



*But seek ye first the  
kingdom of God, and his  
righteousness; and all  
these things shall be added  
unto you.*

Matthew 6:33

**First United Methodist Church  
October 14, 2018 10 AM**

We Gather for Worship

**Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light**

**\*Call to Worship:**

L: The kingdom of God is at hand.

**P: We want to enter this kingdom.**

L: The mercy of God is made known.

**P: We want to receive this mercy.**

L: The grace of God is abundant for all.

**P: We praise you, O God, for your compassion and your love. Accept our grateful praise as we come to worship you today.**

**\*Hymn:** "O How I Love Jesus" UMH #170

**A Time for the Child in All of Us**

**Prayer** (unison):

**Good Teacher, we try our very best to follow your Rule of Love in all we do, but we find ourselves still lacking in our faith. Call us, again, to let go and follow you completely, O Lord. Unstop our ears and soften our hearts, that we may *hear* your call and *answer it*. Give us the strength and courage to place our full trust in you alone. Amen.**

**Sung Response:**

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS #2193

**Ministry of Music**

We Proclaim the Word

**Reading the Word:** Mark 10:17-31

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Setting Priorities" Rev. Deb Hanson

**\*Hymn:** "Living for Jesus" TFWS #2149

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** (unison):

**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.**

**Gratitude Moment**

John VanReenen

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology:** (*Please join in singing the following*) UMH #95

*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** (unison):

**With open hands and thankful hearts, we offer to you all that is already yours, O Lord. Everything we possess is a gift from you. You so freely give us what we need, and you promise even greater treasures that await us in heaven. Take what we offer and use it for the goodness of your kingdom. Help us share generously with others all that you so graciously give to us. Amen.**

We Go Forth to Serve

**\*Hymn:** "God Be with You till We Meet Again" UMH #67 Verses 1, 3, 4

**\*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**

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable*

*Large print bulletins are available from the greeters*





**Welcome!**

Whether you are joining us for worship for the first time or after many years of attending here at First UMC, we want you to know that you are welcome!

We are an inclusive community that invites everyone to be part of our church fellowship.

Thank you for being here, and we hope that you have had a meaningful experience of worshipping our God so you leave this place feeling that you have been blessed to be a blessing. Please join us again!

Rev. Deb Hanson



**Our Sunday Worship Team**

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

Pastor's Assistant - David Richards

Liturgist - David Richards ~ Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Sue Richards

Greeters - Marilyn Stebbins & Dave Atkinson

Ushers - Dianne Crisp, Steve Scott & Sue Richards

Sunday School - Dave Atkinson ~ Sound Tech Sue Sarosiek

Worship Service Tech - Steve Scott ~ Photographer - Dave Atkinson

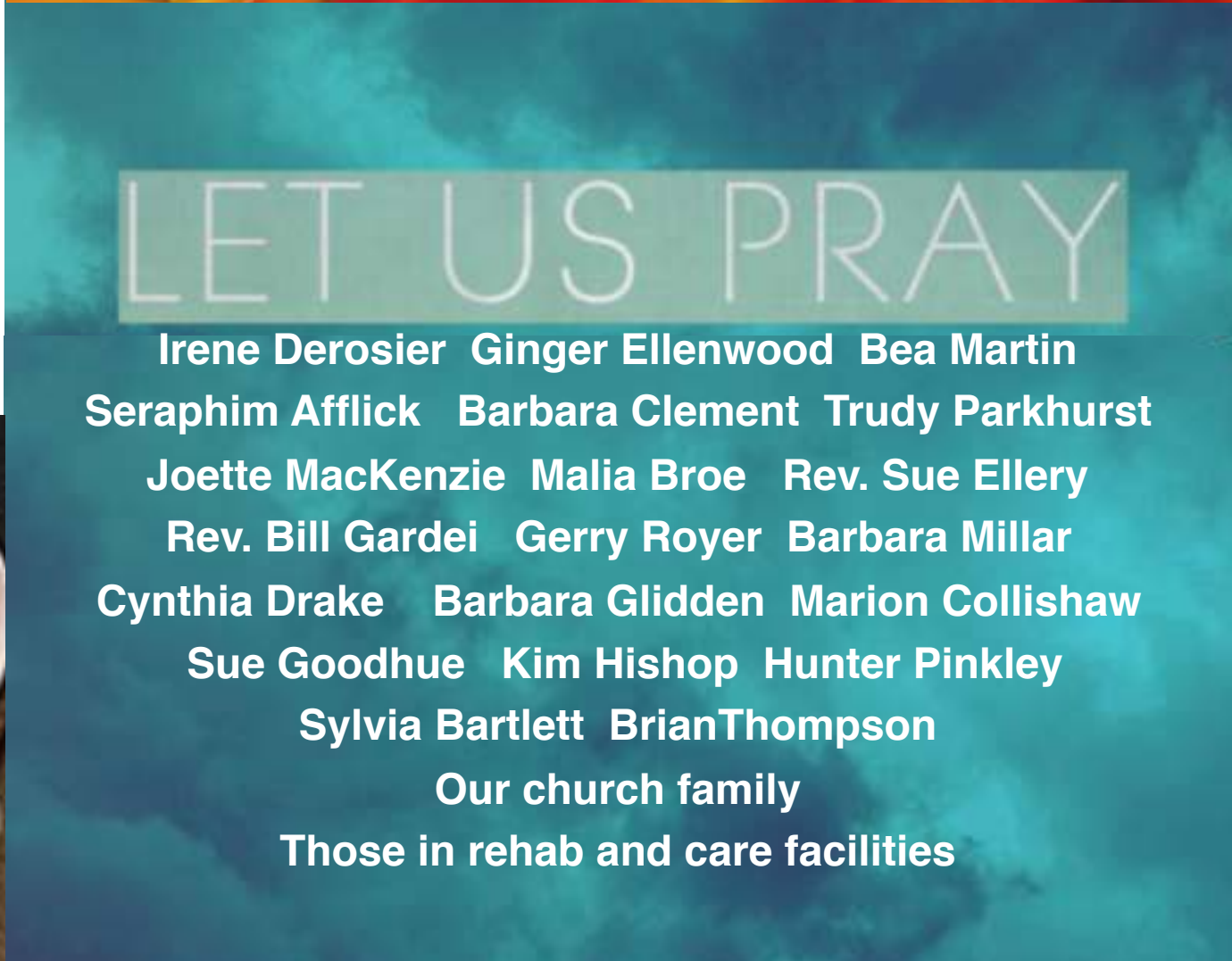
Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson



**Altar flowers this week  
are given  
in celebration of our birthdays!  
Rev. Deb Hanson & Dave Atkinson**



**Join us for coffee  
and fellowship  
after the church service  
this morning!**



LET US PRAY

- Irene Derosier Ginger Ellenwood Bea Martin
- Seraphim Afflick Barbara Clement Trudy Parkhurst
- Joette MacKenzie Malia Broe Rev. Sue Ellery
- Rev. Bill Gardei Gerry Royer Barbara Millar
- Cynthia Drake Barbara Glidden Marion Collishaw
- Sue Goodhue Kim Hishop Hunter Pinkley
- Sylvia Bartlett BrianThompson
- Our church family
- Those in rehab and care facilities



The Pumpkin Patch is now OPEN!!!

Pumpkin Jobs are available for all ages and physical abilities!

Pumpkin Patch Sign-up sheets are on Sanborn Hall kitchen counter on Sundays and online 24/7 at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45a8ae22a7fd0-pumpkin8> for Booth Schedule and, NEW this year, Homemade Goodies!

Golf Tournament 10/19

Pumpkin Delivery 10/20 or 21

Laity Sunday 10/21

Turkey Dinner 11/3

Bell Bazaar 11/17

Church Conference 11/19

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



October 19 9 AM  
Breakfast 7:30 AM



Please place your loose change donations in the basket by the piano for the victims of the gas explosions and fires in Lawrence, North Andover, and Haverhill, Mass



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DAYS AND COUNTING  
UNTIL THE BELL BAZAAR  
ON NOV. 17TH

See Dianne Crisp to find out how you can help!







**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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