

## MEETINGS

### UPCOMING CHURCH MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Time
Mon Sept. 10	Bible Study – 85 Robin Rd.	7 – 8:30 pm
Tue Sept. 11	Finance - parlor	7:15 pm
Wed Sept. 12	PUMC Farm stand	10 - 11:30 am
Wed Sept. 12	Bible Study - parlor	12:30 – 2:00 pm
Wed Sept. 12	Choir - parlor	7:00 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 65 hearty Christians.**

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

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Church Secretary: **Maryteresa Hicks: M – 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.

#### **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 on **September 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**

Spiritual progress is the law of your being. Try to see around you more and more of beauty and truth, knowledge and power. Today try to be stronger, braver, more loving as a result of what you did yesterday. This law of spiritual progress gives meaning and purpose to your life. Always expect better things ahead. You can accomplish much good through the strength of God's spirit in you. Never be too discouraged. The world is sure to get better, in spite of setbacks of war, hate, and greed. Be part of the cure of the world's ills, rather than part of the disease. ~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.

## **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".

**ADULT CHOIR**- Welcome back to our Choir! Weekly rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7pm in the parlor. All are welcome!

**HAND BELL CHOIR** – Weekly rehearsals will start Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

**COMING SEPTEMBER 9, 2018.....**

**“40 Days of Love”- Prayer Renewal and Outreach –  
September 9 – October 18  
Area churches participating together**

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.