

# Keep Your Lamps Burning

Luke 12:35



Portsmouth FUMC  
August 11, 2019

We Gather for Worship

**Prelude & Bringing Forth the Light of Christ**

**Gratitude Moments**

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**P: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

L: Know that the LORD is God.

**P: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**ALL:** For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**\*Hymn:** "Gather Us In" TFWS #2236

A Time for the Child in All of Us

**Prayer (Unison)**

Lord, may nothing separate me from You today. Teach me how to choose only Your way today so each step will lead me closer to You. Help me walk by the Word and not my feelings. Help me to keep my heart pure and undivided. Protect me from my own careless thoughts, words, and actions. And keep me from being distracted by MY wants, MY desires, MY thoughts on how things should be. Help me to embrace what comes my way as an opportunity... rather than a personal inconvenience. And finally, help me to rest in the truth of [Psalm 86:13](#), 'Great is your love toward me.' You already see the ways I will fall short and mess up. But right now, I consciously tuck Your whisper of absolute love for me into the deepest part of my heart. I recognize Your love for me is not based on my performance. You love me warts and all. That's amazing. But what's most amazing is that the Savior of the world would desire a few minutes with me this morning. Lord, help me to forever remember what a gift it is to sit with You like this. Amen.

**Sung Response** "Lead Me, Guide Me" TFWS #2214

**Ministry of Very Special Music - Bevan Bloemendaal**

*You Raise Me Up- Dedicated to Anne Coffey`*

**Reading the Word:** Luke 12:32-40

**Message:** "WHY??" David Richards

We Respond to God's Word

**Hymn:** "Trust and Obey" UMH #467

**Prayers of the People**

**Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance**

**The Lord's Prayer** (unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Doxology** (*Please join in singing the following:*) UMH #95  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication** (unison) by Crystal Ayers

Lord, we thank for Your faithfulness. Thank you that we can always trust in You. You are an abundant God and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it we worship You and give our whole selves to You. Please now take it and use it for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiple its reach and influence we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

**Hymn:** "Lord, I want to be a Christian" UMH #402

**Choral Benediction** (*Congregation encircles the church*)

**Postlude**

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable*

*UMH = United Methodist Hymnal TFWS = The Faith We Sing  
Large print bulletins are available from the greeters*

## Welcome!

Whether you are joining us for worship for the first time or after many years of attending here at First UMC, we want you to know that you are welcome!

We are an inclusive community that invites everyone to be part of our church fellowship. Thank you for being here, and we hope that you have had a meaningful experience of worshipping our God so you leave this place feeling that you have been blessed to be a blessing. Please join us again!

Rev. Deb Hanson



Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson  
Pastor's Assistant - David Richards  
Liturgist - John VanReenen  
Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek  
Lay Servant - Dave Richards  
Acolyte - Kaya Sarosiek  
Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal  
Greeters - Jane Richards & Marilyn Stebbins  
Ushers - Linda Reiber & Ken Westbrook  
Sound Tech - Sue Sarosiek  
Worship Service Tech - Sue Richards  
Photographer - Dave Atkinson  
Sunday School - Aerial Silanpaa & Kaya Sarosiek

## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...



Gayle Gardei  
Marion Collinshaw  
Sue Goodhue  
Hunter Pinkley  
Sylvia Bartlett  
Brian Thompson  
Malia Broe  
Gil Stebbins  
Rev. Bill Gardei  
Woodie Lange  
Roseanne  
Rev. David Kerr  
Jim New  
Bobbie Noble  
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Judy Doyon  
Charles Gilman  
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Our Church Family  
Barbara & Jim Slater  
Barbara Sylvester  
Pauline Boynton  
Barbara Millar  
Irene Derosier  
Barbara Clement  
Joette MacKenzie  
Vicky Fernandez  
Alissa Fernandez  
Jessie  
John Richards  
Dotty Prince  
John Erickson  
Maria Fernandez  
Anne & Mike Coffey  
Gigis Family  
Jamie Mohr & Family



Come join us for coffee hour  
after church service in  
Sanborn Hall.. We'd love to  
catch up with you and see  
how your week has gone.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Summer Sunday School

Sunday school will continue for the summer. The children will be watching DVD's on the "Ten Commandments" as well as learning about some of the biblical stories we will be focusing on during our worship time. All are welcome, and if there are those who would be willing to give the regular teachers a break, even if it is for one Sunday, please let Rev. Deb know.

**August 13**, The **Finance Trustees** and **Church Council** will have a combined meeting , at 6 pm in the church office.

**Saturday 8/24; 10-12 at FUMC, CRASE** (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) will be held. The Portsmouth Police Department is conducting training for businesses, schools, churches, and community members for direction what they should do if confronted with an Active Shooter event. It provides strategies, guidance, and a plan. This is a church -wide training. *All are encouraged to attend.*

On **8/31/19**, at 5:30, the Saturday Night Supper Club will meet at The Old Salt in Hampton. Please see Ken Westbrook for more information.

**September 11, the Annual Golf Tournament** will be held for its 11th year at Pease Golf Course. For more information check in the office or the August Beacon.

**September 28,, Pumpkin Delivery** will be at 9:00 am at FUMC

**Just a friendly reminder, please** try to keep your pledge up to date so we can meet our financial obligations as a church. Thank you for your faithful giving!

## School Supplies Collection

**Starting August 1**, the Sunday school children invite everyone to help them collect school supplies for foster families and a school in Cameroon, Africa. A basket has been placed in Narthex for any donations. For more information, please check with office.

Need an excuse to **clean out your "stuff" and have the church get paid?!** Bag or box up your good, clean, working, sellable condition items and put them on Sanborn Hall stage from **Sept. 1st** (not available before then) – **Oct. 31st**. It won't count if you drop it off at Savers Donation Center. We have to bring everything over on Nov. 2nd, so that they can weigh everything. Here's an example: 14 lbs. of "Soft Goods" = about 400 13-gal. plastic bags = \$1,000!

**As we are celebrating those in Senior Living**, feel free to grab a card from the table in Sanborn Hall and send a quick note. Stamps are available in the office or leave on counter for mailing. Thanks!

**Reverend Deb will be on vacation** starting August 5 until August 19. We hope she has a great time! Our Lay Servants **Dave Richards** and **Kevin Fickenscher** will be preaching. We appreciate them leading while Rev. Deb is away.

**Marilyn and Gil Stebbins** are celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary this week on August 13. **Congratulations!!**

**Wishing Art Munson  
a Happy Birthday.  
Flowers from  
Nancy Chesser.**





## **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.



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