

MEETINGS

UPCOMING CHURCH MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Time
Sun. Jan. 20	Safe Sanctuaries Training-parlor	11:00 am
Mon. Jan. 21	Bible Study –	7:00 pm
Wed. Jan. 23	Bible Study - parlor	12:30 – 2:00 pm
Wed. Jan. 23	Choir - parlor	7:00 pm
Thur. Jan. 24	Hand Bell rehearsal	4:30 pm
Sun. Jan. 27	Church Council-all congregation Meeting	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 60 hearty Christians on **Sunday**. ~We celebrate and appreciate those who invite their friends and neighbors.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Office closed 1/21 – MLK Day
Church Secretary: Maryteresa Hicks: T- F:10-2pm
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.

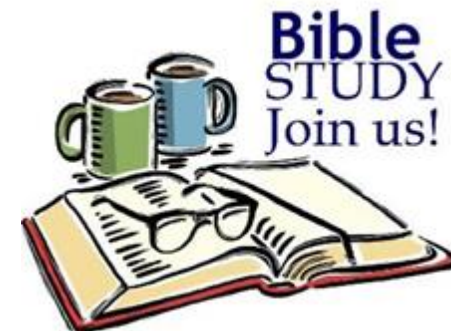
FARM STANDS:

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 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 pm in the parlor- Study of Galatians and James.



Meditation for the Day

With God's help, I will build a protective screen around myself, which will keep out all evil thoughts. I will fashion it out of my attitude toward God and my attitude toward other people. When one worrying or impatient thought enters my mind, I will put it out at once. I know that love and trust are the solvents for the worry and frets of life. I will use them to form a protective screen around me. ~ Hazelden: *Twenty-Four Hours a Day*

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING – planned for January 20, with a make-up on February 10.

As you may know, everyone who works in any capacity with children at PUMC, and everyone who has a key to the Church, is required to have annual Safe Sanctuaries training. The training takes only about 20 minutes, and will be offered right after our Sunday church service in the Sanctuary.

This training is an important part of keeping PUMC a safe place for all, particularly our Children. Even if you are not currently working with Children, and even if you do not currently have a key, this is a good opportunity for you to become more aware of what is important to keep PUMC a safe sanctuary. And besides, this is a Methodist Church – surely there will be something to snack on!

Please hold one of the Sunday dates (January 20 or February 10, 2019) for this important training. You may contact Bob Wheeler if you have any questions or concerns.

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.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY SUNDAY- Special offering and insert included in the bulletin today. Human Relations Day remembers Martin Luther King, Jr. and his commitment to peace among all people, and loving human relations.

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WELCOME VISITORS – We are glad you are here. 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)

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.

****CONGREGATION INVITED-** **There will be a CHURCH COUNCIL meeting on Sunday, January 27 after Worship Service. We invite everyone to stay and participate. We want input and feedback from everyone about our goals as a Church for 2019.**

THANK YOU LETTERS to the PUMC congregation for donations of food baskets, winter coats and Christmas gifts from the Hathaway School and the Portsmouth School Department Caritas Committee are posted on the TIM.

*****HELP FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES** - In light of the current government shutdown and in order to help local families affected by the shutdown, the Church Council approved the dispersal of \$378 from funds designated for Food Bank Support on Aquidneck Island to the MLK Center Pantry in Newport.