

MEETINGS

UPCOMING CHURCH MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Time
Mon Dec. 10	Bible Study – 85 Robin Rd.	7 – 8:30 pm
Tue Dec. 11	Hand Bell rehearsal	4:30 pm
Tue Dec. 11	Finance- parlor	7:10 pm
Wed Dec. 12	Bible Study - parlor	12:30 – 2 pm
Wed Dec. 12	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 77 hearty Christians.

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Church Secretary: **Maryteresa Hicks: M-F: 10-2pm**

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

****There will be 2 CHURCH COUNCIL meetings in January: Tues., 1/15 @ 6:30pm & Sun., 1/27 after Worship Service.**

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, Portsmouth (studying "Who I Am in Christ" by Neil T. Anderson).

Wed. 12:30-2:00 p.m. Study of Galatians and James.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA –

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



Need a BJ's Membership? Dave Hutchinson holds PUMC's BJ's business membership. Because of this, individual memberships to BJ's may be purchased through Dave Hutchinson for a cost of \$30 /year. Notify Dave in writing preferably by email your name and address and he will give you a letter of introduction to BJ's with the necessary information so that you may join. Annual memberships start in December but you can join at any time.

Meditation for the Day

Give something to those who are having trouble, to those whose thoughts are confused, something of your sympathy, your prayers, your time, your love, your thought, your self. Then give of your own confidence, as you have had it given to you by the grace of God. Give of yourself and of your loving sympathy. Give your best to those who need it and will accept it. Give according to need, never according to deserts. Remember that the giving of advice can never take the place of giving of your self.

~ Hazelden: *Twenty-Four Hours a Day*

URGENT NEED - if you have not already done so, PLEASE respond to our invitation to make a commitment of financial support for mission and ministry in 2019. At present we do NOT have enough commitments to meet the most basic budget for next year (based on current pledges and estimates of support). Our ministry will be greatly reduced without YOUR help . . . PLEASE take time Today - to inform us of an estimate of the amount YOU can give for 2019. Speak to Joan Faria (Financial Secretary), Dave Brock (Chair of Finance) or myself or send an email - thank you ! Pastor Mike

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 8-9, 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. Make checks payable to PUMC and write "wreath" on the memo line.

***PLEASE JOIN US** during fellowship time on TODAY, 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/or 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)

