



WHO
WE ARE

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.

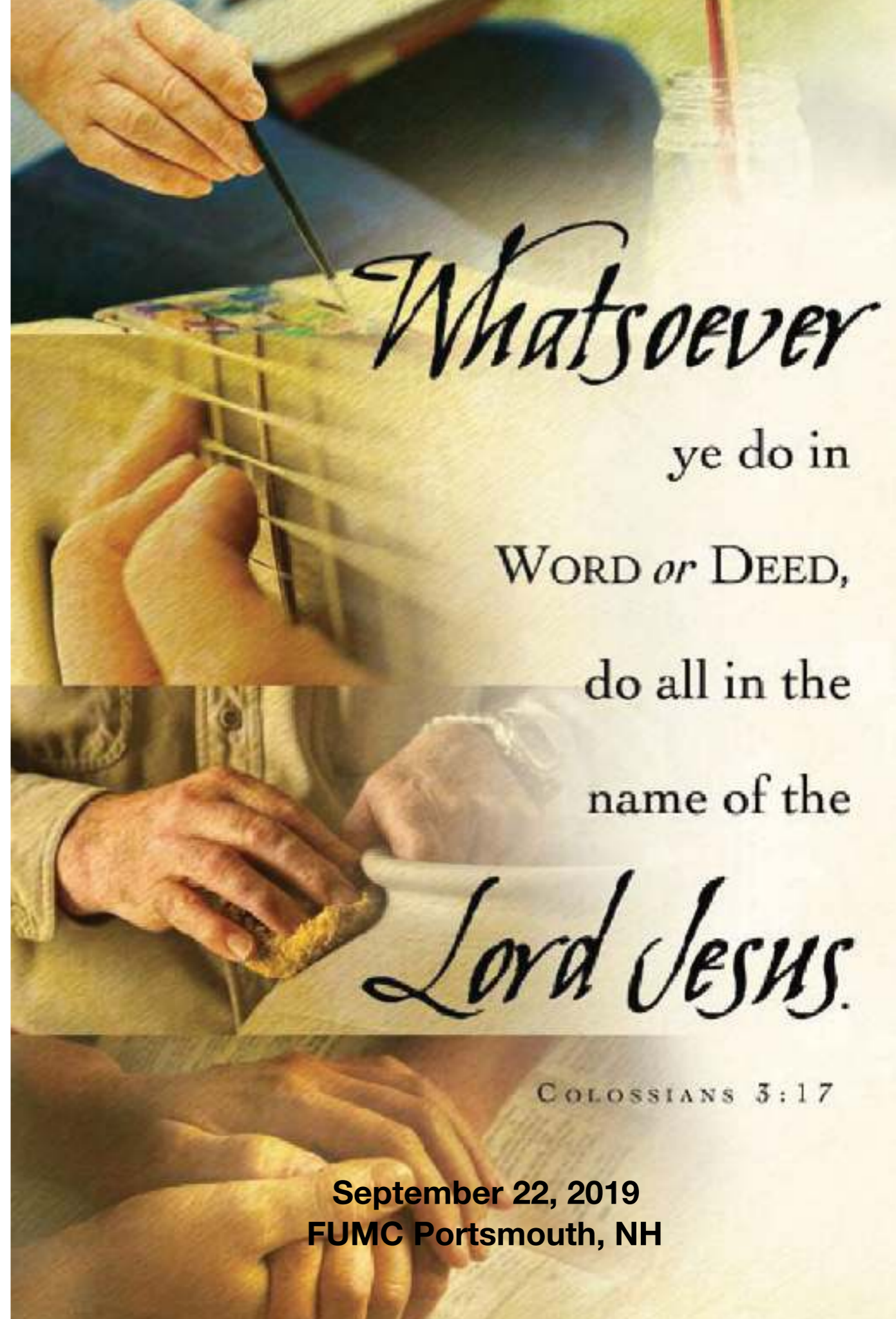


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Whatever

ye do in

WORD *or* DEED,

do all in the

name of the

Lord Jesus.

COLOSSIANS 3:17

September 22, 2019
FUMC Portsmouth, NH

We Gather for Worship

Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

Gratitude Moments

***Call to Worship**

L: Bless us again and again as we worship you, O God!

P: Accept our offerings of praise and thanksgiving.

L: Open us to your word and to receiving your grace.

P: And may we offer that grace to each other and others.

L: Let us worship!

P: Let us worship our God together!

***Hymn:** "He Has Made Me Glad" (sing twice) TFWS #2270

A Time for the Child in all of Us

Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, enter our hearts and help us to keep our eyes on you. We know this is difficult because it is so easy to be distracted by things, people, situations, and circumstances in our lives. At times, we put things that distract us ahead of you: ourselves, our own ideas, our money, our possessions, our ambitions to succeed, and much more. You still call us to serve you with our hearts and keep our commitment to stay focused on you, serving you in all that we do. Thank you for your consistent and faithful forgiveness and love for us. Amen.

Sung Response: "Fill My Cup, Lord" UMH #641

Ministry of Music

We Proclaim the Word

Reading the Word: Luke 16:1-13

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Serving God" Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" TFWS #2153

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 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 #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!

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

All that we have is a gift from you, generous God. Accept these offerings so that others may know your presence and love in their lives because of what we give in service to you. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn:** "Jesus Calls Us," v. 1,3,5 UMH #398

***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 - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Acolyte - Marilyn Stebbins

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal

Greeters - Jane Richards

Ushers - Ken & Jenya Westbrook

Sound Tech - Sue Sarosiek

Worship Service Tech - Nancy Chesser

Photographer - Dave Atkinson

Sunday School - Dave & Sue Richards



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.



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

Ken Young

Rev. Bill & Gayle Gardei

Marion Collinshaw

Sylvia Bartlett

Gil Stebbins

Woodie Lange

Jim New

Bobbie Noble

Barbara Glidden

Judy Doyon

Charles Gilman

Ruth Griffin

Jim Slater & Family

Barbara Sylvester

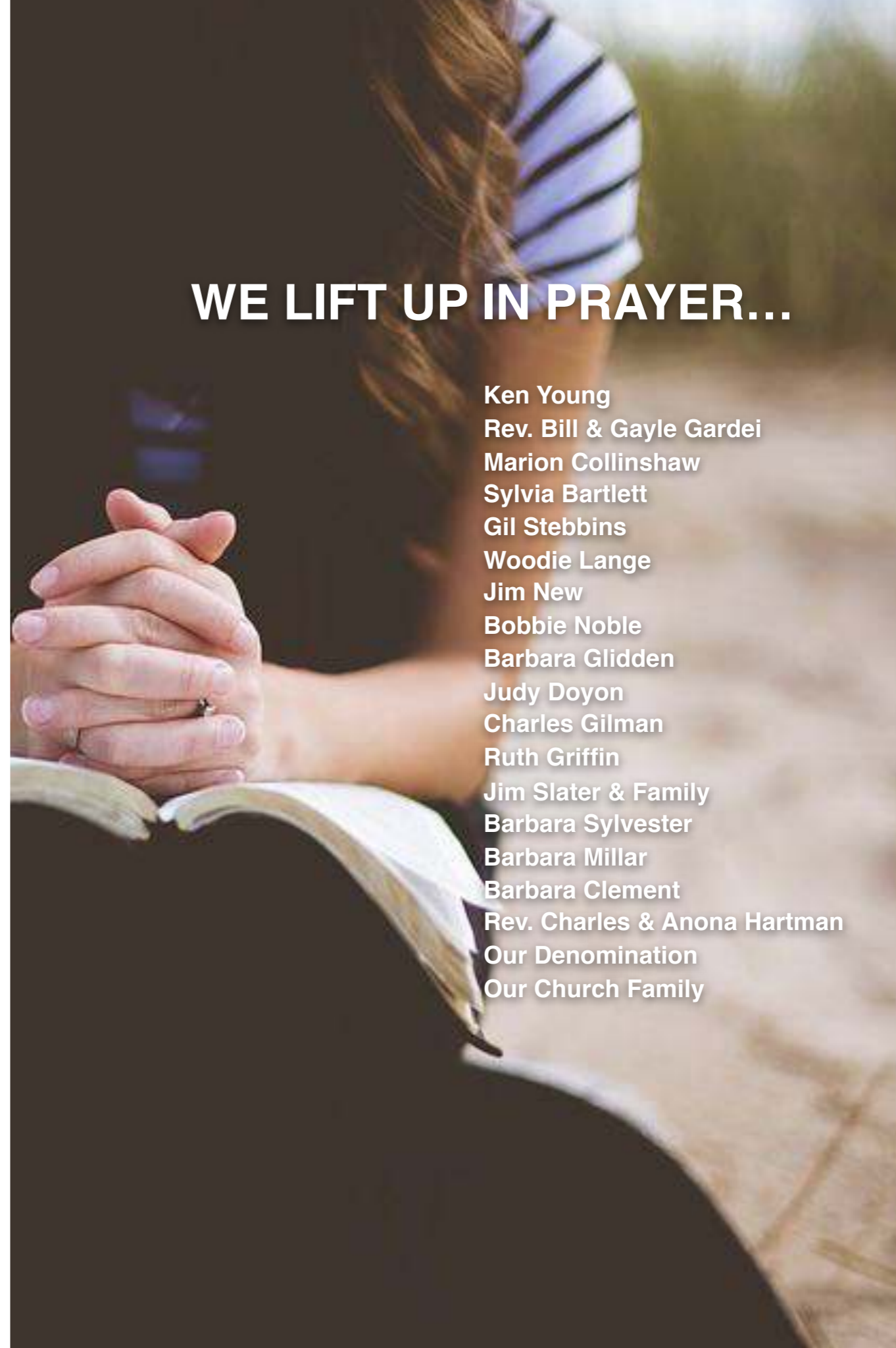
Barbara Millar

Barbara Clement

Rev. Charles & Anona Hartman

Our Denomination

Our Church Family



UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

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

9/28, Pumpkin Delivery will be at 9:00 am at FUMC. It's time to sign up on our "Pumpkin Patch Booth Schedule". Please sign up online or see schedule on counter. Thank you so much for helping! We couldn't do it without you!

10/5, 9 am-4 pm, District Resource Day at Eliot UMC. All are Welcome, subject is "How to attract people to your church".

10/8, At 6 pm we will have Finance Trustee meeting at FUMC.

10/19, at 2 pm is our second Pumpkin Delivery.


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.

11/9, Our annual turkey supper takes place, please mark your calendar. More details will be coming.

FUMC thanks everyone for all the school donations. We had a very successful campaign. The October Beacon will have more information.

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!



**Altar flowers are dedicated this week
to our Pumpkin Patch volunteers.
Thank you everyone!**