

John 1: 15

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



Happy New Year 2018
Another fresh new year is here,
another year to live;
to vanish worry, doubt and fear,
to love and laugh and give!

May God's blessings surround you;
May love and joy, peace and hope be
with you Always!

Be that light in 2018...Happy New Year.

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



Nurture “to care for and encourage”

Send a card, phone call or visit any of those needing comfort and company. Share your time, care. Write a letter or email.

Stories of Faith are stories from the congregation of how we grow in our faith and life at FUMC. If you would like to share your story please let Paula know. Or you may just hear from her in the coming months!

Stories of Faith

If you were wondering who has been keeping the church neat and tidy we would like to introduce you to Cathy Steinmetz of Cathy’s Cleaning who came on board in October of this year. Cathy grew up in New York, moved to Florida and found her way to NH two and a half years ago.

Cathy’s Dad, a NY policeman and one of the original 101 Airborne “Band of Brothers” , was her role model. He was kind, sweet and generous, a man of high standards.

She was born and raised Catholic and “has always had a deep sense of the Lord’s presence in my life.” Her father had a heart attack when she was eight. Though the reality was mystifying to her she remembers praying that he would be OK , and “was enveloped in a physical warmth and peace that he would be fine. Assurance.” And, yes, he was fine.

In her life she has learned that you can “learn and grow” through hardships and sorrow. Prayer is fundamental to living. Having served with the Civil Air Patrol for 5 years in Florida doing search and rescue, crewed on a hot air balloon and doing a bit of sky diving Cathy sure has had her share of adventures!

Her spiritual journey thought Catholic, Southern Baptist, Florida Methodist churches and currently Bethany Church has been based on that “the Lord meets where we are” and “constant conversations with God”.

“There are so many fantastic and good people” in the world and she feels blessed by great friendships and church. She is happy and content that she is in NH.

Welcome Cathy!

Thank you for your generous donations to the Nurture Committee to support our college students.
Barbara Slater

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the generous gift. I am having a good year in school and enjoying my classes. I appreciate your support.
Love,
Scott

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your continued support of my education. I appreciate your kindness!
Love,
Karen

Dear FUMC Family,
Thank you for the generous gift for Christmas and your continuing support and love all the year through.
PaulaJ

Dear Church Family,
I wanted to thank you for so many things that I thought I would just list them:

- 1 Your love and constant support
- 2 The hugs, smiles, handshakes and visits up at the organ
- 3 The Christmas congregation gift
- 4 All the other gifts, cards and goodies left for me at the organ
- 5 Your passion for storytelling through music

I am so thankful, blessed and honored to be part of this wonderful community I call family.

Love and hugs,
Bevan

THE GIVING TREE

Dear First United Methodist Church members and friends,
Thank you for your most generous donations of gifts for our families.
Thank you for giving them some happiness this Christmas!

Jessica Couture
Personnel and Family Benefits Coordinator
Seacoast Community School

Seacoast Santa would like to thank the First United Methodist Church for once again providing us space for our event. We helped 70+ families this year!





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| 1 Bill Crisp | 23 David Bovee |
| 3 Tenley Westbrook | 25 John VanReenen |
| 4 Bert Eckert | 27 Tammy Bunting |
| 5 Joseph Philbrick, Jr | 29 Thomas Reed |
| 6 Barbara Felton | 31 Yvonne Griffin |
| 6 David Richards | 31 Vicki David |
| 11 Kathy Martin | 31 Karen Scott |
| 16 William Dewhurst | 31 Tim Orr |
| 19 Lindsey Veilleux | Happy Anniversary |
| | 1 Glen & Sara Reed |

If you are interesting in learning
about membership at FUMC please talk
to Pastor Betsy
or leave your name in the office with PaulaJ



Abel
William Lloyd Green
Dorothy Steinmetz
Dr. David Kerr
Arlene Johnson

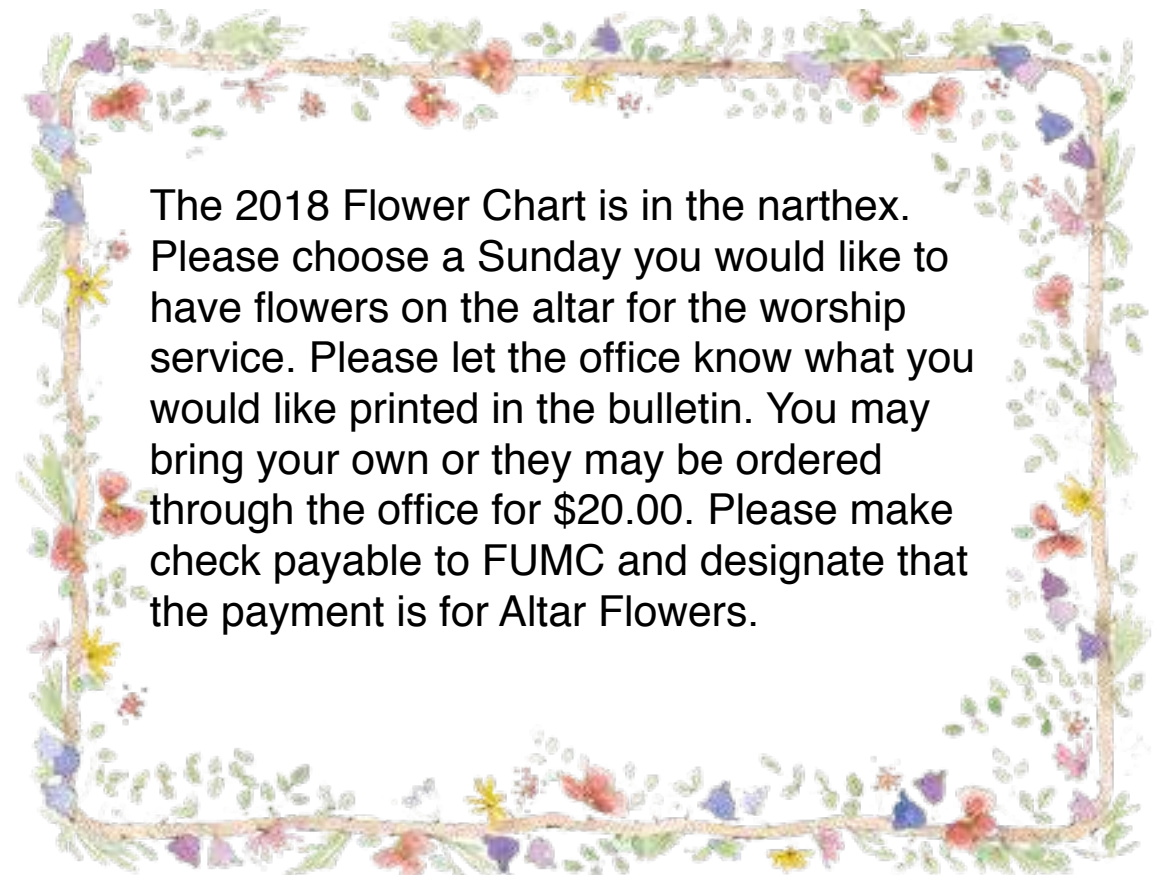
Juanita
Adele Westbrook
Phillip Hood
Steven Dietz
Brian Thompson

Andrea
Austin
Sylvia Bartlett

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

*We are never alone
when we pray*

Photo by William B Buchanan



The 2018 Flower Chart is in the narthex.
Please choose a Sunday you would like to
have flowers on the altar for the worship
service. Please let the office know what you
would like printed in the bulletin. You may
bring your own or they may be ordered
through the office for \$20.00. Please make
check payable to FUMC and designate that
the payment is for Altar Flowers.



How do we change the world? “one random act of kindness at a time”

“The Be The Light At Christmas was truly an inspiration. It reminded me that each little act of kindness goes a long way. And inspires each one touched to do their own act of kindness; creating more and more kindness.”

Be the Light of Christmas
If you want to shatter darkness
light a candle.
Better yet...
be the candle.

“It gave me a better sense of awareness of what is around us every day.”

“Giving benefits twice,
the receiver of the gift
and the giver.”

“I work nights and after a snow shower one night and ice the next I had two co-workers help clean off my car. After they already done theirs. That felt great. I let people cut in front of me in line or in traffic.
I start up conversations with those in line.”

“This was a wonderful idea, Bevan, thank you! It brings it home to think of others and what we can do to bring someone some special happiness as we are busy with Christmas Preparations! Gil made two calls to some friends in FI. that he had not talked with in a while!
Let's keep the lights going into the NewYear! “

“BE THE LIGHT”

All of us at First UMC are so blessed to have Bevan share his many talents with us. He exemplifies the true meaning of Random Acts of Kindness by the way he treats everyone.

“I've been heard to preach about living a life of gratitude no matter our circumstances. It is something I find holy and sacred. During this past year at different times, and all fall into December, I have been the recipient of your kindnesses, especially through my prolonged illness. I am grateful to be recovered and more energetic than I have been in a long time. I am grateful to you for keeping 'church' with all you do in the name of the Lord. Most of all I am grateful to be your pastor. May 2018 bless us all...
with joy, peace, and love.
Betsy

“...As I picked my “Light” from the tree I wondered what message it would be

“Be a more positive person this week”

Well it now hangs in my car to remind me to be positive EVERYDAY. “

“random acts of kindness”

To honor our loved ones this year we chose a random of act of kindness and partnered with Heifer International and made a huge difference in the lives of families around the world with our donations of:

1 SHEEP	1 HEIFER SHARE
8 FLOCKS OF CHICKS	2 SHEEP SHARES
4 FLOCKS OF DUCKS	1 ALPACA SHARE
4 FLOCKS OF GEESE	2 GOAT SHARES
1 ALPACA	

Ernest Drake by Cynthia Drake

Our Mother's by Kenya & Ken Westbrook

Flora E Young by Kenneth Young

Griffin's Half Acre by Ruth Griffin

Fran & Walter Smith by Nancy Chesser

Bud, John & Marion by Jane Richards

Dorothy & Leslie Filmore by Jennifer Berry

Dad Yager & Mother Stebbins by Gil & Marilyn Stebbins

Alexia, Erin, Michael & Cookie Harrist by Suzanne Olbricht

Skip, Jay & Jenn by Sue and Karen Sarosiek

Russ Stevens by Scott Stevens

Jim Millar by Barbara Millar

Mom & Dad by Laurie Stevens & PaulJ Jacobson

My Family by Bevan Bloemendaal

Gordon & Barbara Bloemendaal by Bevan Bloemendaal

My Grandparents by Bevan Bloemendaal

FUMC Church family by Bevan Bloemendaal

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7 PM NA	3 9:30 AM AA	4 7:30 PM AA	5 8 PM AA	6 1 PM AA
7 10:00AM Worship 11:15 Coffee	8	9 9:30 AM Peace Circle 6 PM Finance/Council 7 PM NA	10 9:30 AM AA	11 7:30 PM AA	12 8 PM AA	13 Christmas Clean-up 9 AM 1 PM AA
14 10:00AM Worship guest preacher Rev.Wes Palmer 11:15 Coffee	15	16 7 PM NA	17 9:30 AM AA	18 7:30 PM AA	19 8 PM AA	20 1 PM AA
21 10:00AM Worship 11:15 Coffee	22	23 7 PM NA	24 9:30 AM AA	25 7:30 PM AA	26 8 PM AA	27 1 PM AA
28 10:00AM Worship 11:15 Coffee	29	30 7 PM NA	31 9:30 AM AA		save the date! Sunday, February 4 congregational mtg	