

achristiansjourney

We love
because
He first
loved us.

1 John 4:19



First United Methodist Church
129 Miller Ave Portsmouth NH 03801
Sunday, August 26, 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: There is no fear found in the Love of God.

P: The perfect Love of God casts all fear aside.

L: We come to worship today, seeking that perfect Love of God.

P: We will practice that perfect Love of God in our worship, so that we can share that Love in all we do.

L: Together, let us worship God!

***Hymn:** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" UMH #158

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Prayer (unison):

Lord of All, we confess that we say that we love our sisters and brothers in Christ, but we do not always show that love. Our words speak of the love we have for our neighbors, but our actions tell a very different story. Forgive us, Holy God. Strip us of our pride. Teach us to love as you love, so that we may more faithfully demonstrate our love for you through our love of all others. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: Do you feel it – there, deep down in your hearts? God's love is alive, beating, breathing – in you!

P: Because God abides in us, we can live for others, allowing God's love to bear fruit in us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

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

Ministry of Music

We Proclaim the Word

Reading the Word: 1 John 4:7-21

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Installing Love" - Rev. Deb Hanson & Dave Atkinson

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn:** "My Jesus, I Love Thee" UMH #172

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):

From you comes every gift we need, every blessing we have. May we not hoard them for ourselves, but offer them back to you, that the poor might be fed, the lonely befriended, and the despairing be filled with hope. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn:** "They'll Know We are Christians" TFWS #2223

***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.



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 - Dave Atkinson

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Alexa Langa

Greeters - Stephen & Kellie Langs & Marilyn Stebbins

Ushers - Dave & Sue Richards & Dianne Crisp

Sound Tech -Susan Sarosiek ~ Worship Service Tech - Nancy Chesser

Photographer - Dave Atkinson

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Brenda West Rev. Sue Ellery
Rev. Bill Gardei PennySue Orr Trudy Parkhurst
Barbara Millar Cynthia Drake Barbara Glidden
Marion Collishaw Sue Goodhue Kim Hishop
Hunter Pinkley Sylvia Bartlett BrianThompson

Friends and Family of Barbara Johns
Our church family
Those in rehab and care facilities



FLOWER DEDICATION...

The altar flowers this morning are given in honor of Cynthia Drake

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



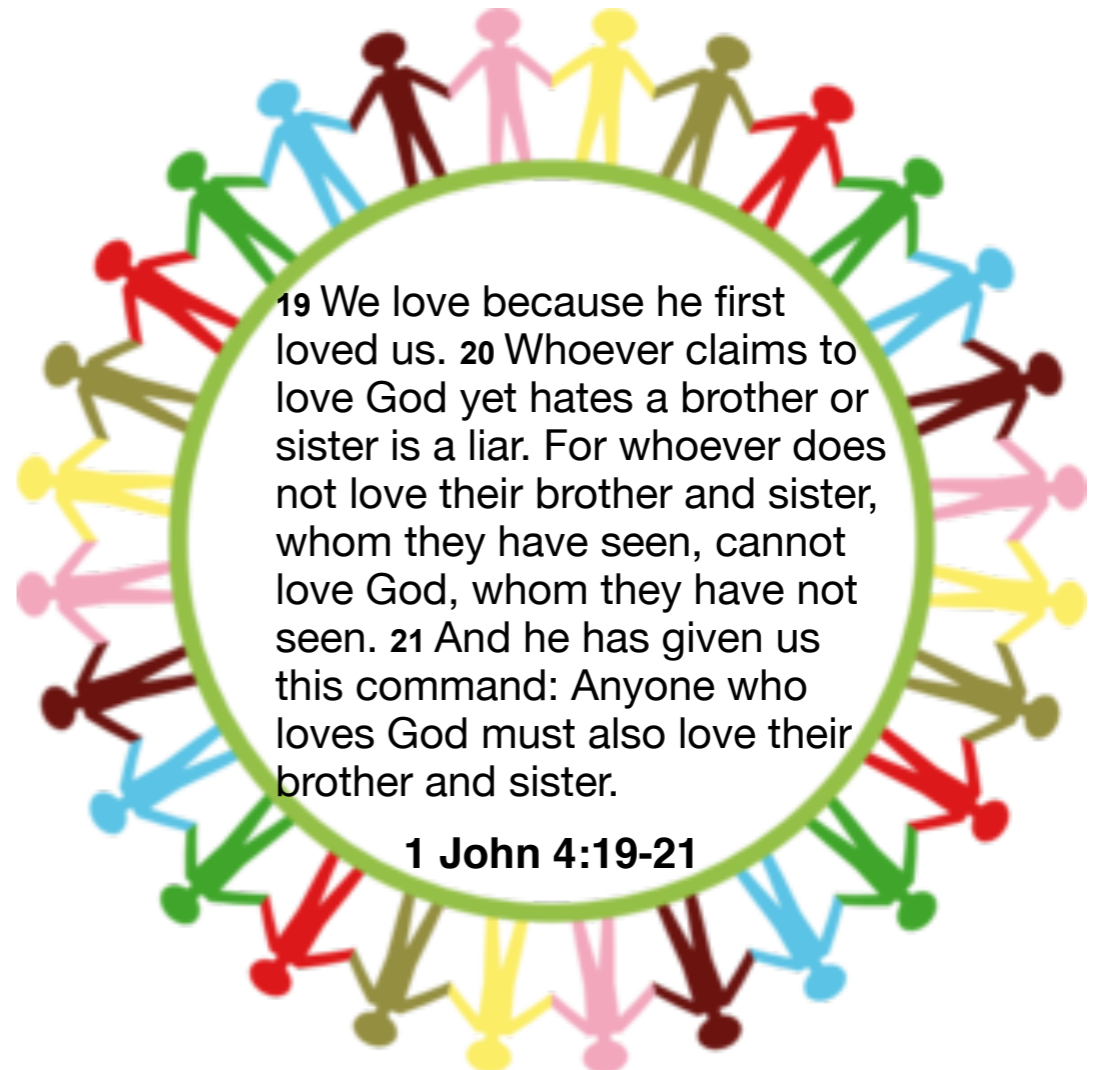
— LET'S —
TALK
Join us for coffee hour
after the church



**Pumpkin Delivery 9/29
Golf Tournament 10/19
Pumpkin Delivery 10/20
Laity Sunday 10/21
Turkey Dinner 11/3
Bell Bazaar 11/17
Church Conference 11/19**

NEW BULLETIN BOARDS...

The bulletin board just inside Sanborn Hall has been updated with all FUMC news and the new "COMMUNITY NEWS" bulletin board is up...CHECK THEM OUT!



19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

1 John 4:19-21

SUNDAYSCHOOL

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

**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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page this morning!

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