



# A M A Z I N G grace

**First United Methodist Church  
October 28, 2018 10 AM**



We Gather for Worship

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

**\*Call to Worship:**

L: Take heart, Christ is calling us.

**P: He beckons us to come . . .**

L: Come near to him.

**P: Stand before Christ.**

L: "What do you want me to do?" he asks.

**P: We have come here to worship;**

L: We're drawn here to worship our God.

**ALL: We desire to be here to find healing in our lives, have  
our sight restored, and to grow in our faith.**

**\*Hymn:** "Amazing Grace," vs. 1,2,3,6 UMH #378

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

**Prayer (unison):**

**O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, that we might respond through the power of the Spirit to heal the afflicted and to welcome the abandoned for your sake and the sake of the gospel. Amen**

**Sung Response:**

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

**Ministry of Music**

We Proclaim the Word

**Reading the Word:** Mark 10:46-52

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "I Once was Blind, but Now I See" - Rev. Deb Hanson

We Respond to God's Word

**\*Hymn:** "An Outcast Among Outcasts" TFWS #2104

**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.**

**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):**

**May our gifts be used to answer the needs of those who seek you, O God, delivering them from their fears, listening to their cries for help, offering refuge to those who are searching for hope. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

We Go Forth to Serve

**\*Hymn:** "A Mighty Fortress" UMH #110

**\*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

### **Altar flowers this week:**

**Consider the flowers of the field.  
They toil not, they spin not, and  
yet I say unto you that Solomon  
in all his glory was not arrayed  
like one of these.**

**Luke 12:27**



### **Please keep in your prayers**

**Pauline Boynton Victoria Fernandez**

**Bob Clark Cole Sharon Garceau**

**Irene Derosier Ginger Ellenwood 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 Brian Thompson**

**Our church family**

**Those in rehab and care facilities**



### **Our Sunday Worship Team**

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

Pastor's Assistant - David Richards

Liturgist - Yvonne Griffin ~ Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Dianne Crisp

Greeters - Marilyn Stebbins ~ Anne & Mike Coffey

Ushers - Ken Young ~ Anne & Mike Coffey

Sunday School - Aerial Doubleday Sillanpaa & Karen Sarosiek

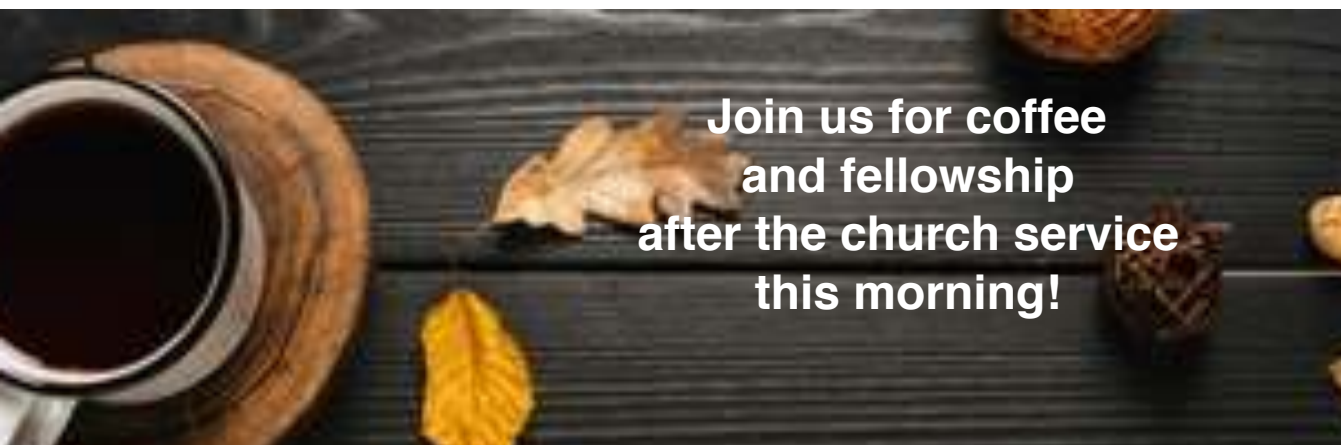
Sound Tech - Sue Sarosiek Worship Service Tech - Steve Scott

Photographer - Dave Atkinson

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson



## **Turkey Supper Nov 3, 5 PM**



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

### **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. Thank you.**





Turkey Dinner 11/3  
Bell Bazaar 11/17  
Church Conference 11/19

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Come celebrate Ken Westbrook's 90th birthday!!

Sunday, November 4, 2018 10 AM at FUMC  
RSVP 603-749-6426  
or [kandjwestbrook@comcast.net](mailto:kandjwestbrook@comcast.net)



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



# 19

DAYS AND COUNTING  
UNTIL THE BELL BAZAAR  
ON NOV. 17TH  
See Dianne Crisp to find  
out how you can help!

**4 more days of PUMPKIN PATCH!!!!!!**

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

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45a8ae22a7fd0-pumpkin8>**





**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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- Rev. Deb's Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from about 9-12. It is a good idea to call first to be sure she is available.