

MEETINGS

UPCOMING CHURCH MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Time
Mon. Aug. 20	Bible Study – 85 Robin Rd., Portsmouth	7:00 – 8:30 pm
Tues. Aug. 21	Church Council - parlor	6:30 pm
Wed. Aug. 22	Bible Study - parlor	12:30 – 2:00 pm
Sat., Aug. 25	Community Yard Sale	8:00am – 1:00pm
Sat. Sept. 8	Craft Day – Parish Hall	9 am – 3pm
Sat. Sept. 15	Craft Day – Parish Hall	9 am – 3pm
Sun. Sept. 16	Fall Festival mtg- parlor	11:00 am

NOTE:

JOYS & CONCERNS FORMS –**The forms can now be found in your bulletin. Please fill out your Joys and Concerns forms and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. Please leave any unused forms in the pew or on the clipboard. We appreciate your help in recycling whenever we can.

ATTENDANCE PAD CLIPBOARDS – Please fill in your information so that we can continue to get better acquainted with one another. We appreciate your help each week with the process of becoming more welcoming and open to sharing the love of Christ with all of our neighbors.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS – if you would like to publish information in the bulletin please get it to the church office by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday morning.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK included 45 hearty Christians.

~We celebrate and appreciate those who invite their friends and neighbors.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Church Secretary: **Maryteresa Hicks**: M,W,TH & F 10 am – 2 pm;
T: 2-6pm

Pastor: **Rev. Michael Pike**: T, TH, & F: 11 am – 1 pm

EVENTS

GOD'S COMMUNITY GARDEN: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY 10 AM – 12 NOON
to help with garden maintenance as well as to pick, weigh and pack vegetables for the four farm stands.

FARM STANDS:

The Farm Stands are now open Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 am.

BIBLE STUDY:

Mon. 7 – 8:30 pm at the home of Fred and Christine Dube, 85 Robin Rd., Portsmouth (studying “Who I Am in Christ” by Neil T. Anderson).

Wed. 12:30-2:00 p.m. with Pastor Mike in the parlor studying: “The Practice of The Presence of God.”



FALL FESTIVAL IS BACK!

Fall Festival will be held this year on **October 27 from 9-2pm**. In order to have a successful festival we will need lots of hands. I will be posting a sign-up sheet this coming week and pray we can fill all the slots. There will be a short festival meeting on September 16 after church in the parlor. Thank you and God bless, Teri Sparling

CRAFT DAY FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL will be held September 8th and the 15th. All crafters wanted. You may not think you are crafty but there will be plenty to do if you can help. We will be at the church from 9-3 on both days if you are able to come. We will of course be accepting any crafts you wish to donate to the Fall Festival as usual. Any questions please contact Susan Soderlund.

Meditation for the Day

“Walk humbly with thy Lord.” Walking with God means practicing the presence of God in your daily affairs. It means asking God for strength to face each new day. It means turning to Him often during the day in prayer for yourself and for other people. It means thanking Him at night for the blessings you have received during the day. Nothing can seriously upset you if you are “walking with God.” You can believe that He is beside you in spirit, to help you and to guide you on your way.

~Hazelden: *Twenty-Four Hours a Day*

ELECTRONIC GIVING HAS ARRIVED

Numerous congregants have expressed an interest in being able to electronically donate from their mobile devices, (iPhones, tablets, & laptops) both for their pledges as well as Special Appeals. We now have that capability. Methods of payment include Visa, Mastercard, Debit, Credit or Check. You can make a one time payment or setup reoccurring automatic payments. The site that hosts the financial transactions is a secure site with PCI security. Following your donation, you will receive a receipt by email. At any time, you wish, you can display and/or print an account status.

To give electronically, go to the new PUMC website (www.pumcri.org) or use the direct link: <https://give.mogiv.com/pumcgive>. You will have to create an account the first time. If you have problems there will be additional guidance posted on the bulletin board.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL-Please sign up for a week of Summer Sunday School. Class will be held in the front classroom. Materials will be available in advance for each Sunday's theme/lesson. Please select one the week before so you have time to pray and prepare for your time with the children. **All volunteers will need Safe Sanctuary background checks** - please see Gar Weymouth or Pastor Mike or contact Maryteresa in the office if you are willing to volunteer for a week. Thank you for your help!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS – We are glad you are here. If you would like a letter sharing more of how this faith community can serve you, please fill out your information on the Attendance pad and check off "Visitor".

SUMMER BEACH WORSHIP –

Last Sunday to worship at the beach is next week, August 26, from 8:00 – 8:40 am at Third Beach in Middletown (across from the North lot, NOT the paved parking lot at the South end). Bring your beach chair, sunscreen and clothing for the weather. If it is raining when you leave to go to the beach, the service will be cancelled.



GOD'S COMMUNITY GARDEN - continues to have a bountiful harvest and successful Farm Stands. Flower arrangements have been made by Salve students and volunteers. Child and Family Services is now picking up the extra food from Middletown's Farm Stand.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE- New date: Saturday, August 25, from 8-1pm

****SMALL GROUP/BIBLE STUDY**- sign-up form is included in the bulletin for you to fill out to indicate your interest!