

MEETINGS

UPCOMING CHURCH MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Time
Mon. Aug. 3	Bible Study – Cancelled	
Wed. Sept. 5	PUMC Farm stand	10 - 11:30 am
Wed. Sept. 5	Bible Study - parlor	12:30 – 2:00 pm
Wed. Sept. 5	Choir - parlor	7:00 pm
Thur. Sept. 6	Community Meal – St. Paul’s UMC, Newport	5:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 8	Craft Day – Parish Hall	9 am – 3 pm
Thur. Sept. 13	40 Days of Love Prayer Mtg- Sanctuary	7 – 8 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 71 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 & F: 11 am – 1 pm
TH: 12-2pm**

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). **CANCELLED LABOR DAY 9/3**

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

One secret of abundant living is the art of giving. The paradox of life is that the more you give, the more you have. If you lose your life in the service of others, you will save it. You can give abundantly and so live abundantly. You are rich in one respect – you have a spirit that is inexhaustible. Let no mean or selfish thought keep you from sharing this spirit. Of love, of help, of understanding, and of sympathy, give and keep giving. Give your personal ease and comfort, your time, your money, and most of all, yourself. And you will be living abundantly.

~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.

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".

COMMUNITY MEAL – PUMC will host the Community Meal at St. Paul's UMC, 12 Marlborough St., Newport this Thursday, Sept. 6. Volunteers can sign up on the bulletin board or call Denise Kelly at 683-5912. There are still empty spaces for casseroles, fruit, desserts and bread.

ADULT CHOIR- Weekly rehearsals begin this Wednesday, 9/5, at 7pm in the parlor. All are welcome!

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

COMING SEPTEMBER 9, 2018.....

“40 Days of Love”- Prayer Renewal and Outreach –

September 9 – October 18

Area churches participating together

Details to follow

We will be hosting a prayer meeting here at PUMC on Thursday, September 13 at 7-8 pm. This event is open to the public as part of the “40 Days of Love” campaign sponsored by local churches in our area. Go to <https://www.togetheradvancethegospel.com/40-days-of-love> to learn more.