

MEETINGS – Week of 1/26

Date	Meeting	Time
Sun. Jan. 26	Women's Group MTG - parlor	8:30am
Sun. Jan. 26	Sunday Morning Volunteer Training - Sanctuary	11:00-11:45am
Mon. Jan. 27	Bible Study – 85 Robin Road	7:00pm
Tue. Jan. 28	Handbell Rehearsal	4:30pm
Tue. Jan. 28	Church Council - parlor	6:30pm
Wed. Jan. 29	Bible Study - parlor	12:30pm
Wed. Jan. 29	Choir - parlor	7:00pm

NOTE: We appreciate your patience while we are going through a transition in our music program. We are doing the best we can. Please pray for and support those who serve in the music ministry each week.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER: deadline to submit items is Friday, January 24

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. We appreciate your help in recycling whenever we can.

CONNECT CARDS -One of our primary purposes as a church is connecting with one another and with God. We want to improve our communication and responsiveness as a church family. **PLEASE** help us by filling out the Connect Card every week to respond to your experience of worship. Place the card in the offering plate, or give it to an usher, as an expression of your response. These cards will help us to care for and address your spiritual needs. (Fill out at least your name and date).

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK included 47 Christians on Saturday and Sunday in the Sanctuary. We celebrate and appreciate those who invite their friends and neighbors.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Church Secretary: **M: 10am – 2pm; T: 2-6pm; W- F: 10am-2pm**

Pastor: **Rev. Michael Pike:** T:11-2pm; W: 10-12noon; TH,F:11-1pm

EVENTS

GOD'S COMMUNITY GARDEN: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY 10 AM – 12 NOON:

To help with general garden maintenance, planting and harvesting. Another GREAT week of harvesting! **Volunteers harvested 60.5 lbs. of vegetables between Jan 12-18, all of which has been distributed to Wednesday Warm Up and the Florence Gray Center.**

FARM STANDS: The farm stands are now closed for the season.

BIBLE STUDY:

Mon. 7 – 8:30 pm at the home of Fred and Christine Dube, Portsmouth, studying “Steps To Freedom” by Neil T. Anderson.

Wed. 12:30-2:00 pm in the parlor, studying Romans.

PUMC WOMEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST—Sunday, January 26 at 8:30 am in the parlor. The Women's Group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER TRAINING –

A 45-minute training session will be held Sunday, January 26 at 11:00am after worship. Those wishing to volunteer as liturgists, ushers, greeters and slide projectionists should attend.

1 CHURCH 1 PRAYER—Next week, Monday, February 3, at 7pm at Evangelical Friends Church, 70 Bliss Mine Road, Middletown. Come join with other area Christians to pray together.



MONTHLY MONDAY MORNING BRUNCH (first Monday of the month at 10:00) –

Monday, Feb. 3 at Foodworks Restaurant, 2461 E. Main Rd, Portsmouth. Come join us for An opportunity to enjoy conversation and good food with some of our church family friends.

Meditation for the Day

I will never forget to say thank you to God, even on the greyest days. My attitude will be one of humility and gratitude. Saying thank you to God is a daily practice that is absolutely necessary. If a day is not one of thankfulness, the practice has to be repeated until it becomes so. Gratitude is a necessity for those who seek to live a better life.

~Hazelden: *Twenty-Four Hours a Day*

CURRENT ISSUES IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-

General Conference 2020 is coming up on May 5-15, 2020 in Minneapolis, MN. Major issues are being considered which may include a division of the Church into two or more separate entities. We want to openly discuss the issues involved here at PUMC. We will be providing prayer and discussion times, educational material, and answers to many of the questions you have. Pastor Mike is available to discuss the issues and to help us to be prepared. Start with reading basic information to become more aware. To find out more go to the links below. More to come . . .

If you would like to talk about what's going on in the church in a discussion group, please check "Other" on your Connect Card and write in "UMC". The February Newsletter will include links and basic information as well. Please be in prayer for our larger denomination and our local Church.

General Conference 2020 <http://gc2020.umc.org/>

Comparison of Proposals

<https://cdnsc.umc.org/-/media/umc-media/2019/11/08/17/05/gc2020-proposed-umc-plans-chart-nov-2019>

Council of Bishops - the Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation (PRGTS) released Jan 3

<https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/newsdetail/united-methodist-traditionalists-centrists-progressives-bishops-sign-agreement-aimed-at-separation-13133654>

Thanks and appreciation from Pastor Mike for all of your kind texts, emails and cards on the passing of his mom, Shirley Pike:

"We deeply appreciate everyone's prayers and love – the Lord was present every step of the way. Your prayers also helped carry us through."
~Pastor Mike

ANNOUNCEMENTS Jan. 25-26, 2020

WELCOME VISITORS – We are glad you are here. Please fill out your information on the Connect Card and check off "Visitor". **You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.**

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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL – Wednesdays at 7pm in the parlor.

HANDBELL REHEARSAL – weekly on Tuesdays at 4:30pm.
Talk to Janet Rego if you are interested



ARE WE OPEN OR CLOSED? – We do everything possible to stay open, but in the event of a winter storm requiring us to close the church or cancel worship on Saturday or Sunday it will be listed on local TV broadcasts and radio stations. If you would like to be notified by text you can sign up by going to:

<http://www.ribroadcasters.com/news-andevents/newsalert-messaging/default.aspx>

There will be a BAPTISM and a MEMBERSHIP Service on Sunday, Feb. 23 at PUMC. If anyone is interested in joining the church or having their child baptized, please check "Other" on the back of your Connect Card and write in "baptism" or "membership" so we can provide information and instruction. Parents will need to spend time with Pastor Mike to prepare for baptism. Those interested in membership will need to attend a Membership Class or meet with Pastor Mike before Feb. 23. If you will indicate your interest, we will contact you to set up a class or appointment. Or . . . speak with Pastor Mike directly.

****Coming Soon . . . Pray New England Event March 26-28, 2020 at Evangelical Friends Church (EFC) of Newport (see the special insert this week)**