



*How
pleasant
it is ...
to dwell
together in
Unity!*

Psalm 133:1

FUMC PORTSMOUTH A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

We, the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, are dedicated in worshipping, 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.

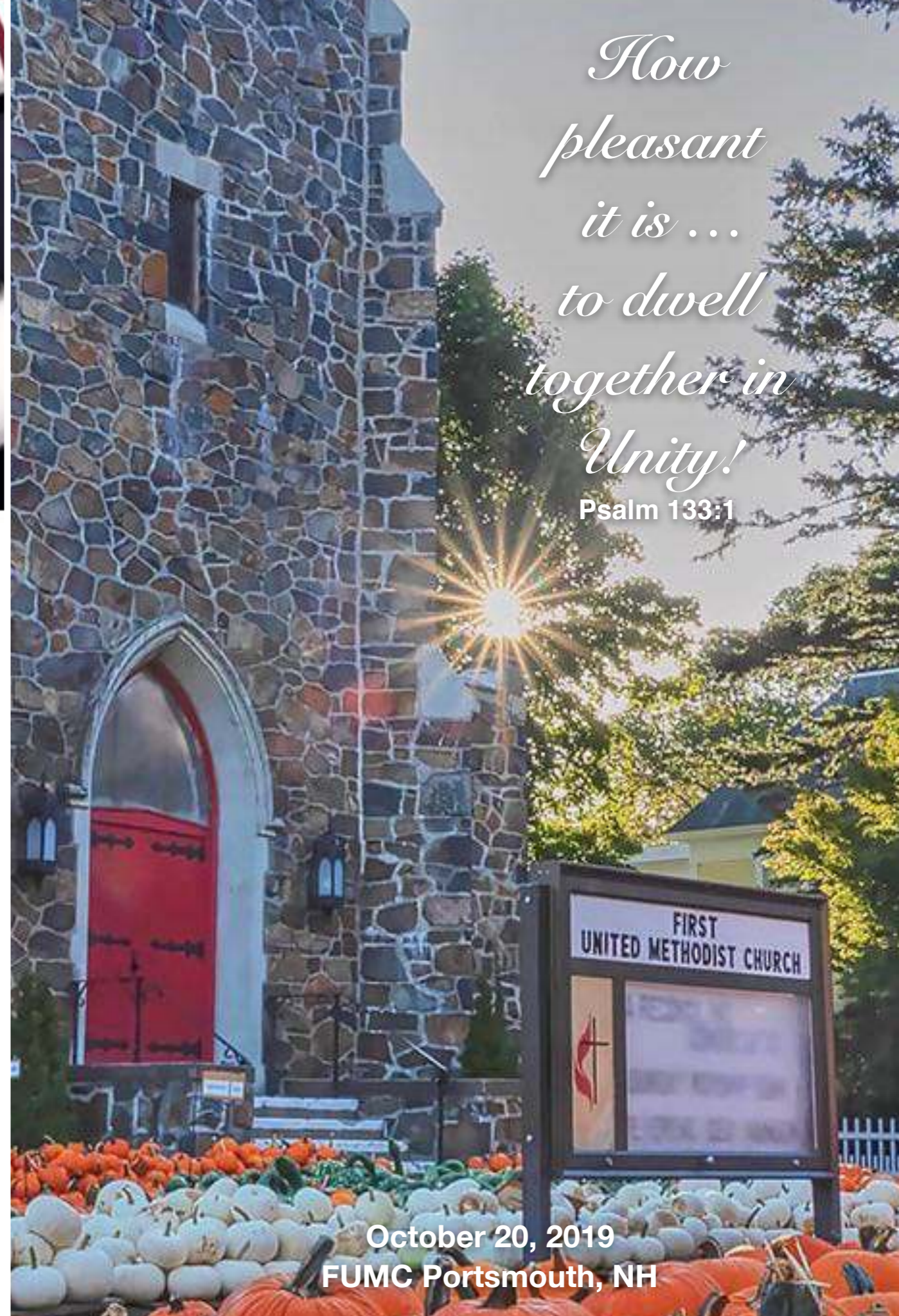


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October 20, 2019
FUMC Portsmouth, NH

We Gather for Worship

Laity Sunday

Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

Gratitude Moments

***Call to Worship**

L: Holy God, you have made us all different.

P: But we are united in you as the Body of Christ.

L: When we worship, you draw us together and make us one in Christ.

P: We are not called to uniformity, but to unity.

L: Together, let us worship our God!

P: Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and lead us!

***Hymn:** "We are the Church" UMH #558

A Time for the Child in all of Us Dave Atkinson

Prayer (unison)

There are times, Gracious God, when we forget that we are all part of the Body of Christ. Sometimes we think we don't have anything to offer, and other times we want to be part of so many things.

Inspire us to answer your call to serve to make your Church a welcoming, healthy, and functioning place where all can discover that we are Christians working together for Christ. Help us to find our gifts, and not be afraid of sharing them. Thank you for bringing us together. Amen.

Sung Response: "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393

We Proclaim the Word

Reading the Word: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Laity Sunday All Year Long"
John Van Reenen

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn:** "Many Gifts, One Spirit" UMH #114

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer and 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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology:** (Please join in singing the following) UMH #94
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

We bring our gifts to you, O God. May they go to help others, to help us continue to grow in your grace, and to reach out in mission and ministry as the Body of Christ. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn:** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH #557

***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*

*TFWS = The Faith We Sing UMH = United Methodist Hymnal
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



Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson
Pastor's Assistant - David Richards
Liturgist - Art Munson
Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek
Acolyte - Marilyn Stebbins
Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal
Greeters - Joyce Blanchard
Ushers - John & Cathy VanReenen
Sound Tech - Sue Sarosiek
Worship Service Tech - Linda Reiber
Photographer - Dave Atkinson
Sunday School - Sue & Dave Richards

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...



Dan Strange
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Ken Young
Rev. Bill & Gayle Gardei
Marion Collishaw
Sylvia Bartlett
Gil Stebbins
Woodie Lange
Jim New
Bobbie Noble
Barbara Glidden
Judy Doyon
Charles Gilman
Ruth Griffin
Jim Slater
Barbara Sylvester
Barbara Millar
Barbara Clement
Rev. Charles & Anona Hartman
Our Denomination
Our Church Family



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

9/1 - 10/31, FUMC is collecting your “stuff” for our Savers FUNDraiser. It’s a great time to clean out and have the church get paid. Bag or box up your good, clean, working, sellable condition items and put them on Sanborn Hall stage. We need to deliver everything all together to Savers on 11/6, for weighing. Here’s an example: 14 lbs. of “Soft Goods” = about a 13 gal. trash bag and a black garden leaf bag from 30 to 40 lbs. Our goal is 10,000 pounds which equals approximately \$2000.00.

11/2, Barbara Slater’s Memorial Service will be at 11:00 am with reception to follow in Sanborn Hall. If you can help with refreshment ,see Sue Sarosiek.

11/3, Sunday, the clocks change, so remember to turn your clocks back!

11/16, Our annual turkey supper will be held in Sanborn Hall at 5 pm.

The pumpkin delivery scheduled for last Saturday, the 19th, was delayed. Keep an eye out for new information by email or contact Sue R. There are still plenty of spots open for volunteers at the Pumpkin Patch. We need baked goods for the Pumpkin Patch. Anyone who would like to make a baked good, please feel free to bring them over! You can also pre-order pies for a Tuesday or Saturday pick-up. The choices are apple, pumpkin, blueberry and cherry. Come try a tasty treat! Also every Tuesday and Friday morning, we have a crew busy making a variety of pies. Help is always welcome, please see Sue R. if interested.

Donations are being accepted for a new hand held microphone. The old one is no longer working. The cost is \$1,000. Thank you!

Upper Room devotionals are available near the Narthex monitor

Just a friendly reminder, please try to keep your pledge up to date so we can meet our financial obligations as a church. Thank you for your faithful giving!

We continue to celebrate those in Senior Living. Please send a card from the table in Sanborn Hall to brighten their day. Stamps are available in the office or leave on counter for mailing. Thanks!



**Happy Birthday
to Deb & Dave!**