

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

*Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before Him with joyful songs.*

Know that the Lord is God.

*It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.*

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;*

give thanks to Him and praise His name.

*For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
129 MILLER AVENUE - PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801
June 17, 2018



Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

Gathering Prayer

*Call to Worship

L: As the trees release their spring flowers and welcome summer's deep green leaves,

P: God's spirit accompanies us.

L: As each season passes their baton forward and years speed by in a flash,

P: God's Spirit strengthens us.

L: As we welcome new faces and bid farewell to others,

P: God's Spirit fills us with peace.

*Hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #89

*Prayer of Invocation

ALL: God of questions and answers, of mystery and clarity, we grasp onto your presence today. In this time and space, we celebrate the crossing of thresholds. Here and now we express our gratitude that you abide with us in our laughter and tears. Saturate our souls with strength. Open our spirits to understand that all will be well in our seasons of change. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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.

Time For The Children

Special Music

Joys & Concerns

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. And lead us not in temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Farewell Message "Parables and Paradoxes" Rev. Betsy

Order of Farewell (Insert) David Richards

*Hymn "Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love" #566

"Gratitude Moment" John VanReenen

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology: **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

*Hymn "Are Ye Able" #530

*Choral Benediction

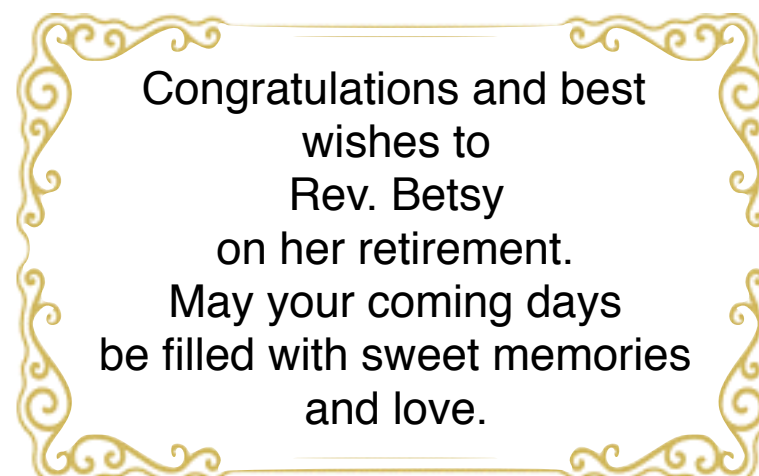
[the Congregation encircles the Sanctuary as we sing together]
May the Lord, gracious God bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and seek His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God bless and keep you forever.

Pastor's Charge

Postlude

*Stand if you are able

Large print bulletins are available from the greeters





A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

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.



OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM...

Pastor - Rev. Betsy Webber ~ Pastor's Assistant - David Richards

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Jenya Westbrook ~ Greeters - Ken & Shannon Corpron

Ushers - Ken & Jenya Westbrook, John & Cathy VanReenen

Sound Technician - Susan Sarosiek

Worship Service Tech - Sue Richards

Sunday School - Karen Sarosiek ~ Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY...



**Come join us for lunch after the church service
to celebrate Rev. Betsy's retirement
in Sanborn Hall!**

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

Rev. Betsy and Paul Webber

Ken Westbrook ~ Bobbie Noble ~ Cynthia Drake

Gail Guarini ~ Peter Guarini ~ Kathy Randall

Sue Goodhue ~ Kim Hishop

Sylvia Bartlett ~ Brian Thompson

The family of Beverlea Meadow

Our church family

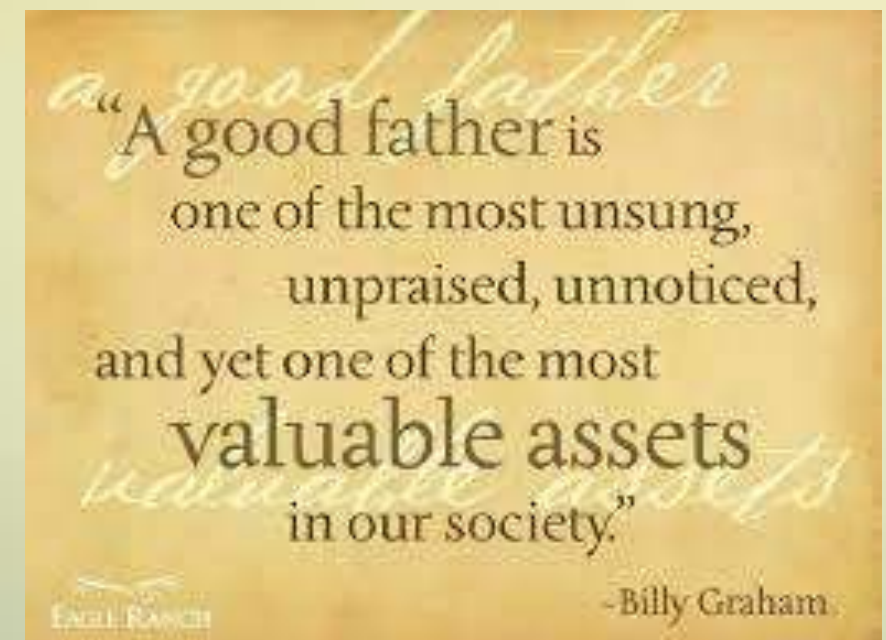
Those in rehab and care facilities

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS...



Happy Birthday,
Jim!
Happy Father's Day
from
Evelyn New

FATHER'S DAY...



ALTAR FLOWERS...



The altar flowers are a beautiful way of remembering or honoring someone special in your life. Please sign up on the flower chart in the narthex for your opportunity.

UMCOR FLOOD BUCKET UPDATE...



\$435.50
and counting!
THANK YOU

MORE THAN A BUCKET

The red bucket as you walked into the sanctuary is for donations to the hurricane relief bucket program through UMCOR.

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER?...

We are looking for someone to be willing to film various moments within our worship service. These videos are being uploaded to our Website and YouTube channel and are important to our outreach commitments as they are shared with those who can't make it to church or missed that Sunday. Please see Sue Sarosiek or Bevan Bloemendaal if you are interested in talking about the details.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FAREWELL POTLUCK

TODAY!

FOLLOWING WORSHIP
IN SANBORN HALL TO
THANK PASTOR BETSY
AND WISH HER WELL ON
HER RETIREMENT!

SPRC IS COLLECTING FOR
A RETIREMENT GIFT SO
PLEASE SEE MIKE COFFEY
OR SUE SAROSIEK WITH
YOUR CONTRIBUTION.



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.



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

And check out all the
updates on our church
website



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