

## MEETINGS

### UPCOMING CHURCH MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Time
Mon. Aug. 27	Bible Study – 85 Robin Rd., Portsmouth	7:00 – 8:30 pm
Wed. Aug. 29	PUMC Farm stand at the garden in Middletown	10-11:30 am
Wed. Aug. 29	Bible Study - parlor	12:30 – 2:00 pm
Wed. Aug. 29	Stewardship - parlor	6:00 pm
Thur. Aug. 30	SPRC - parlor	6:30 pm
Sat. Sept. 8	Craft Day – Parish Hall	9 am – 3 pm
Sat. Sept. 15	Craft Day – Parish Hall	9 am – 3 pm
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 54 hearty Christians.**

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

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Church Secretary: **Maryteresa Hicks**: M: off; T: 1-5pm;  
W, TH & F 10 am – 2 pm;

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. The PUMC farm stand will be held at the Community Garden, 200 Turner Rd., Middletown, this week so customers can see the garden.

#### **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 8<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>. 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**

You can make use of your mistakes, failures, losses, and sufferings. It is not what happens to you so much as what use you make of it. Take your sufferings, difficulties, and hardships and make use of them to help some unfortunate soul who is faced with the same troubles. Then something good will come out of your suffering and the world will be a better place because of it. The good you do each day will live on, after the trouble and distress have gone, after the difficulty and the pain have passed away. ~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](http://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.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped with and donated items to the Community Yard Sale and Bake Table. Your contributions were very appreciated!!!!

**THANK YOU** to Deana and Jim Wilson for operating the clavinova During Sheila's vacation.



## **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".



**GOD'S COMMUNITY GARDEN** – Over 400 pounds of vegetables were picked last week at the garden. The extra food went to several area food pantries and the soup kitchen at St. Paul's.

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

**STEWARDSHIP MEETING** - This Wednesday night, 8/29 at 6:00 pm in the parlor.

**COMING SEPTEMBER 9, 2018.....**  
**“40 Days of Love”- Prayer Renewal and Outreach –**  
**September 9 – October 18**  
**Area churches participating together**  
**Details to follow**