



GOOD TIDINGS

JUNE 2021

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MIKE

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Blessed is
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 10:00 AM

BOTH on ZOOM

Call for details (that cannot be published)

. Looking Ahead . . . Special “Called” Church Conference Meeting – July 11

Every year we gather to nominate and elect committees, leaders, and officers of the church. At the end of June, we elect people in the church family to share in the ministry and mission of the local church family by leading ministries and service projects for July 1 through the following June 30. Due to some scheduling needs this year, we have scheduled our Special Called Church Conference for the second Sunday in July - on July 11 (instead of June 27). This meeting is most often held directly following Worship on a Sunday morning / afternoon. The regular annual Church Conference is held near the end of the year and includes reports from ministries, committees, and task forces from the work and serving opportunities of the calendar year. This Special “Called” meeting is different in that the express purpose is to elect the leaders. With the permission of our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. David Calhoun, we will be led by an ordained elder (UMC pastor) from the area.

We need people, like YOU, to step up and serve the Lord by serving through the local church. The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee is seeking persons who are willing to give leadership in our ministry of disciple making and showing God’s love to our communities and neighbors. Please pray about whether God might be calling YOU to serve with your sisters and brothers in our church family. Together we can move forward in loving and serving our neighbors for the Lord. We need YOU !

Our tentative plan is to hold this meeting on ZOOM, but to also have some folks in-person in the sanctuary. This could be our very first time of meeting together ! Everything is conditional upon approval from the D.S. Calhoun and conditions in the state of Rhode Island for COVID-19 restrictions (IF there are any). Stay tuned for more news and information . . . This is exciting and gives us hope - anticipating being together! Please continue to pray for those in need and ask God to strengthen us and give us courage.

With you on the Journey,

Pastor Mike

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THE BASICS

Church Council Representatives	
Church Council Chair	Fred Dube
Church Council Secretary	
SPRC	Allison Handren Pam Burns
Education	Lori Bessette
Finance	Dave Brock
History/Memorials	Carol Hutchinson
Lay Leader	
Lay Member Ann. Conf.	Dick Taylor
Missions	Fred Dube
Nominations	Pastor Mike
Public Relations	Maryteresa Hicks
Treasurer	Patrick Warren
Trustees	Cliff Jeffries Jeannie Ingraham
Congregational Care Committee	Bryn Weymouth
Worship	
Phone numbers available in the Church Office at	
401-683-4005	



Portsmouth UMC Mission Statement

“Live our faith in ways that will bring people to Christ: by Worshiping God, Growing in faith, Reaching out, and Serving people in need, in order to build a community that continues Christ’s earthly mission.”



Tell us your email address...

If you received the newsletter by U.S. mail and have an email address, please forward it to Maryteresa at the office:

PortsmouthUMC@gmail.com

HOW TO REACH PASTOR MIKE

Please feel free to call my work cell number . . . or text me . . . at **401-787-4971**
(We no longer have a home phone at the Parsonage) or please try emailing me
at revmpike@gmail.com if you need a written reply.

WHEN PASTOR MIKE IS NOT AVAILABLE ...

PASTOR'S DAY OFF Pastor Mike's day off will be Mondays. Please call 683-4005 or email the office (portsmouthumc@gmail.com) if you need help.

PASTORAL CARE ***If you need pastoral care when Pastor Mike is away or on vacation, please call the office. Local pastors are available to visit while he is gone.**

***You may call Pastor's cellphone (401-787-4971) in any emergency or critical need.**

June Birthdays

1	Duke Ingraham	20	Gail Leyare
4	Alyssa Mathias	22	Jay Charette
8	Kurtis Swinehart	23	Mary Rogers
10	Jacob Waddicor	24	Sheila Schattle
11	Beth Brock	25	Jean Burton
13	Kristen (Weida) Smith	29	Sujean Jeffries
14	Becky(Ingraham)Haase		Ralph Peckham
17	Jennifer(Tiernan)Ouelette		Ryan Clarke
	LaRaine Weatherby	30	Larry Handren
			Mickey Pike
			Susan Millard

Staff Hours

Rev. Michael Pike:
Pastor's Work cell
401-787-4971
Email at revmpike@gmail.com
***Pastor Mike will be away
June 22–29**

Maryteresa Hicks
(Church Secretary) hours are:
The office is officially closed
due to the coronavirus however
mail, email and voicemail will
continue to be picked up and
replied to.

***The office will be closed
Monday, June 14**

Email at
Portsmouthumc@gmail.com
or call at 683-4005

Message from the ReGathering Task Force

Attached to the newsletter this month is a .pdf copy of the phone survey for those who may be attending worship in-person. This survey is designed to find out how you feel, and what you think, about regathering for worship and for meetings. The attached survey is NOT for you to fill out or send back, but to give you advance notice of what we will be asking. Someone from the ReGathering Task Force will be calling to talk with you in the next couple weeks. Thank you in advance for sharing your input into the process of coming back for worship together.

We already know that ZOOM will be provided for worship services at the same time as in-person attendance. We are struggling to know when and how to gather safely and as soon as possible. Thank you for your support and prayers in this process !

Pastor Mike on behalf of the Task Force
(Cliff Jeffries, Karen Meyer, Dick Taylor, and Bob Wheeler)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 CHURCH 1 PRAYER— Join via ZOOM with other area churches to pray the first Monday of every month. The ZOOM access information will be available in the weekly email to the congregation or you may contact the church office at 683-4005.
The next event will be **Monday, June 7 at 7pm via ZOOM**.

JULY NEWSLETTER—Deadline to submit items for the May Newsletter is Friday, June 25.

ST. JOHN'S FOOD BANK (previously known as THE PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK)— at St. John's Lodge No. 1, at 81 Sprague Street in Portsmouth gives out food to those in need on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am—4pm. They also take donations during those times as well. For more information contact them at 401-835-3819.

COMMUNITY MEALS— Praise to God for His presence in people and events surrounding the Community Meal! PUMC now distributes between 80 and 90 bagged meals on the first Thursday of every month, and our upcoming meal dates are June 3, July 1 and August 5.

PUMC is currently sharing 2021 grant funding awarded to Calvary, Middletown to feed the hungry on Aquidneck Island. This grant funding and our dedicated volunteers have enabled PUMC to increase the meals we prepare to include feeding folks who have no transportation to St. Paul's from their transitional housing at the Harbor Base Pineapple Inn and Motel 6 in Middletown. Thank you Lorna and Jim Tiernan for coming forward to plan delivery of meals to both hotels during July thru September!

Thank you Bunny Miller and Mark and Kenny Joaquin who greet diners on the first Thursday of every month at St. Paul's in Newport from 5 to 6 pm. There is great blessing in handing out the meals and toiletries to the diners at St. Paul's, helping also to satisfy their hunger for a caring word. Please consider volunteering to help distribute meals at St. Paul's when our experienced volunteers can be present to explain how things are done.

We are still seeking volunteers to help with preparing 20 bagged meals per household. Two of our regular volunteers will be on vacation in July; so we urgently need volunteers to come forward to help prepare the July meal. **There is nothing you need to buy!** Food, beverage, and non-food items needed for the bagged meals will be provided to each household. Thank you Elizabeth Cochran, Maryteresa and Dave Hicks, and Susan Walker who prepare bagged meals regularly. Welcome Janet Schlosky and Suzie Rucondo who are helping prepare the June meal!

Many thanks to all who make donations to help cover community meal costs and for donations of personal care items. (Grant funding only covers food items; no beverages, no plastic or paper products, and no personal care items.)

Your participation is needed for PUMC to sustain this critical ministry to feed the hungry on Aquidneck Island. PUMC's Community Meals ministry is an amazing opportunity to serve The LORD while serving members of our community and to strengthen friendships with fellow Christians. We thank and praise God for using all involved to do His good works! Please contact Christine Dube'.

Blessings,
Christine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINE/COMMUNION CUPS

sanitized sealed cups for Holy Communion are available at the church entrance in the box, for you to prepare for taking Holy Communion at home whenever you want to pick them up ... for Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6.



SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT-

Pastor Mike has sent a letter of support to Karen's Hair Design and we will pray as a church family for this business and it's workers at worship on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6. If you know of a local business you would like to support and pray for in this way please contact the church office and let us know of the business and your connection to it.

"SHARE THE LOVE" FUNDRAISER -

We are continuing this fundraiser through June 30 and We need your help. We are still looking for volunteers to sell signs in 2-hour slots between 10am - 2pm at each location on Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays. If you would like to help the church pay it's Mission Shares and support other community projects please sign up.



Please click on the link below to go to the sign-up sheet. Please note for each date and location there are 4 slots, 2 for 10am - 12pm and 2 for 12pm - 2pm. Thank you for helping support the food needs of the local community as well as the missions of our church.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4BADAC22A3FA7-share>

If you do not have email and would like to volunteer please contact the office at 683-4005.

MEMORIAL DAY GERANIUMS -

have been placed by the Altar Committee on the graves of Mr. & Mrs. Clifton B. Tallman, parents of Chester B. & Clara J.M. Tallman, and his grandparents Lewis J. & Hannah T. Munroe, Lois & Sidney Hedly and Dorothy Piermont.





PORTSMOUTH PRAISES

~Praises to Lori Bessette and Bonnie Waddicor, who have been busy little bees cleaning and organizing the Sunday School room and also cleaning out the youth room closets. Many thanks for all the work you do and continue to do.

~Praises to Carol Hutchinson for prerecording the morning message for Pentecost while Pastor Mike was in Maine with his father. (Carol and Dave were in NH that week-end for the first time since late September, 2019.

~Praises to all the people who are volunteering to help with the Community Meal, including Jan Schlosky Susie Rucando, Susan Walker, Elizabeth Cochran, Bunny Miller, Kenny Joaquin, and Mark Joaquin.

~Praises to Christine Dube, who is working so diligently to co-ordinate everything for the Community Meal.

~Praises to our worship team that enable us to worship each Sunday via ZOOM - Pastor Mike, Dick Taylor, Fred Dube, Dave Venancio, Ruth Faria, Lori Bessette, and Carol Swinehart.

~Carol Hutchinson

THANK YOU! *to the PUMC church family for all your prayers and get well wishes. Your kindness has been a blessing during my recuperation. -Maryteresa*



GOD'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

***Volunteers are welcome and you can be socially distanced as you help us in the garden.**



For those who would like to donate to the garden, please send checks made out to God's Community Garden to the Calvary United Methodist Church, 200 Turner Rd. Middletown, RI, 02842.

Garden Report for the weeks of May 2nd & 9th from Peggy Hanney:

Greetings,

There have been a lot of changes at the garden these past two weeks. We now have a new shed and another golf cart. Thanks to the service group from URI this past Thursday the new shed is painted once as are the molding around the greenhouse doors, the rotted raised beds are now in a bag for disposal, the side of hoop house two is fully weeded, most stakes are in on greenhouse three, shade clothes are now on all hoop houses and some of the weeding was done around the raised beds. It is amazing what 13 students can accomplish in 7 hours. Monday volunteers harvested beet greens, chard, spinach and carrots. Plus, they were able to rake in a few rows of the compost in greenhouse 3. Tuesday volunteers harvested celery, outside onions, lettuce and chard while others did the bagging. Maggie planted some broccoli and kale plants outside. Wednesdays I delivered the produce to St. John's Food Pantry (formerly the Portsmouth Food Bank). Judi was at the garden both Wednesdays, working on the hoop house. On Thursdays Susan helped put up all the stakes in greenhouse two and Christine was able to separate the plants that have sprouted in the chard and spinach beds outside..

This week we will be conditioning the straw bales, planting tomatoes in greenhouse 3, the old celery, lettuce and spinach plants will be removed and new compost put down. We have a special community service person that will be at the garden this coming week and he will be painting, weeding and planting and doing any job that we never seem to have the time to do.

Good news, we have received three grants that Linda Wood had applied for. We received money from Aquidneck Island Land Grant, The Rhode Island Foundation and The Aletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust in California.

We have vents that need to be installed in Greenhouse Three. If anyone knows of someone who can do that work please let us know. We also have a few raised beds that we would like to make deeper so we could use someone with some carpentry skills.

~Thanks, Peggy

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1:00-Bible Study	3 10:30 Regathering TF Community Meal 5-6pm	4	5 5pm- Worship Service ZOOM Communion
*Pastor Mike will be away June 22—28						
6 9 Sunday School 10 am Worship ZOOM Communion	7 7 pm Bible Study ZOOM 7pm 1 Church 1 Prayer via ZOOM	8 6:30 SPRC ZOOM	9 1:00-Bible Study ZOOM	10 10:30 Regathering TF	11	12 5pm- Worship Service ZOOM
13 9 Sunday School 10 am Worship ZOOM	14 7 pm Bible Study ZOOM	15 7:30 Finance ZOOM	16 1:00-Bible Study ZOOM	17 10:30 Regathering TF	18	19 5pm- Worship Service ZOOM
20 9 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship ZOOM	21 7 pm Bible Study ZOOM	22	23 1:00-Bible Study ZOOM	24	25	26 5pm- Worship Service ZOOM
27 9 Sunday School 10 am Worship ZOOM	28 7 pm Bible Study ZOOM	29 6:30 Church Council ZOOM	30 1:00-Bible Study ZOOM			
***Share the Love Fundraiser—Continues thru June 30, W, TH & F from 10am- 2pm at : O'Reilly's Auto Parts, Clements' Market, St. John's Food Bank and Cindy's Country Café.						