



**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE.  
ALL MEANS ALL!**

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RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
PORTSMOUTH, NH

**Micah 6:8 (NRSV)**

***God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.***

**Dear Friends,**

**This year's New England Annual Conference reflected this verse from Micah in powerful ways. A huge majority of those who were there as delegates and members affirmed our commitment to the inclusiveness of all people. We were diverse in so many ways: gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and economic situations.**

**Bishop Devadhar's emphasis at the very opening of the conference was "all means all!" He gave a powerful message of inclusiveness, acceptance, and welcome to everyone regardless of who we are because we are ALL God's children. Our election of delegates to General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference also reflect the diversity that will be representing New England next year. I believe this will be a powerful witness to others that the New England conference is truly striving to live Micah 6:8. For more information, here is the link to the annual conference web site: [www.neac.org](http://www.neac.org).**

**I have also seen the witness of total inclusiveness here at First UMC, Portsmouth, NH. Everyone is welcome! Time and time again, we have demonstrated the mindset that whoever comes into our worship service or participates in our church activities is welcome: "all means all!"**

**As someone who grew up in a small Iowa town where everyone was Caucasian, Protestant, and expected to "fit in," I went through a wonderful educational experience when I moved to the East Coast and began to live in more diverse areas. My colleagues, friends, and acquaintances who are "different" from me, have taught me that regardless of the color of our skin, our ethnic background, our religious preferences, our sexual orientation, or our economic situations, we are one in Christ as God's beloved children.**

**God instructs us through scripture, through the example and teachings of Jesus, and through the power of the Spirit's guidance how to live practicing justice and walking humbly with God. We are called to be the hands, feet, and voices for God in this world, and we are instructed to be the "voice for the voiceless." Let us continue to strive for justice, and let us continue to walk humbly with God because it is truly God who works through us and our ministries to make a difference in this world.**

**Thank you, Blessed Children of God, for who you are and who you continue to become.  
Grace and peace,  
Rev. Deb**



# THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

Please check the **summer worship schedule** attached.

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## **July 4, Independence Day**

The office will be closed in observance of holiday.

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## **Finance Trustees Meeting**

The Finance Trustees meeting will be held on **7/9**, at 6:00 pm at the Parsonage. All are welcome.

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**Memorial Service** for Fred Pettigrew will be held on July 20th at 11am.

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**Church Council** meeting on July 23, at 6 pm in the church office.

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The **Finance Trustees** and **Church Council** will have a combined meeting on August 13, at 6 pm in the church office.

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**11th Annual Golf Tournament** will be Wednesday September 11, at Pease Golf Course. 7:30am breakfast & registration, 9:00 am shotgun start. Continental breakfast & dinner included. \$135 per player (\$90 for Pease pass holders). For those interested you can pick up form during FUMC office hours. Please share.

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**Pumpkin Delivery** will be on September 28 at 9am.

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**UMC Market Place** (<https://umcmarket.org>)

**Do you shop online?** 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.



# **BE A PRAYER WARRIOR THIS MONTH AND LIFT UP IN PRAYER...**

**Barbara & Jim Slater**

**Barbara Sylvester**

**Pauline Boynton**

**Barbara Millar**

**Irene Derosier**

**Barbara Clement**

**Malia Broe**

**Gil Stebbins**

**Alissa Fernandez**

**Pastor Sue Ellery**

**Roseanne**

**Gabor**

**Charles Gilman**

**Bobbie Noble**

**John Richards**

**Aunt Karen ( PennySue)**

**Judy Doyon**

**Joette MacKenzie**

**Vicky Fernandez**

**Woodie Lange**

**Rev. David Kerr**

**Jim New**

**Dan Hislop and family**

**Rev. Bill Gardei**

**Gayle Gardei**

**Marion Collinshaw**

**Sue Goodhue**

**Hunter Pinkley**

**Sylvia Bartlett**

**Brian Thompson**

**Jessie**

**Diederich Family**

**Our Church Family**





**Congratulations  
Linda**



Each year, at Annual Conference, Preachers' Aid Society (PAS) presents the Lifetime of Discipleship award to two Laity who have given of themselves above and beyond the call of their post. In celebration of those selected, PAS makes a \$500 gift to a mission of the winner's choosing. On the last day of Annual Conference, Saturday, June 15, PAS Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Wesley Palmer, presented the Lifetime of Discipleship award to Marcia Hoyt from Fisk Memorial UMC in Natick, MA and Linda Reiber from the Portsmouth UMC in Portsmouth, NH. Marcia has designated half of her funds for the United Methodist Economic Ministry and half for the Cooper Community Center. Linda has designated half of her funds for Cooper Community Center and half for the UMW Legacy Endowment Fund.

A heartfelt congratulations to both Marcia and Linda; we thank you for all the ways in which you serve and support your local church and greater New England United Methodist community.





June 12, 2019

## James S. Cogswell Outstanding Industrial Security Achievement Awards for 2019

QUANTICO, Va. – The Defense Security Service (DSS) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2019 James S. Cogswell Outstanding Industrial Security Achievement Award. Fifty-one facilities were selected for the award, which is presented at the annual NCMS training seminar on June 12, 2019, in St. Louis, Mo.

These 51 facilities were chosen from approximately 13,000 cleared facilities. The award criterion focuses on principles of industrial security excellence. Factors include establishing and maintaining a security program that far exceeds the basic National Industrial Security Program requirements; and providing leadership to other cleared facilities in establishing best practices while maintaining the highest standards for security.

The Cogswell Award selection process is rigorous. A DSS Industrial Security Representative may only nominate facilities that have at a minimum two consecutive superior industrial security review ratings and which show a sustained degree of excellence and innovation in their overall security program management, implementation and oversight. DSS makes the final selections.

The award was established in 1966 in honor of the late Air Force Col. James S. Cogswell, the first chief of industrial security within the Department of Defense. Cogswell was responsible for developing the basic principles of the Industrial Security Program, which includes an emphasis on the partnership between industry and government to protect classified information. This partnership ultimately ensures the greatest protection for the U.S. warfighter and our Nation's classified information.

Congratulations to the 2019 Cogswell Award winners!

AM General, LLC  
South Bend, Ind.

Applied Research Laboratories, The University of Texas at Austin  
Austin, Texas

ARC Technologies LLC, a Hexcel Company  
Amesbury, Mass.

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## Congratulations Art!

Art Munson received the James S. Cogswell outstanding industrial Security Achievement award. He received 1 of 51 awards from 13,000 facilities.





# JIM MCPHEE'S RETIREMENT





## 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 Huguen 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



The logo features the letters 'FYI.' in a large, white, sans-serif font, enclosed within a white rectangular border. The background is a colorful geometric pattern with diagonal stripes in shades of teal, blue, and yellow.

## **Annual Conference Notes**

### **Episcopal Address**

In a departure from tradition, Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar gave his annual Episcopal Address immediately following the opening worship that began the 2019 New England Annual Conference session on Thursday morning, June 13. “We invite *all* to the table because holy communion is a means of grace, and we want to extend that means of grace to all,” the bishop said, adding “as so many of our churches have affirmed, all means *all*.”

### **DELEGATES ELECTED:**

#### **General Conference**

*The NEJ delegates serve as reserve delegates to the General Conference*

**Clergy:** Jay Williams, Becca Girrell, Effie McAvoy

**Laity:** Bonnie Marden, Amanda Bonnette-Kim, Ralph Oduor

#### **Northeast Jurisdictional Conference**

*The General Conference delegates are also delegates to the NEJ Conference*

**Clergy:** Rene Perez, Leigh Goodrich, Sandra Bonnette Kim

**Laity:** Ana María Rodríguez Alfonso, Noah Spicer, Claire Holston

#### **Reserve Delegates to NEJ Conference**

**Clergy:** David Calhoun, Cristian De La Rosa, Charlotte Pridgen-Randolph

**Laity:** Adama Brown-Hathaway, Uchenna Joan Awa, Roberta Bragan

### **Realignment of Districts (RS-19-209 DESIGNATION OF NUMBER OF DISTRICTS)**

In the plenary session that took place after the Service of Ordination and Commissioning, the Annual Conference approved the resolution to reduce the number of districts from nine to seven.

### **Budget**

**The 2020 proposed budget was adopted as presented (RS-19-104 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS)**

### **Service of Ordination and Commissioning**

With one of the largest classes in recent years, the New England Conference welcomed 24 new clergy on Friday evening, June 14, 2019. In his sermon titled “*God Called You*” Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar congratulated the 13 ordinands and 11 commissionees on their “willingness and determination to join in navigating the ship called The United Methodist Church in such a time as this.”



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**Summer Address**



**Sylvia Bartlett**  
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**JoEtte MacKenzie**  
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**Barbara Clement**  
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**Ruth Tuttle**  
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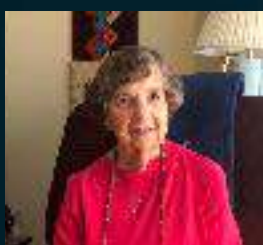
# MAKE A *Difference* FOR SOMEONE TODAY!



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**Rev Bill Gardei**  
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# *July* **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

1 Harold Whitehouse  
4 Dino Argentini  
6 Barbara Slater  
9 Ruth Griffin  
9 Gail Sanders  
10 Robert Smith  
13 Jim Sanders  
16 Valerie Quackenbush  
18 Susan Sarosiek  
23 Eric Littlefield  
25 Jean Ordione  
25 Lori Beth Ordione  
27 Rachel Kirk Minnhan  
28 Lauri Gagnon  
29 David Stanley

7 Steve & Lauri Gagnon





## **BACKPACK MINISTRY/END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER**

This program continues to thrive and, though it's hard for me to believe, we have now completed our 8<sup>th</sup> school year. We are served 102 children from all 6 Portsmouth schools and Birch Tree Center (school for Autistic children in Newington). On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, a service team from Liberty Mutual, led by April McGough, helped us to pick-up, unload and store the food for the 7 weeks remaining of the school year, as well as pack all the Ziploc bags that go inside the weekly bags. They have done this for 5 or 6 years now and it is always a fun day. Portsmouth Rotary donated \$2,000 to the program in April so big thanks go out to them also. As always, I want to thank the faithful volunteers who work all school year to make this happen. I certainly couldn't do it without them! If you would like to get involved in this ministry or learn more about it, please contact me directly at [jen\\_b76@yahoo.com](mailto:jen_b76@yahoo.com) or 603-801-3886.

Blessings,

Jen Berry,

Backpack Ministry/End 68 Hours of Hunger - Portsmouth Coordinator

## **SEACOAST FAMILY PROMISE**

SFP is going strong. Our next rotation is October 13 - 20th. All of the families we worked with in 2018 have moved to stable housing and have remained there. We have had 7 cars donated this year for our current and former families. This is such a blessing, since without reliable transportation, these families cannot succeed. If you know of anyone who might have a vehicle available to donate (it is a tax deductible donation), please let them know we always have a need for them and they will change a family's life forever by doing so.

If you would like to volunteer, we have opportunities available to help with prepping the Sunday school rooms for family arrival, cleaning them up when it's over the next week, dinner crew for Friday night and we could always use new overnight volunteers. Many of the current volunteers in this program have been doing it all 13 years, so some fresh volunteers would be appreciated. We also need cash donations to purchase breakfast and lunch food items when the families are here.

This program definitely changes lives and I am proud that our church is a part of it, along with 20+ other congregations in the Seacoast NH area. If you think you might like to help and experience the joy of changing people's lives firsthand, please contact Jen Berry at [jen\\_b76@yahoo.com](mailto:jen_b76@yahoo.com) or 603-801-3886.



# JULY 2019 - SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM SCHEDULE

DATE	LITURGIST	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTE	WORSHIP TECH	SOUND TECH	SUNDAY SCHOOL
7/7/19	Dave Atkinson	Jane Richards Marilyn Stebbins	Ken & Jenya Westbrook	John VanReenen	Nancy Chesser	Dave Richards	Rosie Buswell Aerial Silanpaa
7/14/19	Yvonne Griffin	Silanpaa Family	Ken Young Ken Westbrook	Dave Richards	Sue Richards	Sue Sarosiek	Kaya Sarosiek Aerial Silanpaa
7/21/19	Dave Richards	VanReenen Family	Al & Jan Cansdale	Marilyn Stebbins	Sue Richards	Sue Sarosiek	Rosie Buswell
7/28/19	Sue Richards	Yvonne Griffin	Ken Young Ken Westbrook	Linda Reiber	Nancy Chesser	Sue Sarosiek	Dave Atkinson

**NOTE - IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MEET THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE PLEASE LET US KNOW  
IMMEDIATELY SO WE CAN SCHEDULE SOMEONE ELSE.**

# AUGUST 2019 - SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM SCHEDULE

DATE	LITURGIST	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTE	WORSHIP TECH	SOUND TECH	SUNDAY SCHOOL
8/4/19	Sue Richards	Silanpaa Family	Jan & Al Cansale	Alexa Langs	Nancy Chesser	Dave Richards	Rosie Buswell Aerial Silanpaa
8/11/19 Dave R Preaching	John VanReenen	Jane Richards Marilyn Stebbins	Art Munson Nancy Chesser	Kaya Sarosiek	Sue Richards	Sue Sarosiek	Kaya Sarosiek Aerial Silanpaa
8/18/19 Kevin F Preaching	Marilyn Stebbins	Steve and Kellie Langs	Ken Westbrook Ken Young	Alexa Langs	Nancy Chesser	Sue Sarosiek	Rosie Buswell Aerial Silanpaa
8/25/19	Dave Atkinson	Linda Reiber	Ken and Jenya Westbrook	Marilyn Stebbins	Sue Richards	Sue Sarosiek	Kaya Sarosiek Aerial Silanpaa

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# JULY 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> ♦11:30 AA ♦7 pm AA	<b>2</b> ♦11:30 AA ♦6:30 pm NA	<b>3</b> ♦11:30 AA	<b>4</b> ♦Office Closed ♦11:30 AA ♦7 pm AA	<b>5</b> ♦11:30 AA ♦7 pm AA	<b>6</b> ♦1 pm AA
<b>7</b> ♦10 am Worship ♦11 am Coffee Hour	<b>8</b> ♦9 am Planet Rangers ♦7 pm AA	<b>9</b> ♦9 am Planet Rangers ♦6 pm Finance Trustees ♦6:30 pm NA	<b>10</b> ♦9 am Planet Rangers	<b>11</b> ♦9 am Planet Rangers ♦7 pm AA	<b>12</b> ♦9 am Planet Rangers ♦7 pm AA	<b>13</b> ♦1 pm AA
<b>14</b> ♦10 am Worship ♦11 am Coffee Hour	<b>15</b> ♦ 9 am Planet Rangers ♦ 7pm AA	<b>16</b> ♦9 am Planet Rangers ♦6:30 pm NA	<b>17</b> ♦9 am Planet Rangers	<b>18</b> ♦ 9am Planet Rangers ♦ 7pm AA	<b>19</b> ♦ 9am Planet Rangers ♦ 7pm AA	<b>20</b> ♦11 Fred Pettigrew Memorial Svc ♦1 pm AA
<b>21</b> ♦10 am Worship ♦11 am Coffee Hour	<b>22</b> ♦GAPP ♦7pm AA	<b>23</b> ♦GAPP ♦6 pm Church Council ♦6:30 pm NA	<b>24</b> ♦GAPP	<b>25</b> ♦GAPP ♦8:30 am Doris Rice ♦7pm AA	<b>26</b> ♦7pm AA	<b>27</b> ♦1pm AA
<b>28</b> ♦10 am Worship ♦11 am Coffee Hour	<b>29</b> ♦ 9 am Planet Rangers ♦ 7pm AA	<b>30</b> ♦ 9 am Planet Rangers ♦ 6:30 NA	<b>31</b> ♦ 9 am Planet Rangers			



## **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.



### **New England Annual Conference Tri-State District**

The Rev. Sudarshana Devadhar, Bishop  
The Rev. James McPhee, District Superintendent

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