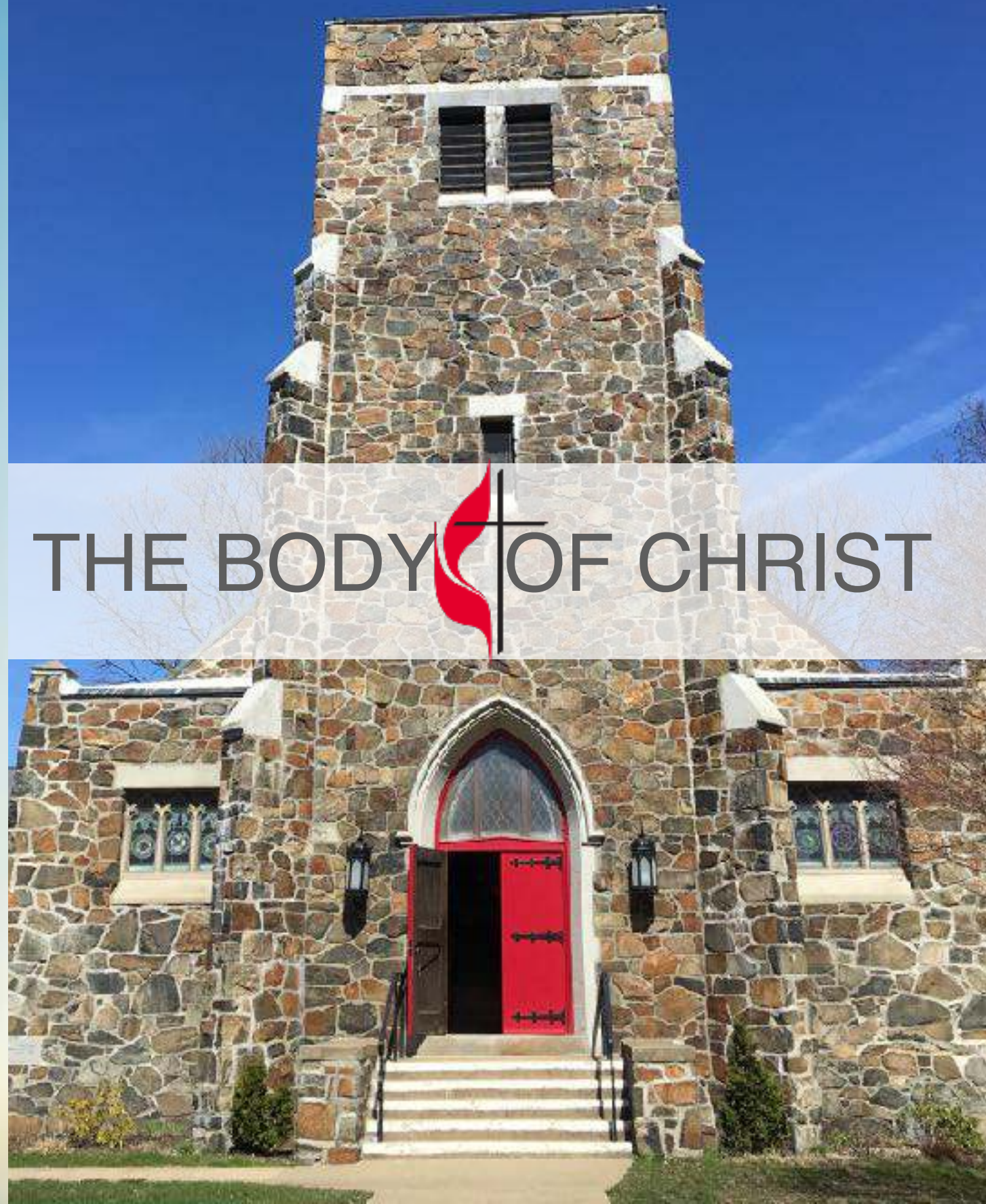


Sunday, August 5, 2018 - 10 a.m.
First United Methodist Church
129 Miller Ave Portsmouth NH 03801

THE BODY  OF CHRIST



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: God is calling us into a life worthy of God's love,

P: With all humility and gentleness, may we bear with one another in love.

L: May we worship in the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace;

P: There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

L: One God of us all, who is above all, and through all, and in all;

P: Come, let us worship our God, joined together in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn:** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" - UMH #712

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Prayer (unison):

God of Oneness, God of Unity, God of the Body—at times we have divided, we have taken sides, we have built walls and dug trenches. Sometimes, we have failed to see others as part of your body, and have failed to consider the other as our kindred in you. There have been times when we have failed your commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us. When these things happen, help us to build bridges, tear down walls, join together, and help us to be one again, your people, your body here on earth. In the name of Christ, who makes us one, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: God has created us all in the image of the Divine, a wonderfully diverse spectrum of life, and yet, through that diversity there is one God that joins us together. We are fearfully, and wonderfully, made. God desires restoration and healing for us. We can know God's love, share God's love with others, and pray that in our diversity, we would find our image of God reflected in one another. **ALL: Amen.**

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

Ministry of Music

We Proclaim the Word

Reading the Word: Ephesians 4:1-16

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Being the Body of Christ" - Rev. Deb Hanson

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn:** "One Bread, One Body" - UMH #620

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):

We thank you, Loving God, for your Son Jesus who gives us life, and for the Holy Spirit who joins us all together. Increase our faith in Jesus and our love for one another and all people. Lead us to use the gifts you have given us in loving service for the good of all. Amen.

A Service of Holy Communion - insert

We Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn:** "Bind Us Together, Lord" TFWS #2226

***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

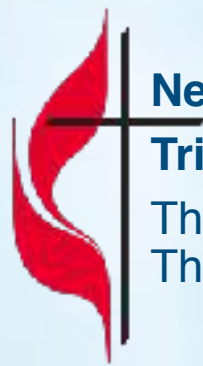


Welcome!

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



New England Annual Conference

Tri-State District

The Rev. Sudarshana Devadhar, Bishop
The Rev. James McPhee, District Superintendent

Our Sunday Worship Team

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

Pastor's Assistant - David Richards ~ Liturgist - Dave Richards

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Alexa Langs

Greeters - Karen Sarosiek Marilyn Stebbins

Ushers - Ken Westbrook & Ken Young

Jan & Al Cansdale

Technician - Susan Sarosiek

Worship Service Tech - Sue Richards

Photographer - Dave Atkinson

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Family and friends of Al Jentimane

Family and friends of Richard Mullikin

Trudy Parkhurst Barbara Millar

Cynthia Drake Barbara Glidden

Marion Collishaw Sue Goodhue Kim Hishop

Sylvia Bartlett Brian Thompson

Our church family

Those in rehab and care facilities

UNTIL WE ALL ATTAIN

TO THE UNITY OF THE

**FAITH & OF THE
KNOWLEDGE** OF THE

SON OF GOD,

TO MATURE MANHOOD,

TO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST

EPHESIANS
4:13



SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Every Sunday we enjoy having fresh flowers on the altar given in memory, honor or celebration of someone special to you or the church family. Please sign up on the Flower Chart in the narthex.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



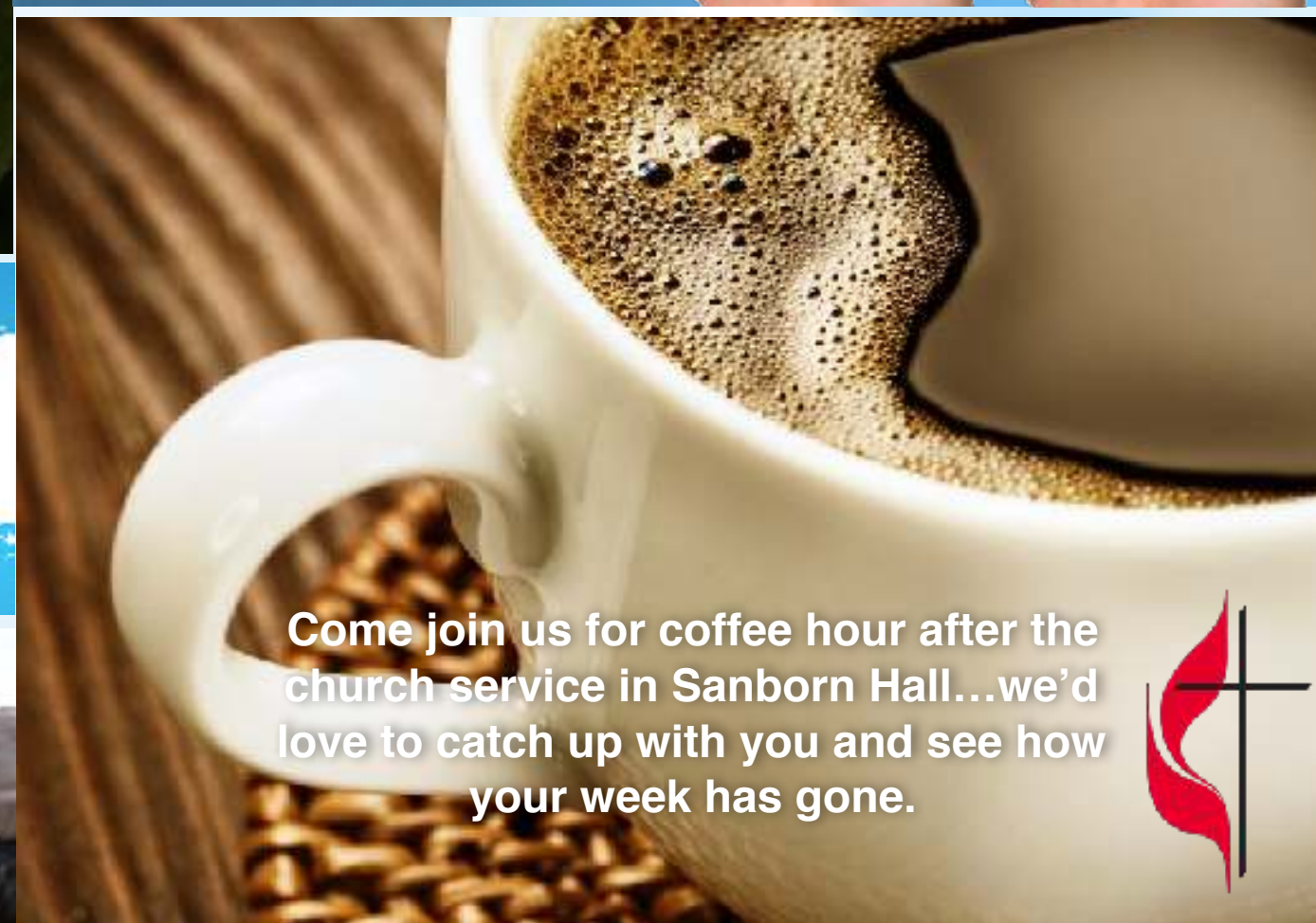
**Our Mission
Outreach project
is for the UMCOR
Puerto Rico
Disaster Fund
Please use the
red bucket for all
your loose
change.**

UMCOR
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

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

And check out all the
updates on our church
website

www.fumcportsmouth.com



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.

Rev Deb will be on vacation August 8-14

Please contact the office with any concerns
by phone 436-7021
or by email office@fumcportsmouth.com



A Communion Liturgy for the Whole People of God

by Alydia Smith

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

L: God is with us!

P: We are not alone!

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love, you are beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love, you are creative and self-giving, generously moving. In all the near and distant corners of the universe, nothing exists that does not find its source in you. Even when we turn away from you, you are with us; your presence never fails us, your gifts of hope and new life transform us. We praise you for Jesus Christ, eternal as your love, our bond to one another. We rejoice with all your people of every time and place, and with angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of your name:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy are you. Holy, holy, blessed are you.

L: It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ, who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers: loving what he loved living what he taught, and striving to be his faithful servants in our time and place. In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises, and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did. On the night before Jesus died, he took a loaf of bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, "Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me." After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying, "This is the new covenant, remember me. We do remember. We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again. In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

L: It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ, who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers: loving what he loved living what he taught, and striving to be his faithful servants in our time and place. In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises, and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did. On the night before Jesus died, he took a loaf of bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, "Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me." After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying, "This is the new covenant, remember me." We do remember. We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again. In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

ALL: Christ has died

Christ will arise

Christ will come to us again

L: Holy Mystery, God the Spirit, we call on you to transform these familiar things, as you continually transform the world around us.

Bless this bread and this cup, the wheat and the grape, the farmer and the harvest, the seed and the sower.

So that in the sharing of these simple elements in community, we may taste and see your goodness, so that we might catch a glimpse of what it is to be in communion with you and with one another.

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

ALL: Amen

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup:

L: The body of Christ,

P: the bread of life.

L: The lifeblood of Christ,

P: the cup of blessing.

L: The gifts of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Meal

Unison Prayer after Communion:

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts.

We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**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.



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
129 MILLER AVENUE - PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801
Office Phone 603-436-6038
office@fumcportsmouth.net
PASTOR - REV. DR. DEBRA J. HANSON**

**New England Annual Conference
Tri-State District**
The Rev. Sudarshana Devadhar, Bishop
The Rev. James McPhee, District Superintendent

Check out our website at www.fumcportsmouth.com

Like and Follow Us On:

