



prosperity

respect

dignity

equality

reliability

freedom

responsibility

peace

justice

faith

hope





Dear Friends,

This month's message is from one of my morning devotionals entitled "Fractured" and written by John Edgerton on August 15, 2020. I hope you will find food for thought in it.

Grace and peace, Rev. Deb

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. Psalm 133:1-2 (NIV)

Our country is deeply fractured. Division has reached the point that we view those who differ from us not as compatriots but as people who live in a different country, a country we would not want to live in. In protests and counter-protests, on social media and our choice of news, our fractures entrench themselves. Even basic public-health guidance has become a flashpoint. We have moved beyond the point where a return to "normal" can be achieved by symbolic gestures or speeches or prayer-vigils. The divisions among us can only be resolved by real, substantive change.

And thank God. When tens of millions are unemployed and yet the stock market soars, things must change. When policing methods continue to brutalize Black and Brown people, things must change. When more than a hundred and fifty thousand people die from a preventable illness, things must change.

And your church can be part of changing things for the better. Your church can help heal the divisions in your community by addressing your community's pain. Your church's works of justice and mercy have never been more important. Can you imagine what beautiful, healing work hundreds of thousands of faithful Christians might accomplish? Systems of oppression named and dismantled. Educational disparities acknowledged and addressed. Hunger revealed and alleviated. It would be like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

Prayer: God, may we be the anointing the world needs.



**Rev. Deb:**

Is still working from home and anyone who needs to call Rev. Deb may reach her at her home phone number: 207-467-3000.

**Financial news :**

We have been blessed to receive pledges and other donations from so many of you who faithfully give to help the church continue to meet our expenses! As we move into the fall, your faithful pledging will continue to keep the utilities, salaries, insurance, and other expenses paid. Thank you again! God bless your generosity and please keep up the good work!

**Sunday school:**

Because we will most likely not be gathering together in our building even in September, Sunday school will continue with the weekly mailings Rev. Deb has been sending out. These consist of the scripture for Sunday, a coloring sheet, and an activity page. We will also consider other options as we move forward.

**Building Use:**

Tower work will begin shortly and will be complete prior to Pumpkin Patch. The AA groups are meeting in the basement (with proper precautions). We also have the End 68 Hours of Hunger group coming in weekly to set up the bags of food for delivery. There are occasionally people working in the building for repairs or other projects.



# random m

act of kindness

Tom's mom called from Illinois asking for help moving her son's belongings into a storage unit in Portsmouth. Tom is in the Navy and will be stationed in Kittery after his training in Charleston, SC. Dave & Sue Richards and Kaya & Sue Sarosiek met the challenge and helped Tom move. Tom will return in late October and will see us at the Pumpkin Patch. Connection made!

8/7/20

Dear Sue + Crew,

**SO THANKFUL  
FOR YOU.**

Thankyou so very much  
for all the help given  
to my son, Tom. I know  
it was short notice  
and the help was so much  
appreciated. Please accept  
my check as a donation  
to your church ☺

God Bless you,

Elizabeth Peterson  
+ Tom Peterson too




In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment, the USA TODAY Network has named 10 American women from all 50 states and the District of Columbia who have made significant contributions to their respective states and country, as Women of the Century. Here are New Hampshire's.

Congratulation to Ruth Griffin for being selected to the New Hampshire Women of the Century list. Ruth richly deserves to be there, and she is with an inspiring group of women.


# NEW HAMPSHIRE WOMEN OF THE CENTURY




Christa McAuliffe




Valerie Cunningham



Jeanne Shaheen



Dudley Dudley




Marilla Ricker



Doris "Granny D"  
Haddock




Jodi Picoult



Kelly Ayotte



Ruth Griffin



JerriAnne Boggis



**EVERY DONATION  
NO MATTER THE AMOUNT  
HELPS GET US TO OUR GOAL!**

Thank you to everyone who has lifted Danny and his family up in prayers, cards, call, emails and for those of you who have donated to the gofundme page that has been set up.

We know and appreciate that these are unprecedented times that we are all living through and we are humbled by the outpouring of support both emotionally and financially...THANK YOU

We have a long road in front of us but know that with God all things are possible. That coupled with the love and support of family and friends will help us through this journey.



## Danny's new liver

**\$8449.** raised of \$60,000 goal

**DAY 159 - AUGUST 20, 2020**

**Hello Everyone, It's Ken Westbrook...I hope you are doing well. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for my son, Dan Westbrook in his struggle with cancer and an upcoming liver transplant. It means so much to me, and to Dan, his wife and daughter.**

**His friend, Steve and Dan's wife, Laurie have created a GoFundMe account to help offset the huge medical bills that will remain after insurance and I have decided to send this link to you <https://gf.me/u/ypvqc3> just in case you feel led to donate.**

**Please feel free to ask any questions that you might have about his treatment at Lahey Clinic and please continue to support him with your thoughts and prayers. Thanks again and may God bless you!**



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## Pumpkin Patch

Where has the summer gone? It's hard to believe that our lawn will be orange again soon! A lot of creative planning has occurred in order to follow the current safety protocol: masks will be required (a new City of Portsmouth rule), sanitation stations will be at 2 marked entrances, pumpkin layout and the Booth location will be adjusted to allow for social distancing, hard surfaces will be sanitized often, "sneeze shields" will be installed at the Booth windows, there will be a maximum capacity of shoppers, etc. Truck unloading will be different. The Portsmouth Health Dept. has been contacted to make sure we have the safest Patch possible. Since congregants in a high-risk category may not feel comfortable helping to unload and/or staff the Booth, social media will be used to help promote these unique and fun volunteer opportunities.

Over our last 15 years, we have developed a growing number of loyal customers who only buy from us. Given our current situation, people need the joy and fun that our Patch provides even more.

Love and Hugs, Sue Richards, Pumpkin Patch Coordinator Text/Call: (603) 749-4169;

Email: [mksrichards@comcast.net](mailto:mksrichards@comcast.net)







## PUMPKIN PATCH MILESTONE DATES:

### Pumpkin Unloading Party

- Sunday, 9/27, 12:00 noon of full truck
- The new unloading procedure will be sent out when finalized.

### New Hours:

- Monday - Friday from 12:30 - 6:30 p.m.;
- Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.;
- Sunday from 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Weekends and Columbus Day are much busier, so extra help is needed to efficiently get people through the Patch and check-out.
- Online Invitation Sign-up will be sent out soon.
- Saturday, 10/17, 1 p.m.;
- Pumpkin Unloading Party of half a truck.





# PRAYER LIST

Jim Slater

Cathy VanReenen

Amelia and Michelle

Gil Stebbins

Danny Westbrook

Dan Strange

Bobbie Noble

Judy Doyon

Kathy and James

Rev. Charles Hartman

Rev. Betsy Webber Family

Suzanne Olbricht's Family

Those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19

Those in nursing and assisted living care

Our Denomination

Our Church Family





# OUR FAMILY

## WHO CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH



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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Nancy Chesser  
6 Alverta Jentimane  
7 Penny Sue Orr  
8 Laurie Stevens  
9 Jeffrey Sanders  
10 Kenneth Young  
13 Veronica Bennett  
17 Megan Hopley  
22 Walter Laux  
24 James Batten  
27 Kellie Langs  
27 Janice Bakula  
29 Dianne Crisp

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5 William & Angie Dewhurst  
6 Kellie & Steve Langs  
14 David & Carol Bovee  
28 Peter & Bonnie Timperman





FUMC FORTSMOUTH-NH SOCIAL DISTANCING CHAIRS  
A QUICK HELLO FROM JEANNE!

DAV 139 - JULY 25, 2020

Jeanne came by the church today and wanted to say hello to everyone!

Thanks for stopping by Jeanne we had a wonderful conversation and some laughs! All much needed in these crazy times.

To watch Jeanne's video HELLLO click on the YouTube icon on the FUMC website or friend us on Facebook.

Make it a wonderful day today.

PRESENTERS: FUMC FORTSMOUTH-NH  
 JAMES DEVEREAUX  
 KATHLEEN MARSH  
 JENNIFER BROWN  
 JULY 25, 2020 - 10:00 AM  
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JAMES DOUGLAS

NEVADA DOUGLAS - NATION

The folks from the UPPER ROOM have made it possible for you to download a copy of the July/August edition as they seek to support churches during this time of pandemic. To download, pdf go to <https://www.upperroom.org/india/godschurches>

# CONNECTED



LOOK TO THE  
LORD AND HIS  
STRENGTH; SEEK  
HIS FACE ALWAYS.

-PSALM 105:4

**DAY 103 - AUGUST 14, 2010**

Just like the sunflower turns it's face to track  
the sun we too need to turn our face to the  
Lord each and every day. His will be our light  
and give us strength.



FOR THE FIRST 100 DAYS OF 2010  
I AM COMMITTED TO  
FORGIVING MYSELF  
AND OTHERS  
FOR THE NEXT 100 DAYS

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MY HELP COMES  
FROM THE LORD,  
THE MAKER OF  
Heaven & Earth

PSALMS 121:2

DAY 56 - AUGUST 31, 2005

Isn't it incredibly comforting that everything we need comes from the maker of something so BIG...how many of you just had a sigh of relief with this reminder? I sure did!

I want to thank my colleagues & me for creating this daily update for me to share with everyone.

You are blessed and a blessing...be a blessing to others today!



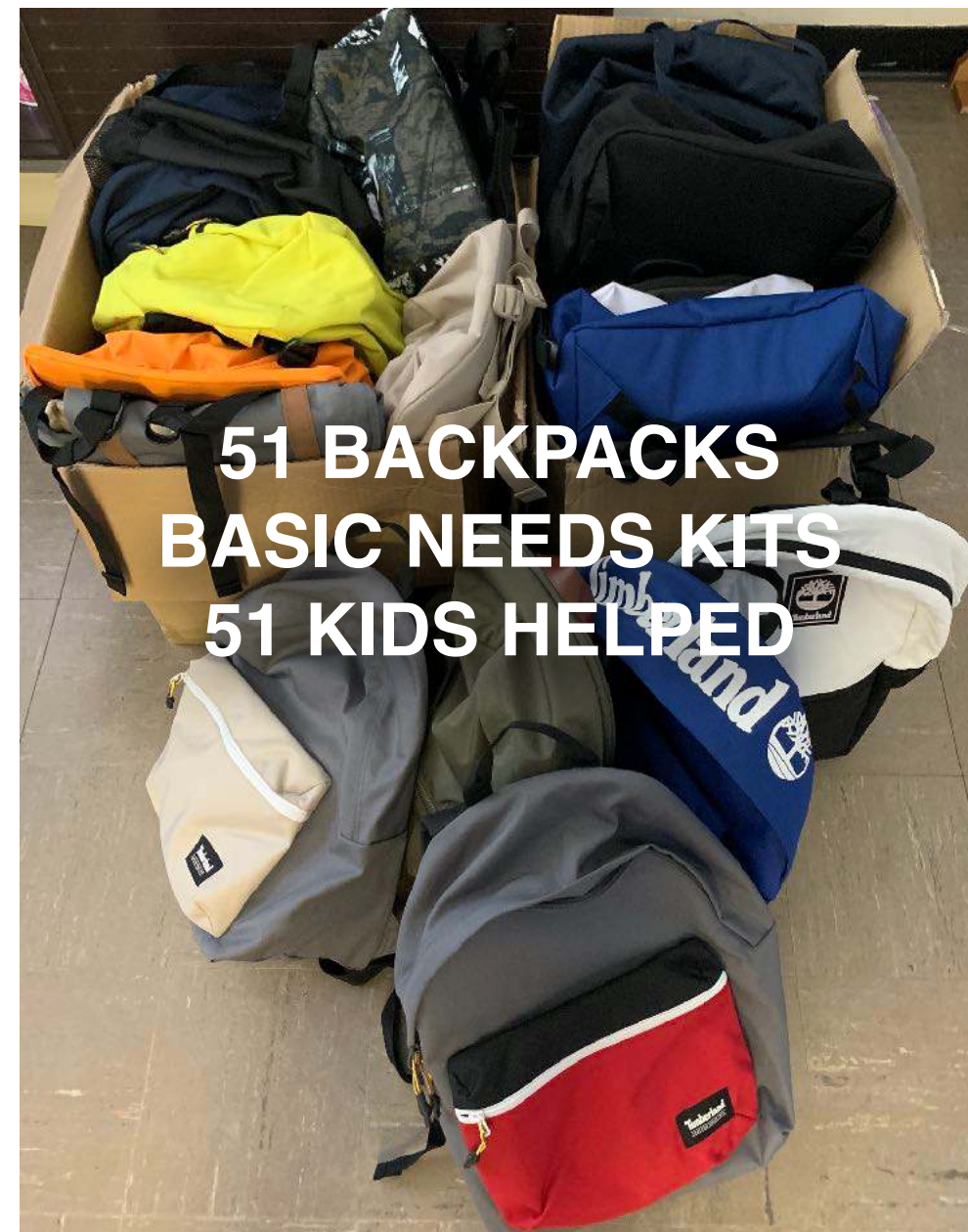
# COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATES

## KIDS FIRST PROGRAM

A total of 51 Backpacks have been filled to date with your help. Please drop off donations on Wednesdays between 10:00 - 2:00 pm. If a different time is needed, please call the office (603-436-4038) and leave a message.

Fall is just around the corner and socks (men's size) are something we will be needing for the program if you would like to donate.

If you'd like to make a monetary donation for supplies, please make a check out to FUMC, with Kids First in the memo section. FUMC continues to reach out into our community during this pandemic time to support and make a difference in the lives of these at risk kids. Thank you for all your support.







## **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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