



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
129 MILLER AVENUE - PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801
May 20, 2018



Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

Gathering Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 104

L: O Lord, how manifold are your works! The earth is full of your creatures.

P: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

L: May my meditation be pleasing to you, O God, for I rejoice in the Lord.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

L: Let us worship God!

*Hymn "O Spirit of the Living God" 539

*Prayer of Invocation

Give thanks to God, O my soul, and all that is within me praise God's holy name. We come, O God, to give you honor and glory. We gather to bless you for your countless gifts. Alive with your Spirit and made whole by Christ's love, we praise your name. The heavens portray the extent of your wisdom; the earth is full of your handiwork. We join in creation's song, lauding your name with the glad praises we bring.

*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 - Bevan Bloemendaal *"Friends"*

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.

*Hymn "Come Down, O Love Divine" #475

Sermon After The Wind and Fire
A Sermon in Three Voices

Written by Rev. Karen Christensen

Spoken by: Pastor Betsy, Kellie Langs & John VanReenen

Based on the Scripture of Acts 2: 1 - 18

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 "In Christ There Is No East or West" #548

*Choral Benediction [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.

Pastor's Charge

Postlude

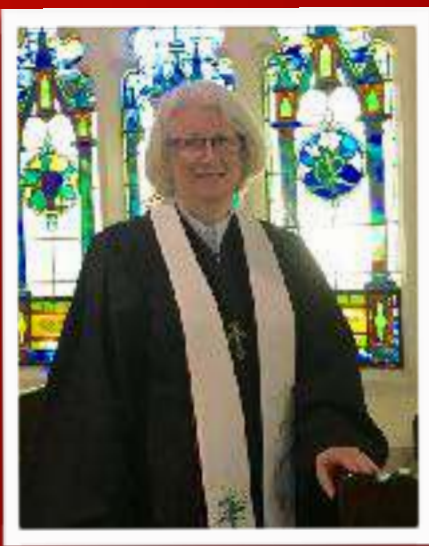
*Stand if you are able

Large print bulletins are available from the greeters



**JOIN US AFTER CHURCH FOR
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP
IN SANBORN HALL**

LET'S CATCH UP!



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

Liturgist - Yvonne Griffin ~ Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Jenya Westbrook ~ Greeter - Marilyn Stebbins

Ushers - Mike and Anne Coffey

Ken & Jenya Westbrook

Sound Tech - Dave Richards ~ Worship Tech - Nancy Chesser

Sunday School - Sue Richards & Rosie Buswell

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson ~ Videographer [volunteer needed!]

IN LOVING MEMORY...



Altar flowers this week are in loving memory of Robert H. Jacobson

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

Cynthia Drake ~ Bobbie Noble ~ Bill Geeslin ~ Ruth Tuttle ~ Myrt Moore ~ Gail Guarini ~ Peter Guarini ~ Kathy Randall ~

Sue Goodhue ~ Kim Hishop ~ Richard Mullikin ~

Sylvia Bartlett ~ Brian Thompson

Those in rehab and care facilities

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY...



THANK YOU ...



What a great day we had Spring cleaning the church grounds... thank you all for showing up and making hard work - fun work!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

A NOTE FROM JEN BERRY...



On behalf of the Seacoast Family Promise – I want to send a big **THANK YOU** to all the folks who volunteered last week while our SFP guests were here. The families were so nice and when they hugged me goodbye, they thanked me over and over for making them feel so



welcome, safe and comfortable here. This program really changes their lives forever and I feel so blessed to be a part of it, along with all the great volunteers who make it happen. Our volunteers have all been doing this a long time and we can always use more. We house the families for 6 weeks out of the year (approx. 8 weeks between rotations) so maximum commitment a year would be 6 nights. If you think you might like to have a part in changing lives, please contact Jen Berry at 603-801-3886 or jen_b76@yahoo.com.

UMCOR FLOOD BUCKET UPDATE...



IT'S MORE THAN JUST A BUCKET

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

STILL LOOKING FOR A 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.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FAREWELL POTLUCK

JUNE 17, 2018

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
www.fumcportsmouth.com



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