

MEETINGS – Week of 2/16

Date	Meeting	Time
Sun. Feb. 16	UMC Discussion Grp Mtg - parlor	11:30am
Mon. Feb. 17	Bible Study – 85 Robin Road	7:00pm
Tue. Feb. 18	SPRC - parlor	6:30pm
Wed. Feb. 19	Bible Study - parlor	12:30pm
Wed. Feb. 19	Choir - parlor	7:00pm
Thur. Feb. 20	Congreg. Care - parlor	9:00am
Sun. Feb 23	Women's Group - parlor	8:30am
Sun. Feb 23	Men's Group – Parish Hall	8:45am
Sun. Feb.23	Volunteer Training - Sanctuary	11:00am

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.

MARCH NEWSLETTER: deadline to submit items is

Friday, February 21

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 58 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: Office CLOSED for Presidents' Day; T - F: 10am-2pm**

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

EVENTS

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

To help with general garden maintenance, planting and harvesting. **Volunteers harvested 272 lbs. of vegetables in the month of January which continue to be 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.

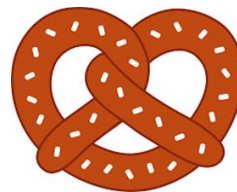
SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER TRAINING – Rescheduled

A 45-minute training session will be held Sunday, February 23 at 11:00am after worship. Those wishing to volunteer as liturgists, ushers, greeters and slide projectionists should attend.

Mark your calendars – **WALK TO EMMAUS is coming in April. More information in the February Newsletter and to follow in the bulletin. Men's Weekend: April 23-26, 2020 – (Pastor Mike plans to be a leader); Women's Weekend: April 30- May 2, 2020

<http://www.sneemmaus.org/wp/events/>

Deadline for Applications is Feb 21 – speak to Pastor Mike TODAY



PRETZEL SUNDAY – Feb. 23 - The Sunday School Children will make pretzels for the congregation “to remind us of arms crossed in prayer..” as a start to the Lenten Season.

Meditation for the Day

Like a tree, I must be pruned of a lot of dead branches before I will be ready to bear good fruit. Think of changed people as trees that have been stripped of their old branches, pruned, cut, and bare. But through the dark, seemingly dead branches flows silently, secretly, the new sap, until with the sun of spring comes new life. There are new leaves, buds, blossoms, and fruit, many times better because of the pruning. I am in the hands of a Master Gardener, who makes no mistakes in His pruning. ~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 – with each other openly 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.

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/comparing-plans-headed-to-gc2020-revised-12-2019>

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.

**Our FIRST one hour open discussion meeting will be held:
Sunday February 16 AFTER Worship and AFTER Fellowship
Roughly beginning at 11:30 am in the Parlor.**

Submit Questions on your Connect Card Today !

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



**Thanks to loving volunteers at PUMC, 35
handmade Valentines were delivered to the
Veterans' Home in Bristol.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Feb. 15-16, 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.

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.

**PUMC WOMEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST—Sunday,
February 23 at 8:30 am in the parlor. The Women's Group
meets on the fourth Sunday of the month.**

**PUMC MEN'S GROUP— monthly meeting on Sunday,
February 23 at 8:45 am in the Parish Hall. The Men's Group
meets on the fourth Sunday of the month.**



**ASH WEDNESDAY – Feb. 26 at
Calvary UMC, 200 Turner Rd.
Middletown. The UM Churches of
Aquidneck Island will celebrate
together with a Meal at 5:53pm and
Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm.**