

SECOND SUNDAY IN

LENT



THE REVERSE
LENT CHALLENGE

DON'T GIVE SOMETHING UP.
TAKE SOMETHING ON!

CHALLENGE #2
"GRAB YOUR PHONE"

Prelude & Christ's Light Entrance

Gathering Prayer

*Call to Worship

Psalm 22

L: I will tell of our name to my brothers and sisters, and lead them in praise.

P: **You did not despise the afflicted nor turn a deaf ear when they cried to you.**

L: All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O God; all families shall worship the Lord.

P: **We will tell of your deeds to those who follow, and proclaim your deliverance to all.**

L: Let us glorify God!

*Hymn

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

#79

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

We glory in your holy name, O God; we marvel at your wondrous works. You gathered a nation around you and called it blessed. You spared not your own Son, but sent him in the midst of a people to redeem them from sin. We gather this day to bear witness to your m; our souls are cleansed by your mercy. Our bodies rise to bless your name; our voices sing your praises!

*Gloria Patri #71

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Special Music

Children's Time

Hatch Hope This Easter Campaign Launch

Joys and Concerns

[please lift up the first names of those who you would like the church family to pray for]

Pastoral Prayer, 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.

*Hymn

"Open My Eyes".

#454

Scripture Lesson

OT Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

*Gospel

Mark 8: 31-38

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Message

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

"Living for Jesus"

#2149

*Choral 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.

Benediction

Postlude

*Stand if you are able

Large print bulletins are available from the greeters

GET IN THE SOCIAL SWING



5 REASONS OUR CHURCH'S SOCIAL MEDIA NEEDS TO BE A PRIORITY

Let's face it, there are a lot of churches and ministries vying for people's attention out there. Social media offers so many perks and possibilities, it'd be foolhardy not to spend more time devoted to our social media channels. In fact, it might be the secret weapon for gaining new members. It can be a great tool to boost our attendance for important holidays and reaching out into the community.

1. Social media might be the first place people find our church
2. We can build a relationship with all of your friends
3. Facebook's groups and events rival some church social networks
4. We will be meeting people where they are
5. Our social media accounts represent our church's vitality

Our church's new website & Youtube channels are updated weekly and our social media channels [Instagram & Facebook] are updated daily. Here are our links:

WEBSITE

<http://fumcportsmouth.com>

INSTAGRAM

www.instagram.com/fumcportsmouthnh129/

YOUTUBE

FUMC PORTSMOUTH

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/fumc.church.376



As part of the Visioning Committee work we invite those of you who feel called to be part of the Sunday Worship Team as an Usher.

Ushers help create a sense of order and process when it comes to moving a congregation into the appropriate direction/place during communion and also setting an attitude of giving while taking the offering. In this role you may be a visitor's first or second contact with anyone from our congregation and your smile, warm and friendly greeting may help people feel more comfortable while taking part of our worship service.

Today after the worship service we will have the first of our classes specific to the role of a Usher here at FUMC. It's only 1/2 an hour so if you are interested grab a cup of coffee and meet us in the Sanctuary.



Altar flowers this week are in Celebration of Art and Nancy's Anniversary



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.

HERE'S WHATS

GOING ON

SAVE THE DATES

TODAY !
 10:00 WORSHIP
 11:00 COFFEE HOUR
 11:15 USHER CLASS

NEXT SUNDAY
 10:00 WORSHIP

MONDAY 5:30 PM Trustees Mtg	TUESDAY 7:00 NA	WEDNESDAY 10 AM AA	THURSDAY 8:30 AM AA
FRIDAY 8:00 AA	SATURDAY 1:00 AA	MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!	



SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor - Rev. Betsy Webber

Pastoral Assistant - David Richards

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Liturgist - Stephen Langs

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal

Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Greeters - Paul Webber & Marilyn Stebbins

Ushers - Jan & Al Cansdale, Ken Young, Ken Westbrook

Acolyte - Jenya Westbrook

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

Sound Technician -Sue Sarosiek

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

Barbara Slater	Brian Thompson
Barbara Millar	Carol Johnson
Adele Westbrook	Andrea
Sylvia Bartlett	Austin
Arlene Johnson	Dorothy Steinmetz
Mary Merrill	Drolet Family
Juanita	Townley Family
Steven Dietz	Barbara Johns

Those in rehab and care facilities



HURRICANE RECOVERY EFFORTS

The quiet offering baskets at the front of each aisle are for donations to the hurricane relief bucket program through UMCOR.

— LET'S —
TALK

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

**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.

**THIS WEEK'S REVERSE LENT CHALLENGE IS:
"GRAB YOUR PHONE"**

Once a day during Lent, call someone in your life for no other reason than to tell them how glad you are that they are in your life! Set an alarm on your phone, write yourself a note each evening or put the bulletin cover on your fridge or in your car to remind you it is time to make someone's day!

LAY SERVANTS IN ACTION

Karen Sarosiek, Sue Sarosiek and Dave Richards have started a 3 week Lay Servant class sponsored by the Tri State Conference at the Thornton Heights United Methodist Church in Portland Maine. We thank them for their continued commitment to the Lay Servant role here at FUMC.

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