

MEETINGS

UPCOMING CHURCH MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Time
Mon Dec. 24	Bible Study – 85 Robin Rd.	CANCELLED
Tue Dec. 25	Hand Bell rehearsal	CANCELLED
Wed Dec. 26	Bible Study - parlor	CANCELLED
Wed Dec. 26	Choir - parlor	CANCELLED

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. **Our next newsletter will be a combined Jan-February newsletter and will go out January 15. Deadline for submitting items for the newsletter is Wednesday, January 9.**

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK included 132 hearty Christians.
~We celebrate and appreciate those who invite their friends and neighbors.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Church office will be closed 12/24 & 12/25

Church Secretary: Maryteresa Hicks: W: 1-5pm; TH-F: 10-2pm

Pastor: Rev. Michael Pike: W: 1-3pm; 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 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). **Cancelled 12/25 & 12/31**

Wed. 12:30-2:00 p.m. Study of Galatians and James.
Cancelled 12/26

RISEM District Epiphany Gathering – Sat., Jan. 5, 2019
See bulletin board for details.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, MONDAY DEC 24

5:30 pm Children's Candlelight service
7:30 pm Family Candlelight & Choir Service
10:30 pm Communion and Candlelight Service

Meditation for the Day

Shed peace, not discord, wherever you go. Try to be part of the cure of every situation, not part of the problem. Try to ignore evil, rather than to actively combat it. Always try to build up, never to tear down. Show others by your example that happiness comes from living the right way. The power of your example is greater than the power of what you say.

~ 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

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS Dec 22-23, 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!
Cancelled 12/26

HAND BELL CHOIR – Weekly rehearsals are held on Tuesdays at 4:30pm (as scheduled by Janet Rego)
Cancelled 12/25 & 1/1/19

THANK YOU to all who participated in our **CHRISTMAS CANTATA** last Sunday. It was excellent, meaningful and very well received.

Thank you also to all those who attended.



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.

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