



August 2021
FUMC BEACON

LET US THINK OF WAYS TO MOTIVATE
ONE ANOTHER TO ACTS OF LOVE
AND GOOD WORKS.



Dear Friends,

[24] Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. [25] Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer. Hebrews 10:24-25 (CEV)

Our grand re-opening of the building is coming soon! It's very exciting, and I have been so impressed with the discernment of the visioning committee and all the work that the Finance/Trustees and Church Council have done to update and renew the look of our building following the Visioning process! What also impresses me is how they worked to maintain the beauty of our centuries-old worship space, but also gave it a face lift so it looks fresh, vibrant, and renewed!

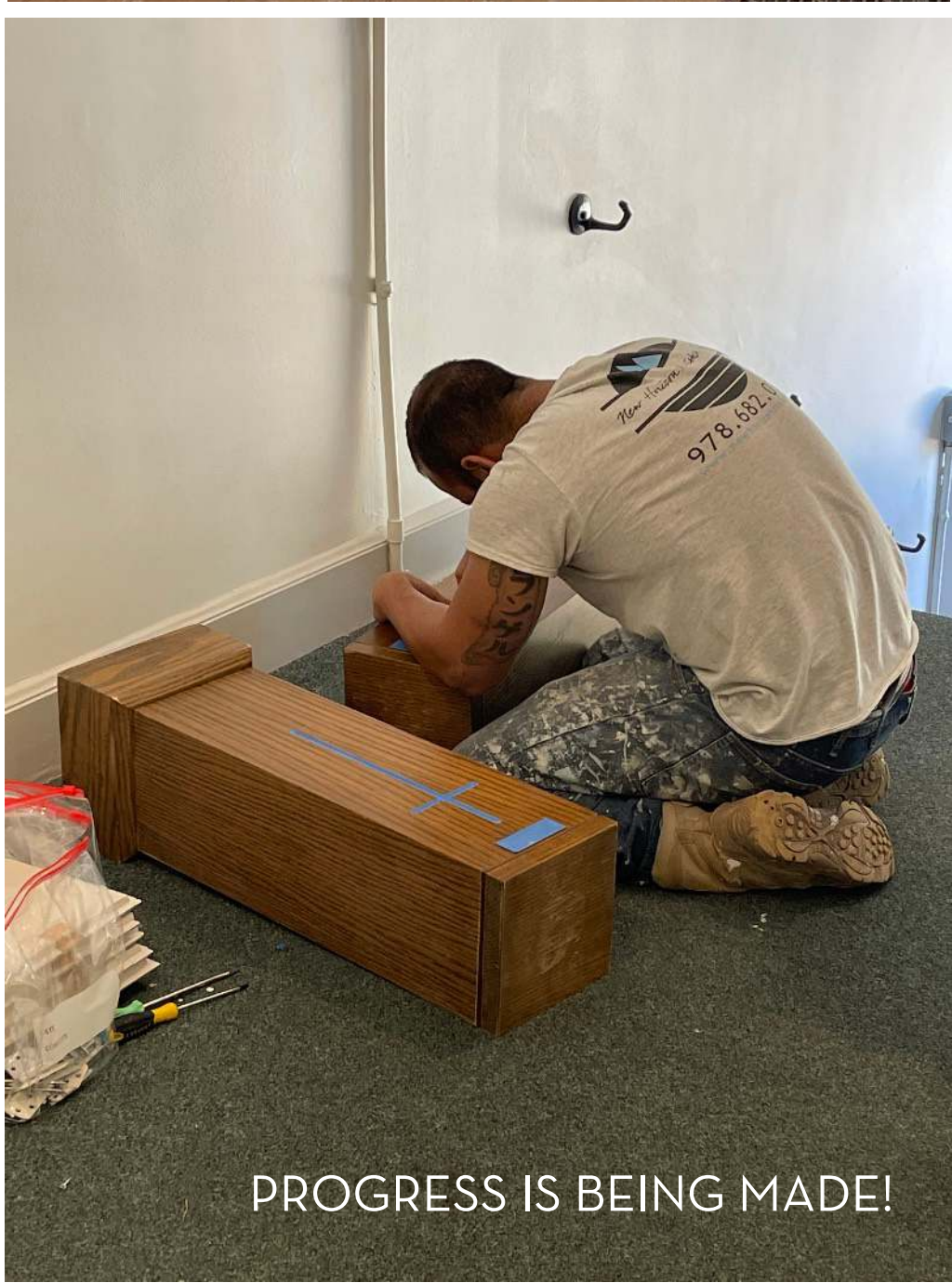
As we look forward to finally being together in person, we will also continue to be vigilant in our care for one another. We have a re-entry plan that includes following protocols so we stay socially distant and encourage folks who haven't been vaccinated to wear masks. In addition, we plan to record or use Facebook Live for the service, and how that will happen is still a work in progress. We are called to worship God together, and that now has a digital extension!

We hope many of you will join us in person as you are comfortable doing so! Watch for more updates on line and through emails or mailings as we move closer to September 12!

Grace and peace, Rev. Deb

A photograph of a church interior during renovation. The foreground is filled with a large pile of wooden planks and debris on a red carpet. In the background, there is a large, ornate stained glass window with a gothic design. The church pews are visible, and a wooden altar is partially covered with a white cloth. A person's arm is visible on the right side of the frame, holding a tool. The text "THE CHURCH AT WORK REOPENING 9.12.21" is overlaid in white, centered, with horizontal lines above and below the main title.

THE CHURCH AT WORK REOPENING 9.12.21



PROGRESS IS BEING MADE!

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE!





STEWARDSHIP ^{vs} OWNERSHIP UPDATE!

FROM SHIRLEY, PENNYSUE, REV. DEB & DAVE

GET YOUR ORDERS IN TODAY!



Master Gardener Shirley Russ is using her church investment in her garden and the produce coming from is not only homegrown with love and care but also available to you for donations.



Mad hatter knitter extraordinaire PennySue Orr is using her talents of knitting for her fundraising project. She is offering different styles and colors that make it more personal for you or gift giving. Prices are \$8 - \$15 order now!



Using their talents of capturing images through the camera lens Rev. Deb and Dave have used their talents in putting their incredible images on cards with envelopes. Prices are \$1 each or 12 for \$10.



RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS

This month we recognize 2 volunteer angels - Sue Lange & Marilyn Stebbins. Getting ready for the reopening of the church building and keeping everything looking beautiful takes an army and we are so thrilled that Sue and Marilyn have donated their time to help. Marilyn polished the sanctuary cross, candlesticks and acolyte holders indoors while Sue was outside weeding, transplanting and organizing the front flower beds. Incredible results and we thank you both for your passion for the church and community.

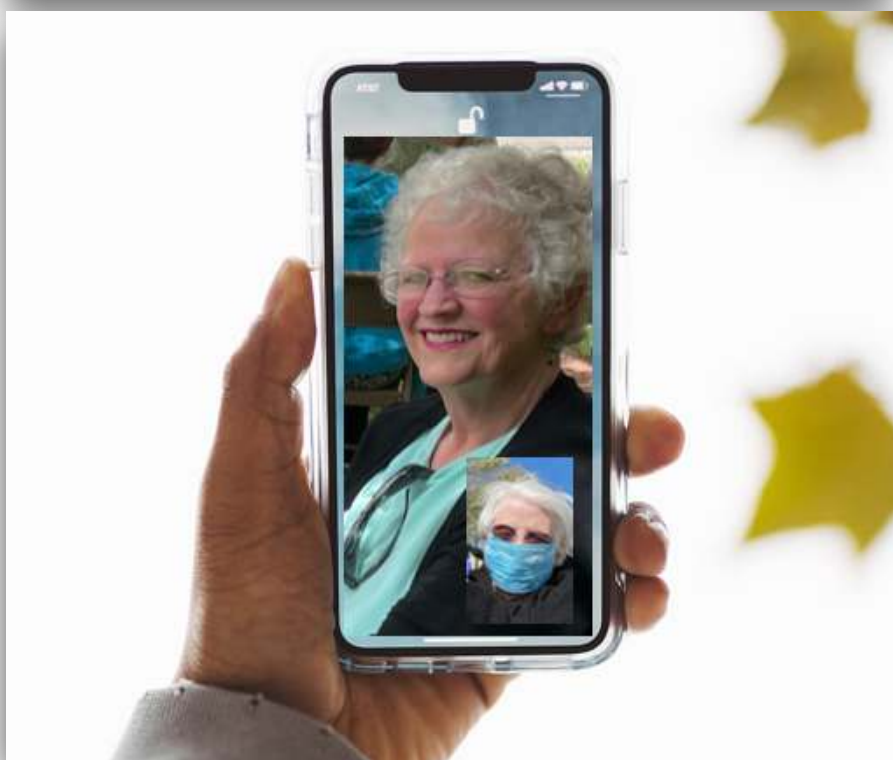
THE CHURCH ON ZOOM



SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM CALL

Zoom in on Sundays at 10 am! Please join us. Watch for the link in your email!

On the second Sunday of the month, we have children's time at the beginning of the Zoom gathering. They stay for about ten minutes to check in and say "hi." We hope to see those of you who can join us on Zoom!



FACE TIME

While Face Time isn't new we are trying to use it more often making it possible for Rev. Deb to have time with more folks digitally vs the time spent in driving. We have piloted the program with Barbara Clement while Bevan visits. We have scheduled 5-10 minutes each week for a quick catch up and a prayer and it has been something Barbara really appreciates.

If you are going to visit someone that could use a quick hello and prayer please arrange with Rev. Deb and use your smartphone to FaceTime...it will make someone's day much brighter!



HELP

If you need help in better understanding, setting up or learning about some of the digital tools available please do not hesitate asking...let the church office know and we will arrange it.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

We are also looking for a Sunday school superintendent who would coordinate with teachers and helpers. This person would not need to teach unless he or she wanted to, and the work would be organizing lessons and materials and staying in touch with teachers. If anyone is interested, please let Rev. Deb know, and we can work out a description of the position.



SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS/TEACHERS

We are looking for folks to help with Sunday school! Please let Rev. Deb know if you are willing, called, and interested in teaching and/or helping one Sunday a month. We will be using a one-room Sunday school curriculum, so it will be a little different from the last few years. However, the lessons are easy to follow, require a little preparation, and will teach the children about what it means to follow Jesus.



MEMBERSHIP AT FIRST UMC

We haven't mentioned joining the church since the pandemic started, but now that we are headed toward reopening, we hope you might consider officially becoming members here. There are some who have actively been part of the church mission and ministry for a while, and the next step would be to make a formal commitment to being part of the congregation. For more information, please contact Rev. Deb.



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Juliann Smith
Joan Allen
Naomi
Erin Frane
Madeline
Charles Gilman
Josh Jones
Jenn
Gary
Joyce

Harry Junkins
Marilyn & Gil
Donna Smith
Sophia
Bobbie Noble
Dan Strange
Danny Westbrook
Delores [Marilyn's sister]
Marion Collishaw
Mark & Sarah

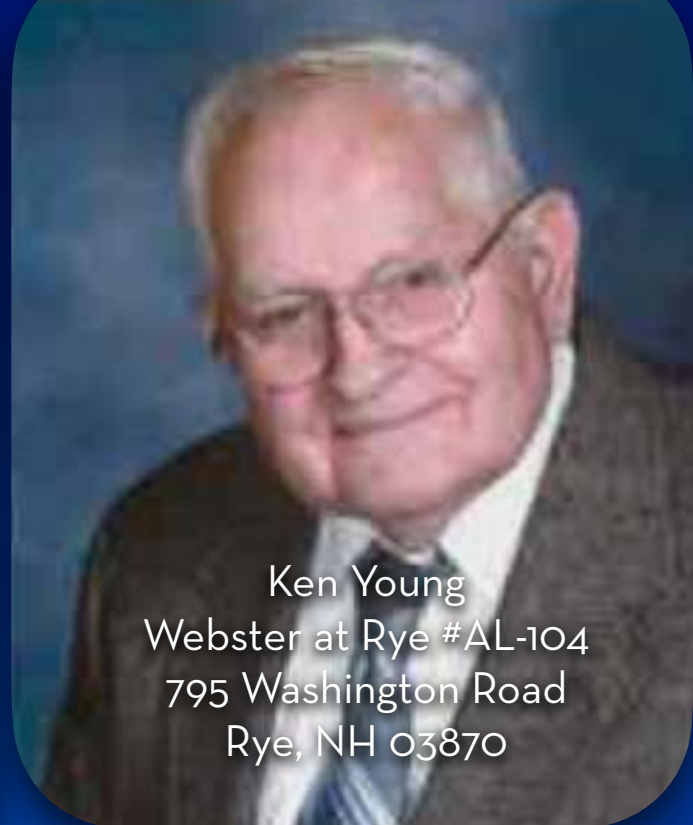
Christine & her parents
Those in nursing and assisted living care
Our Church family



Barbara Clement
Riverside Rest Home
276 County Farm Rd #304
Dover, NH 03820



Marion Collishaw
50 Old Colony Way
Scituate MA 02066



Ken Young
Webster at Rye #AL-104
795 Washington Road
Rye, NH 03870

OUR FAMILY

WHO CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH

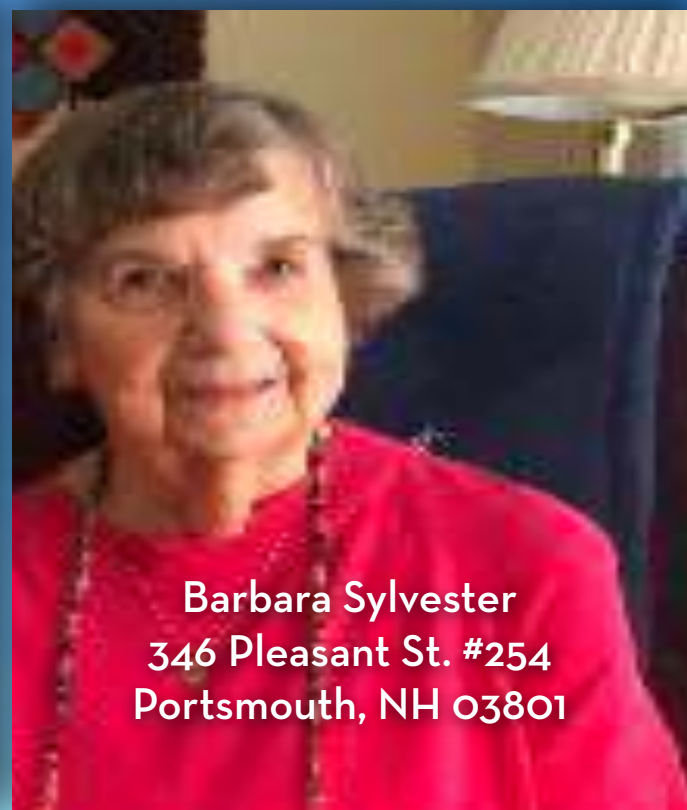
A card can make a big difference in someone's day!



Barbara Glidden
188 Jones Ave #101
Portsmouth, NH 03801



Gil Stebbins
9 Lewis Road, #104-2
Kittery, ME. 03904



Barbara Sylvester
346 Pleasant St. #254
Portsmouth, NH 03801



IN REMEMBRANCE AND THANK YOU



Charles W. Trott Jr., 64, a North Hampton resident since 1996, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 15, 2021 with his wife and family by his side.

He was born in Trenton, NJ on November 6, 1956 a son of Roberta Noble of Portsmouth. Raised in Dover and Portsmouth New Hampshire.

A dedicated and hardworking employee of High Liner Foods in Portsmouth for 46 years he currently worked as the production line supervisor.

Charles was an avid NASCAR, Red Sox, and Patriots fan. He enjoyed his Friday night bowling league with his wife Jennifer at Bowl-A-Rama in Portsmouth in addition to a men's league on Wednesdays. Charles had a huge heart and would give you the shirt off his back. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his mother, surviving family members include his loving wife Jennifer Trott of North Hampton; children, Charles W. Trott III and his wife Robyn of South Berwick, ME, Amy Trott of Lynn, MA, Courtney Heywood and her wife KrySTina of Dover and Caitlin Curran of North Hampton; siblings, Karen Bond, David Trott, Betsy Trott, and Kathy Benda; 9 grandchildren, 1 great grandson and several nieces and nephews.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM BOBBIE NOBLE -

Thank you all for the condolences and cards I received following the death of my son. I appreciate it very much. Bobbie

August Birthdays

- 1 Glenn Meadows
- 8 Anne Coffey
- 10 Steve Langs
- 12 Art Munson
- 13 Pastor Sue Ellery
- 13 Andrew Laux
- 18 Priscilla Zoffoli
- 20 Jesse Bennett
- 20 Suzanne Olbricht
- 25 Bevan Bloemendaal
- 26 Linda Reiber
- 27 Jan Cansdale
- 28 TJ Scott

August Anniversaries

- 2 Bill & Connie Parsons
- 7 David & Sue Richards
- 9 Joseph & Kim Philbrick
- 13 Gil & Marilyn Stebbins
- 29 Kevin Fickenscher & Suzanne Olbricht
- 31 Russell & Anita Bunting
- 31 Glenn & Linda Meadows



CHURCH YARD SALE



HOLD THE DATE - AUGUST 14TH!

Church Council, Finance and Trustees are having a yard sale as their Stewardship vs Ownership fundraiser and are inviting you to come and SHOP!

They are also offering YOU and opportunity to SHARE YOUR TALENTS for your fundraiser projects like: baked goods, crafts, artwork, lemonade/water stand and sell them to the crowds walking around Portsmouth too. Plan for it now and let us know what you will be bringing as part of your fundraising.



LAST CALL!

The First UMC Church - Portsmouth is clearing out the Craft Room and is looking for individuals, schools and non profits who can use any of the supplies. Everything must go and it's FREE or donations accepted...if interested come to the church at 129 Miller Avenue on Wednesdays from 10am - 2pm or set up an appointment with Sue R. at 603.749.4169 or email mksrichards@comcast.net

Here's a short list of what may be available:

3 sewing machines, picture/poster frames, shells, pine cones, yarn, counted cross-stitch/embroidery kits and supplies, floor containers, beads, fabric, fleece, foam molds, wooden shapes, trays, baskets, small Christmas trees, felt, muslin, misc. crafts supplies, partially finished projects, sewing supplies etc.



Volunteers Needed

**We are still looking for folks to help get the church ready for reopening on 9.12.21!
If you can spare a couple of hours, afternoon or day please let us know we have
something for everyone to help with.**

Call the church office at 603-436-6038 and let us know. Thanks!

4 WAYS TO GIVE, DONATE & TITHE



BY MAIL
First UMC
129 Miller Ave
Portsmouth, NH
03801



ONLINE
fumcportsmouth.com
"GIVE" button



IN PERSON
First UMC
129 Miller Ave
Portsmouth, NH
03801
Wednesday's 10-2pm



QR code
Point your phone camera
on the QR code to the
left to view the online
PayPal donation page



FUMC PORTSMOUTH A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

We, the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, are dedicated in worshipping, learning, and serving with all people as we embrace Jesus Christ's message of love and acceptance. As a United Methodist Church we stand fully behind the statement "Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors". We celebrate our diversity and invite all persons regardless of age, gender, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, physical or mental ability into full membership and participation in the life of this community of faith.