

MEETINGS

UPCOMING CHURCH MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Time
Sun Dec. 2	Advent Workshop – Parish Hall	11:00 am
Mon Dec. 3	Bible Study – 85 Robin Rd.	7 – 8:30 pm
Tue Dec. 4	Hand Bell rehearsal	4:30 pm
Tue Dec. 4	Church Council- parlor	6:30 pm
Wed Dec. 5	Bible Study - parlor	12:30 – 2 pm
Wed Dec. 5	Choir - parlor	7:00 pm
Sun Dec. 16	Christmas Cantata- Sanctuary	10:00 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. Information for the December newsletter should be submitted no later than Tuesday, November 27.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK included 76 hearty Christians.

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Pastor: Rev. Michael Pike: T, TH, & F: 11-1pm

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 pantries and farm stands.

FARM STANDS:

The Farm Stands are closed;

however vegetables will be available at the following locations: Florence Gray Food Pantry, Newport, St.Paul's Warm-Up Wednesday, Newport and at the Bristol Food Pantry where anyone can apply for a card. Please call Peggy Hanney or email the office for more information.

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. Study of Galatians and James.

1 CHURCH 1 PRAYER MEETING Monday, Dec. 3, 7-8pm
at EFC Newport Church, 70 Bliss Rd., Middletown

ADVENT WORKSHOP TODAY! –

Everyone please join us after Worship in the Parish Hall for food and fellowship!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA –

The Adult Choir will present
"Sing With Joy, Sing With Noel!"
on Sunday, Dec. 16
at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.



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 stress have passed away.~ Hazelden: *Twenty-Four Hours a Day*

Please check out our PRAYER AND PRAISE WALL-

Here are ways you can use it:

1. Write something or someone that you would like prayed for.
2. Write something or someone you are grateful for
3. Take a prayer or praise off the wall that you would like to pray for.
4. If you posted a prayer and it was answered, write "answered" on the back so that we can see the power of God's faithfulness and love.

Remember, there is POWER IN PRAYER

-Congregational Care



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The order forms for the beautiful Poinsettias to decorate the Church will be in the December Newsletter and on the bulletin board. The deadline for orders is Dec. 18th and the cost is \$15.00.



PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND – Fund donations are appreciated to help people in our community with food and basic needs. Donations are very much appreciated in the offering or small white boxes at aisle end of the front pews.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dec 1-2, 2018

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- Weekly rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the parlor. All are welcome!

HAND BELL CHOIR – Weekly rehearsals are held on Tuesdays at 4:30pm (as scheduled by Janet Rego)

CHRISTMAS WREATHS have arrived! You can pick up your wreath after Worship from Beth Velzis or during office hours. There are still wreaths available for \$24.00 if you haven't ordered one.

***PLEASE JOIN US** during fellowship time on Sunday, Dec. 9th for cake and refreshments to **celebrate Pastor Mike's 60th birthday.** Note cards will be provided for you to share a birthday wish and/of word of encouragement.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2018

The Christmas Giving Tree will be up and running from Sat. December 1st to Sun. December 16th. The Giving Tree is a mission project of PUMC which provides assistance to local families during the Christmas season. This year we will be assisting 9 families with a total of 17 children. If you would like to help by providing a gift for a child please:

1. Take a tag from the tree with a child's requested gift item
2. Sign your name and phone number beside the number that is on your tag (on the clip board by the tree)
3. Purchase the gift item, wrap it and attach the tag
4. Bring the wrapped gift with the tag attached into the church by Sun. Dec 16th and place it under the tree. Thank You
(If Questions Please Contact Elizabeth Cochran)

