

OUR  
*Journey*  
OF FAITH

First United Methodist Church  
September 9, 2018 10 AM



We Gather for Worship

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

**\*Call to Worship** (unison):

**God of the open road, God of the twisting path, God of the narrow and upward way, your people are gathered for worship! In this hour, give us provision for the journey, courage and faith and compassion, and endurance to face any hardship. Open our eyes to see you walking beside us, protecting us, encouraging us, loving us. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who moves us. Amen**

**\*Hymn:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH #127

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

**Prayer** (unison):

**God of Abraham and Sarah, inspire us to be willing to try new ventures and to dare new risks; deliver us from comfort and complacency, and purge us from the temptation to listen to other voices more than your own. We thank you for the support of family and friends who encourage us in our faith. Help all of us where we are being challenged on our journeys of faith and may we learn the lessons you are seeking to teach us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Sung Response:** "Lead Me, Lord" UMH #473

**Ministry of Music**

We Proclaim the Word

**Reading the Word:** Genesis 12:1-9

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

**P:** Thanks be to God.

**Message:** "A Journey of Faith" - Rev. Deb Hanson

We Respond to God's Word

**\*Hymn:** "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought" UMH #128

**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.**

**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):

**We offer our gifts to you, Lord, with grateful, cheerful hearts. Thank you that you meet our needs on the journey, providing what we need when we need it. Trusting you, we can share what we have with others, and we do this joyfully, together, today, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

We Go Forth to Serve

**\*Hymn:** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" TFWS #2158

**\*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 worshiping our God so you leave this place feeling that you have been blessed to be a blessing. Please join us again!

Rev. Deb Hanson

## **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

**Joette McKenzie Malia Broe Rev. Sue Ellery**

**Rev. Bill Gardei Gerry Royer**

**Trudy Parkhurst Barbara Millar Cynthia Drake**

**Barbara Glidden Marion Collishaw Sue Goodhue**

**Kim Hishop Hunter Pinkley Sylvia Bartlett BrianThompson**

**Friends and Family of Barbara Johns**

**Our church family**

**Those in rehab and care facilities**



### **New England Annual Conference**

#### **Tri-State District**

The Rev. Sudarshana Devadhar, Bishop

The Rev. James McPhee, District Superintendent

### **Our Sunday Worship Team**

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson

Pastor's Assistant - David Richards

Liturgist - Sue Richards Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal ~ Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Acolyte - Jenya Westbrook

Greeters - Marilyn Stebbins, Al & Jan Cansdale

Ushers - Yvonne Griffin, Al & Jan Cansdale

Sunday School - Aerial Doubleday Sillanpaa & Karen Sarosiek

Sound Tech Sue Sarosiek ~ Worship Service Tech -Nancy Chesser

Photographer - Dave Atkinson

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

**Altar flowers this week  
are in loving memory  
of Skip Sarosiek  
from Sue and Karen**





**Our Mission**  
**Outreach project**  
**is for the UMCOR**  
**Puerto Rico**  
**Disaster Fund**  
**Please use the**  
**red bucket for all**  
**your loose**  
**change.**



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



- Pumpkin Delivery 9/29**
- Golf Tournament 10/19**
- Pumpkin Delivery 10/20**
- Laity Sunday 10/21**
- Turkey Dinner 11/3**
- Bell Bazaar 11/17**
- Church Conference 11/19**

**Check out the BULLETIN BOARDS...**

**The bulletin board just inside Sanborn Hall has been updated with all FUMC news and the new "COMMUNITY NEWS" bulletin board is up...CHECK THEM OUT!**

## **Student Addresses**

As our students begin another exciting year of learning please keep them in your prayers and drop them a line to let them know you're thinking of them!



# **SUNDAYSCHOOL**

**Right after "a time for the child in all of us"**

**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.

Be sure to  
"check in" on our Facebook  
page this morning!

And check out all the  
updates on our church  
website  
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