



FIRST UMC  PORTSMOUTH
MARCH BEACON
2026



From the Pastor's desk.

Pastor Robert Stewart
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Lent has always been a very meaningful time in my life. A time for me to perhaps put the brakes on and draw closer to Jesus. Lent is a 40-day period of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving** observed by Christians in preparation for Easter.

PRAYER as we all know is our opportunity to talk and listen to God. **FASTING** is when we give up something... usually food or drink. **ALMSGIVING** is a practice of giving money or food to the poor. Let's look at each of these three areas which are important to our Lenten journey.

Last year I introduced a prayer to be used during Lent. I personally use it all year long. It is called The Fast Life Prayer. The prayer is made up of twelve things we can Fast and Feast upon as part of our daily lives. The prayer will be on a separate page following this message so you can pray and fast at the same time all throughout Lent.

Our Worship Committee took **ALMSGIVING** as a Lenten Mission that we as a church could do together. It began with helping with the program...Ending 68 Hours of Hunger. This program is geared to supplying food to the children so they have meals for the weekend. We decided to expand so we can help all those in need of food and we have chosen to assist the Salvation Food Pantry so they have food to give out to those in need. We are calling our Lenten Mission Project "**Feeding the 5000.**" The Feeding of the 5,000 is one of the most well-known miracles performed by Jesus Christ, recorded in all four Gospels: Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, and John 6:1-14. This miraculous event is significant not only for its demonstration of Jesus' divine power but also for its symbolic representation of His provision and care for His followers. What makes this story so miraculous is that the thousands of people that came to hear Jesus preach were fed on 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. The disciples wanted to send them away so the people could find food on their own. Jesus being Jesus said NO, you feed them. Not only was it miraculous that these thousands of people were fed but scripture tells us that after they had all ate as much as they wanted, the disciples afterward picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. It is my hope that through our hard work and generosity that after feeding the 5000+ people in our community...we too will have leftovers to help someone else in need. Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus! Give as you are called and as you are able.

Each week after I lift the prayers from our hearts we follow those joys and concerns lifted by singing something to prepare our hearts for our prayer to be lifted to God. I have chosen a short musical piece with a huge message for us all to be used throughout the season of Lent. It is a musical piece sung by well-known country music star, Randy Travis. It is titled "There's Room at the Cross for You." Someone mentioned to me there's room for only one more. I interpret the lyrics differently...Although million have come...there is always room for one more and one more after that...and one more after that.

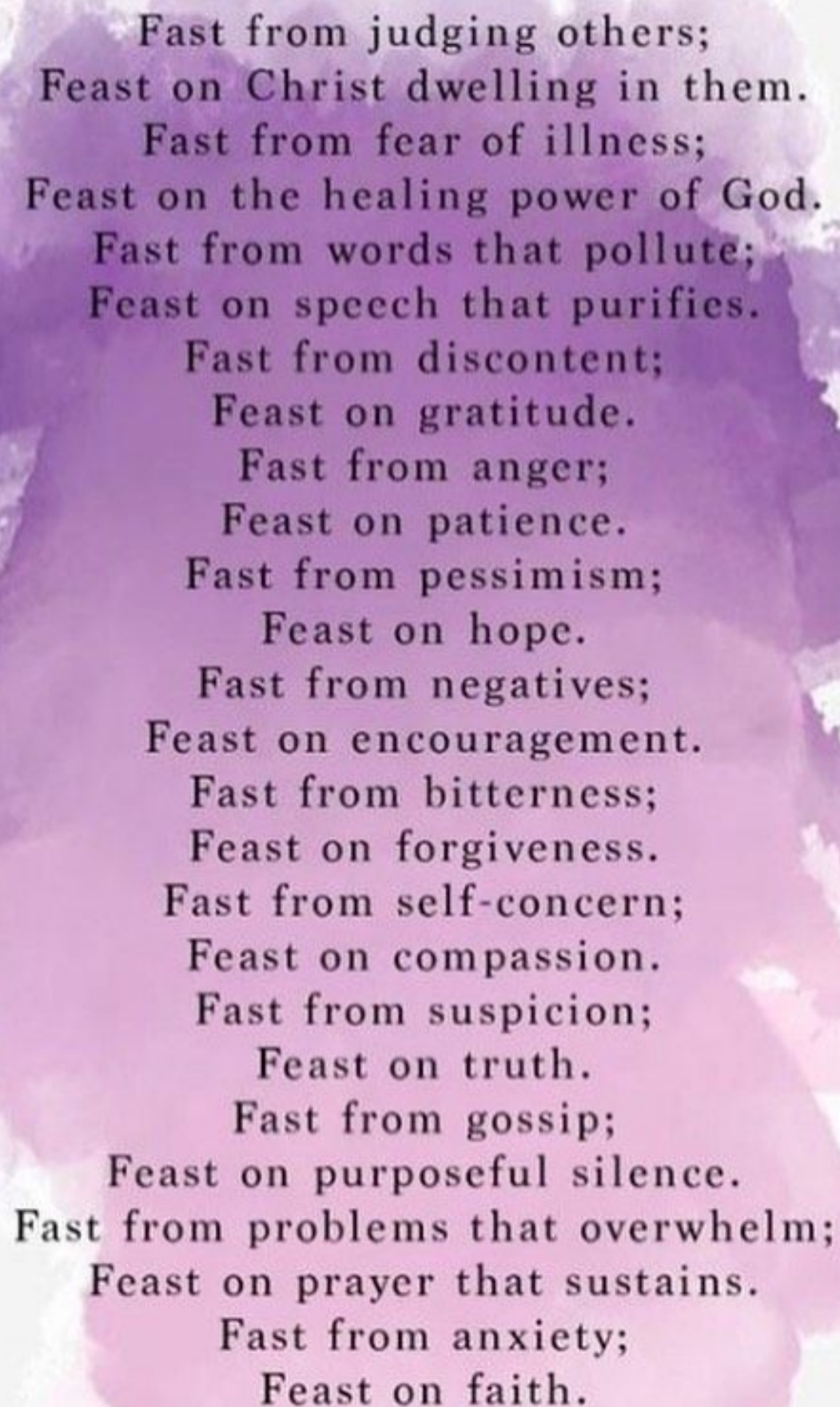
From the Pastor's desk - continued

It is my prayer that you join me at the Cross of Jesus...because there is room for each of us. I am printing the words for you because like The Fast Life Prayer...this too is a prayer.

**There's room at the cross for you
There's room at the cross for you
Though millions have come
There's still room for one
Yes, there's room at the cross for you.**

Blessings...See you in Church!

Pastor Bob



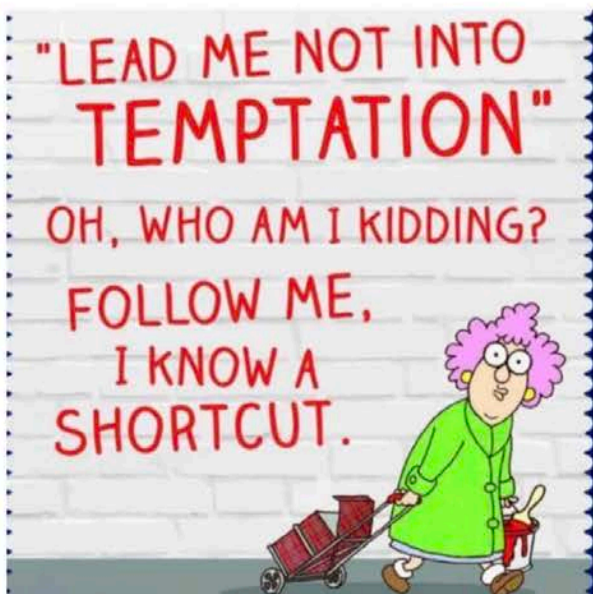
Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism;
Feast on hope.
Fast from negatives;
Feast on encouragement.
Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.
Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.
Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from anxiety;
Feast on faith.



FIRST UMC LIFE

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/>



LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

[VIEW PHOTOS »](#)



ARE YOU READY TO BE TRANSFORMED?

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

[VIEW PHOTOS »](#)

LECTIONARY READINGS



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

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!

March 8 Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

March 15 Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

March 29 Palm/Passion Sunday (Sixth Sunday in Lent)

Liturgy of the Palms Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14 - 27:66



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

Airial Sillanpaa
Chair, Finance Committee

Hello Church Family,

I am pleased to have good and hopeful news to share.

The Finance Team is in the process of creating a Capital Improvements Fund, and we are beginning it with a \$5,000 anonymous donation. This generous and unexpected gift is such a tremendous blessing. Gifts like this feel like reaching into the pocket of a well-loved raincoat and finding a folded \$20 bill you forgot was there. An unexpected blessing that arrives just when you need it. I invite you to share thanks to the generous heart behind this gift. Please see Airial or Pastor Bob if you are interested in incorporating giving to the church as part of your own legacy.

So what does it mean to create a fund? In simple terms, it means we are intentionally setting aside money for a specific purpose. Instead of using our regular operating budget, which covers day-to-day expenses like utilities, ministry supplies, and all the ordinary things that keep church life moving, this fund will be dedicated to larger, long term needs.

A capital improvement refers to significant projects that maintain, repair, or enhance our church property. These might include major repairs, equipment replacement, or upgrades that help ensure our building remains safe, welcoming, and functional for years to come. These projects may not always be glamorous, but they matter. A sturdy roof and reliable furnace may not make headlines, but they certainly make Sunday mornings more comfortable.

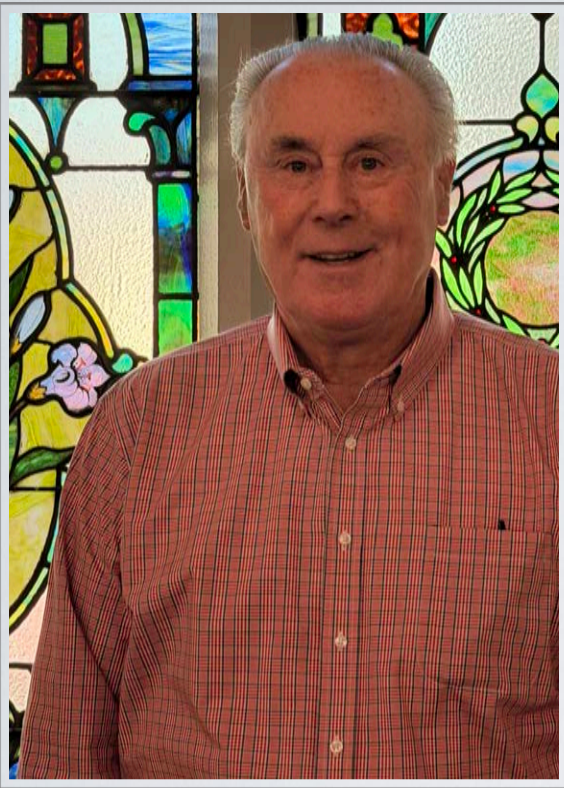
The Finance Team will be working closely with the Trustees to develop a thoughtful Capital Improvement Plan that prioritizes projects and plans wisely for the future. Finance will focus on setting aside and managing the funds, while the Trustees will oversee and manage the actual projects. It is a partnership that allows us to plan carefully and act responsibly.

In addition to seeking volunteers for FUMC's cookbook fundraiser, I am hoping to establish an official Fundraising Committee. This would be an ad hoc committee connected to Finance, focused on brainstorming creative ideas and supporting fundraising efforts throughout the year. The purpose of the committee would be not only to strengthen our financial foundation, but to offer an ease to the workload of our existing fundraising efforts, including Spring Patch and the amazing work of Sue Richards and Pumpkin Patch. We are blessed with dedicated leaders who pour their time and energy into these ministries, and a committee could support the infrastructure they have created. Additional fundraising dollars can add to the Capital Improvement Fund. If you are someone who likes to get things done, enjoys organizing, or simply wants to help move good ideas forward, I would truly love to talk with you. Please see me, or reach out to garyairial@aol.com if you feel called to be part of it.

Scripture reminds us, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." Ecclesiastes 9:10. Faith calls us not only to believe, but to act. There is something deeply satisfying about being people who step up, pitch in, and help move the mission forward.

Finally, we will greatly miss Pastor Bob and Sharon as they enter retirement. Their leadership, warmth, and steady presence have shaped our church in ways that will last for years. I briefly considered installing a tracking device to make sure Bob still shows up for coffee hour, but decided instead to rely on prayer, phone calls, and the strong gravitational pull of church potlucks. Retirement may change his schedule, but it does not change the fact that he is part of this church family. Once you have served and loved a congregation like this, you are connected for good.

Thank you for your continued generosity, faithfulness, and servant hearts. Together we are caring for today while preparing wisely for tomorrow. Please join me!



Trustee Update

Mike Coffey
Chair, Trustee Committee

Church Family and Friends,

At the Trustee's first meeting for 2026 we welcome new members Karl Duval, Steve Beckert and Steve Scott. Linda Reiber's term as treasurer is up, thank you Linda for your commitment and service. Steve Scott was appointed treasurer.

A Parsonage inspection was conducted on Oct, 21, 2025. items to be addressed, are replace microwave oven, power wash building exterior to include the moss on the roof and replace roof shingle caps and roof inspection. The overall condition of the parsonage was very good.

The Trustee's review and revised the parsonage lease agreement. The agreement was executed on February 11, 2026 by Pastor Bob, Sue Sarosiek and myself.

The damaged stair lift seat has been replaced too!

Blessings





Worship Committee Update

PennySue Orr
Chair, Worship Committee

Hello my church family

Happy March and Happy Lent! During this season there are many ways to WORSHIP our God, not just on Sunday morning but everyday. If you have not picked up your copy of "The Sanctuary for Lent 2026 by Amy Simon" please be sure you do. This little booklet gives daily devotionals much like the Upper Room (another great daily devotional). Each days devotional only takes a few minutes to read.

Upcoming Worship events:

Sunday 3/8/26 - Scout Sunday - Our own Daphnie and Jack Labadie along with some of their scouting friends will be taking part in the service.

Sunday 3/29/26 - Palm Sunday - come celebrate the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem and the start of Holy Week.

Thursday 4/2/26 - a traditional Seder meal (and pot luck) will be held at 5:30pm.

Friday 4/3/26 - Good Friday service to be held at 2pm

Sunday 4/5/26 - HE IS RISEN!! Come worship our risen Savior at 10am!

Next Worship committee meeting is 3/8/26 at 11:30. We will be planning Mother's day, Father's Day and Children's Day.

See you all in church!

Peace in your Journey!





Children's Church Update

Stephanie Labadie & David Richards
Co-Superintendents

Dear Church Family,

As Easter draws near, our Children's Church lessons will first focus on two parables of Jesus: we will learn of God's grace and mercy through the story of The Good Samaritan, and the importance of a strong foundation in faith through the story of The Two Houses.

We will then join Jesus and the apostles at The Last Supper to learn about the Passover Seder meal and gain a deeper appreciation for the bread and juice we receive during Communion.

On Palm Sunday we will celebrate Jesus and his arrival in Jerusalem at the start of Holy Week, and remember the chain of events leading to the Resurrection.

Mark your calendars - Children's Sunday will celebrate the end of our Children's Church year on Sunday, June 14th. Please plan to attend as we recognize our youth, our adult volunteers, and Pastor Bob and Sharon for their support and guidance over the past two years.





SPRC

Brock Labadie
Chair

Church family and friends,

SPRC is still looking for those interested in joining the transition team. The team will work to welcome our new Pastor, collect feedback periodically from the congregation, and host a history night to educate our new leadership on our church's past. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or are interested in joining.

Thank you,



VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITY



Kids First Update

Sue Sarosiek & Sue Richards
Co-Chairs

Church Family,

Kids First has received significant support this year, allowing us to continue our Winter Cold Packs program. We were blessed to receive a generous donation of 250 handmade hats and scarves from a friend of PennySue Orr, and we are deeply grateful for her continued support and generosity. To date, 59 cold packs have been assembled and distributed during this particularly cold winter season.

These efforts are a meaningful reminder of how small acts of care, when shared, can make a real difference in our community. As we continue to serve, we are thankful for everyone who gives their time, talents, and resources to ensure that children and families feel supported and seen.



Pie Angels

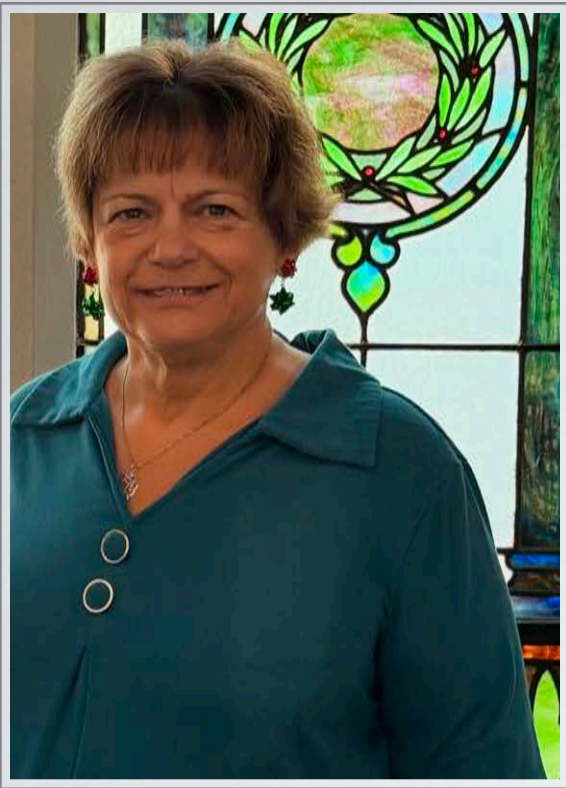
Sue Richards
Chair

Church Family,

It's that time of year again and another opportunity to taste a bit of heaven with the homemade pies lovingly made by our First UMC Pie Angels!

Get your Easter Pie order in by Sunday March 15th by texting or calling Sue Richards @ 603.749.4169 or email @ mksrichards@comcast.net.

Your home will smell wonderful with any of these frozen "take and Bake" choices of Apple, Blueberry, and Cherry at \$18 and Pecan at \$20. Cash, check, credit cards and Venmo accepted.



Seacoast Family Promise Update

Jen Berry
Chair

Hello!

Seacoast Family Promise provides temporary housing, meals, and shelter to families through a structured, trauma-informed program that includes employment support, housing search assistance, financial education, parenting resources, and other proven tools. These services help families regain stability and move toward a place they can once again call home.

We are pleased to share that one family successfully transitioned into stable housing this month, creating space for a new family to enter the program. It is always rewarding to see families achieve success through this journey.

Our team continues to provide dinners for families currently staying at the Joshua House. We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported this outreach over the past few months—your generosity truly makes a difference. Looking ahead, Seacoast Family Promise anticipates 2026 to be a year of significant growth, allowing the program to serve even more families in need. Unfortunately, homelessness among families continues to rise due to the ongoing lack of affordable housing in the Seacoast area, making this work more important than ever.

Beginning in January, families will prepare their own meals on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, using leftovers on Wednesdays. Our responsibility will be to provide meals on Thursdays and Fridays during our assigned weeks, while Temple Israel volunteers will cover Sundays through Tuesdays.

Our 2026 schedule is as follows:

April 30 & May 1

November 12 & 13

June 25 & 26

December 31 & January 1

August 13 & 14

If you are interested in helping with this outreach, please contact me - Jen Berry - 603-801-3886 or jen_b76@yahoo.com





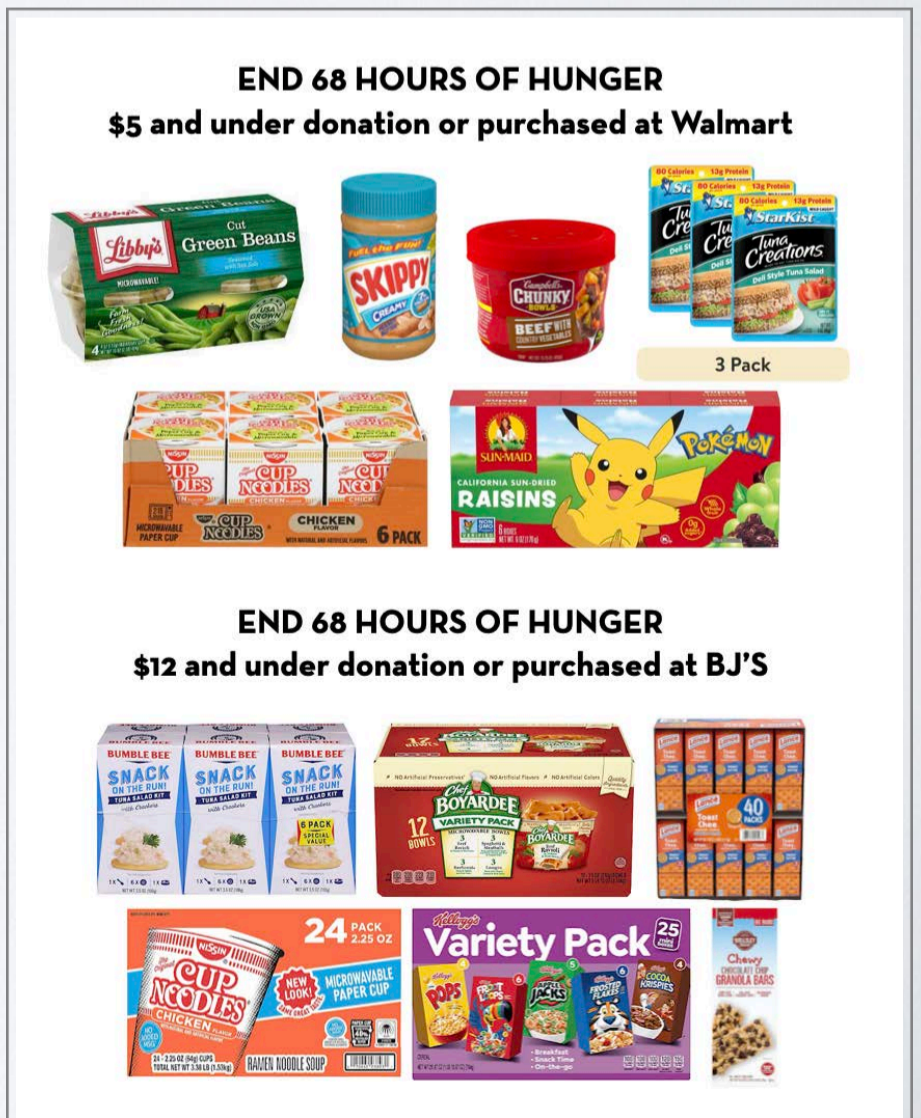
End 68 Hours of Hunger Update

Jen Berry
Chair

Church Family and Friends,

End 68 Hours of Hunger - Portsmouth continues to thrive as we move through the school year. It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the year! Each week, we faithfully send food bags home with students and keep school-based pantries well stocked to ensure children have access to nutritious food throughout the week. In addition, we provide healthy snacks to elementary school nurses so they can support students who may need food during the school day. We remain committed to helping in every way we can.

We are especially grateful that End 68 Hours of Hunger - Portsmouth was selected as a beneficiary of the *Feed the 5000* Lenten project. This initiative will significantly help replenish our storeroom, and we are truly excited about the impact it will have. Every donated food item allows us to stretch our resources further and serve more children. We sincerely appreciate this generous support!





Sunshine Outreach Update

Marilyn Stebbins
Chair

Hello Church Family and Friends,

Thank you all for the taking the time to write a quick note to our church family members who are not able to be with us in church each Sunday. We know they appreciate it very much.

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.



Barbara Glidden
188 Jones Ave #101
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Jenya Westbrook
20 Islington Street #402
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Cynthia Drake
5 Intervale Avenue
Rye, NH 03870

Priscilla Wilson
361 Sagamore Road
Rye, NH 03870

Donald Twombly #106
C/O Oceanside Center
22 Tuck Road
Hampton, NH 03842



Coffee Hour Update

Yvonne Griffin
Coordinator

Hello Church Family and Friends,

We restarted our Coffee Hour commitment in 2023, and since then our teams have provided wonderful refreshments each Sunday, serving the congregation after worship.

We began with 18 volunteers, which meant each team served about once every nine weeks. Over time, a few volunteers have stepped away, and we are currently at 12 servers. That has shortened the rotation to every six to seven weeks, depending on the month.

Recently, a few volunteers have generously offered to serve on their own, which helps extend the schedule to roughly every 11-12 weeks. Even so... am I looking for more people who might like to join us? You bet I am – the more the merrier!

Coffee Hour is a special time to connect, visit, and grow closer as a church family. If you are interested in joining the team, I would love to talk with you. Please contact me at 603-531-4514 or yvonnegriffin217@comcast.net, and I'll be happy to share the details.

See you in church!





“Heavenly Favorites”

First UMC Cookbook Fundraiser

PennySue Orr
Project Lead

Hello my church family

First of all THANK YOU to those who have submitted recipes! Currently we have 83 but we still need more to make this fundraising project a success!

Do you have a favorite family grace? A cooking tip that was passed on to you from someone? We have sections in the cookbook for those too.

“Heavenly Favorites” is just a working title for this project - if anyone has a unique idea please share as we want to make this cookbook stand out from the rest.

Currently we are seeking individuals who have photography/design and sales expertise. In addition to recipes the hope is to incorporate photos of some of the dishes and members of the congregation.

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)

Let's get cooking!



MARCH 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 Debbie Astbury
- 7 Devin (Scott) Barrass
- 7 Daphne Labadie
- 11 Pastor Bob Stewart
- 13 Carson Crisp
- 24 Melanie (Berry) Lindgren

RECOVERY KITCHEN AND HELPERS HARD AT WORK—THANK YOU!





PRAYER

THE MOST POWERFUL
WEAPON
OF A BELIEVER

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:

Jack, Karl, Donald, the family of Claire as they mourn their loss but celebrate her resting in God's arms, Jeannie, for our country and world, Trish Bloemendaal, and gratitude prayer for Erika's successful surgery.

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 events, and the month's worship schedule.

- 3/8 - Scout Sunday
- 3/8 - Worship Committee Meeting following worship
- 3/29 - Palm Sunday
- 4/2 - Maundy Thursday Seder Meal and potluck at 5:30pm in Sanborn Hall
- 4/3 - Good Friday drama "Good Friday Grace" @ 2pm
- 4/5 - Easter Sunday
- 4/7 - Finance meeting at the parsonage @ 6:30 pm
- 4/19 - Leadership & Nominations meeting after worship

FIRST UMC WORSHIP SCHEDULE *March 2026*

DATE	LITURGIST	ACOLYTES	9:55 BELL RINGERS	GREETERS & USHERS	FACEBOOK LIVE	WORSHIP TECH	SOUND TECH	SUNDAY SCHOOL	COFFEE HOUR
3/1/26	PS. Orr	D. Thompson	T. Thompson	Sillanpaa Family	S. Richards	S. Scott	D. Richards	K. Langs A. Langs	S. Labadie
3/8/26	K. Langs	Scouts	Scouts	Scouts	S. Richards	S. Scott	B. Labadie	J. Berry H. Groff	R. Groff
3/15/26	A. Langs	Norah	Maria	R. Royal M. Giandomenico	B. Labadie	S. Richards	S. Sarosiek	D. Richards S. Labadie	PS. Orr S. Stewart
3/22/26	N. Chesser	Dominic	Norah	S. Lange PS. Orr	S. Richards	S. Scott	S. Sarosiek	S. Stewart M. Lindgren	Y. Griffin R. Buswell
3/29/26	R. Groff	S. Labadie	Jack & Daphne	J. Lima M. Stebbins	B. Labadie	S. Scott	D. Richards	S. Richards PS. Orr	N. Chesser J. Berry



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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!

WHY BE DIGITAL DISCIPLES?

- Builds relationships and reaches new visitors
- Spreads the message of God's love
- Shares our Church's message
- Builds community and connections
- Grows our church physically and spiritually
- Facilitates prayer and support
- Recruits volunteers and collaborations

YOU CAN HELP BY: SHARING - VISITING - INVITING - PROMOTING - LIKING OUR POSTS AND WEBSITE



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!