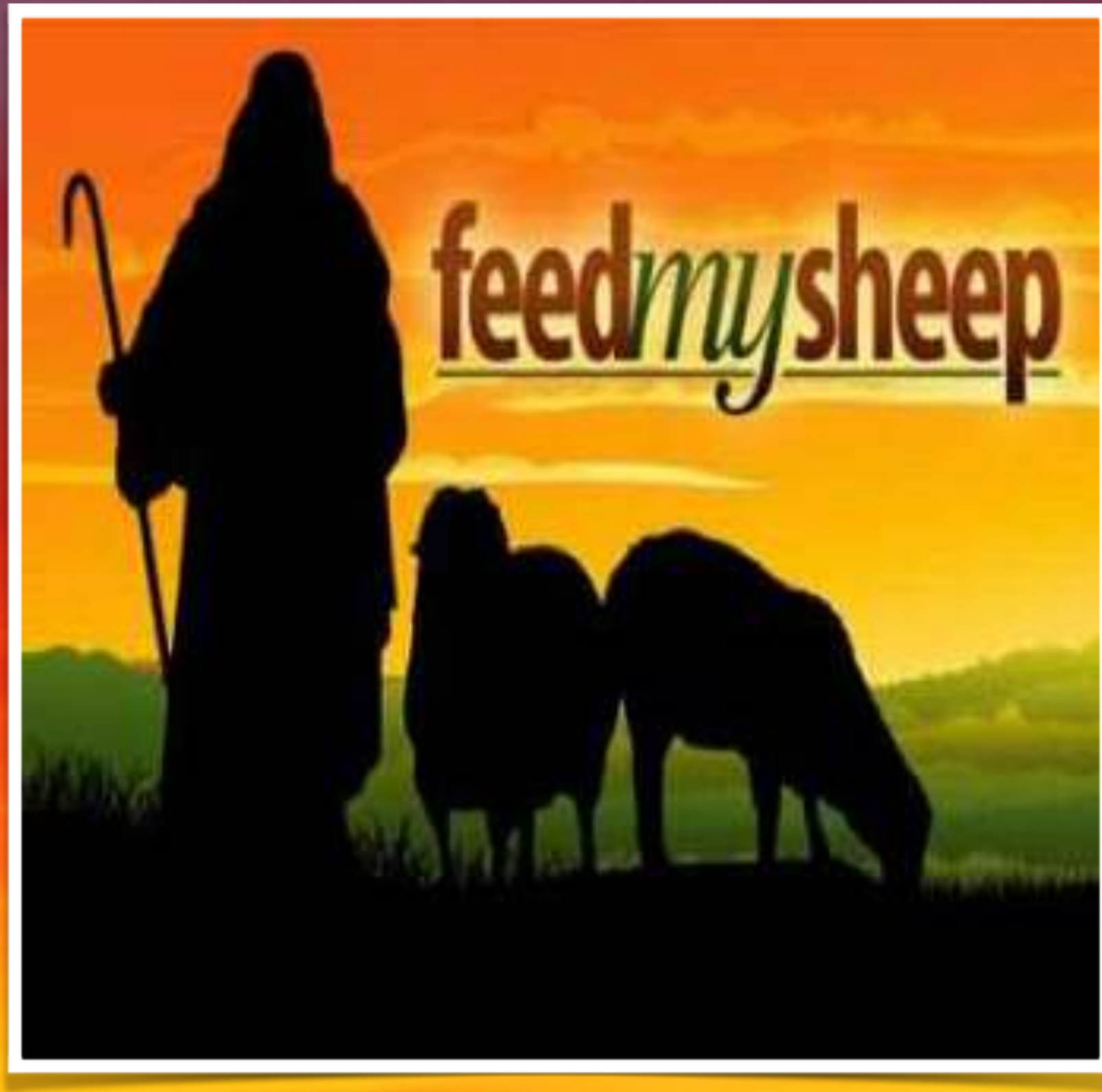




First United Methodist Church
129 Miller Ave Portsmouth NH 03801



Sunday, August 19, 2018 - 10 a.m.

We Gather for Worship

Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

Invocation: (Psalm 95:6-7) O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice! Amen.

***Call to Worship:**

L: Brothers and sisters, if you lift your net and it is empty, come here!

P: We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

L: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, come here!

P: We'll find the Risen Christ in all Creation.

L: If your life is filled with mourning, come here!

P: Christ is leading a dance of joy.

L: Come here, sisters and brothers!

P: To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

***Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Prayer (unison):

God of victory over death, your Son revealed himself again and again, and convinced his followers of his glorious resurrection. Grant that we may know his risen presence, in love obediently feed his sheep, and care for the lambs of his flock, until we join the hosts of heaven in worshiping you and praising him who is worthy of blessing and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Ministry of Music

We Proclaim the Word

Reading the Word: John 21:1-19

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Feeding God's Sheep" Rev. Deb Hanson

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn:** "Would I Have Answered When You Called"

TFWS #2137

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.

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** (unison):

Thank you, God, for the gifts and ministries of your people.

Grant that this offering given in thanksgiving for all the blessings you have given us will fill empty hearts with love

and will proclaim your honor and glory in the name of Christ Jesus to all people. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn:** "The Trees of the Field"

TFWS #2279

***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

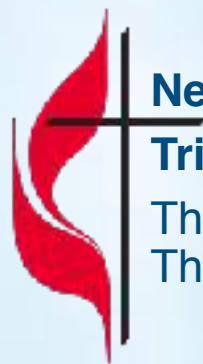


Welcome!

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 worshiping our God so you leave this place feeling that you have been blessed to be a blessing. Please join us again!

Rev. Deb Hanson



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Our Sunday Worship Team

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

Pastor's Assistant - David Richards ~ Liturgist - Scott Stevens

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Jan Cansdale

Greeters - Marilyn Stebbins

Ushers - Ken & Jenya Westbrook

Ken Young

Technician - Susan Sarosiek

Worship Service Tech - Sue Richards

Photographer - Dave Atkinson

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Brenda West Barbara Johns
Trudy Parkhurst Barbara Millar
Cynthia Drake Barbara Glidden
Marion Collishaw Sue Goodhue Kim Hishop
Hunter Pinkley Sylvia Bartlett
Brian Thompson
Our church family
Those in rehab and care facilities

Salisbury Beach Christian Concerts
every Wednesday 7-9 PM

August 22 features

Groovy Grace
and

Tenley Westbrook

for more information

ChristianFilmProductions.org

Altar flowers this week are
“From the beauty of God’s world for the people of God”.
Kevin Fickenscher & Suzanne Olbricht



Be sure to
“check in” on our Facebook
page this morning!

And check out all the
updates on our church
website
www.fumcportsmouth.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.



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.



NEW BULLETIN BOARDS...

The bulletin board just inside Sanborn Hall has been
updated with all FUMC news and there is going to be another
board added in Sanborn Hall to include Community News...
CHECK THEM OUT!

**FUMC PORTSMOUTH A
RECONCILING CONGREGATION**

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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