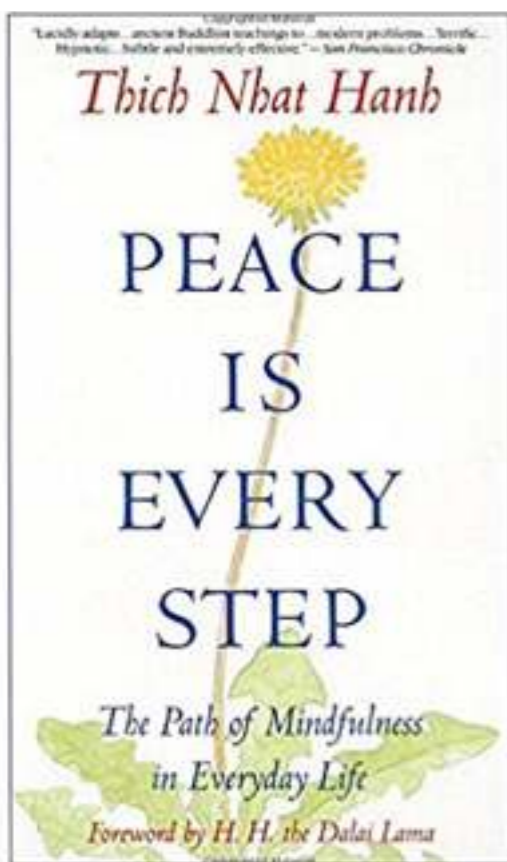


**FUMC PORTSMOUTH A  
RECONCILING CONGREGATION**

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.



**Lenten Bible Study begins  
Sunday, February 18**

Thich Nhat Hanh's book "Peace Is Every Step" is forever timely and assuring in the rat race life in which we find ourselves.

Thich Nhat Hanh was nominated by Martin Luther King, Jr for the Nobel Peace Prize.

**Please sign up in the office** today so we may order books. (A used book will cost \$6 or less.)

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Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, **"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."**

Mark 9:7

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Prelude  
Lighting of Candles  
Gathering Prayer  
\*Call to Worship  
Psalm 150 #862  
red hymnal  
read responsively

\*Opening Hymn "Gather Us In" #2236

\*Prayer of Praise and Adoration  
Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world.  
Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri #71

Special Music  
A Special Message for All of God's Children  
Joys and Concerns  
(Names only please)

Intercessory Prayers followed by the Lord's Prayer  
**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Large print bulletins are available from the greeters**

Expressions of Gratitude (presentation of Tithes and Offerings)

Hymn "Give Thanks" #2036

\*Gospel The Transfiguration Mark 9:2-9

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

P: **Thanks be to God**

\*Hymn "The Servant Song" #2222

Morning Message "Practice What You Preach"

\*Closing Hymn Trust and Obey #467

Benediction (The Congregation encircles the Sanctuary)

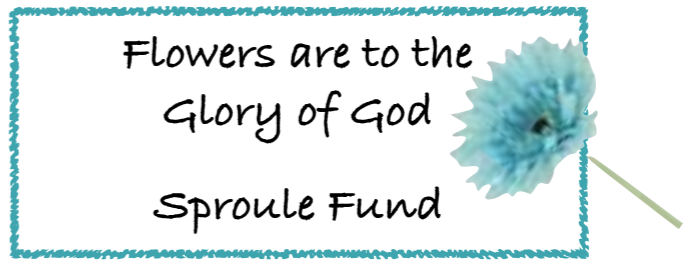
**May the Lord, gracious God bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and seek His face, and His grace forever.  
May the Lord, mighty God bless and keep you forever.**

Pastor's Charge

Postlude

\*Stand if you are able

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship in Sanborn Hall



**Ash Wednesday Service  
Wednesday April 14  
7 PM**



**GREETINGS FROM REV. BETSY**  
The door of inclusive fellowship in FUMC is wide and always stands open.

A warm welcome is extended to all. One is never a stranger here, for whoever names the name of Christ is at home in this church.

May today's message bring you strength and comfort.



*We are never alone when we pray*

<b>Ken Westbrook</b>	<b>Barbara Slater</b>	<b>Mary Merrill</b>
<b>Carol Johnson</b>	<b>Barbara Millar</b>	<b>Juanita</b>
<b>Andrea</b>	<b>Adele Westbrook</b>	<b>Austin</b>
<b>Dorothy Steinmetz</b>	<b>Sylvia Bartlett</b>	<b>Steven Dietz</b>
<b>Arlene Johnson</b>	<b>Brian Thompson</b>	

Please continue to hold those in rehab and care facilities in your prayers

**Pastor - Rev. Betsy Webber**

**Pastoral Assistant - David Richards**

**Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek**

**Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal**

**Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson**

**Greeters -Marilyn Stebbins, Paul Webber**

**Art & Nancy Munson**

**Liturgist -Steve Scott**

**Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson**

**Sound Technician -Sue Sarosiek**

# CHURCH CALENDER



## SUNDAY

10:00 WORSHIP  
11:00 COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

**9:30 AM Peace Circle**  
**6 PM Council**  
7:00 NA

## WEDNESDAY

10 AM AA  
**7 PM Ash Wed. Service**

## THURSDAY

8:30 AM AA  
7:30 PM AA

## FRIDAY

8:00 AA

## SATURDAY

1:00 AA



### Sunday Quiet Offering

Our Quiet Offering donations will now be used for Fuller Center for Housing.

We hosted 21 riders in the Bicycle Adventure mission in July.

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

2/4/18 \$2227.00

attendance 37

Weekly Budget - \$3255.00

Offertory envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex

**Welcome. We rejoice in having you here with us. Your presence lifts our spirits. Remembering the love that God has for all of us, let us extend our hands in love and respect for one another.**



We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship following the service. Cheese, cracker, cookie and coffee donations are greatly appreciated. See Ken Westbrook for more information.