


THIRD SUNDAY IN

LENT



THE REVERSE
LENT CHALLENGE

DON'T GIVE SOMETHING UP.
TAKE SOMETHING ON!

CHALLENGE #3
"LIGHTEN A LOAD"

Prelude & Christ’s Light Entrance

Gathering Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 19
L: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.
P: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.
L: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
P: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
L: Let us glorify God!

*Hymn “How Great Thou Art” #77

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration
Great God of the universe you set the stars on course in the heavens; the earth radiates your glory and honor; the rain never falls without your knowing it. The fields produce their harvest according to your design. We admire your strength. We bow down in adoration at how you care for your children. We gather gladly to herald your encompassing acts of goodwill. Hear as we respond by giving you praise.

*Gloria Patri #71
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sunday Worship Team Class Recognition

Special Music

Time for the Child

Joys and Concerns
[please lift up the first names of those who you would like the church family to pray for]

Pastoral Prayer, Lord’s Prayer
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. Lead us not into 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
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn “Sweet Hour of Prayer” #496

Gospel Lesson *Gospel John 2:13-22

L: The Word of God for the People of God.
P: **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Message

*Hymn “Time Now To Gather” #2265

Holy Communion UMH #12
[the ushers will escort congregation to the communion rail]

*Hymn “The Old Rugged Cross” #504
*Choral Benediction (The 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.

Benediction

Postlude



GREETINGS FROM REV. BETSY

The door of inclusive fellowship in FUMC is wide and always stands open.

A warm welcome is extended to all. One is never a stranger here, for whoever names the name of Christ is at home in this church.

May today's message bring you strength and comfort.



SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor - Rev. Betsy Webber

Pastoral Assistant - David Richards

Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek

Liturgist - Sue Richards

Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal

Pianist - PaulaJ Jacobson

Greeters - Paul Webber

Ushers - Anne & Mike Coffey, Ken & Jenya Westbrook

Acolyte - Karen Sarosiek

Secretary - PaulaJ Jacobson

Sound Technician -Sue Sarosiek



MONDAY

6:00 Finance Mtg

TUESDAY

7:00 NA

WEDNESDAY

10 AM AA

THURSDAY

8:30 AM AA

FRIDAY

8:00 AA

SATURDAY

1:00 AA

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

Barbara Johns
Ruth Tuttle
Barbara Millar
Sylvia Bartlett
Arlene Johnson
Sue Goodhue
Mary Merrill
Brian Thompson

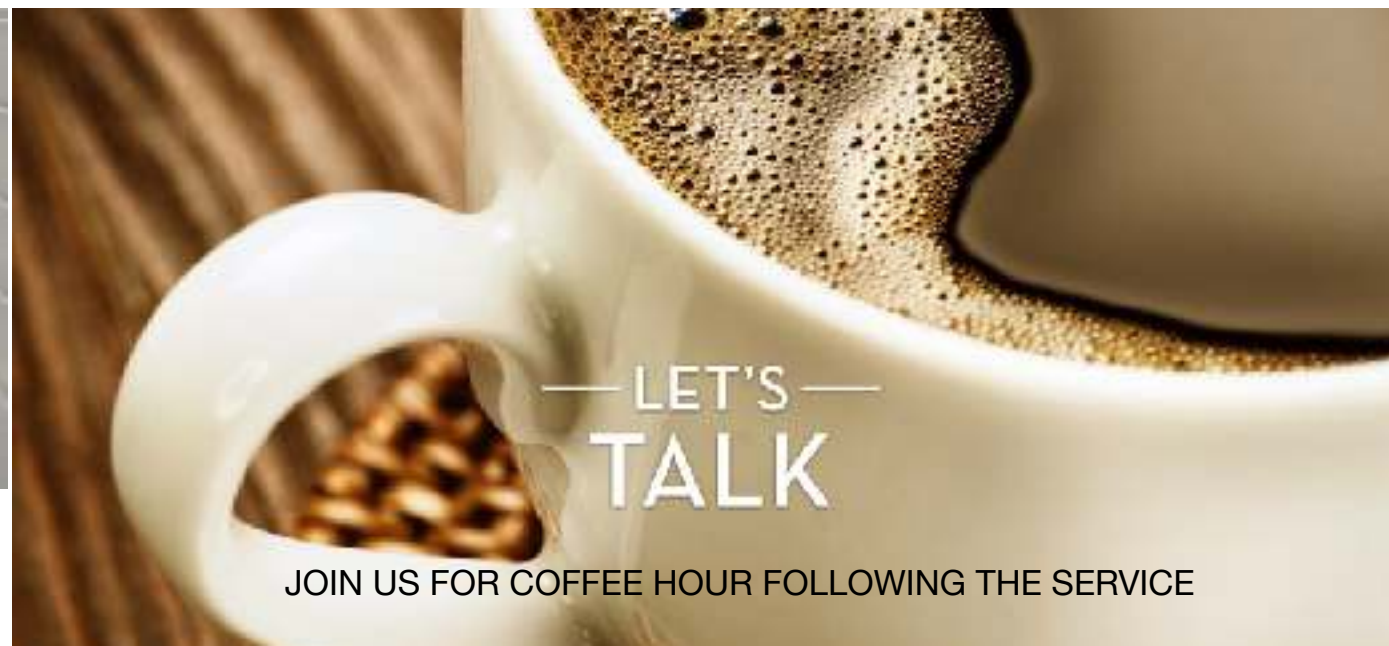
Dorothy Steinmetz
Kim Hishop
Adele Westbrook
Steven Dietz
Austin
Juanita
Andrea
Louise Drolet Family

Those in rehab and care facilities



HURRICANE RECOVERY EFFORTS

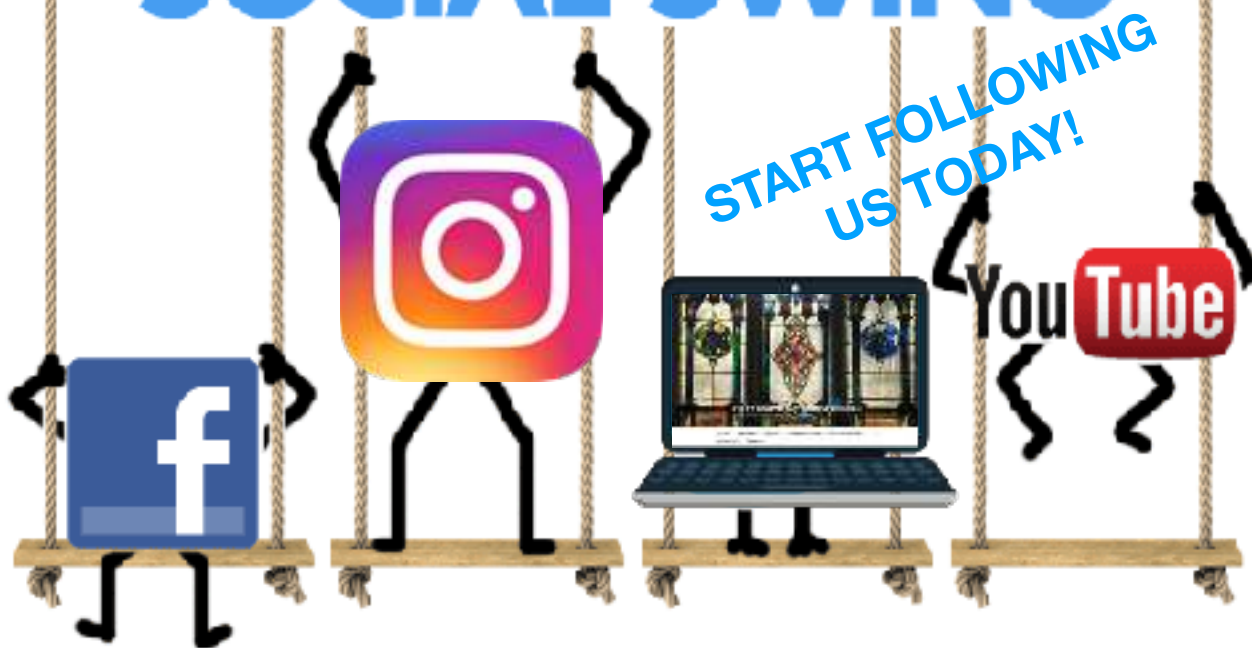
The quiet offering baskets at the front of each aisle are for donations to the hurricane relief bucket program through UMCOR.



LET'S TALK

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

GET IN THE SOCIAL SWING



5 REASONS OUR CHURCH'S SOCIAL MEDIA NEEDS TO BE A PRIORITY

Let's face it, there are a lot of churches and ministries vying for people's attention out there. Social media offers so many perks and possibilities, it'd be foolhardy not to spend more time devoted to our social media channels. In fact, it might be the secret weapon for gaining new members. It can be a great tool to boost our attendance for important holidays and reaching out into the community.

1. Social media might be the first place people find our church
2. We can build a relationship with all of your friends
3. Facebook's groups and events rival some church social networks
4. We will be meeting people where they are
5. Our social media accounts represent our church's vitality

Our church's new website & Youtube channels are updated weekly and our social media channels [Instagram & Facebook] are updated daily. Here are our links:

WEBSITE

<http://fumcportsmouth.com>

INSTAGRAM

www.instagram.com/fumcportsmouthnh129/

YOUTUBE

FUMC PORTSMOUTH

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/fumc.church.376

BYOD

Bring Your Own Device

NEXT SUNDAY!!!!!!



BRING YOUR SMART PHONES, IPADS, KINDLES, LAPTOPS TO CHURCH NEXT WEEK!

As part of the Visioning Committee work next week we will have a BYOD [bring your own device] to worship service and we will begin to work on how we can use these tools to more effectively engage with our community and also amplify the storytelling of what's happening at FUMC.

Next Sunday's scripture reading is John 12:20-33...."the old passes away, the new emerges...." You can imagine if Christ was going to come and speak to us today like he did with his disciples so many years ago...He would say come on folks you have the digital tools to help spread the good news so much quicker today...get busy! We're on it!

March comes in like a lion so
flowers are in Honor of Daniel
and his faith in the Lion's Den!



**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.

**THIS WEEK'S REVERSE LENT CHALLENGE IS:
"LIGHTEN A LOAD"**

Be on the lookout for ways you can lighten the load of someone in your family or at work. Maybe for your family make someone's bed, pack a lunch, empty the dishwasher, sweep the floor, take out the garbage and leave them a note that says I LOVE YOU. Think of what might help out a coworker like pick up their favorite coffee, pick up some of their workload. Be on the lookout for ways to lighten the load of one person each day this week and watch the smiles begin.

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