



WHO
WE ARE

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 office hours - Tuesday and Thursday 9 am - 12 pm

[call to ensure availability]

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

Check out our website at www.fumcportsmouth.com

Like and Follow Us On:   

THE RIGHTEOUS MAN

The righteous man walks in his integrity;
His children are blessed after him. —Proverbs 20:7



June 16, 2019
FUMC Portsmouth, NH
Father's Day

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.

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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 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



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

**In Honor of Barb Johnson,
Rev Deb's sister.
By Rev. Deb and Dave A.**



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

Gayle Gardei
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



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.



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.



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