



FOR GOD DID NOT
GIVE US A SPIRIT OF FEAR
BUT OF POWER AND LOVE
AND SELF-CONTROL.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

FIRST UMC  PORTSMOUTH

JUNE BEACON

2024



For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. 2 Timothy 1:7-8

Dear Friends,

It was just a little more than a year ago that I wrote you my first Beacon message and here it is my last! I could not have imagined what would take place as I wrote that first message but I have absolute trust that God knew and planned for it all along. As I reflect on all that has taken place and what I might wish to share with you before I go, I look back to Paul's words to his protege, Timothy, as he was preparing to die for the Gospel. He wanted Timothy to be bold in his love and his witness and I suspect that I could not wish for anything better than that for each of you. In today's world, we are not encouraged to live a life that involves bold self sacrifice and love but that is what life as a follower of Jesus is all about. Too often, we make choices in our lives out of our fears and self interest. That is just not the Christian way. Christ calls us to move beyond our fears as we constantly reach out to a world that needs one thing more than anything else; God's grace.

In the next months, you will be called upon to welcome your new pastor and his family into your fold. I encourage you to welcome them with open hearts. Think about all the ways you can make these months and this new relationship loving and kind. Wear name tags, invite them to your homes for coffee and fellowship, join with Bob as he goes to the hospital, nursing homes and funeral homes for the first time. Accept that Bob will bring new ideas and a new vision and encourage that rather than stick to the way things have been done in the past. Embrace change and expect the very best.

There are going to be many changes that are needed to keep First UMC serving God and this community for years to come. Sacrifices are going to be needed to fix the financial crisis that you continue to face. There will need to be bold action on your part as you live into what God is calling you to. Do not fear! The things you hold on to in an effort to keep you feeling safe and secure are actually holding you back. God has a better way and you can only see it once you let God's way be your way.

I hope and pray that my tenure among you has been a time for you to get ready to move forward. We have certainly begun to honestly face the issues that are in front of us and to begin to talk about what is really important. Your decision to host Recovery Church has been a strong witness to what Christ is doing in the community. It has been one of my great joys to see this ministry blossom and to see some of those members feel welcome to join us on Sunday morning. It has also been a blessing to see our numbers in worship grow. Of course, the children in our fellowship remain one of our best opportunities to share the gospel. These young people are the most important part of our legacy. I pray you will continue to grow in your love and dedication to them. They are our future.

I will certainly miss you all and will be praying from the sidelines as I check in with you as your District Superintendent. Our goodbye is more of a see you later! I know that I leave you in good hands and that Bob, like myself, will feel privileged to serve our God with you. Together we are all the body of Christ. Be bold my friends as you love like Christ loves us all.

With much love, Pastor Jackie

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SUNDAYS
10am



FIRST UMC LIFE

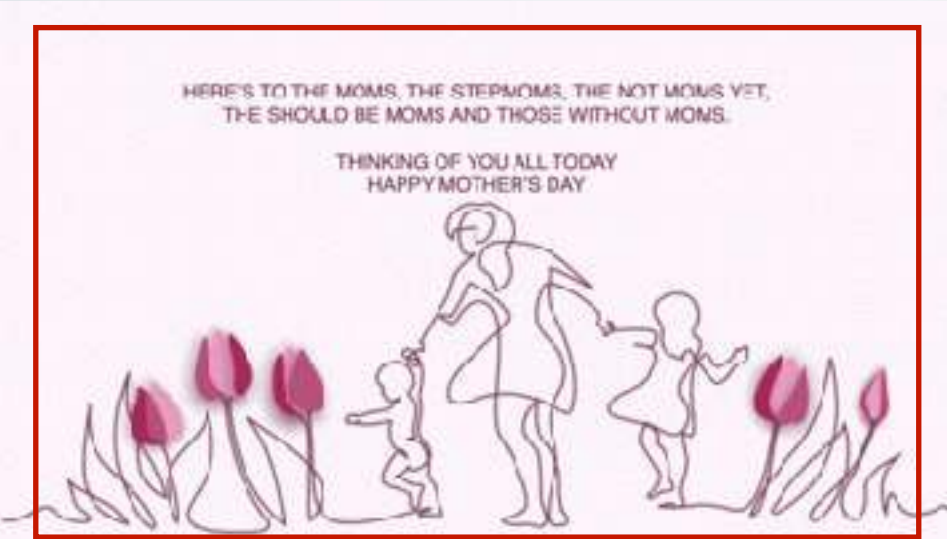
Guest Pastor - Sue Ellery

Pentecost Sunday



Mother's Day Sunday

Demanding Love Sunday



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FIRST UMC LIFE

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S LARGEST DAY-OF-GIVING

Hosted by the NH Center for Nonprofits, NH Gives brings together hundreds of nonprofits and tens of thousands of donors to raise as much money and awareness as possible in 24-hours. Look for PORTSMOUTH FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH @ <https://www.nhgives.org/> please share this opportunity with all your friends and family!

ARE YOU READY FOR IT?

JUNE 11-12, 2024

TOGETHER WE GIVE.

NHGIVES.ORG

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LOOK FOR PORTSMOUTH FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

June 16, 2024

We will be decorating flags during coffee hour on June 9th to decorate our church front lawn in honor of all the men in our lives. If you can't make it please call the church office 603.436.6038 with the name[s] you would like to honor and Sue S and Sue R will make it happen for you.

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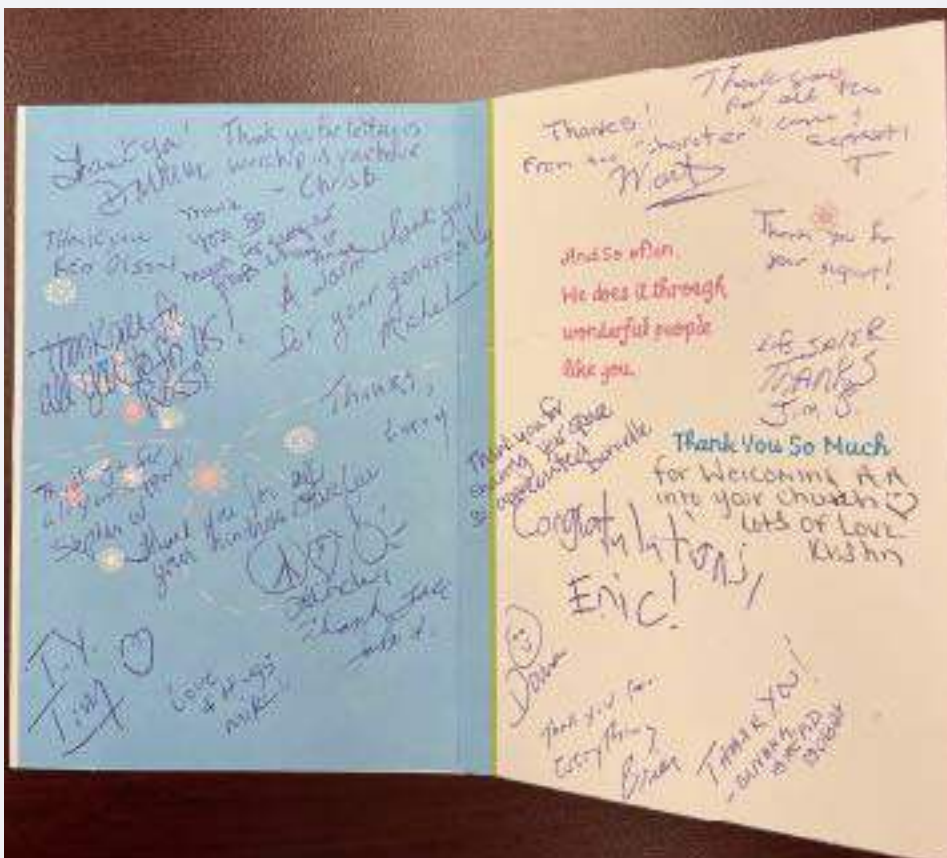


June 2024

FIRST UMC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NOTE - If you are unable to meet the proposed schedule please let the office know immediately and we will reschedule.

DATE	LITURGIST	ACOLYTES	BELL RINGERS	GREETERS & USHERS	FACEBOOK LIVE	WORSHIP TECH	SOUND TECH	COFFEE HOUR
June 2	Cathy VanReenen	Maria	Labadie's	Rosanne Groff Hollen Groff	Sue Richards	Steve Scott	Sue Sarosiek	Yvonne Griffin Cynthia Drake Sue Lange
June 9	Brock LaBadie	Bella & Dominic	Arcadipane's	Yvonne Griffin Sue Richards	Sue Richards	Steve Scott	Sue Sarosiek	Stephanie Labadie
June 16	Stephanie LaBadie	Lilly	Labadie's	John VanReenen Cathy VanReenen	Bella	Steve Scott	Sue Sarosiek	Kellie Langs Sue Richards
June 23 Jackie's last day	Marilyn Stebbins	Liam & Georgia	Rosie & Will	Rosanne Groff Hollen Groff	Bella	Sue Richards	Sue Sarosiek	Potluck
June 30 Dave R Preaching	Sue Richards	Maria	Sillanpaa's	Jan Cansdale Al Cansdale	Sue Sarosiek	Steve Scott	Sue Sarosiek	Cathy VanReenen Rosanne Groff



A beautiful note sent to Sue S and Sue R from the noontime AA group.

Thank you both for being there for so many behind the scenes!

*We are all
made of stories*

We would love to hear yours!

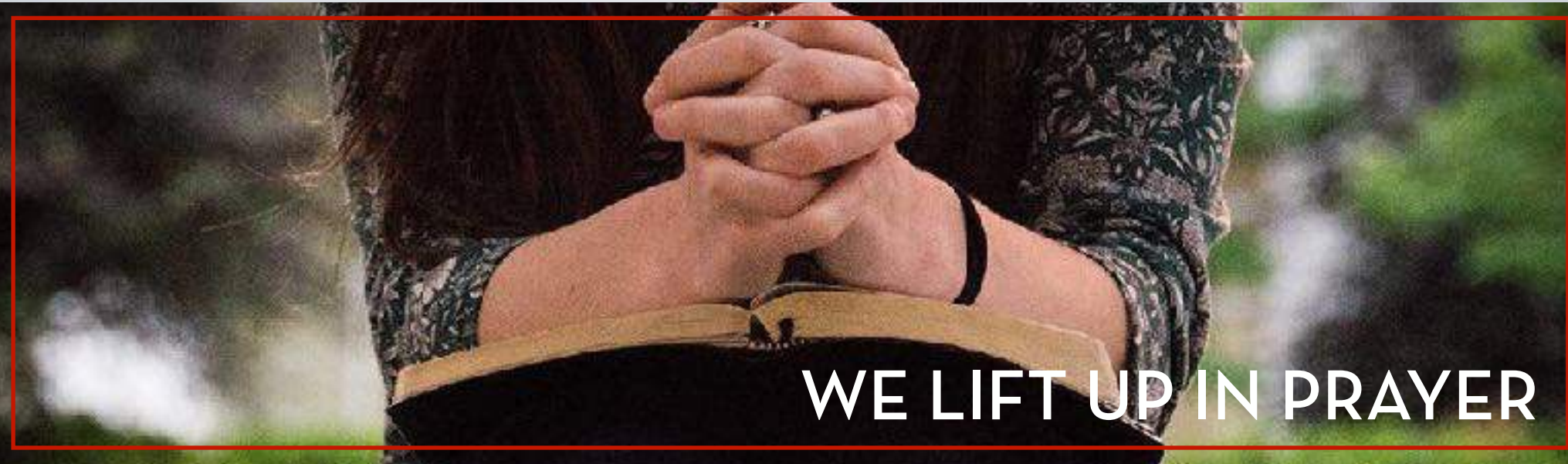
HER STORY IS ONE OF LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR FIRST UMC

Our dear friend Ruth Griffin will be spending some time at Wentworth so let's show her some extra love, support and prayers. She would love cards and of course always welcomes the smiling faces of her church family and friends. You all know that Ruth's church and church family are so important to her and her family is incredibly appreciative of all the love and support.



Ruth Griffin

c/o Wentworth Home
346 Pleasant Street #106
Portsmouth, NH 03801



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER



For those who face homelessness, food insecurity, mental illness, and addictions, Jack, Isha, Aerial, Erica, Kathy, Olivia, Elaine, Becky, Jesse, Matthew, Blake, James, Kaya, Linda, Bregan, Nancy, Erika, Gloria, Peter, Glenn, and our Church Family, Friends and Community

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

We are a FAMILY first and foremost...and there are some who are not able to make it to church on regularly or be part of the activities that are happening at First UMC. Prayers, cards, calls or a visit are always welcome!

We also lift up in prayer those names that have been shared with us as they go through their own challenges and we ask that God cradles them in His loving arms.



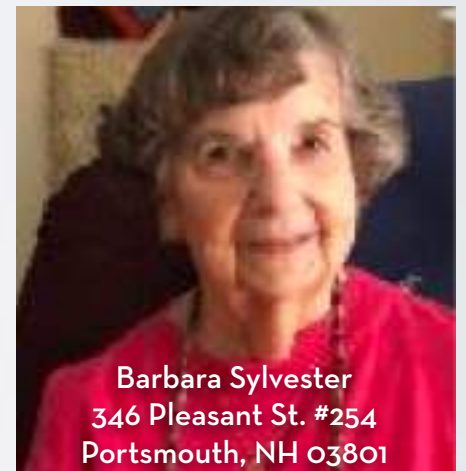
Ruth Griffin
479 Richards Avenue
Portsmouth, NH 03801



Jim Slater
75 State Street
Portland, ME 04101



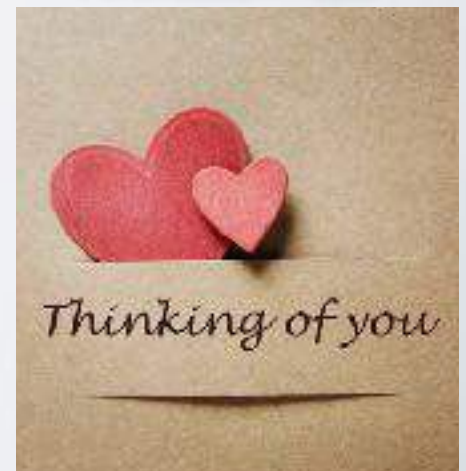
Barbara Glidden
188 Jones Ave #101
Portsmouth, NH 03801



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



Ken & Jenya Westbrook
20 Islington Street #402
Portsmouth, NH 03801



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

RECOVERY CHURCH

Come join us on Wednesday's at 6:15 for Food & Fellowship and 7pm for the worship service. As Freddy Petrone says come for the food - stay for the soul.



**A Church Created BY the Recovery Community
FOR the Recovery Community**
129 Miller Ave, Portsmouth



I GOT BRIDGED

Learn more about Freddy Petrone and how I Got Bridged is bridging the gap for people in need.



SPRING CLEAN UP

The I Got Bridged crew is ready to Spring into action to help those in need with lawn cleanup!!



Do you want to learn more about how you can help call the church office @ 603.436.6038 or visit:
First United Methodist Church - Portsmouth <https://fumcportsmouth.com/>



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Get a card in the mail or send a quick text or instant messenger to wish these church family members a Happy Birthday day filled with love, laughter and lots of cake!



June Birthdays

2 David Brown
4 Shawn Martin
5 Alexa Langs
5 Mike Lindgren
13 Jack Labadie
28 Christopher Laux

June Anniversaries

19 Hollen & Rosanne Groff



SAYING *farewell* TO PASTOR JACKIE

Come join us after worship service on June 23rd for a farewell potluck to thank Pastor Jackie for all she has done and wish her the best in her new role as DS. See Yvonne to help!





First UMC is a Reconciling Congregation dedicated to worshiping, learning, and serving with ALL people embracing Jesus Christ's message of love and acceptance.

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.

You can learn more about us by using your camera on your phone and this QR code

