministry Team can help you with ideas, best practices, funding and resources to help you design and engage our NMCC community in supporting your ministry. Contact Roberta Hanlon robertahanlon@msn.com if you would like to learn more.



Annual Holiday Craft Fair: Our annual holiday Craft Fair is Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. 25 Quality Juried Artisans and Crafter - Over 2,500 Homemade Cookies - Karen's Café - Free Admission

Here's the link to Sign up to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a45afa629a7f58-craft>



Pancake Breakfast with Santa: Annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa sponsored by Circle Nursery School will take place on **Saturday December 10 from 8:00 – 10:30 am** at the North Madison Congregational Church, 1271 Durham Rd. We will be serving pancakes, sausages, orange juice, and coffee. Tickets will be sold at the door: \$8 adults, \$5 children. Children will have an opportunity to talk to Santa, so bring your cameras! This fun event is open to the entire community. Email circlenursery@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Sunday, December 18 from 3 pm to 5 pm
at North Madison Congregational Church
1271 Durham Road, Madison, CT (at the Circle)

CHRISTMAS CAROL

A Tour de Force

One-Woman Theatrical Performance

Great Britain native, **Jennifer Munro**, award-winning storyteller, actor and author, brings Scrooge, the Crachits, and the Fezziwigs vibrantly to life in her dramatic, and thoroughly English, interpretation of Dickens' literary classic.

As he created the story, Dickens says he wept over, laughed over, and wept over it again - *and you will too.*

Tickets: A donation of \$20 for adults and \$10 for children age 12+ is suggested

For tickets: northmadisoncc.org/achristmascarol;
(203) 421-3241; office@northmadisoncc.org;



Stroll among carolers, and enjoy cookies and mulled apple cider during intermission.

Attendees are assumed to be vaccinated





Grocery Cards: Please help support our church and community! Visit our team members Sundays after worship in fellowship hall and buy grocery cards. And thank you all for your purchases to date! For more information about this program or to be added to the schedule to sell cards after worship, please see Calvin Price, or email him at wildwood9@msn.com.

GET INVOLVED / STAY CONNECTED



There are many ways to be involved in NMCC's vibrant community—serving in a missional outreach ministry, mentoring and teaching our children, joining in musicmaking or worship planning, helping out around the church building, singing in the choir, sharing the gifts God has given you, learning new skills from others, enjoying the fellowship of working on projects together. Visit our [Get Involved](#) page for opportunities at northmadisoncc.org.



- Second Sunday in Advent – December 4** – Celebrating Jesus' Mother and the Sacred Divine
- Third Sunday in Advent – December 11** – Pageant
- Fourth Sunday in Advent – December 18** – Choir Sunday—beautiful offerings by our choir
- Longest Night – December 21 at 7:00 pm** – readings & candles
- Family Christmas Eve – December 24 at 4:30 pm**
- Candlelight Christmas – December – 10:00 pm**
- Christmas Day – December 25 – 10:00 am** – online only



2023 Pledge Drive: If you haven't done so already, please mail or drop off your 2023 pledge card to the church. We need these for planning purposes in order to present our budget at the Annual Budget meeting after worship on December 11.



Christmas Poinsettias: If you wish to order a poinsettia to be placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas holidays, please complete the order form available at Sunday Worship and place it in the offering plate, or send it to the church office (1271 Durham Road, Madison, CT 06443) by **Sunday, December 19, at the latest**. Following the service, you may take your poinsettia home, or take it to a member who is homebound. **Please make your check payable to NMCC and write "poinsettia" in the memo portion of your check.**

You can also email the office with the following info:

SIZE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Medium red	\$12.50	_____	_____
Large red (3 stems)	\$21.00	_____	_____

Given in:

_____ celebration of _____

_____ honor of _____

_____ memory of _____

Given by: _____

(as you want it to appear in bulletin)

Phone _____

Thank you so much for helping us to make a joyful prayer with our flowers. – The Flower Committee



Flowers, Food and Fellowship: If you have been in worship recently, you know that we are slowly returning to our pre-pandemic practices around flowers, food, and fellowship. In order to keep these three important aspects of our life as a congregation moving forward, we need your help! Please sign up in the hallway outside the Sanctuary for:

- **Flowers** - Provide flowers for Sunday worship to honor or memorialize someone or just to provide beauty in the sanctuary. You can sign up for a Sunday in the hallway outside the sanctuary.
- **Food for Fellowship** - Sponsor food donations for coffee hour. Contact Kate Holthausen for details

And finally, consider joining Kate's team! She needs help with setting up and cleaning up in Fellowship Hall each Sunday as well as with the planning of future events involving food and fellowship. Kate Holthausen, Chair of our Congregational Life and Hospitality Team, (203) 982-0431 or at kgholthausen@gmail.com.



Book Discussion Group: We're reading "God and the Gay Christian" by Matthew Vines. We'll meet at 5:00 on December 6 in Fellowship Hall. Questions, contact [Peter Meier](#).



Congregational Meeting: There will be a meeting for Members of North Madison Congregational Church on Sunday, December 11, following coffee hour. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the church's 2023 budget, and conduct any other business that comes before the group.



What's In a Name?

*What's in a name? That which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet.
William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet*

Here at NMCC, we have for as long as anyone can remember referred to our representative governing body as the Executive Committee and to the leader of that body as the Executive Committee Chair. Since I took over as EC Chair, I have been pondering this nomenclature and wondering where it came from. Almost all congregations in the United Church of Christ refer to their representative governing body as the Church Council and its leader as the Moderator. I find this terminology to be much more in keeping with the nature of

a church. "Executive" seems more like a business term than a spiritual term. After much contemplation I proposed to the EC that we move to the more faith-based terminology used by our counterparts across the UCC. At our November meeting we voted to support this change and bring it to the congregation for a vote at our December Congregational Meeting.

So what would this change mean? Put simply, it would mean that we are choosing our words carefully to describe what is already our practice. If we take the language literally, an Executive Committee makes decisions for the congregation, and Executive Committee Chairs promote their own ideas in moving decisions forward. A Church Council, on the other hand, considers the input of the congregation in working toward the common good, and a Moderator leads meetings and facilitates discussion but does not promote an individual agenda. We have always acted in accordance with the latter model, despite the terminology currently in use. We are not proposing any change in roles, either for the Executive Committee or for its Chair. Rather, we are seeking to bring the language we use in line with what we already do.

We will be proposing this change on December 11 by making a motion, entertaining discussion, and voting on the motion. We hope to see all NMCC members at this semi-annual meeting! - Carol Luckenbach, Executive Committee Chair



Main Sanctuary Doors: Please note, as we do each year, in order to keep the church clean and warm, we will be keeping the sanctuary doors locked during the cold winter months. Please use the Fellowship Hall or Narthex entrances. Thanks!



Tom Lauher Needs Our Help: As many of you know, Tom Lauher is very ill with Chronic Kidney Disease. Tom's best hope for survival is to receive an organ donation from a living donor. A team of Tom's champions has launched a social media campaign to get the word out. Please click here to see his story and learn how you can help by spreading the message to family, friends and acquaintances:

<https://www.thedonorapp.com/tomlauher/em/p/a>

If you would like to help out in another way, the link to Tom's story and GoFundMe page is <https://gofund.me/b2e5801d>.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Ahavah: The Story of Christmas: Dancing to End Hunger with our own Mary-Amma B. at Middletown High School December 3 & 4. www.theahavahstory.com/tickets. Profits benefit St. Vincent de Paul.

Kidz Connection Presents *Les Miserables*: Our own Grace McMillian will be playing Young Eponine in the Kidz Konnection production of *Les Miserables*. This production is by their Advanced Theater students who are all in high school and very talented! The show is being presented in the black box theater at the Academy School (61 East Main St in Clinton) so tickets are limited. The show dates are: December 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10 at 7:00 pm and December 10 at 12:00 pm. You can purchase tickets here: [Les Mis tickets](#) or contact Erica McMillian efmcmillian@gmail.com

ABC Concert: Our own Lucy Alletzhauer is in SYSO and will be performing at this Sunday's ABC Concert at 4pm at FCC Madison

IN THE NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY



NMCC and Members in the News: We often spot an article in the local paper, *Patch* or in other news outlets, and have been posting them on our bulletin board and our Facebook page. We'd like to expand the coverage and add a feature about this type of news in the monthly newsletter. Please send or drop off the news articles you find to the office at office@northmadisoncc.org and we'll be sure to include them.



Melissa Blundon was interviewed about our Holiday Craft Fair in the Shore Publishing, *Holiday on the Shoreline* magazine.

Come one, come all – North Madison Congregational Church is delighted to announce that its holiday craft fair is in full swing. On Dec 3 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. the church, located at 1271 Durham Rd in Madison, will have over 40 booths set up inside with vendors selling various homemade crafts. This is their 27th year and they expect 2022 to be as busy as ever.

Melissa Blundon, a deacon at the church, has been involved with the craft fair for 10 years. She works mostly in the kitchen with her daughter Meredith, making anything from soup to turkey pot pies to thousands of cookies. She reveals that the pies are from “a famous recipe from a beloved church member that passed away years back. The turkey is left over from our harvest dinner.” They repurpose these leftovers to continue to feed the community and sell dozens on this day, and there’s an unwavering commitment to their congregation by using this recipe. There are a variety of different items to buy at the craft fair: woodworking products, keychains, jewelry to soap and lotions, pottery, decorated and knitted products like mittens, glassware to candles, wreaths, even bread and dog biscuits.

“There are many returning vendors that come

year after year,” begins Melissa. “They tell us they really look forward to our fair. It’s a lot of great energy and a lot of fun. I think that says a lot after so long.” The church takes care of them by serving them lunch, so they won’t have to worry about eating or leaving their table.

The fair serves as an annual fundraiser for the North Madison Congregational Church and was successful from its very first. There’s a raffle where every vendor donates something from their table for people to win and all these donations go to the church’s youth group. All other proceeds made go to support the church itself as well as different missions such as the food pantry, St Martin De Porres Academy, New Reach Inc., Columbus House, and more.

“We built upon [the fair] and it’s grown. We certainly have perfected it,” Melissa notes. The lunch crowd is busy, booths always sell out, and there’s even live guitar music by local Scott Chase. She continues that there are some really unique handcrafted gifts for people and that the fair, for so many and herself, ushers in the holiday season. “I feel good that I have the opportunity to give back to my church. And then I have a blast doing it!”

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Make a Gift on our Website! It's easy! Have a special occasion for which you'd like to thank God? Want an easy way to make your weekly offering? Like to establish a monthly automatic donation as a sustaining member? Visit www.NorthMadisonCC.org, click "Online Giving" at the top of the page, and just follow the instructions! Or TEXT "Donation" to **833-948-2188**. Or, just scan here with your phone. Thank you for your love and support of NMCC and our ministries.

