

# FUMC PORTSMOUTH A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

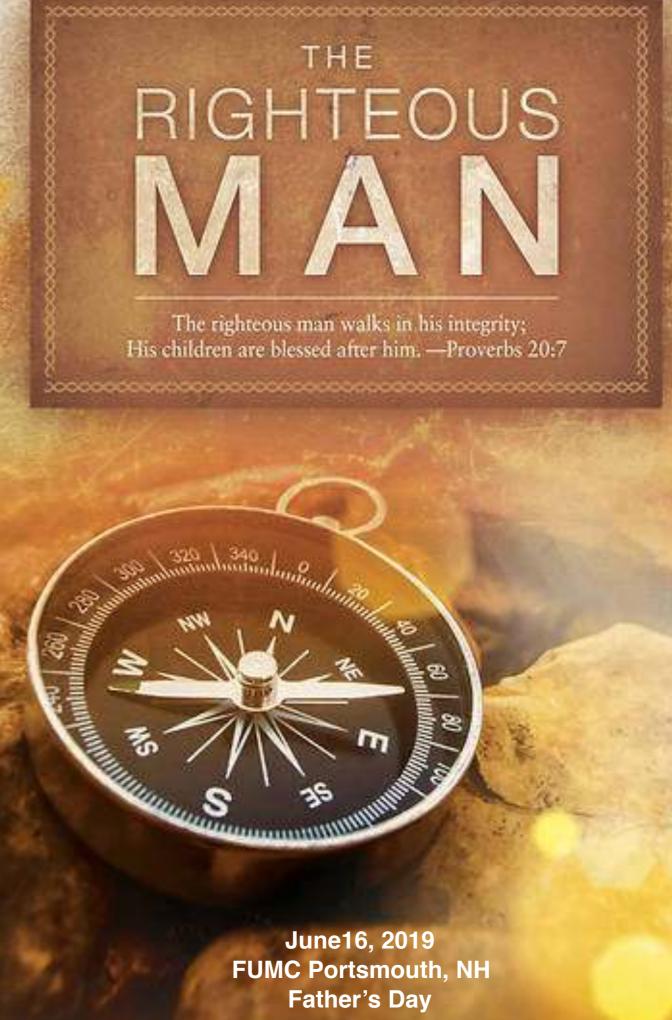
We, the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, are dedicated to worshipping, learning, and serving with all people as we embrace Jesus Christ's message of love and acceptance. As a United Methodist Church we stand fully behind the statement "Open Hearts, Open 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.



### **New England Annual Conference Tri-State District**

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson



### We Gather for Worship

### Trinity Sunday / Peace With Justice Sunday / Father's Day

**Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light** 

**Celebrations** 

\*Call to Worship

L: Let us worship the Triune God.

P: Let us worship the One who spoke in the beginning and created something out of nothing.

L: Let us worship the Triune God.

P: Let us worship the One who took on the clothing of humanity to set those who were oppressed free.

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P: Let us worship the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us, calling us from sorrow-filled endings to bright new beginnings.

\*Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" v. 1,2,4 UMH #64

A Time for the Child in all of Us

**Prayer** (unison) "Prayer for Father's Day" insert

**Sung Response**: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" TFWS #2200

**Ministry of Music** 

We Proclaim the Word

**Reading the Word:** Scripture passages for Father's Day

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

**Message:** "A Father's Love"

We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers" UMH #710

**Concerns and Joys Silent Prayer and 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 #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

\*Hymn: "For All the Saints" TFWS #2283

\*Choral Benediction (Congregation encircles the Sanctuary)

May the Lord, gracious God bless and keep you forever. Grant your 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

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

### Welcome!

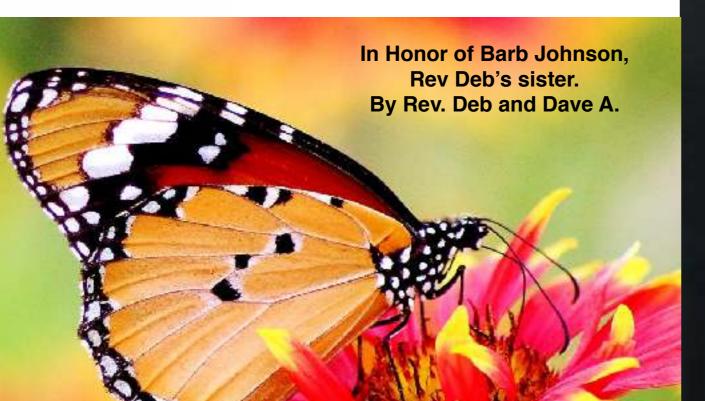
Whether you are joining us for worship for the first time or after many years of attending here at First UMC, we want you to know that you are welcome!

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





Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson
Pastor's Assistant - David Richards
Liturgists - Sue and Dave Richards
Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek
Acolyte - Marilyn Stebbins
Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal
Greeters - Dave Atkinson and Marilyn Stebbins
Ushers - Al and Jan Cansdale
Sound Tech - Sue Sarosiek
Worship Service Tech - Steve Scott
Photographer - Dave Atkinson



## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

**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 Kim Hishop **Bobbie Noble Art Munson Pastor Sue Ellery Judy Doyon Charles Gilman Diederich Family Aunt Karen (PennySue) 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** 

**Gayle Gardei** 

# Upcoming Events

### **FATHER'S DAY**

Today we celebrate fathers, not yet fathers, and those who have been like a father to us. Please take the time to look at and enjoy all the pictures. See if you can match the fatherly picture to that of the child.

### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

From Thursday, June 13 through Saturday, June 15, Rev. Deb, John VanReenen, and several others will be at the New England Annual Conference. Delegates were elected to the 2020 General Conference. We also voted on decreasing conference from nine districts to seven. Please see Rev. Deb or John VanReenen for updates.

Our next **Church Council** meeting is this Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the church office.

### JUNE 23rd

Widow/Widower's Support Group Meeting Sunday, June 23, at 1:00 pm, will be held at Temple Israel, 350 Court Street, Portsmouth. Chaplain Elisa Senter-Kaplan is the moderator, and all are welcome.

### **UMC Market Place**

https://umcmarket.org/

Do you shop on line? Have you ever heard of UMC Market Place? This is a place where you can shop on line with places like Staples, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Travelocity, and many other online stores, and when you go through the UMC Market.org, a percentage will be sent to the church. It's a great way to do fundraising with what you are already doing! To learn more, visit the website above and read about how it works, then sign up using First UMC, Portsmouth as the benefiting church. If you have any questions, please ask Rev. Deb.

### **Fundraising Ideas**

Do you love **Texas Roadhouse Rolls**? Would you be interested in participating in a Fundraiser. This would consist of taking orders and distributing your orders upon delivery. Please let Rev Deb know you'd participate.

Would you participate in a **Flatbread Pizza** fundraiser? Once assigned a date, would you go have a flatbread and spread the word for our fundraiser night? Please Let Rev Deb know your interest. Thank you.

Thursday, June 20 Barbara Miller is celebrating her 103rd birthday. Please send her cards to help her celebrate this milestone.

Thank you to everyone for helping Alexa Langs collect all the food donations for "Gather" celebrating her birthday.





Giving Thanks for Fathers Near and Far by Safiyah Fosua

Oh God, we thank you for fathers near, Fathers with strong arms, And fathers with feeble knees, present at table, And at bathtub, and at bedtime for prayers. Thank you, God, for fathers near.

We thank you, O God, for fathers far away, Fathers who ache for their families, Fathers absent because of war, or disease, or despair, Fathers who are present and absent at the same time. Thank you, God, for fathers far away.

We thank you, O God, for caring communities, Where mothers fill in for fathers, And fathers fill in for mothers, And grandparents put on the apron and the towel. Where aunts and uncles, And those who are absolutely no kin at all, Make our communities a home fit for habitation. Amen.

Center for Worship Resourcing The General Board of Discipleship



### WHERE DO I BEGIN?

The Celebration Time on Sunday evening touched me deeply.
Thank you, Tri-State District, for your love and grace and prayers
-- and laughter.

Specifically, the following folks went way "above and beyond the call" in making the Sunday Celebration possible:

>Rich Hughen and Callie McMahon (co-District Lay Leaders) and all the members of the TRI Committee on District Superintendency who worked so hard on so many details. Henry Erelli offered much behind the scenes support.

>Ben Yosua-Davis for planning, recruiting, playing music, and generally shepherding our worship together. I am so grateful.

>For Dave Richards and the mighty First UMC, Portsmouth team for (once again) providing unmatched hospitality and a great dinner.

>For Sara and Allen Ewing-Merrill who presided over our gathering at Table.

>For the musicians and their wonderful gifts: young adult group from North Boston Korean UMC, W. Baldwin UMC music team led by Tony Landsperg, Amanda Lee-McPhee, Martin Turnidge, and the members of the "Pick Up Choir."

>For those who read and shared during this time: Jacob Lee-McPhee, Gary Richards, and, of course, Bishop Devadhar.

Thanks as well for the generous gifts in support of the New England JFON ministries.

I am humbled and blessed. Thank you so very much.

Peace,

Jim McPhee