

THEREFORE, AS GOD'S
CHOSEN PEOPLE, HOLY
AND DEARLY LOVED,
CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH
*compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness
and patience.*

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COLOSSIANS 3:12

Sunday, August 12, 2018 - 10 a.m.
First United Methodist Church
129 Miller Ave Portsmouth NH 03801

We Gather for Worship

Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

Time for Silent Reflection

***Call to Worship:**

L: Help us to reach inside ourselves

P: So that we speak truthfully to all for we – together – are one body in the universe of God.

L: Help us to follow God's example

P: As we learn to walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved all of us with the deepest compassion and gave himself up for us as sacrifice to God.

L: Give us the strength of purpose

P: To help those in need by giving fully of ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

***Hymn:** "Amazing Grace" UMH #378

***Prayer (unison):**

Lord, look at my heart. Strengthen it. May you find the love and compassion you so freely give ready to be shared with those who need and thirst for it. Let your strength live in me so that I may give love and strength to those around me. In your holy name. Amen

***Sung Response:** "Let it Breathe on Me" UMH #503

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Ministry of Music

We Proclaim the Word

Reading the Word: Ephesians 2:25 - 5:2

Colossians 3:8 - 12

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "The Power of Compassion –The Focus of Purpose"

Dr. Kevin Fickenscher

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn:** "Take My Life and Let It Be" UMH #399

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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 in temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gratitude Moment

John VanReenen

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

***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**

We Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn:** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH # 431

***Choral Benediction:** *(Congregation encircles the Sanctuary)*

May the Lord, gracious God bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and seek His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God bless and keep you forever.

***Pastor's Charge**

Postlude

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

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



**KEEP IN
YOUR
PRAYERS...**

Family and friends of Al Jentimane
Family and friends of Richard Mullikin
Trudy Parkhurst Barbara Millar
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Sylvia Bartlett Brian Thompson
Our church family
Those in rehab and care facilities



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REMINDER:

Rev Deb is on vacation August 8-14

For any assistance please contact the office @ 436-6038
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Altar flowers this week
are in celebration of
Marilyn and Gil Stebbins'
63rd Wedding Anniversary

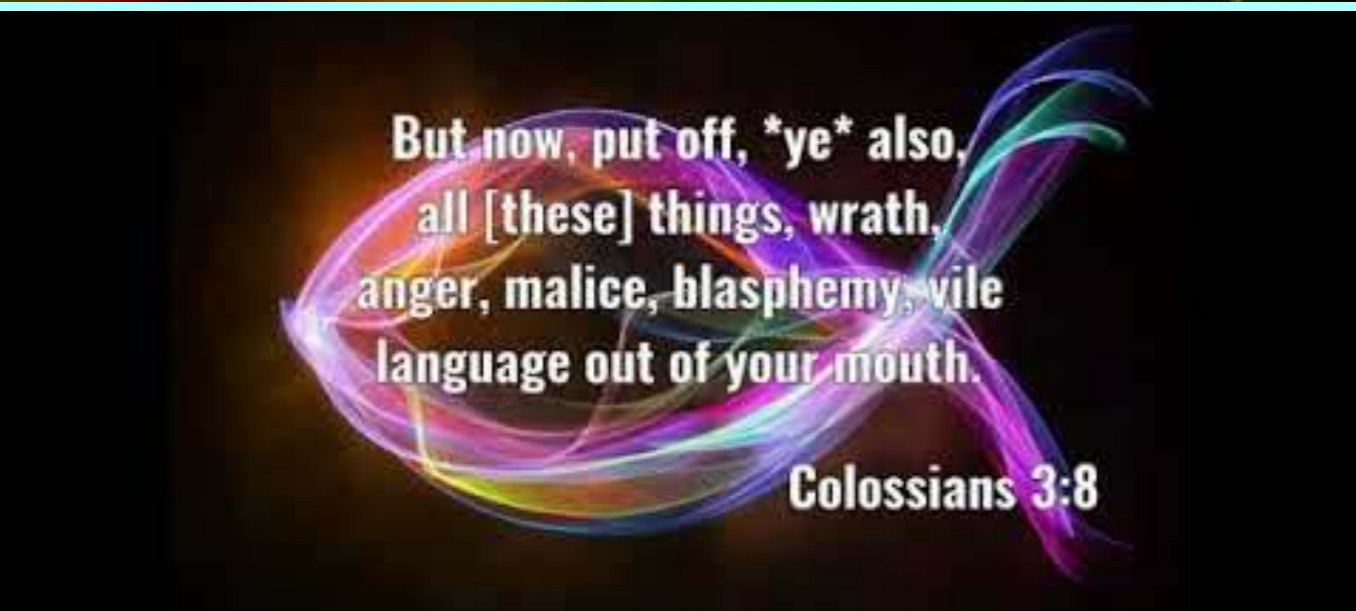
Sign up chart for altar flowers is in the narthex

SUNDAYSCHOOL

Right after "a time for the child in all of us"



Our Mission
Outreach project
is for the UMCOR
Puerto Rico
Disaster Fund
Please use the
red bucket for all
your loose
change.



But now, put off, *ye* also,
all [these] things, wrath,
anger, malice, blasphemy, vile
language out of your mouth.

Colossians 3:8

Thank You!
Dr. Kevin Fickenscher
for sharing the message this week



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





Finance Committee Update for August, 2018

Many of you will recall that we patterned our spring Gratitude Campaign on the book *Gratitude Path*, written by Kent Millard. What you may not realize is that another book we considered using but instead chose to do a five-week, all Finance Committee book review on was *Rich Church, Poor Church*, written by Clif Christopher. I would highly recommend your reading this book to gain some amazing insights into ways to improve our outlook on church finances and some very constructive suggestions on how not to become *THAT CHURCH*, the *poor church*. The entire committee learned a lot and enjoyed our review. The committee will make our copies of both books available for you to read. Please see Paula for a copy of either book.

Further, and in support of the ongoing Church Council survey, the Finance Committee will be posting monthly meeting minutes on the bulletin board on the left inside Sanborn Hall. We will also have copies of our monthly Finance Reports that are reviewed in each monthly meeting available for your review, or to take home to read. As always, Nancy Chesser, Financial Secretary, Linda Reiber, Treasurer, or myself are always available to answer your questions.

Respectfully submitted,

John VanReenen
Finance Committee Chairperson

Dear Church Family,

I hope that this letter finds you enjoying your summer.

I am writing to ask if you would consider making a 'One Time' donation to help defray the costs of re-roofing Sanborn Hall? I'm sure you are aware that we needed to do some repairs to the Sanctuary slate roof. As the roofing contractor was proceeding with the repairs, he noticed that the asphalt shingle roof on Sanborn Hall and the section adjoining the hall with the Sanctuary roof was in need of replacement. Those shingles were well beyond their thirty year life. He contacted a roofing company he has dealt with in the past and received a quote to strip and re-shingle the roof for \$24,000.00. The trustees received a competitor's bid for the same job at \$36,000.00. The trustees felt that it was prudent to have the job done right away, especially since the roof section above Sanborn Hall doors needed to be done to tie into the new valley flashing that he was installing. While we saved the church about \$12,000.00 doing both roofs, we had to borrow money from our line of credit to the tune of about \$30,000.00. Some of this will be re-paid from the remainder of the Capital Campaign pledges yet to come in.

This was not an easy decision, especially in light of the fact that we are just finishing up our most recent Capital Campaign. The church is also facing some other 'major' expenses in the not too distant future, i.e. more stone work repair and replacing one of the boilers that is very old, re-modeling the downstairs bathrooms, etc. It is my hope that we can pay off the line of credit quickly. For example, if 30 of us each gave an extra \$1000.00, we could eliminate the debt right away. I know that's a lot of money for some, so I am hoping that those who have been blessed with more will consider giving a little more. No gift is too small, all gifts are greatly appreciated. Please mark your donations "ROOF" !

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 603-781-1088.

Yours in Christ,

David Richards

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We, the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, are dedicated to worshiping, 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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