

Hi, All!

Last month, I wrote about the SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) and their role and responsibility in the church. This month, I would like to provide a brief summary of the work of the Church Council.

The Church Council is the primary administrative body of the church. Only the Church Conference (annual meeting) has a larger responsibility than the Church Council. Members of the Church Council consist of the officers and committee chairpersons, as well as members at large. All the committees, pastor, assistant to the pastor, and lay leader are asked to report on what has been happening in their area of ministry so we have an overview of the work of the church, votes on recommendations from the committees, and works together to improve communication as well as have vision for the future of the church.

Minutes are taken and posted on the bulletin board to the left side entrance of Sanborn Hall. At First UMC, the Church Council meets once a month, generally on the second Tuesday, and everyone is welcome to attend. It is helpful to hear the whole picture: worship, Sunday school, finance, trustees, SPRC, nurture, and outreach/mission are all included. At the end of the meeting, we adjourn, and provide an open forum for people to express concerns, bring up celebrations, or have discussions.

Hopefully, this overview of the work of the Church Council provides helpful information for those who were wondering what they do.

Have a blessed day! Rev. Deb



Bishop's Day on our District:

On Tuesday, October 2 from 7-9 pm, our Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar will be visiting clergy and lay people at the York-Ogunquit UMC. Everyone is invited to attend!

Sunday school:

On. Sunday, October 14, our third graders will receive their own Bibles. We hope you will be there to support them!

Worship Team Meeting:

The worship team will meet on Sunday, October 14 after worship. Anyone who is interested in bringing ideas for our worship services is welcome to join us!

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 16 at 6:00 pm. They will be compiling a list of people who might be interested and willing to serve on committees. Anyone who is interested in a specific committee, please contact Rev. Deb or Sue Sarosiek.

SPRC Meeting:

The next SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) will meet in Rev. Deb's office following the service on Sunday, October 21.

REV. DEB'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday and Thursday mornings from about 9-12. It is a good idea to call first to be sure she is available.



**THE BEACON
OCTOBER 2018**



Our Church Conference is on November 19. The nominating committee will be seeking volunteers for the following positions. More positions may become available.

Financial Secretary

Sound Technician

Videographer

SPRC - 3 members

Trustees - 2 members

Committee on Lay Leadership & Nomination - 4 members

Christian Education Helpers - 3 members

Please see Rev. Deb or Sue S. for more information.

Thank You

Thank you to Priscilla Wilson for two new lighted magnifying readers available to use during services. Donated in honor of Barbara Millar's 102nd birthday!

Sunday School News

In October we will be learning about "Noah and the Flood" through stories, songs, crafts and drama.



Woman's Peace Circle meets the second Tuesday of the month, 9:30 AM at the home of Barbara Millar. The gathering centers on a short business meeting, shared devotions, a book reading, good company and refreshments of course! All are welcome! Tuesday, October 9

A note from Nurture

Our church supports our college students with a gift card to help them with extra expenses. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost please speak with Barbara Slater or PaulaJ.

We would like to send out the cards Nov 1. Thank you.



Please continue prayers for...

Ginger Ellenwood Barbara Clement
Malia Broe Rev. Bill Gardei
Rev. Sue Ellery Gerry Royer
Cynthia Drake Barbara Millar
Trudy Parkhurst Barbara Glidden

Marion Collishaw Sue Goodhue
Kim Hishop Hunter Pinkley
Sylvia Bartlett Brian Thompson
Our church family
Those in rehab and care facilities

October Celebrations

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| 3 Rosie Buswell | 10 James Slater | 28 Ruth Lewis |
| 4 Russell Bunting IV | Phyllis Thompson | 29 Russel Bunting III |
| Carol Hopley | Dave Atkinson | |
| 5 Dennis Veilleux | 12 Cynthia Drake | |
| 7 Scott Stevens | 15 William Gardei | |
| Matthew Allen | 16 Kendra Gordillo | 7 Al & Jan Cansdale |
| 8 Karen Sarosiek | 18 Carol Bovee | 8 Steve & Karen Scott |
| Adoption Day | 19 Joseph Stanley | 19 Brian & Amy Newbury |
| 9 Barbara Clement | 21 Barbara Gidden | 22 Ken & Jenya Westbrook |
| Craig Richards | Rev. Deb Hanson | 28 Cicero & Ruth Lewis |

Every Sunday we
enjoy having fresh
flowers on the altar
given in memory,
honor or celebration
of someone special
to you or the church
family.

Please sign up on
the Flower Chart in
the narthex.



We welcome our newest guest,
Enzo Elijah!

Born: Monday, September 24, 2018
Weight: 9lb 8oz Length: 20 inches



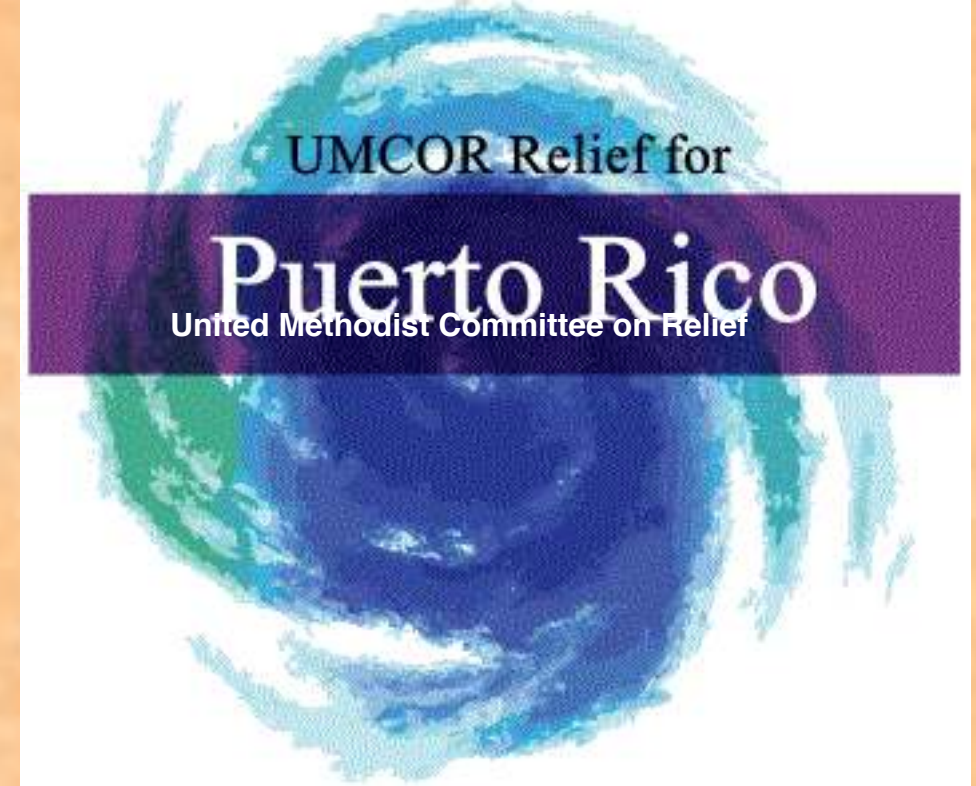
During her previous pregnancies, Liz was living in a very difficult circumstance and did not receive the same level of pre-natal care that she was given after arriving at Seacoast Family Promise. She suffered from preeclampsia and gestational diabetes, and her children were all born early. Luckily, they did not suffer any medical implications from those pregnancies.

With this pregnancy, Liz was given excellent pre-natal care, healthy food, got rest and the support of staff, and the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure that she was able to carry this baby to full-term. Today was the culmination of those efforts.

At Seacoast Family Promise we strive to ensure that families are in-tact, healthy and have the opportunity to overcome the obstacles that lead them to homelessness. Also, we work each day to build healthy communities where our families can reside and become part of the fabric that bonds us together and their children can have a solid start in life and a vision for a successful future.

Your support, whether in the form of volunteerism, donation, or your keeping the program and families in your good thoughts and prayers is so important to our future and continued success. It is only because of each of you that we are making families strong and hopeful again and we wish to thank you for each and every thing you have done.

Be sure and stop by to meet our newest member of the family.



relief efforts continue through
the generosity of your donations of
spare change every Sunday morning!





Thank you! Rosie, Cathy & David!!



**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
signupgenius.com
for Booth Schedule and, NEW
this year, Homemade
Goodies!**



15th Annual Pumpkin Patch!

Please save and share these dates:

- **Sat., 9/30 through Wed., 10/31**: 2 adults (+ your children/grandchildren) per 2-3 hour shift in the Booth helping customers finalize their purchases. Consider working the same shifts each week. This is our **GREATEST NEED!!!** Continue spreading the word to folks in the community to ensure we can continue having the Patch!
- **On/Near Sat., 10/20**: 2nd Pumpkin Unloading Party - Since we only need 1/3 of a truck, PumpkinsUSA must fill the rest with other deliveries close to us. **ACTUAL DATE AND TIME TO BE SHARED LATER IN OCTOBER.**
- **Early Nov.** (Date to be determined): Pumpkin Patch Take Down - Take tent down, move pallets (with the help of a pallet jack and operator!),
 - move Booth and fill with tent, shelves, vinyl lattice, and signs.

Other ways to help during the Patch:

-Help bake pies at church on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 AM - 2 PM

On-the-job training provided.


-Bake/make goodies any day!

Our customers **LOOK TO BUY** homemade goodies

(pies, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, fudge, candy, flavored breads, etc.) every day.

-Pray for everyone who comes to the Patch.





PumpkinsUSA's Patch Manual recommends that different committees coordinate specific areas. However, for all but the first few years of ours, I have shouldered the bulk of the coordination. So Church Council encouraged me to list the areas we need help with. **Any amount of time is appreciated and I'll provide training.** A great big THANK YOU to those who checked off areas of interest on the recent survey!

-**Co-Coordinator**: Someone to help me keep/maintain my sanity and divide tasks between us.

-**Booth Schedulers**: The online [Signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com), office, and weekly schedules in the Booth need to stay updated when people sign up in any of these places. A few people are needed to call and/or email from a list of active congregants and past community volunteers to fill remaining 2-3 hour shifts for the coming week. You can do this for a week or more, and will be trained.

-**"Emergency" Booth Staffers**: Anyone who may be available to fill last-minute shifts.

-**Small Group of "Counters"**: Typically volunteers working the 4-6:30 p.m. shift stay to count the Pumpkin and Food Sales that day. As we continue to expand our Booth Staffing base into the community, it seems wise to limit the number of people having access to the church offices and key locations.

-**Small Group of Patch "Tarpers" and "Untarpers"**: Frost kills pumpkins, so whenever it is expected, we tarp the lawn pumpkins at 6:30 p.m. and untarp them the next day before the Patch opens.

-**Homemade goodies Coordinator(s)**: At least 1 person to sign a few people up to bake/make homemade goodies, hopefully for each day of the Patch. "Church Pies" are ready on Tuesdays and Fridays around noon.

-Only on Pumpkin Unloading Party days:

-**"Tent Unloading Coordinator"**: 1 person to guide people on how and where to unload boxes of small pumpkins and gourds onto tent shelves.

-**"Inside Truck Coordinator"**: 1 person to coordinate/manage safe pumpkin unloading inside the truck.

-**"Pumpkin Line Coordinator"**: 1-2 people to manage the Pumpkin Line when people add to or leave it, and guiding pumpkin placement on pallets.

-**"Clicker"**: 1 person to use clicker to count the number of bulk pumpkins (including rotten ones) as they come off the truck. Can be done standing or sitting near the open end of the truck. Give "clicker" to me at end of unloading.

-**Sweeper(s)**: After pumpkins are unloaded, sweep the floor of the truck, putting straw onto tarp at end of the truck. Then drag tarp to designated location.

-**Refreshments**: 2-3 people to set up 2 tables, a trash can and recycling bin near Booth; arrange bottled water, homemade and/or store-bought snacks, and napkins on tables. Clean up and put stuff away after unloading.

Please feel free to text (the fastest way to reach me)/call 603-749-4169, email to portsmouthpumpkinpatch@gmail.com or talk with me at church.

Love and Hugs, Sue Richards



Come celebrate Ken Westbrook's 90th birthday!!

You are cordially invited to celebrate

Ken Westbrook's 90th birthday

November 4, 2018 10 AM at FUMC

In lieu of a gift your presence is requested to join him at

the 10 AM church service

a luncheon will follow

R.S.V.P. by October 23,

603-749-6426 or kandjwestbrook@comcast.net

We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship following the service. Cheese, cracker, cookie and coffee donations are greatly appreciated. See Ken Westbrook for more information.



GOLF
TOURNAMENT

October 19 9 AM
Breakfast 7:30 AM

2nd Pumpkin Delivery soon!



October 21

Turkey Dinner
Nov 3, 5 PM



Bell Bazaar  **November 17**

2018

Church Conference **November 19**



Remember to check the bulletin board in Sanborn Hall!

All the current Church Council, Finance and Trustee meeting minutes are posted there.

Also find the latest news about church members and recent correspondence from our church family.

Looking for information? Something to do? You'll find that information on the board!





October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10:00AM Worship 11:15 Coffee	1 6:30 PM Finance 7:00 PM AA	2 Bishop's Day York-Ogunquit UMC 7PM 7:00 PM NA	3	4 7:30 PM AA	5 8 PM AA	6 1:00 PM AA
7 10:00AM Worship 11:15 Coffee	8 7:00 PM AA	9 9:30 AM PEACE CIRCLE 6 PM Church Council 7:00 PM NA	10	11 7:30 PM AA	12 8 PM AA	13 1:00 PM AA
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21 10 AM Worship Laity Sunay 11:15 Coffee 11:15SPRC	22 7:00 PM AA	23 6 PM Trustees 7:00 PM NA	24	25 7:30 PM AA	26 8 PM AA	27 1:00 PM AA
28 10 AM Worship 11:15 Coffee	29 7:00 PM AA	30 7:00 PM NA	31 <i>Halloween</i>	Turkey Dinner Nov 3, 6 PM 		

**First United Methodist Church
of Portsmouth**

**11th Annual Golf Tournament
Friday, October 19 at
Pease Golf Course
Portsmouth, NH**

7:30am breakfast & registration
9:00am shotgun start

Four person scramble, silent auction, longest drive & closest-to-pin, \$10,000 putting contest & hole-in-one prizes (\$20,000 on #9). Continental breakfast & dinner included.

\$135 per player (\$90 for Pease passholders)

Registration Form (single player to 4-person team)

Name: _____	Phone: _____
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Please make checks payable to First United Methodist Church and mail application to Cathy VanReenen, 44 Peabody Drive, Brentwood, NH 03833 (603) 498-9810 FUMC Tax ID#02-0275507

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Sponsorships Available:

Corporate: \$500
Name: _____

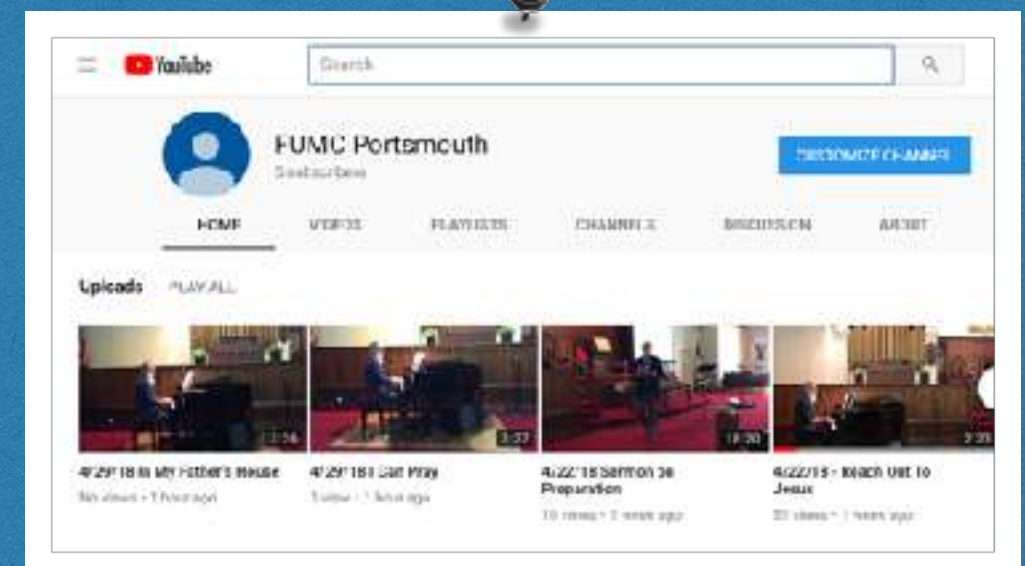
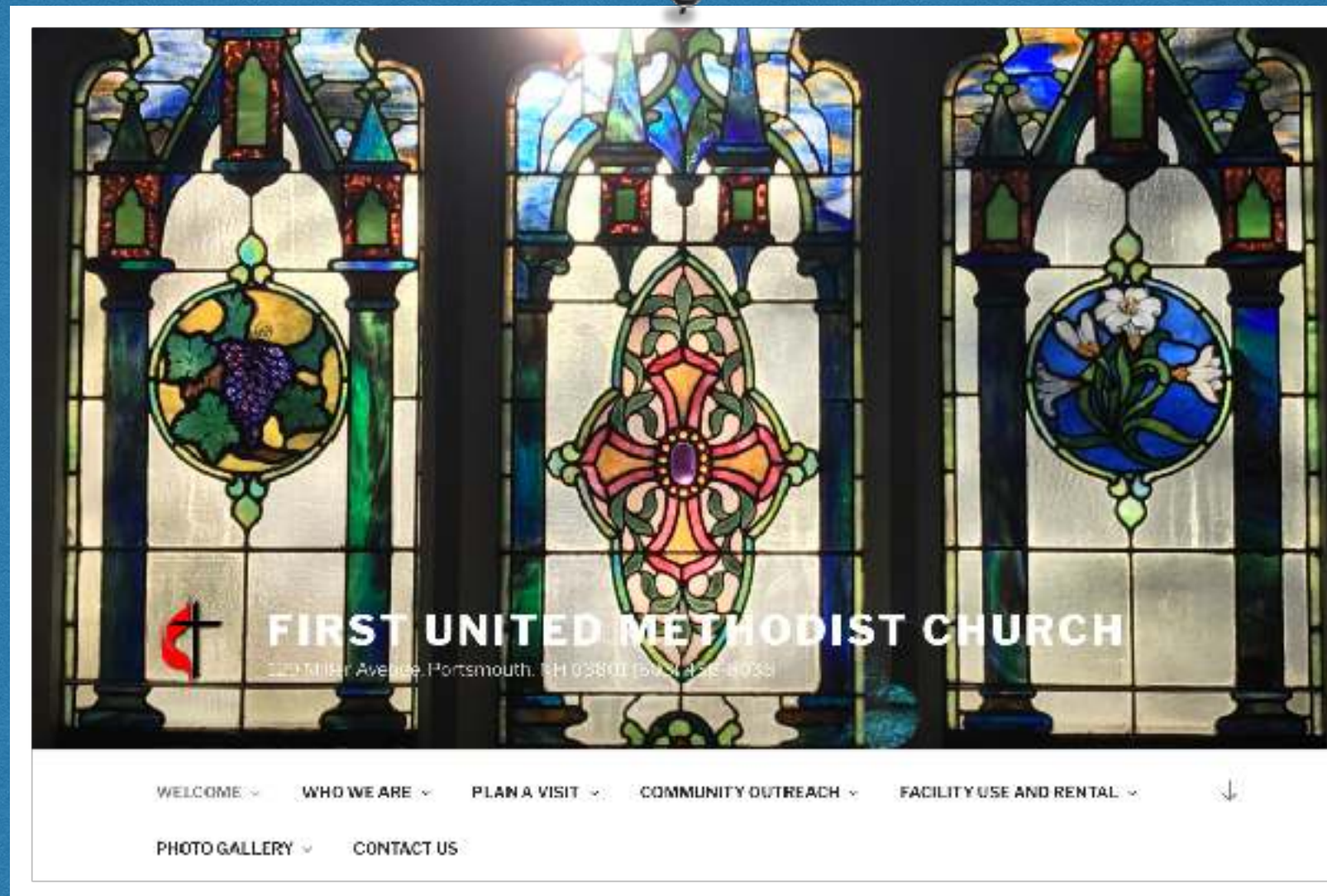
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Name: _____

Gift Prizes:
Item: _____

Monetary Donations:
Amount: _____

Contact: Cathy VanReenen (603) 498-9810
Pease Golf Course (603) 433-1331
FUMC Tax ID# 02-0275507

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MISSION AND OUTREACH



Backpack Ministry/End 68 Hours of Hunger Update

This program continues to thrive and our 6th school year is now on the backstretch and we are already starting to think about next school year and what we can do to make the program even more successful and give it even more outreach into the community. My co-coordinator has been meeting with school officials to determine what could be improved or changed in order to get more children/parents to take advantage of the program and they came up with some good ideas we are going to implement for next school year.

We are currently serving 67 children total from all 6 Portsmouth schools. We continue to get amazing support from other churches and our community volunteers. I get emails from folks regularly asking how they can get involved and volunteer. God is good!

If you would like to get involved in this ministry or learn more about it, please contact me directly at jen_b76@yahoo.com or 603-801-3886.

Blessings,

Jen Berry, Backpack Ministry Coordinator

Seacoast Family Promise

SFP is going stronger than ever. We currently have (4) families in the program – 3 of which are new from our last rotation, which means families once again have transitioned successfully from this program into stable housing. If you would like to volunteer, we have opportunities available to help with prepping the Sunday school rooms for family arrival, cleaning them up when it's over the next week, dinner crew for Friday night and we could always use new overnight volunteers. Many of the current volunteers in this program have been doing it all 12 years, so some fresh volunteers would be appreciated. This program definitely changes lives forever and I am proud that our church is a part of it, along with 20+ other congregations in the Seacoast NH area. If you think you might like to help and experience the joy of changing people's lives, please contact

Jen Berry, Coordinator

Contact information: jen_b76@yahoo.com or 603-801-3886.

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.