

MEETINGS

UPCOMING CHURCH MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Time
Mon Dec. 31	Bible Study – 85 Robin Rd.	CANCELLED
Tue Jan. 1	Hand Bell rehearsal	CANCELLED
Wed Jan. 2	Bible Study - parlor	12:30 – 2:00 pm
Wed Jan. 2	Choir - parlor	7:00 pm
Thur Jan. 3	Community Meal – St. Paul's - Newport	4:45-6:00 pm

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 90 hearty Christians on Sunday and 168 on Christmas Eve. ~We celebrate and appreciate those who invite their friends and neighbors.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Church office will be closed 1/1/19
Church Secretary: Maryteresa Hicks: M, W, TH & F: 10-2pm

Pastor: Rev. Michael Pike: 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, Portsmouth (studying "Who I Am in Christ" by Neil T. Anderson). **Cancelled 12/31**

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

COMMUNITY MEAL – Thursday, Jan. 3 - St. Paul's UMC, 12 Marlborough St., Newport. Sign up to donate food items or to serve on the bulletin board or contact Denise Kelly.

RISEM DISTRICT EPIPHANY GATHERING

Sat., Jan. 5, 2019

Memorial Union Methodist Church
176 Somerset Ave., Taunton, MA

1:00 – 3:00pm

Please bring a main dish or dessert to share

See the bulletin board for more details

Meditation for the Day

Build your life on the firm foundation of true gratitude to God for all His blessings and true humility because of your unworthiness of these blessings. Build the frame of your life out of self-discipline; never let yourself get selfish or lazy or contented with yourself. Build the walls of your life out of service to others, helping them to find the way to live. Build the roof of your life out of prayer and quiet times, waiting for God's guidance from above. Build a garden around your life out of peace of mind and serenity and a sure faith. ~ Hazelden: *Twenty-Four Hours a Day*

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 29-30, 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)
Cancelled 1/1/19

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.

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.**