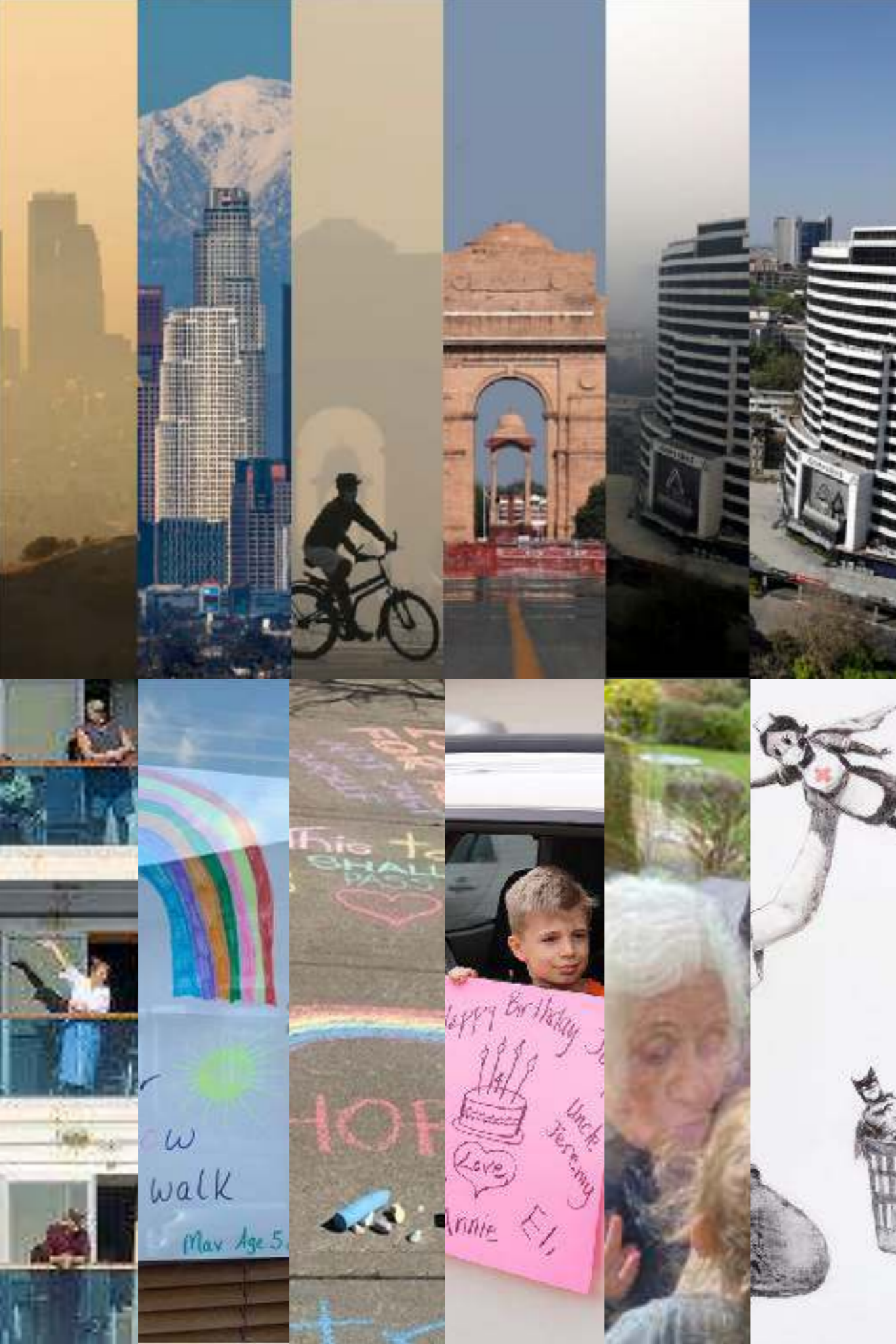


"TRUST in the LORD
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and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In **all thy ways** acknowledge him,
and he shall direct thy paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6





Dear Friends,

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6 (NRSV)

Trusting in God can be a challenge at times. We have been going through a lot of challenging times since the COVID-19 virus started keeping us in proper social distancing, wearing masks, washing our hands fastidiously, being careful the best we can. So, what have we been able to do in order to meet the challenge? How have we trusted that God is working in our midst and active in our world? Recently, I saw an article on the internet that said positive things have happened as a result of all this. Here are just a few: The Ozone is healing. There is a drop in air pollution. We see more compassion for the homeless. Communities are coming together. There is recognition for workers who often have been ignored. Families have connected more. We are communicating better, in spite of social distancing. Telemedicine is increasing and moving forward. Good things can come from the challenges we face, and God works through us as we seek to minister to those around us in the best way we can. Whether our building is open or not, may we continue to be in ministry wherever we are by finding ways to bring the love of God to others. We can trust God to guide us and lead us. We are blessed to be a blessing! Keep on trusting and using the gifts God has given you to BE the church in this world.

Grace and peace, Rev. Deb

Congratulations:

Scott Stevens graduated from McGill University in Montreal, Canada with a BA degree. He now has a double degree in Economics and Political Science with a minor in History. It has been four years of hard work and a major accomplishment!

Rev. Deb on Medical Leave:

Rev. Deb had her left knee replaced on Wednesday, June 25th. She is recovering well and will be back with us around the middle of July! She thanks everyone for their prayers!

Annual Conference:

This year's annual conference will take place virtually with a one time session in October. The clergy meeting will be held on line this month. We will keep you informed as to decisions made and share other information as we receive it.

Opening our Building:

As soon as we know when it is all right to gather for worship again, we will put the word out. At this point, we will most likely not worship together until the Fall. In the meantime, the Finance/Trustees and Church Council will address the process we need to take in order to make our building safe and sanitized so we can be together. We will most likely continue to wear masks and sit farther apart. If there is a restriction on the number of people we are allowed to have in worship, we will address that as well. We will keep you informed to the best of our ability.



GOOD
TO KNOW



We wish Rev. Deb a speedy recovery from her knee surgery and want her to know that we will take care of things in your absence and will be praying for you and your recovery...and some special prayers for Dave too.

Love and hugs your FUMC Congregation.

WHO WILL BE THE NEXT IRON MERCHANT?



Congratulations Bevan !!

The Iron Merchant Challenge is presented annually by VMSD and Zen Genius, Inc. during the International Retail Design Conference. It's a mash-up of teamwork, creativity, and design science centered around a specific theme, a hodgepodge of materials, and a secret ingredient. This is Bevan's 7th win!!!



Thank you to the FUMC family -

I have been the church secretary for a year now and I wanted to thank all of you for being so friendly and welcoming to me especially Sue S., Sue R., Bevan B., and Rev. Deb. It has been a great supportive place to work, and I have enjoyed becoming a member of the FUMC family.

Thank you to Kaya Sarosiek -

Every Friday night at 7:00 pm, the church bells are rung by Kaya to support all the essential workers. She has been doing this since FUMC joined other churches and places in showing community support for all front line essential workers during this pandemic.

Thank you to Kevin Fickenschier, John VanReenen, and Dave Richards -

For covering Sunday worship while Rev. Deb is out for her knee surgery. We appreciate them taking time out of their busy schedules to help FUMC during this time.

Please and Thank You -

We are so grateful for those of you who have been able to keep sending your pledges in. Thanks for your faithful donations. Please remember that our expenses continue even though we aren't having worship in our building. The AA groups are meeting in the vestry (with proper precautions), End 68 Hours of Hunger comes in weekly to set up the bags for food delivery, and there are occasionally people working in the building for repairs or other projects. Your faithful pledging will continue to keep the utilities, salaries, insurance, and other expenses paid. Thank you again! God bless your generosity, and please keep up the good work!



WITH THANKS

STAYING CONNECTED

Thank you to everyone who has been and will be part of the Daily Updates being sent out via email, Facebook and YouTube. We are a family, a community of believers who know that with God's grace we will get through these challenging times together.



June 25, 2020 - FUMC Daily Update



June 21, 2020 - Virtual Worship Service



June 19, 2020 - FUMC Daily Update



June 18, 2020 - FUMC Daily Update



June 17, 2020 - FUMC Daily Update



June 15, 2020 - FUMC Daily Update



June 14, 2020 - FUMC Virtual Worship Service



June 12, 2020 - FUMC Daily Update



June 11, 2020 - FUMC Daily Update



June 7, 2020 - FUMC Virtual Worship Service



June 6, 2020 - FUMC Daily Update



June 4, 2020 - FUMC Daily Update



June 1, 2020 - FUMC Daily



May 31, 2020 - Pentecost



May 29, 2020 - FUMC Daily



May 27, 2020 - FUMC Daily



May 26, 2020 - FUMC Daily



May 25, 2020 - Memorial Day



PRAYER LIST

Stephanie

Emily

Amelia

Danny Westbrook

Dan Strange

Bobbie Noble

Judy Doyon

Rev. Charles Hartman

Vivian Eggen [Dianne's Mom]

Ginger Tague

Rev. Deb Hanson

John

Kevin Fickenscher's "adoptive" mother

Family of Woodie Lange

Family of Nancy Brown

Family of David B. Lord

Those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19

Those in nursing and assisted living care

Our Denomination

Our Church Family



IN LOVING MEMORY



Hugh "Woodie" Lange

Portsmouth - Hugh Woodie Lange "Woodie", 86, of Alfred, NY, passed away peacefully on Father's Day, June 21, 2020 at the Wentworth Senior Living facility in Portsmouth, NH after an extended illness. Woodie was a devoted father and grandfather, a loving husband, an enthusiastic golfer, an avid sports fan, a profound lover of the outdoors, and a dedicated administrator at Alfred University.

Born on September 2, 1933 in Belle Vernon, PA, he was the son of Hugh Henry and Catherine Frances Lange. He attended high school in Belle Vernon before graduating from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA, and completing his MBA at the University of Pittsburgh.

He began his professional career at the Federal Reserve Bank in Pittsburgh, and then moved on to the business office at Carnegie Mellon University, also in Pittsburgh. Woodie interviewed for a position at Alfred University in 1970 and fell in love with the town and the idea of raising his family in the Alfred community. He accepted the offer to become Controller, and stayed with the University until his retirement in 1998.

Woodie loved his home and life in Alfred. He was especially proud of the barn he designed and constructed with his family, and endlessly enjoyed the woods and pond on his property. He spent countless hours coaching and attending his children's sporting and other activities. He instilled in them a deep love of family, passion for hobbies, hard work ethic, and unwavering generosity. Woodie was tightly woven into the Alfred University community. Staff, faculty, and students alike would call him by name and stop to talk wherever he went on campus, and he was notorious for his dedication to the football team and for arriving hours before the game to claim his seat. Woodie was also a dedicated communicant of the Alfred Union University Church. His other passions included woodworking, genealogy, a late-life love of gardening, and of course, the Pittsburgh Steelers. After retiring, he enjoyed golfing, visiting family, attending sporting and music events, becoming an ice cream connoisseur, and traveling with his wife of 16 years, Susan Clinger Lange ("Sue"), who survives him. For health reasons he spent the final years of his life in Portsmouth in her loving care and devoted company.

Woodie is also survived by his former spouse, Carol Reed Lange, and their five children and partners: Cathy (Jeff) Long, Linda (Bob) Malecky, Bob Lange (Michel Rondon), John (Jacqueline) Lange, and Scott Lange. He deeply loved and greatly enjoyed his twelve grandchildren, who loved him greatly in return: Kelly, Katie, and Molly Long; Bryan, Nathan, and Maggie Malecky; Nicholas, Brooke, and Ethan Lange; and Cameron, Peyton, and Sawyer Lange. Woodie likewise embraced and loved Sue's three children and spouses: Beth (Jim) Benson, Jean (John) Yorio, and Cheryl (David) LaPrade. He was fortunate to be part of their lives and families and to enjoy an active and loving relationship with Sue's seven grandchildren: Jamie and Kelly Benson; Jordan, David, and Sara Yorio; and Ben and Matthew LaPrade. Woodie is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Woodie was preceded in death by his parents, a brother John "Jack" Lange, and a sister Wilma Heasley.

The family will hold a private ceremony.



Edith Sorenson, the beloved mother-in-law of Kevin Fickenscher from his first marriage, passed away on Sunday, June 21, 2020 from complications following major surgery. Kevin has known her since he was 16 years old and they talked on a weekly basis. He describes her as his "Second Mom". Edith was born on a farm near Makoti, North Dakota on January 24, 1931 as the oldest child of four. She married Robert Sorenson from Minot, North Dakota and following a stint in the service, they returned to North Dakota where Robert owned and operated the first Volkswagen dealership in the state. They had two children, Sandra and Cody. Edith worked in real estate and following their move to Oregon, owned the Prudential franchise in Eugene. She continued to serve as a trusted agent even following her retirement. Edith is remembered as an exceptionally kind, thoughtful and gracious woman who throughout her life provided guidance and strength to Kevin. She continues to provide her support through her spiritual presence in everyday life.



Nancy Elizabeth Brown, 59, died Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, she is the daughter of Raymond A. Brown and Barbara Vinciguerra.

Nancy worked as a caretaker in the medical field for many years and volunteered at a number of nonprofit organizations in her community. She loved cooking, baking and spending time with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed spending time by the ocean!

Nancy is survived by her children, Raymond White, Benjamin Parkhurst, and Anna Parkhurst. Her grandchildren, Mackenzie Parkhurst, Isabella White, and Kendra Constantino. Nancy is also survived by her mother, Barbara Vinciguerra and stepfather Louie Vinciguerra. Sisters, Rhonda Brown, and Billie-Joe Meyer Sucy. Nephews, Matthew Brown, Andrew Brown, Brian Goda, and Nathan Sucy, and niece, Samatha Goda.



David B. Lord, age 63, passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2020, in the city he loved, Portsmouth, NH. David was born on May 1st, 1956 to Alice and Kenneth Lord of Hampton. David had a lifelong passion for music which he enjoyed sharing at family gatherings and treasured holiday celebrations, and which brought him great comfort in his final days. David was predeceased by his beloved brother Kenneth in 2016, and is survived by his favorite breakfast companion, his brother Ronald, Ronald's wife Maureen, many nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and nephews who all will miss his quirky conversation, generous nature, and Christmas karaoke. Family members will celebrate David's life this summer at a date to be determined, and forever forward with "more cowbell."



OUR FAMILY

WHO CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH

Sometime this week you might consider a call, email and of course a prayer for our family members living in assisted living, nursing care or are homebound.

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Gil Stebbins
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Kittery, ME 03904
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Portsmouth, NH 03801

Barbara Sylvester
346 Pleasant St. #254
Portsmouth, NH 03801



July

Birthdays

1 Harold Whitehouse
9 Ruth Griffin
9 Gail Sanders
10 Robert Smith
13 Jim Sanders
16 Valerie Quackenbush
18 Sue Sarosiek
25 Jean Ordione
27 Rachel K. Minnhan
28 Lauri Gagnon
29 David Stanley

Anniversary

7 Steve & Lauri Gagnon

COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATES

END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER



FATHER'S DAY



KIDS FIRST





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

“Kids First”

We continue to meet the challenge during this pandemic time to support making a difference in our community.

Thank you all for your support. Please drop off donations on Wednesdays between 10:00 - 2:00 pm. If a different time is needed, please call the office (603-436-4038) and leave a message. A complete list of needed items includes:

Socks

Deodorant

Dry Shampoo

Toothbrush & Toothpaste

Hand Towels

Notebook & Pen

Baby Wipes

Chapstick

Small First Aid Kits

Hairbrush & Comb

If you'd like to make a monetary donation for supplies, please make a check out to FUMC, with Kids First in the memo section. Please direct questions to any church council member. Thank you.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER is a private, not-for-profit, effort to confront the approximately 68 hours of hunger that some school children experience between the free lunch on Friday and the free breakfast they receive on Monday from their school. Food insecurity affects 1 in 5 children in the US today and is a serious problem that has to be addressed.

End 68 Hour of Hunger provides bags of food containing 7 simple meals each week during the school year and the children take them home and eat the food over the weekend. Volunteers pack the bags on Thursday nights and they are delivered to the schools on Friday morning. First UMC is the home base for the Portsmouth, NH program now in our 10th school year serving 100 children a week from all 6 Portsmouth schools and the BirchTree Center in Newington, NH. If you would like to get involved in this ministry or learn more about it, please contact Jen directly at jen_b76@yahoo.com or visit the End 68 Hours of Hunger website.

SEACOAST FAMILY PROMISE mission is to empower families with children experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. The program is made up of a network of congregations in the Seacoast, NH area and a day center in Exeter, NH.

Many families have transitioned successfully from this program into stable housing and remained in stable housing since its inception in 2003. First UMC hosts the families 5-6 weeks a year. If you would like to volunteer, we have opportunities available to help with prepping the Sunday school rooms for family arrival, cleaning after departure, dinner crew for Friday night and overnight volunteers. We welcome new volunteers as many of the current volunteers have been part of this great outreach for all 16 years. This program definitely changes lives forever and we are proud that our church is a part of it, along with the 20+ other Seacoast congregations. If you think you might like to help and experience the joy of changing people's lives please contact Jen at jen_b76@yahoo.com or visit Seacoast Family Promise website.



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.



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