



MEMORIAL DAY



Remember and Honor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
129 MILLER AVENUE - PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801
May 27, 2018





Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

Gathering Prayer

*Call to Worship

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

P: Your name is above every name, O God, we will worship you in the splendor or holiness.

L: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

P: May the Lord give strength to your people, O God, may the Lord bless your people with peace.

L: Let us glorify God!

*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! #64

*Prayer of Invocation

Holy, holy, holy God, all the earth is full of your majesty. The lightning flash is a sign of your creative voice. Thunder resounds with the magnitude of your power and strength. The rains fall as a reminder of your gentle refreshment. The sun shines in testimony to the warmth of your love. All creation is your temple; none can hide from you. Exposed to your grandeur and led by your Spirit, we give you all praise and honor, God of our lives.

*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 - Steve Scott & Bevan Bloemendaal ~ "I'm Coming Home"

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.

*Hymn "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" #79

Scripture Lesson

OT Isaiah 6:1-8

*Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God.

Morning Message Pastor Betsy

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 "America the Beautiful" #696

*Choral Benediction (the 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 - Stephen Langs ~ Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte -Alexa Langs ~ Greeter - John & Kathy VanReenen

Ushers - Nancy Chesser & Art Munson

Sound Technician - David Richards

Worship Service Tech - Steve Scott

Sunday School - Jen Berry & Evelyn New

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson ~ Videographer [volunteer needed!]

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY...

Come join us for coffee hour after the church service in Sanborn Hall...we'd love to catch up with you and see how your week has gone.



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 ~ Ken Westbrook ~

Those in rehab and care facilities

THIS WEEKS ALTAR FLOWERS...



Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Sue and Jane's birthdays!

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK...

Make it a BRIGHT week!

SHINE SO
BRIGHTLY THAT
OTHERS HAVE
NO CHOICE
BUT
TO LIGHT UP
WITH YOU.

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...



\$400.00
and counting!
THANK YOU

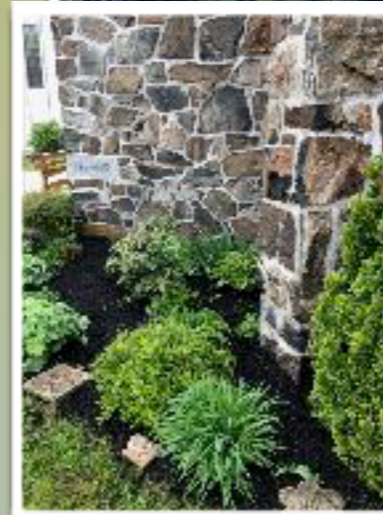
MORE THAN A BUCKET

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

WE ARE STILL LOOKING!...

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.

SPRING CLEAN UP...THANK YOU!



There was a team of helpers led by Dave and Sue Richards to please thank them for their hard work!

WELCOME OUR NEWEST ACOLYTE...



Please welcome Alexa Langs to our Sunday Worship Team, as she has completed the training class to become our newest and youngest Acolyte.

Today is her first Sunday so when you see her please congratulate her on a job well done!

AND THAT IS A WRAP FOLKS!...

FROM THE TRUSTEES...



The new roof for Sanborn Hall and the sanctuary slate ruck repairs are COMPLETE!

FLOWER CHART...

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



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.



IT'S WHO WE ARE...

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.



FOR ALL WHO SERVED...



CHECK US OUT...

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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