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# The Messenger

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**2026**  
**Annual Conference**  
**Session**

**THEME** ▶  
**"Faith for our Future, Loving Boldly"**

**June 4-6**  
with the clergy and laity  
sessions on **June 3**

Now faith is confidence in  
what we hope for and  
assurance about what  
we do not see | Hebrews 11:1

**New England Conference**  
The United Methodist Church

Doubletree Hotel, Manchester NH



## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9-2

Beginning JUNE 1ST- SEPTEMBER 1ST

## Future Gen

### June schedule



7th– Practice for Children's Day

14th– Children's Day

21 & 28– Worship together with your families

Classes resume September 13th.

Have a great summer!



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Family and Friends of FUMC,

One of the quiet miracles of spring is the color green. Not just any green, but that fresh, tender, almost glowing green that appears only for a brief moment each year. It covers the hillsides, stretches across our neighborhoods, and suddenly transforms what looked bare and lifeless only weeks ago. Every year, I find myself amazed by it. Through the long winter and muddy early spring, the trees appeared dry, empty, and almost lifeless. And yet, hidden deep within those seemingly dry branches, life was patiently waiting for the right season to emerge. Now the buds have opened, and we wonder: How was life there all along?

Over these past weeks, we have walked through a season of sorrow together as we said goodbye to three dear friends from our congregation. Loss has touched many hearts. Grief has a way of making us feel like those winter branches—drained, weary, fragile, and empty. Sometimes it becomes difficult to imagine that hope or joy could ever grow again from hearts weighed down by sadness.

But even in grief, something sacred has been quietly happening among us. I have seen kindness. I have witnessed gentle encouragement. I have watched deep compassion flow from one person to another in ways beyond explanation. I have seen meals shared, prayers whispered, tears embraced, hands held, cards written, and silence honored with love. And somehow, through all of this, the peace of God that surpasses all understanding has been present among us.

That peace does not erase sorrow. It does not pretend everything is fine. Rather, it reminds us that even in our mourning, God is still nurturing life within us. Just like those branches holding hidden buds through the winter months, our hearts still carry the promise of renewal, even when we cannot yet see it ourselves. These are signs of resurrection life quietly unfolding among us. This is what it means to be the church.

So I encourage all of us in the days ahead to continue sharing your thoughts and feelings with one another. Continue reaching out intentionally to the families and friends who are grieving. Continue making phone calls, sending cards, offering meals, praying, visiting, and simply showing up. Sometimes we underestimate how powerful small acts of care can be, but often those simple gestures become the very evidence of God's love for someone struggling to keep going.

In this way, we continue to remind ourselves that FUMC is a strong and loving church family—a community where no one suffers alone, and where together we help one another move beyond pain and suffering toward healing and hope.

In Christ's peace,

Ho-Soon

## June

If you do not see your birthday listed, or date is incorrect, please contact the church office to update your information.

Happy  
Birthday

3	Jayden Watson	16	Robert Morse
6	Pat Hewitt	18	Richard Watcher
6	Patrick Meehan	20	Henry Wolforth
11	Fallone Evans Parsell	22	Kristen Hearn
12	Karen Tompson	23	Donna Downes
13	Jane Combs	24	Samantha Battis
15	Scott Benoit	26	Eileen Foss
15	Pat Karmeris	26	Lynn Georgious
15	Ariane Ludwig	29	Ray Keefe
15	Kelly Hearn	29	Jeff Rasmussen
15	Jacob Meehan-Ross	29	Alan Miltner
16	Kaylee Mayotte	30	Julie Gagne
16	Kathy Mills	30	Charlotte Libby

Happy  
Anniversary

June 7- Mary & George Kasic

June 8- Gail and Bill Burns

June 14- Donna and Ken Downes

June 15- Amy and Mike Cook

June 20- Janice and Henry Walfarth

June 28- Edna and Warren Carr

June 30- Kelly and Gib Hearn

## Worship Assistants for June

### Greeters

7	Sam & Lorie Tweedy
14	Sue Parsell
21	Eileen Foss
28	Pat Hewitt

### Acolytes

Declan Meehan
Madilyn Gabbard
Natalia Hernandez Parsell
Charlotte Pyrich

# JUNE

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Project Linus <i>7pm Stewardship and Finance</i>	2 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm RfK Board <i>6pm Witherell Bells</i> 7pm Scouts	3 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts PACK 184 <i>6:45pm Disciple Bible Study</i>	4 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6:30pm Seacoast Carvers <i>6:30pm Choir</i> 7pm District 15	5 10am Take down photos	6 10am AA Group <b>10-12 PHOTO PICKUP</b>
7 <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> 9:30am Worship <b>BIRTHDAYS AND BLESSINGS AFTER WORSHIP</b> <b>Tri-State Rural Team Training--after worship</b> 5pm Fellowship kitchen	8 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Project Linus <i>6:30pm Worship Committee</i>	9 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 7pm Scouts <i>7pm Steeple Committee</i>	10 9 am Linus 6pm Cub Scouts <i>6:45pm Disciple Bible Study</i>	11 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 5pm Narean Safety <i>6:30pm Choir</i>	12	13 10am AA Group
14 <b>CHILDREN'S DAY</b> 9:30am Worship 10:45 Christian Ed 5pm Fellowship Kitchen	15 <b>NEWLETTER DEADLINE</b> 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Project Linus <i>7 pm Admin. Council</i>	16 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Patrol Leader 7pm Scouts <i>7pm Trustees</i>	17 8am Rochester Mental Health Alliance 9 am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts <i>6:45pm Disciple Bible Study</i>	18 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6:30 Seacoast Carvers <i>6:30 Choir</i>	19	20 10am AA Group
21 <b>FATHERS DAY</b> 9:30am Worship 12pm David Wold Recital 5pm Fellowship Kitchen <b>SUMMER SOLSTICE</b>	22 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Project Linus <i>6:30 pm SPPRC</i>	23 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 7pm Scouts	24 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts <i>6:45pm Disciple Bible Study</i>	25 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen <i>6:00 pm Choir Picnic at the Wilderman's</i>	26	27 10am AA Group
28 9:30am Worship 5pm Fellowship Kitchen	29 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Project Linus	30 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 7pm Scouts	1	2	3	
Tri-State Rural Mission Team Trip to UMEM						

## Worship Assistants for June

### Ushers

### Liturgists

7	Donna Walter/ Mary Rosic	Ariane Ludwig
14	Pat Hewitt	Brogan Meehan
21	Don and Sue Raab	Karen Manning
28	Deb Boynton/ Marianne Gustafson	John Wilderman

## PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN JUNE

### June 7

Ruth 1:1-22  
Matthew 5:3-10

*Ruth — A Love Story 1 “When the World Becomes Empty”*

### June 14

*Children’s Sunday*

### June 21

Ruth 2:1-23  
Luke 10:25-37

*Ruth — A Love Story 2 — “Kindness in a Broken Field”*

Children’s Message-Jane Combs

### June 28

Ruth 3:1-4:22  
Matthew 1:1-6

*Ruth — A Love Story 3 — “Love Woven into Salvation”*

Children’s Message-Kristen Sturtevant

## REMINDER- JULY AND AUGUST MESSENGER WILL BE A COMBINED EDITION.

**Messenger**  
Monthly Newsletter

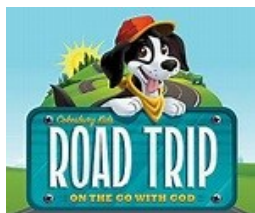
Notes are due on the 15th of each month.

Send them to Donna Downes  
at [kdd@metrocast.net](mailto:kdd@metrocast.net)



# Christian Education

## VBS



July 20– 24 from 5:00pm-7:30pm.  
First United Methodist Church  
34 South Main Street, Rochester, NH

ON THE GO WITH GOD!  
“THE LORD GOD IS WITH YOU WHERE  
EVER YOU GO.” JOSHUA 1:9

Save the date: We are going on a Road Trip. Join us for an exciting adventure on the open road, where kids embark on thrilling journeys to fantastic destinations. Led by Navigator and their adventurous pup Scout, children will discover that go is always with them. They'll explore timeless stories from the Old and New Testaments, learning how to face challenges and find strength in God's presence. We will gather from 5:00-7:30 with dinner, games, crafts, bible stories, music and more.

Registration will open on our website starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you would like to donate food items to help us offset our costs we will have donation lists in the welcome center starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

We thank everyone for their support and help. Please contact Dan Saucier [dasaucier@gmail.com](mailto:dasaucier@gmail.com) with questions.

# FUMC HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

In 1821-22 Rev. Damon Young was pastor and left the society in a prosperous condition. (McDuffee 1988, 263)

In 1823 Revs. Jotham Horton and William McCoy were colleagues, alternating in their pulpit ministrations to the entire satisfaction of the people. While here Mr. Horton organized the M.E. Church at Dover. He was twice Delegate to the General Conference, and in 1842 was one of the first to withdraw on account of Slavery. He afterwards returned and was stationed in Dorchester, Mass., where he died in 1853. His last testimony was, “All my hope is in Christ. My sins, my labors, my righteousness, my uprightness, I lay at the feet of Christ. I trust only in him.” (McDuffee 1988, 263)

In 1824 Rev. Benjamin Jones was pastor. He was a faithful preacher for many years in the Maine Conference, and died in Friendship, Me. From 1810 the meetings had been held in the old Court House. Here were held the old-fashioned quarterly meetings which were usually occasions of great power. As in the old meeting-houses of that day, so here in this old courtroom no fire was thought of, even in midwinter. But the time had now arrived to arise and build, and measures were taken to secure by subscription the necessary funds.

The site of the old Barker tavern which had been recently burned, was purchased as the most desirable location. Charles Dennett, Simon Chase, William Trickey, Daniel Waldron, and James C. Cole were the building committee. It was agreed that the house should be 42 by 55 feet in size, and of “a plain and decent style.” The subscribers were to pay in building material, labor, grain, or cash, as they preferred. (McDuffee 1988, 263)

McDuffee, Franklin. 1988. *History of the Town of Rochester New Hampshire 1722-1890*. Re-print. Somersworth, NH: New England History Press.

To be continued  
**Kent Marzoli, Records and History**



## *Eager Hearts Reunion Group*

*Next meeting date is  
Tuesday, June 9th at 3:30pm  
Lone Oak Ice Cream*

Please bring your cross and your purple book

If you have attended the Walk to Emmaus and did not receive an email invitation to reunion group meetings, please contact Pat Hewitt at [pugles4@yahoo.com](mailto:pugles4@yahoo.com). Your input is valuable to us.

Please respond if you wish to be taken of the email list.  
Hope to see you there!

De Colores



**Personal Concerns- cont.**

Doug Lindsay; Michael; Chantelle; Carolyn Meehan; Tracy Lange; Amanda and family; Leclair; Tracy; Baby Alice; Shirley Brannock; Carolyn Wilderman; Macee; Maggie; Lily Hess; Tina Weaver; Benjamin Horta; Debra Scarponi; Elaine Hartford; Monique Bamford; Carol Chick; Maddie Zayla Rosea; Bishop Mariann Bedde; Russell Scott; Bill; Steve; Sue St. Peter; Camden; Stephanie; Kristen; Dave Lemire; Glen Foss; David Lindsay; Mike; Francine Dion; Devin Schaffer; Mike; Carol; Larry; Francine Dion; Frank Locke; Jan Becker; Peter; John Hebert and wife Tina; Debbie Smith; Mike Buceiri; Lee and Michael Wygant; Betsy Fisher; Linda Rankin, Margaret and Makeyla, Amanda Tweedy; Sarah; David Smith; Glenn Cooper; Patty Ernest; Braden Ross; Trica Oliver; Christina Napolitano; Randy; Steve; Jakob; Pastor John Hutchinson; Bonnie Succi; Samantha Cole; Ara Tamzarian; Martha Fantasia; Elaine Lindsay; Matt Chase; Denise C; Nancy Warren; Barry Ellsworth; Bob E.; Pat Neal; George Livingston; Dale Marino; John Landers; David Lindsay; Mike and Carol Chick; Carole Albert; Rebecca Laurion; Nell Sylvain; Carol; Tammy and Charlie Allard; Allison; Paul and Cheryl; Tammy and Charlie Allard; Robin Sandborn; Carol; Denise Wilcox; Nate Phinney; Erin, Emily, Richie and Paul Southard; Aden and Jane; Carole; Mike Torres; Hailey Raab; Nick Rosic; Deb Storrs; Elaine Leughmyer; Marian Miller; Carol Raab; Pam Ferriera; Bill Wise; Ginny Veno; Sherry; Jen Livingston; Nancy Manning; Bill Hoelscher; Leslie Keller; Marie; Jeff Grote; Amy; Lexi Keyser; Nick; Patrick Combs; Ellen Drew; Ron Zielfelder, Carole; Roger Frasier; Ric and Vicki Wachter; Phil; Sarabeth and Peter; Bob H.; Gary; Mr. Cormier; Martha Fantasia; Carole; Sue Yun; Jessica Milliard; Carol Park; Katrinka Walsh; Bruce Perry and Family; John Boudreau; Geraldine Boudreau; Sharon; Uncle Nick; Bob H.; Paul Lessard; Betty; Cory; Carol Carr; Jackie and Husband; Donna Blair; Doug Coons; Tori; Rosemary Guptill; Glenn LaRoche; Taylor Spedding and father; Clio; Jeff Grote; Jack Jones; Steve Dube; Chris Pinkey; Jackie Morganti; Claire; Claudette and Deb; Robby; Frank Coleman; Elizabeth and Matt Wood; Jane; Pat Froh; Paul; Bill Wise; Julie; Jennifer Livingston; Carole Albert; Abbie; Stephanie; **Karen Clarke; Haley, Tyler and Stephanie Livingston; Jessica Gustafson; Charlotte Libby; Margaret Combs; Diane Jones; Alicia Banville; Lester Huckins; Charlotte Parsell; Sarabeth; Jane Combs; Jade; Joanne Sylvain; Mary Rosic**

**Prayers of congratulations for the 2026 graduating classes; Ken Mannings retirement after 42 years of service**

**Prayers of thanksgiving: John Sheehan**

**Prayers of condolences for the Family and Friends of: Helen Constantine; Janet Walker; Joann Schafer; Paul Bourque; Leanne Bourgeois; Dot Herson**

**Prayers for the Ministry we support: Dr. Belinda Forbes and Family**



# Christian Education



*The Walk to Emmaus is a weekend of spiritual enrichment that focuses on God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, helping the participants to renew their connection with Christ and consider Christ's model of servanthood. During the weekend you will explore a spiritual journey of fellowship, fun and Christian renewal.*

*While this is not an actual physical walk, there is some physical movement/walking involved.*

**Men's and Women's Walk Dates:  
Thursday, October 15th at 7pm to  
Sunday, October 18th at 5pm**

If you are interested in attending a walk, want more information, or wish to sponsor someone for the upcoming walks, please contact either Pat Hewitt, Kelly Hearn or Donna Downes.

## Please take note

### Altar Flowers



If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on any **Sunday**, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. You are responsible for ordering, delivering, and retrieving the flowers after the service. Please notify the office of your flower dedication at least one week in advance so it can be included in the bulletin



### Directory Updates

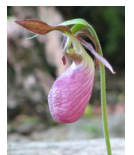
The Church office is requesting any updates to your directory information to ensure our records remain current. Please provide any changes to your home address, home or cell phone numbers, birth dates, anniversaries, or the groups you attend.

### Google Calendar

If you would like to add an event to the calendar or request to use the building, please contact Roseann in the office at [office@firstumcrochester.org](mailto:office@firstumcrochester.org) to ensure your event is posted. Please remember to include any necessary setup or take-down time in your request.

### *Ecclesiastes 3:11:*

*"He has made everything beautiful in its time."*



# Congratulations Graduates



**Zackary Cook will be graduating from Portsmouth Christian Academy in Dover.**

He has worked at Market Basket in Rochester since he was 14 and has been offered a full-time position there.

He will be continuing his education earning an Associate Degree in Business Administration at Great Bay Community College while he works full time.. His future plans



are to possibly pursue a career in law enforcement after earning his college degree.



**Jonathan Murphy will be graduating from Spaulding High School in Rochester.**

He will also graduate from the Southern York County Fire Academy and expect to receive his EMT certification this fall.



**Jennifer Murphy is graduating from UNH** with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Ed Childhood Education.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026 GRADUATION SENIORS:

Zachary Cook, Jonathan Murphy, Sophia Rice, Even Thompson, Jayden Brown, Ethan Morin and Connor Tune.

MYF and UWIF will be sponsoring a pizza party for all high school graduates.

*If your graduates name is not included on this list above, please notify Amy Cook in advance. UWIF will be presenting give bags as token of appreciation.*

UWiF Scholarship deadline is June 15th therefore scholarship recipients will be notified individually after the deadline.



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please let the office know if there is someone to add or also to remove from the ongoing prayer list. We try to keep this list up to date. **Bold indicates new addition to prayer lists.**

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### Concerns- General

Prayers for those who are homeless, hungry or unemployed; those affected by natural disasters such as floods, fires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes; those who struggle with chronic pain, mental and medical health illness, addiction, cancer, loss of jobs, healthcare and other services, families in turmoil; deportation; all children; those suffering with financial issues, personal stress and mental health issues; those who are celebrating LOVE; People of Ukraine; City of Minneapolis; victims of violence; airline tragedies; Gaza; Middle East Conflicts; Israel and Jordan for peace; Christians in Nigeria; Victims of Brown University shooting ; end to gun violence; Armed Service members and First Responders

### Personal Concerns-

Warren and Edna Carr; Tim Hill; Bertha Huckins; Henry and Janice Wolforth; Larry and Cindy Edgerly; Lynda Ward; Carol Bolduc; Lois Coate; Robin Stevens; Olin Jackson; Jennifer Philips; Christin; Megan; Baby Archie; Nicholas; Jennifer Carter; Monica and Richard; Jacki Emma McQueen; David Goethel; John Leary; Jacolyn Hartford; Makayla Herget; Joseph; Donette Sylvester; Carrie; Amy B; John; Sister Katie Hoelscher; Valerie; Susan Morissette; Nancy; Katie Jean Sharp; Fred Hildebrant; William Bujold; Robert and Dan Devoid; Jenny Farkas' dad; Jeanne; Jill; Callan Mimmon; Jillian; Kelly; Charles Crone; Priscilla; Jim and Becky McQueen; Melissa White; Mary Jane and Carly; Hayden Kessey; Valerie Hoelscher; Pat Demaris; Lindsay; Kevin Magner; Jeff; Jackie and Bill Smith; Brannon; Lynn Ricker; Bernie; Gabby; Lisa Staple; Rosemary Lucus; Cheryl Flamen; Arlene and Joy; Glenn Gault; Lino Mion; Sherry Cathcart; June Knight; Amber Hall; Kevin; John; Vivian ; David Ericson; Rachel G; Cassidy Brennan; Kevin Menard; Jon Menard; Steve Marison; Paul and Angie; David; David Ericson; Madelyn; Brittany's niece; Kay Sylvain; Michael Bujold; Logan & family; Matt G; Lisa Staples; Angie; Nathan; Irene; Bill; Karen; Mary Heather; Marcy; Melissa; Rosemary; Carol; Pauline Graham; Anthony; Bud Lee; Rosemary Guptill; Bob Mankittick, Warren Cummings; Zach Foss; Kelly Merrihew; Henry McMullen; Nancy-Ann Ferren; Cheyenne Noble; Mikey Spell; Mary; John; Jean Brisco; Timothy Branyen; Rachel and Lorena; Katherine Brody; Beth Gould; Anita Brown; Ida Kneeland; Betsy and Dale Kneeland; Dan Goethel; Timothy Branyen; Peter Rankins; Carol McMullen; Joyce Goodberry; Natalie and Dave; Leo Rankins; Ron Menard; Dean and Lori; Dave Ropel; Mei Hayes; Jay Tanger; Eugene and Ruth Hoelscher; Pat Demaris; Kevin Magner; Joanne Sylvain; Hazel; Marilyn Ives; Dona Sanborn; James; Dave and Natalie Lemier; Faith Williams, Franchesca Panniello; Barb and Ron Rafferty; Kelsie Sargent and parents; Rankins; Lisa; Julie Tweedy; Kelly;

# Recipe(s) of the Month

## ICED TEA (makes two gallons)

20 tea bags      1/3 cup concentrated lemon juice  
1 and 1/2 cups sugar

Remove the paper tags off tea bags. Tie strings together and put in a 2 quart glass picture. Pour about 2 quarts of boiling water over the tea bags. Let set till cool or lukewarm.

To each gallon jug add 1 and 1/2 cups sugar and 1/3 cup lemon juice. Add a little water to dissolve the sugar.

Squeeze and remove tea bags from glass picture. Divide the tea concentrate evenly between the two jugs; add water to make 1 gallon each. Shake well. Pour over ice and enjoy.

## OLD FASHIONED LEMONADE

6 lemons    1 cup sugar    6 cups water

Gather ingredients together. Juice the lemons, it should make 1 cup of lemon juice.

Place sugar and water in a 1/2 gallon (2 quart) container. Shake or stir to mix the sugar and lemon juice.

Add 6 cups water and stir to mix. Chill, serve over ice.

*Helpful Hints for above recipes:*

- ◆ Omit the lemon juice and sweetener from the ice tea for traditional unsweetened ice tea.
- ◆ Roll the lemons before juicing for a better juice production.
- ◆ Use artificial sweetener instead of sugar for a low-calorie beverage

3 TAB lemon concentrate= one lemon



# Update from the Steeple Committee



As of 5/12/2026

we have received \$209,711.44  
for the campaign (\$42,399.35 YTD)  
\$142,025.17 in contributions  
\$10,704.24 in fundraisers  
\$56,982.03 in community gifts

A sub-committee has been working diligently in the process of acquiring proposals for the project and a decision will be made very soon. The project will be in three phases beginning with the steeple and clock.

The church has also been accepted by New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) to apply for the 2026 grant round, and we are currently going through the application process that is due by June 17. It is our hope that construction will begin in 2027.

We would like to thank everyone involved in fundraising efforts. We will continue to explore these efforts in 2026 and 2027 and would appreciate your ideas and involvement.

Thank you,

## A note from Finance

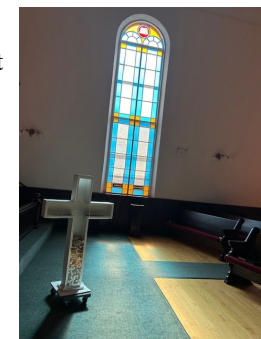
Happy Spring! With the imminent arrival of full summer, our Coins for Christ collection has started.

The beautifully made cross will be at the front of the sanctuary each Sunday throughout the summer until the end of September to collect any change you may have and wish to donate to the church. A time for change collection is usually noted in the bulletin during the final hymn.

As always, our goal is to try to fill the cross by the end of September. So far I believe we have made it to the cross arms in most year.

The funds collected are applied to the General Fund of the budget to meet some of the cost of our ministry programs.

Cynthia Sparks  
Chairperson, Finance




# Save the Date

FUMC MISSION TEAM  
INFO SESSION  
**JUNE 7 AFTER WORSHIP**  
CONTACT KEN DOWNES FOR MORE INFORMATION.  
June 28-July 1, 2026  
United Methodist Economic Ministry, Salem, ME



Information Session on Narcan Safety  
June 11, 5 p.m.  
Presented by  
Peter Fifield  
Director of Behavioral Health,  
Wentworth Douglass Hospital  
Bring your questions and curiosity.



FUMC MISSION TEAM  
June 28-July 2, 2026  
United Methodist Economic Ministry, Salem, ME  
JOIN THE MISSION TEAM TO WORK FOR  
HOME REPAIRS, THRIFT SHOP, FOOD PANTRY, ETC.  
CONTACT KEN DOWNES FOR MORE INFORMATION.



# Missions and Outreach

## NEWS FROM N.O.W., Nature, Outreach and Witness



We will celebrate Birthdays & Blessings will be on Sunday, June 7th after worship service

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**  
No Mission for month for June/ July

**Upcoming mission for August/ September**  
**Paper Goods for the Warming Shelter**

We are looking for volunteers to host fellowship after worship service. Please sign up on the bulletin board or talk to Pat Hewitt.

NOW Committee meetings will cease for the summer months. We look forward to starting in the fall.

For more information on the NOW Committee, please contact **Pat Hewitt- Chairperson.**

### FUMC CASSEROLE COMMITTEE

This committee provides meals for people in our church family during difficult times.



Anyone who is in need of meals, please contact one of two chairpersons: Diane Marzoli 332-1766 or Dottie Bickford-Longo 664-5552, or contact the office for assistance.

Please let us know of any dietary restrictions. We always bring enough for the whole family. If you can help, either by cooking or buying a meal, we need you!. Thank you in advance.

# Church Happenings

## History of the Photo Show

The *Community Photography Show* was originally started at the Rochester Public Library over 40 years ago as an amateur photography show. Photos were submitted, judged and then displayed on the first floor of library. Through publicity and press releases, people were encouraged to stop by the library and view the photos. They usually were displayed for more than 4 weeks.

After 34 years of hosting the event, and dwindling number of entries, the library chose to discontinue the event. Several church members had participated in the library event, and at their urging, Cindy Edgerly approached FUMC requesting the church host this event as a community arts outreach through their NOW Committee.

After approval by the church, Rochester Main Street was asked if they would be interested in sponsoring the event. In 2017, FUMC and Rochester Main Street sponsored and hosted the *1st Annual Community Photography Show*. The show has continued to be an amateur photographer's event at the church since.

When the Covid pandemic hit, through Cindy's determination, the event was continued online, with the help of John Wilderman, part of the church's sound technical team. It was well received, yet more complicated. Post-Covid, the event began again in person.

In 2023, Donna Downes joined the team, helping with various computer skills and in 2024 became the co-coordinator of the event with Cindy Edgerly. Eileen Foss has helped with the refreshments, Roseann Benoit with office duties, Sam and Lorie Tweedy and Ken Downes to hang photos, John and Alex Wilderman with sound and the judges Don Chick and Jared Plante who have shared their talents and encouraged the next generation of photographers.

Area photographers hail from as far away as Amesbury, Massachusetts, to as close as hometown Rochester. This year there were 51 photos submitted.

Following the public libraries lead; to make the photo show more accessible to the public, no registration fee has been charged for participants. We would like to continue this tradition.

This photo show is part of the NOW Committee (Nurture, Outreach, Witness) at FUMC. It is also supported through gift card donations from local businesses and personal financial donations.

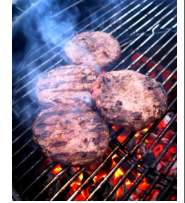
# Save the Date

Thursday, June 26th at 6:00 pm



Music Ministry Fellowship and Potluck

Hosted by John and Julie Wilderman  
389 Young Road, Barrington, NH



All who have been part of the music ministry and their families are invited to attend.

The grill be going with burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a pot-luck item to share, Drinks will be provided.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Welcome Center after June 1st for you to sign up for attendance and what you are bringing.

Rain or shine event!



United Women in Faith **The United Women in Faith at FUMC awards scholarships annually to graduating high school seniors who meet the eligibility requirements and describe need.**

### Eligibility Requirements:

**Must be a high school senior who will be graduating and going on to pursue post-secondary education or trade school program.**

**Must be a confirmed member of FUMC Rochester.**

**Must have demonstrated an active and regular involvement in the life of FUMC in the past 2-4 years.**

Application deadline is June 15.

Complete the short application online: <https://forms.gle/fy6R5kwQaJ6H9DTU9>



United Women in Faith **The United Methodist Women will meet for their annual summer outing on Wednesday, July 15th at 5:30pm at Porters Restaurant on Hanson Street.**

**A Sign-up Sheet will be posted in the Welcome Center.**

**United Women in Faith** welcomes women of all churches and faiths. Whether near or far, we invite you to support our mission, join us for fellowship, and share with any woman in your life who might also be interested?

# Church Happenings

## MYF Car Wash



## Silent Auction



## Spring Fair



# Church Happenings

### A-Scenic

First Place- #47 Dollops of Snow- Samantha Battis  
 Second Place- #1 Walnut Grove Church- Tom Mandra

### B-People

First Place- #42 Deep In Thought- Paul Dolnier  
 Second Place- #26 Thanks Mom! - Emilye Krasny

### C-Animals

First Place #43 Restful Critter- Emme Johnson  
 Second Place- #12 It Ain't Easy being Purrfect-  
 Jessica Allard

### D- Juvenile

First Place- # 27 The River- Anton Krasny

### E- Youth

no entries

### F- Miscellaneous

First Place- # 9 Dalia in Ellsworth- Charles Aaron Willson  
 Second Place- 16 From Paris with Love- Anabel Fernandez

*Please support and thank these local businesses that helped to make this event a success with gift card/certificates donations of over \$700.*

110 Grill	Mr. Sippy B-B-Q
Buffalo Wild Wings	Photosmith
Charlies Pizza	Porters Pub
China Palance Restaurant	RiverStones Custom Framing
Clemento's Pizzeria & Brew	Rochester Opera House
Edible Art	Studley's Florist & Garden Center
Hervey's Tire Co	Town Square Barber
Jetpack Comics and Games	Village Pizza
La Carona Mexican Restaurant	Wild Willy's Burger
Moes Italian Sandwiches	Windjammers

# Church Happenings

## 9th Annual Photo Show

**BEST OF SHOW**  
 "Dollops of Snow"  
 by Samantha Battis



### JUDGES' FAVORITES

Jared Plante  
#4 Transition Zone- Kate Wilcox

Don Chick  
# 31 Hunters Moon - Linda Droese

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## Spring Fair



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Jennifer and Dan Saucier sorting items after the Scouting Food Drive.

Cindy Edgerly and Donna Downes behind the scenes collecting photos for the Photo Show.



On Mothers Day, May 10th, 2026, 275 blankets were dedicated during worship to the glory of God. These blankets will be used at area hospitals and community outreach for children/youth that are in need of warmth and comfort.



A special thank you to all who make this possible: the quilters, the community, UWIF and all others that have given financially for support, Auger & Sons Inc for sharpening our scissors, keeping our machines up and running.

Want to become part of this special ministry? All are welcome to come, no experience is necessary. There is always something for everyone to do. Help us to bring comfort to a child through a blanket.

We gather on Mondays nights from 6-8 and Wednesday mornings from 9-11. For further information please contact Cindy Edgerly.



Above: Monday night Linus Group

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**LEADERSHIP  
RETREAT**  
"GROWING FUMC TOGETHER"

**On May 31, twenty leaders gathered for lunch and a meaningful time of reflection, discussion, and learning. Together, we reflected on the changes that have taken place over the past four years in our world, the greater Rochester community, and FUMC. We also explored our own leadership journeys and examined the qualities and leadership roles that are most effective for a church of FUMC's size and vitality as a large pastoral congregation. The gathering provided a valuable opportunity for shared learning, deeper connection, and a renewed commitment to building a stronger, healthier, and growing church together.**

### ***Ephesians 4: 11-13***

*The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelist, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.*