

"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?"

ISAIAH 43:18-19



From the Pastor's desk.

Pastor Robert Stewart
pastorbobstewart@gmail.com

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ...

Our Advent and Christmas theme this year was **One Night...One Star...One Child**. Joy to the World the Lord has Come!

What a beautiful Christmas Eve service where we sang some of the beautiful Christmas Carols. We heard beautiful musical offerings from many of our own family and friends. We also had a special guest that came and shared his memories of that one night, that one star and the one child that came and changed the world. I like to offer in this new year of 2026 two scriptures for reflection.

The first comes from Isaiah 43:18-19 ***“Remember not the former things nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”*** From our 2026 Stewardship Campaign based on the Six Steps to a Generous Life - Committed to Christ by Bob Crossman; you clearly are living out this scripture. Here are some results: There were 22 people/families that filled out and submitted a financial commitment card to the church. Of those 22 pledges offered 16 increased and took a step up from last year, 2 new pledges were received, 1 pledge remained the same as last year and one decreased from last year. I have to say your response by making your commitment to the church is resounding joy to Isaiah's words above. Thank you for living out your faith.

I am also publishing the report from Lay Leadership and Nominations that indicate those who have made a commitment to God and the church by serving on a committee. You are a part of the body of Christ and as Jesus said so often in scripture...he did not come to be served but to serve. Again, by agreeing to serve on a committee you are living out Isaiah 43:18-19. A committee meeting schedule will be listed in the Beacon and they are also listed in the weekly bulletin.

The second scripture for reflection in this new year comes from Paul's letter to the Philippians - Philippians 3:13-14 - ***“Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on forward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”*** We have always heard...what is past has past. Let's not dwell on the past but look ahead to our future. I believe that is why we celebrate a holiday called a NEW YEAR. It is my hope and prayer for 2026 that we continue to look forward with any challenges we encounter and that we face them together by **Loving Boldly...Serving Joyfully** and **Leading Courageously**.

From the Pastor's desk - continued

I have a couple of individuals that are looking to become members of our church family in the new year ahead. I am selecting Sunday, February 15, 2026, to receive new members to join First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth. I selected February 15th because it is "Transfiguration Sunday." Another word for transfiguration is transformation. When you become a member of the church your life will truly be transformed. As the prophet Jeremiah said in 29:11 ***"I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."***

Last and certainly not least in importance is studying the word together. I will be offering a Lenten study using the book written by Max Lucado: *What God Did to Win Your Heart...**He Chose the Nails.*** This is a five-session study and I will offer it on Wednesday mornings in the sanctuary (in person) from 10:00am to 11:30am and via zoom on Saturday mornings from 8:30am to 10:00am.

Here are the in-person Wednesday dates:

- Session 1: **Ash Wednesday** February 18, 2026
- Session 2: February 25, 2026
- Session 3: March 4, 2026
- Session 4: March 11, 2026
- Session 5: March 18, 2026

Here are the Saturday Zoom dates:

- Session 1: February 21, 2026
- Session 2: February 28, 2026
- Session 3: March 7, 2026
- Session 4: March 14, 2026
- Session 5: March 21, 2026

My goal is to be completed with this Lenten Study before Holy Week which begins on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026. The cost of the book will be \$11.00 per copy. There will be more about Lent in the next Beacon after the Worship Committee has laid out the worship plans.

Friends...Joy to the World the Lord has Come!

Sharon and I want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and Christmas season (Remember the 12 days after Christmas is the Christmas season as we await the visit from the 3 Kings or Magi.)

We also want to wish you a Happy and Prosperous 2026 New Year. Go forth and ***Love Boldly...Serve Joyfully...and Lead Courageously.*** Wishing you Jesus!

Pastor Bob



WORSHIP, FUN, AND FAITH IN ACTION AT FIRST UMC

Our Church website fumcportsmouth.com is a great place to remind ourselves of the amazing work we are doing supporting each other, our community in making a difference by sharing our faith in God. Check out the photo galleries here - <https://fumcportsmouth.com/photo-galleries/>



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ONE NIGHT, ONE STAR, ONE CHILD

DECEMBER 24, 2025



KID'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT "JOY STORY"

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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KITCHEN CLEAN UP ANGELS

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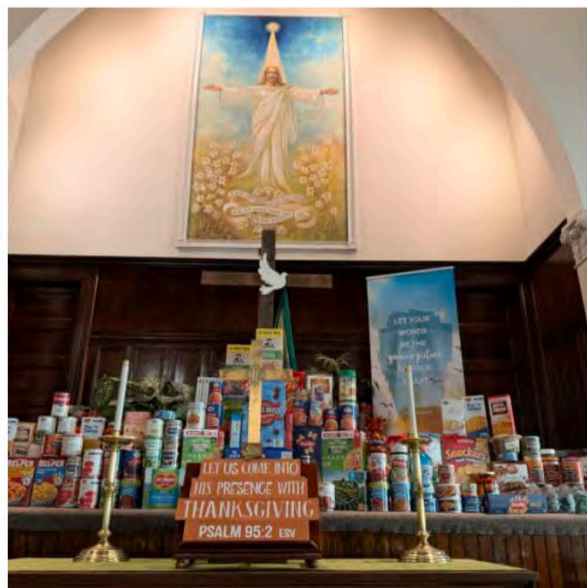
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LECTIONARY READINGS



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

It is truly remarkable how reading God's word draws people closer to Him as He speaks through the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit reaches out to connect with us even before we fully receive the Spirit in our hearts. Through the conviction of Scripture, we will often discover a need we may not have previously recognized, drawing us closer to God. Enjoy getting closer to Him!

January 4, 2026

Second Sunday after Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 , Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14 , John 1:(1-9), 10-18

January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9 , Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43 , Matthew 3:13-17

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7 , Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 , John 1:29-42

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4 , Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 , Matthew 4:12-23



FIRST UMC LEADERSHIP

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT LAY LEADERSHIP 2026

Church Council (Leadership Board)

Leadership Board Chair: Kellie Langs (3-year term ending 2027)

Pastor: Bob Stewart

Lay Leader: Sue Sarosiek

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Dave Richards

Staff Parish Relations Chair: Brock Labadie

Trustee Chair: Mike Coffey

Finance Chair: Aerial Sillanpaa

Financial Secretary : Jen Berry

Church Treasurer: Steve Scott

Recording Secretary: Sue Richards

Church School Superintendent(s) Dave Richards and Stephanie Labadie

Sunshine Chair: Marilyn Stebbins

Church Historian: Evelyn Laux

Worship Chair: PennySue Orr

Members at Large: Yvonne Griffin, Bella Sillanpaa, Melanie Lindgren

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Brock Labadie (Three-year term as chair ending 2026)

Kellie Langs, Christine Williams (Three-year term ending 2026)

Sue Lange, Sue Richards, Kevin Fickenscher, Anne Coffey (Three-year term ending 2027)

Cathy VanReenen, Rosie Buswell (Three-year term ending 2028)

Lay Leader: Sue Sarosiek

Pastor: Bob Stewart



FIRST UMC LEADERSHIP

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT LAY LEADERSHIP 2026

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development

Stephanie Labadie, Melanie Lindgren (3 year term ending 2026)

Sue Richards, Sharon Stewart (3 year term ending 2027)

Marilyn Stebbins (3 year term ending 2028)

Lay Leader: Sue Sarosiek

Pastor: Bob Stewart

Finance Committee

Airial Sillanpaa - Chair (3 year term ending 2026)

Steve Scott - Treasurer (3 year term ending 2028)

Jen Berry - Financial Secretary (3 year term ending 2028)

Linda Reiber (1 year term ending 2026)

Jane Richards (1 year ending 2026)

Dave Richards (3 year term ending 2028)

Roseanne Groff (3 year term ending 2028)

John VanReenen (3 year term ending 2028)

Lay Leader: Sue Sarosiek

Pastor: Bob Stewart

Board of Trustees

Mike Coffey - Chair (3-year term ending 2027)

Gary Sillanpaa (3-year term ending 2026)

Steve Langs (3-year term ending 2026)

Steve Scott (Trustee Treasurer) (3-year term ending 2028)

Mark Giandomenico (3-year term ending 2027)

Wayne Rasch (3-year term ending 2027)

Steve Beckert (3-year term ending 2028)

Karl Duval (3-year term ending 2028)

Lay Leader: Sue Sarosiek

Pastor: Bob Stewart

Worship Committee

PennySue Orr - Chair (3 year term ending 2027)

Marilyn Stebbins (3 year term ending 2027)

Michelle Verrill (3 year term ending 2027)

Bevan Bloemendaal (Consultant)

Yvonne Griffin (3 year term ending 2027)

Stephanie Labadie (3 year term ending 2027)

Dave Richards (3 year term ending 2027)

Sharon Stewart (3 year term ending 2027)

Hollen Groff (3 year term ending 2028)

Debbie Astbury (3 year term ending 2028)

Toby & Diane Thompson (3 year term ending 2028)

Lay Leader: Sue Sarosiek

Pastor: Bob Stewart

Staff (paid)

Pastor: Bob Stewart

Music Director: Bevan Bloemendaal

Custodian: Pete Engel

Digital Outreach Coordinator: Bevan Bloemendaal



Finance Update

Aerial Sillanpaa
Chair, Finance Committee

Hello Church Family,

Our next Finance Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 PM at the parsonage. Members of the congregation are warmly invited to join us, either in person or via Zoom, to listen and learn more about the world of church finance. (It really can be interesting. I promise!) To keep meetings efficient and within policy, only Finance Committee members may participate directly in discussion or decision-making. But your ideas still matter greatly. Please email (garyairial@aol.com) or call me anytime with questions or suggestions, and I'll be sure they make it to the table.

As part of our ongoing financial review, I learned that our conference records still reflect an unpaid Mission Share balance of \$3,806.62 from prior to 2023. Former pastoral leadership had mistakenly indicated this balance would eventually “drop off” once future years were paid. Unfortunately, it turns out church finances do not believe in magical disappearing acts, and the balance remains. My hope is to intentionally clear this balance during 2026.

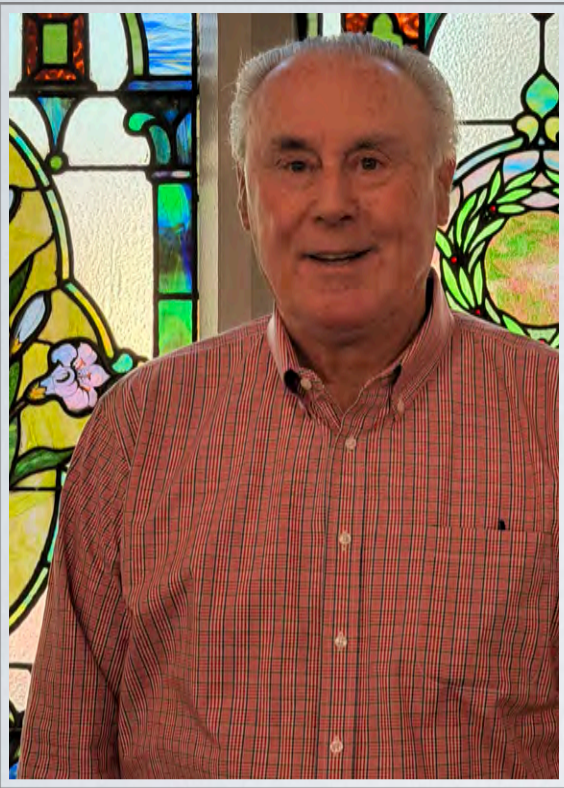
We've already taken a hopeful first step: a congregation member donated \$380 in December, appropriated to pay 10% of the outstanding amount. That leaves \$3,426 for us to tackle thoughtfully across the year, steadily and without jeopardizing our ministries.

One of the most exciting opportunities ahead is our 2026 Church Cookbook Fundraiser. Not only will it celebrate the hospitality and creativity of our congregation (and maybe settle a few friendly debates over whose brownie recipe really is “the best”), but it also has the potential to significantly reduce, and prayerfully eliminate, this outstanding balance while also strengthening our general fund.

We are grateful that Penny Sue Orr has graciously agreed to oversee the cookbook, and she will absolutely need volunteers. If you can type, cook, organize, taste-test, or simply cheer us on, please see Penny Sue to learn how you can help. We'll also provide regular cookbook updates in The Beacon so everyone can follow along as the project “simmer.”

I truly believe 2026 is going to be a wonderful year that is grounded in faith, clarity, and plenty of good teamwork. As we move forward together, I'm reminded of God's promise: “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”— **Isaiah 43:19**

Thank you for your continued trust, prayers, and partnership. Even when the numbers get complicated, our mission, and our God, remain beautifully steady.



Trustee Update

Mike Coffey
Chair, Trustee Committee

Church Family and Friends,

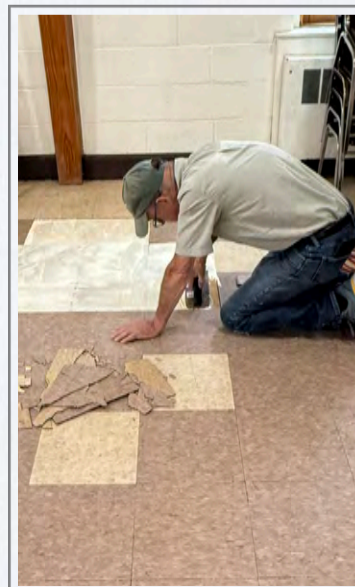
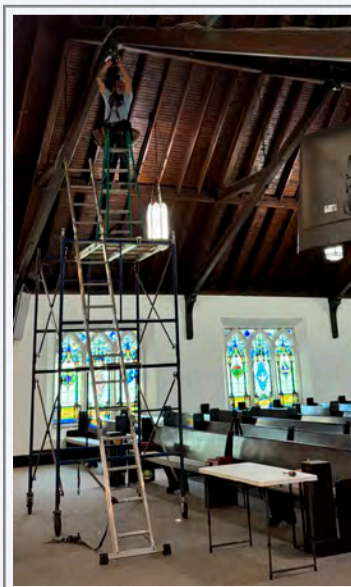
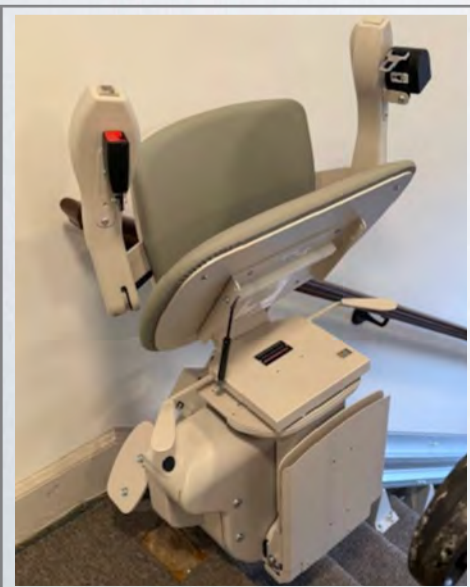
2025 was a fairly quiet year for the Trustee's. Aside from conducting the Church walk around inspection, resulting in several minor repair projects. And, performing the Parsonage inspection that showed a very well kept property, thank you Sue Sarosiek for your care in maintaining the property.

The number one project was the replacement of the chair lift. Thank you to those who donated to this worthy cause. Other yearly items reviewed to keep up in compliance were our annual insurance review, the City occupancy inspections and life safety inspections. We passed all with flying colors.

A special thank you to the Trustee committee members for their diligence in keeping up with their commitment. Gary Sillanpaa came to our rescue when a piece of roof flashing became loose and Wayne Rasch repaired a leak in the roof over the office, thank you both. Other projects included installing new window shades, LED lighting and hi-efficiency fans in Sanborn Hall and new hi-efficiency fans in the sanctuary, again thank you Gary and Wayne,

I would also like to thank the many groups that use our Church. They have contributed greatly to keeping our building in nice condition. Even though many adults and children use our church they are very considerate to keeping the church looking well kept. Also a thank you to our facilities custodian Pete for a great job keeping things clean and neat.

Blessings for 2026





Worship Committee Update

PennySue Orr
Chair, Worship Committee

Happy New Year my church family!

With the beginning of a new year many of us make a resolution. Eat healthier, exercise, spend less time on tablets and phones or give up smoking. I have made the resolution to read the entire Bible. I did it many years ago however a refresher course is always good. A few months ago Pastor Bob offered a pamphlet "One Year Bible Reading Plan. Three Ways to Read Through the Bible". I chose a plan to follow and decided to start January 1st to make it my year long worship resolution!

I will keep you posted on my progress throughout the year. Remember - Worship is not just for Sunday mornings!

The worship committee will be busy planning events for the coming months. Ash Wednesday(Feb 18), Palm Sunday (March 29), Easter (April 5) will be our focus for our upcoming meeting on 1/11/26.

Acolytes are a vital part of Sunday morning worship. Carrying the Light of Christ to the altar, lighting the Epistle and Gospel candles at the beginning of the service and extinguishing the candles and carrying the Light out to the world. Traditionally the children of the church performed this responsibility however there is no age limit! We need adult volunteers too! No experience needed! We will train you.

If you have any ideas for worship please speak to Pastor Bob or myself and we will be sure to bring your ideas to the committee.

Peace in your Journey





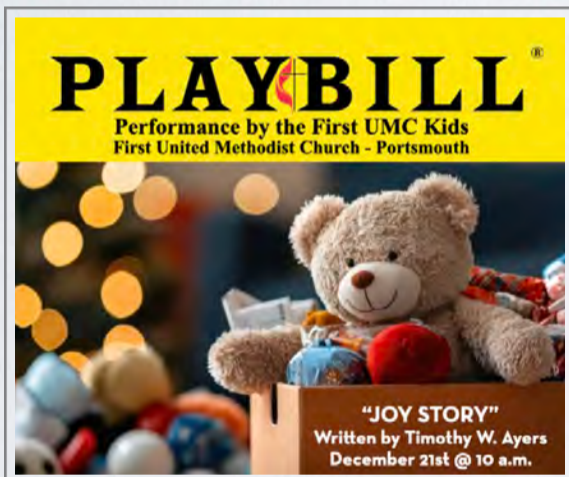
Children's Church Update

Stephanie Labadie & David Richards
Co-Superintendents

Church Family and Friends,

Following a wonderful performance of this year's Christmas pageant, "Joy Story" written by Timothy W. Ayers, our Sunday morning lessons picked back up with one final angelic visit to spread the news of Jesus' birth - to the shepherds in the fields watching their flocks that night.

As we enter 2026, our Children's Church program enters Unit 2 of the Winter curriculum in which we journey with the magi in their quest to find the newborn king whose star they discovered in the night sky, and into the gospel of Mark to learn the stories of those who believed in Jesus the son of God.





SPRC

Brock Labadie
Chair

Church family and friends,

The SPRC Committee continues to stay connected with our Pastor and church staff, offering support, encouragement, and a listening ear as we continue to grow our ministry together at First UMC. We're truly grateful for the care and commitment they bring to our church, community, worship services, and the day-to-day maintenance of our building.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the staff Christmas gifts – your generosity and thoughtfulness are a beautiful testament to your love and support for each person and the important role they play in the life of our church.

As a reminder, the SPRC will be meeting on January 18th at 11:30, following the worship service. Please continue to keep our church community in your prayers as we work together to make a difference in the wider community.



Bob Stewart
Pastor



Bevan Bloemendaal
Music Director



Pete Engel
Church Sexton

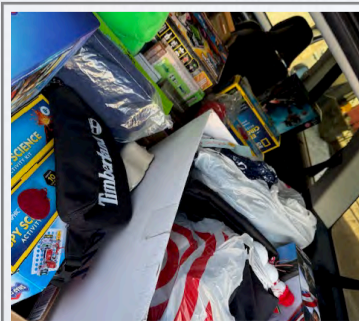


Kids First Update

Sue Sarosiek & Sue Richards
Co-Chairs

Church Family,

Our annual Christmas tradition of supporting Seacoast kids was once again a wonderful success. Because of your generosity, Christmas was brighter for 25 Seacoast kids and their families through the First UMC KIDS FIRST program, our partnership with DCYF (Division for Children, Youth and Families), private sponsorships, and the incredible Wrapping Angels and Breakfast-Making Angels. Thank you for your kindness, your giving spirit, and for truly making a difference.





Seacoast Family Promise Update

Jen Berry
Chair

Hello!

We continue to provide dinners for the families currently staying at the Joshua House. A big thank you to the folks who have helped in the last couple of months with this outreach! Seacoast Family Promise is expecting 2026 to be a big growth year, allowing us to help more families that are in need. Sadly, the number of families experiencing homelessness is only growing due to the lack of affordable housing in the seacoast area so the more families we can help, the better.

Starting in January, families will be eating leftovers on Wednesday nights and making their own dinner on Saturday nights, so we will just be responsible for providing meals on Thursday and Friday of each week we are assigned, as Temple Israel volunteers will cover Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

Our 2026 schedule is as follows:

February 12 & 13

April 30 & May 1

June 25 & 26

August 13 & 14

November 12 & 13

December 31 & January 1

If you are interested in helping with this outreach, please contact me @ Jen.berry76@gmail.com or 603-801-3886





End 68 Hours of Hunger Update

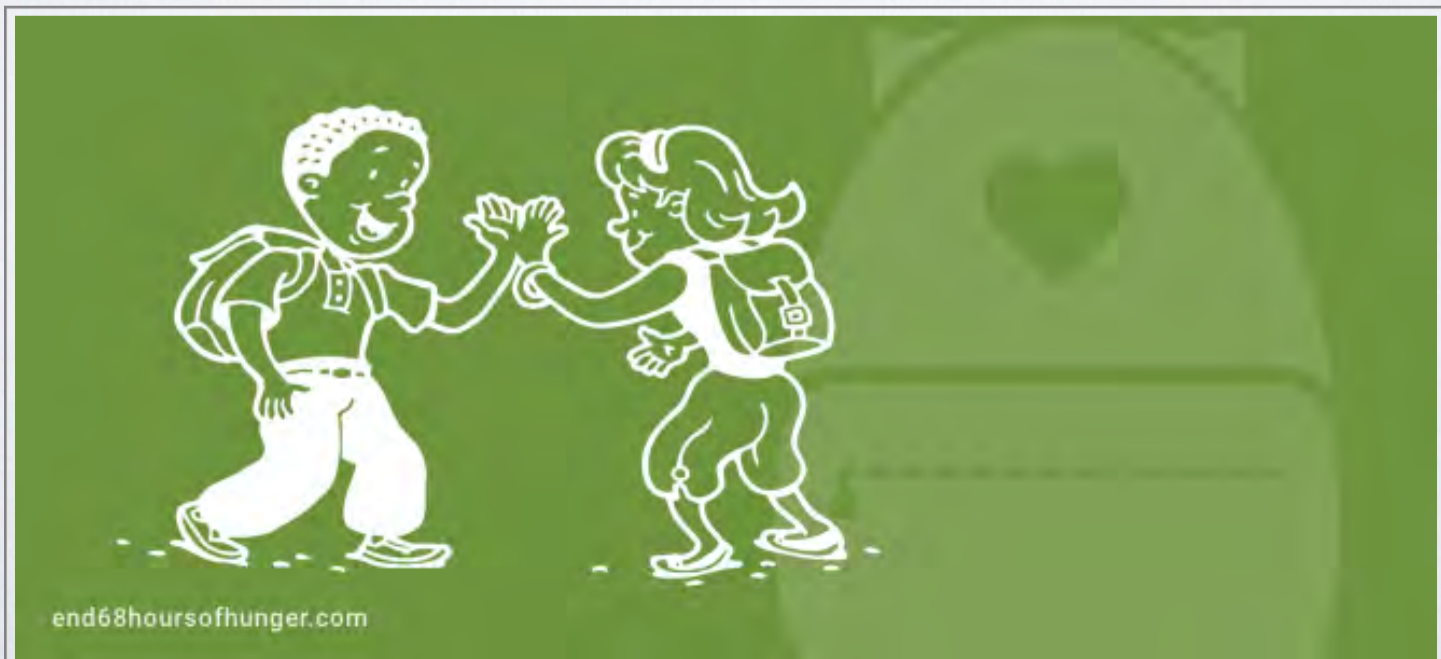
Jen Berry
Chair

Church Family and Friends,

End 68 Hours of Hunger - Portsmouth was originally started by this church as our "Backpack Ministry" in 2010. In 2012, when this ministry became so large our congregation could no longer fund it by itself, we joined the End 68 Hours of Hunger organization as the Portsmouth chapter, which created more funding opportunities and brought in additional volunteers from the Portsmouth community. Currently we work with all the Portsmouth schools, the Greenland elementary school and The BIRCHTREE Center in Newington NH, feeding 80+ children.

For the last 15 years, we have been sending bags of food home with Portsmouth school children every Friday during the school year. The bags contain 7 simple meals and snacks they can eat over the weekend, filling the gap of approximately 68 hours between lunch at school on Friday and breakfast at school on Monday morning. We've also expanded our outreach in the last couple of school years by sending individual pantry items to some of the Portsmouth schools, allowing children who can't/won't carry a bag home to also have access to meal and snack items.

The Spinning Generosity fundraiser was a great success - we raised over \$14,000 for this important program! We also had 4 different organizations do food drives for us this month, which is also very helpful as it means we have less to buy. We could not do this work without the people and companies who generously donate their money and the volunteers who donate their time and I am so grateful for all of them!





Sunshine Outreach Update

Marilyn Stebbins
Chair

Hello Church Family and Friends,

At our core, we are a family. We recognize that some members may not be able to attend church regularly or participate in activities at First UMC, yet they remain an important part of who we are.

Some may say it's old-fashioned, but I truly believe there is something special about receiving a handwritten note or card in the mail. That simple act of connection—even for just a moment can bring unexpected joy. It's a reminder that someone is thinking of you, and sometimes it's exactly what a person needs to brighten their day.

On the second Sunday of each month, you'll find notecards at the entrance to Sanborn Hall. We invite you to take a few moments to write a note of care and encouragement for those who are unable to join us in person. When you're finished, simply leave your card on the table, and I'll be sure it's mailed. Here are some church family that would love hearing from you.

Jenya Westbrook
20 Islington Street #402
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Priscilla Wilson
361 Sagamore Road
Rye, NH 03870

Cynthia Drake
5 Huntervale Avenue
Rye, NH 03870

Barbara Glidden
188 Jones Ave #101
Portsmouth, NH 03801





PUMPKIN PATCH UPDATE

Sue Richards
Chair

Hello Church Family & Friends,

This recognition [second year in a row] from the Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser would not have been possible without the incredible support of our entire church family and community. The blessings we receive go far beyond pumpkins, gourds, pies, or mums. They are found in the lasting connections formed during those few months each year when our church's front lawn is transformed into a sea of fall color, shared conversations, stories, and faithful witness.

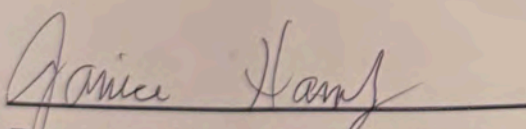
Together, these moments make a meaningful difference—both here in New Hampshire and in Farmington, New Mexico, through the partnership with the Navajo Nation. Thank you for your continued support over the past 21 years of the First UMC Pumpkin Patch. Your generosity and commitment do matter.

2025 Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers

First Place in Sales for New Hampshire

This certificate is awarded to:

First United Methodist Church
Portsmouth, NH


Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers





“Heavenly Favorites”

First UMC Cookbook Fundraiser

PennySue Orr
Project Lead

Hello everyone!

As mentioned a few weeks ago, our cookbook fundraiser, “Heavenly Favorites”, is officially underway – and we could use your help to get things cooking! Food has a special way of bringing people together. It sparks conversation, creates joy, and carries stories and traditions that are often passed down from one person to another. This cookbook is a chance to share those favorites, preserve meaningful traditions, and pass them along to others while supporting First UMC.

We’re putting together a small “kitchen” team to help gather recipes, organize categories, and spread the word. Whether you enjoy organizing, encouraging others, or simply love being part of a fun project, we’d love to have you involved. And even if you don’t have time to join the team, we would still love for you to share a favorite recipe or two for the cookbook.

If you’re interested in helping or would like to submit a recipe, please feel free to reach out to me by email or text anytime @ psorr@comcast.net or 603-781-3004 (cell/text)

HEAVENLY FAVORITES

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup of Love
- 1 cup of Hugs
- 1 cup of Kindness
- 1 cup of Forgiveness
- 1 cup of Grace

DIRECTIONS

Mix them all together and bake in your heart.

Serve to everyone you see.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

HELP CELEBRATE!

Take a moment and get a card in the mail or send a quick text or email to wish these church family members a day filled with love, laughter and lots of cake!

3 Stephanie Labadie
6 David Richards
6 Gary Sillanpaa
9 Maria Arcadipane

15 Sharon Rhodes
18 Emily Pierce
23 David Bovee
25 John VanReenen

31 Tim Orr
31 Karin Scott
31 Yvonne Griffin

WANT TO HEAR A FUNNY STORY?

On a sunny morning, William's mother came into her son's room and said, "William, it's Sunday. Time to get up! Time to get up and go to church! Get up!"

From under the covers came mumbles, "I don't want to go!"

"What do you mean?" She said. "That's silly! Now get up and get dressed and go to church!"

"NO!" He shot back. "I'll give you two reason. I don't like them and they don't like me!"

"Nonsense," she told him. "I'll give YOU two reasons to go. First, you are 42 years old, and second, you are the PASTOR!"





**GOD IS NEVER TOO
BUSY TO LISTEN.**

**DON'T BE TOO
BUSY TO PRAY.**

THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER!

Through prayer, we connect with God, seek wisdom, and hold others in love and faith. We lift up in prayer:

Pastor Bob & Sharon while on vacation, Shirley, The Family of Kenny Conroy, The family of Tony, Scott, Nick, Loraine, Pastor Sue, Sharon Rhodes, Diane and Toby's nephew Miguel, Tim and PennySue Orr, Annie and Jeff Spizale, Pastor Bob's brother Larry and his wife Sandy, prayers for peace in a chaotic world, and for those we silently lift up in our hearts.

AN INVITATION

At both church entrances, you'll find red hearts where you can write the names of those you wish to lift up in prayer, as well as any joys you'd like to share. Please give those hearts to one of the ushers or Pastor Bob.



**PRAYER
IS POWERFUL**



UPCOMING EVENTS

LOOKING AHEAD!

Here are the upcoming meetings, January's worship schedule and ways to get involved.

- 1/4 - Christmas Pack up - following worship @ 11:30
- 1/11 - Worship Committee Meeting following worship @ 11:30
- 1/18 - SPRC meeting following worship @ 11:30
- 1/20 - Finance Committee meeting @ 6:30pm at Parsonage or via ZOOM
- 2/8 - Trustee's meeting following worship @ 11:30
- 2/15 - Church Council meeting following worship @ 11:30

FIRST UMC WORSHIP SCHEDULE January 2026

DATE	LITURGIST	ACOLYTES	9:55 BELL RINGERS	GREETERS & USHERS	FACEBOOK LIVE	WORSHIP TECH	SOUND TECH	SUNDAY SCHOOL	COFFEE HOUR
1/4/26	D. Richards	Dominic	S. Scott	M. Coffey A. Coffey	S. Labadie	S. Scott	B. Labadie	S. Richards PS. Orr	N. Chesser R. Buswell
1/11/26	B. Labadie	Grayson	D. Richards	R. Royal M. Giandomenico	S. Richards	S. Scott	D. Richards	M. Stebbins, M. Verrill, PB Stewart	S. Stewart A. Sillanpaa
1/18/26	PS. Orr	Norah	B. Labadie	H. Groff R. Groff	S. Richards	S. Scott	D. Richards	K. Langs A. Langs	R. Groff
1/25/26	R. Buswell	Will & Rosie	S. Scott	S. Lange S. Beckert	S. Richards	S. Scott	S. Sarosiek	J. Berry H. Groff	Y. Griffin PS. Orr



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LET'S BE FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK!

Facebook is a fantastic way to stay updated on events, prayers, daily inspiration, and to connect with Church family and friends. We appreciate it when you "like" our posts, but we absolutely LOVE it when you share them too!

Sharing is part of our outreach too...did you know that when you "Like" our Facebook post, you show support. But when you "SHARE" it, you help spread the message to even more people!

LIKING A POST



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Your Friends

Your Friends, Friends

SHARING A POST



You



Your Friends



Your Friends, Friends



Join us Sundays @ 10am
129 Miller Avenue - Portsmouth

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.



**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE.
ALL MEANS ALL!**