



# Beyond the Green Doors

The newsletter of the  
**Peterborough United Methodist Church**  
43 Concord Street, Peterborough, NH

**February 2017**

## STRAIGHT TALK WITH PASTOR LENA

Dear Family and Friends;

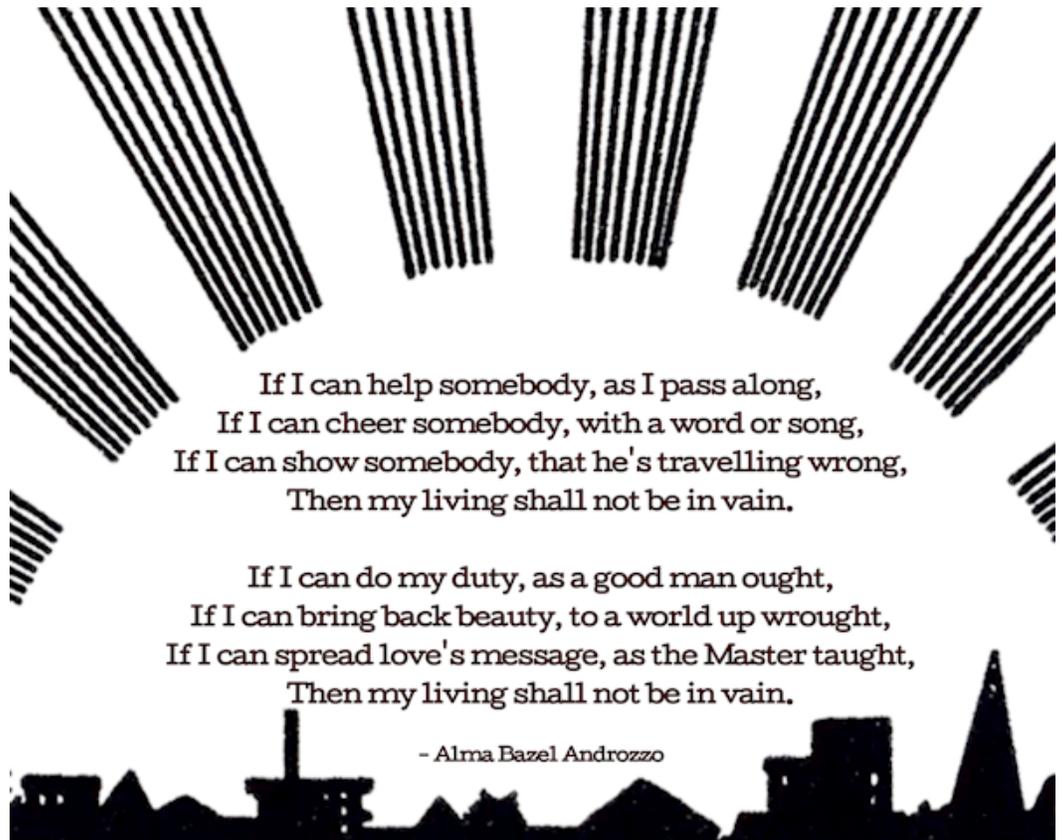
Often in the life of a church we pray that the Lord will open doors; doors of opportunity, doors of ministry, doors of possibilities. And yet, when the doors are opened, we find ourselves hesitating mid-step on the threshold. Varied the reasons may be, perhaps the greatest cause of our hesitancy is the foundational knowledge that to cross the threshold into a new realm, is to cause and create change. What "is" slips behind becoming what "was."

Although we may have prepared ourselves for this change mentally, physically, and spiritually, we often forget to prepare for the emotional impact. Are we ready to let go of methods and ideas once held sacred? Are we ready to gently place a beloved ministry on the shelf of time? Are we ready for the time when the cause and creation of change shifts, slightly or radically, the familiar pieces of our church's kaleidoscope creating new patterns?

In the months ahead, we will continue our quest to identify PUMC's "WHY," for in the process of identifying the "why," we are preparing ourselves mentally, physically, spiritually and emotionally for that time when we collectively cross the threshold into a new realm of "how" and "what." When God opens door, He expects us to walk through it.

Hope – Always!  
Pastor Lena

Please check and make sure that your contacts for Pastor Lena are [pumcpastor@peterboroughumc.org](mailto:pumcpastor@peterboroughumc.org) and 603-209-1602. This allows Pastor Lena to separate church business from regular emails on her days off.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



Sun 12 **Cupcake Sale**, special collection  
Fri 17 **Open Mic** Night 7p  
Tue 28 **Prayer Shawl** Group 1p  
Wed 29 **Newsletter** due  
  
Mar 7 **UMW** Meeting 7p

### Weekly

Sun **Worship Service** 10a  
Sun **Adult Bible Class** 11:15a  
Wed **Open Sanctuary** 10-1  
Thu **Choir Rehearsal** 6:30p

## CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays:

Matt Keenan Feb  
Belle Southwick Feb

### Membership Anniversaries:

Arnie Johnson, 8 years  
Gary Skillings, 8 years

## OPEN MIC

On Friday night, January 20, we held our first Open Mic night of the new year. We had 7 talented performers with 10 people in the audience. While all the performers were great, one of the hits of the night was performed by our own Gene who played a self composed jazz piano piece about the Ziggy walk (Ziggy was one of his cats).

Open Mic is free and open to all (performers and listeners). If anyone wants to join in, Open Mic is held for a couple of hours on the 3rd Friday of each month starting at 7 PM.



## UMW

UMW will not meet in February as planned. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.



## BUSY BAGS

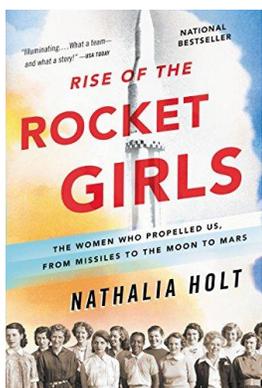
Many thanks to the UMW for sewing these beautiful busy bags for the kids!

## PRAYER SHAWLS

Recently the PUMC Prayer Shawl ministry donated three prayer shawls to the Chaplaincy Team at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene. The prayer shawls have been a huge hit and Chaplain Bob Ritchie has expressed the gratitude of those patients who received a prayer shawl. Chaplain Ritchie went on to say, "We'll take all the prayer shawls you can give us! People are eager to receive a prayer shawl when they know it comes from the United Methodists, because everyone knows when the United Methodists pray, things happen!"



## PUMC BOOK GROUP

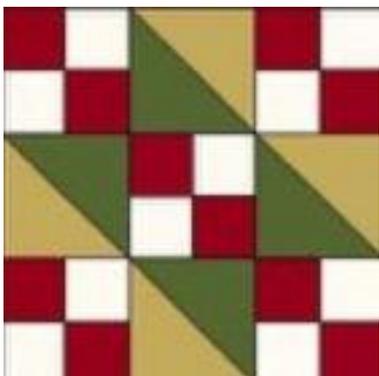
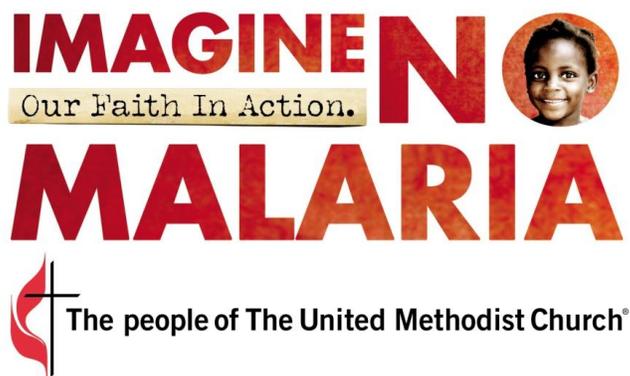


PUMC's book group will be reading *The Rise of the Rocket Girls* for the February discussion. The book, by Nathalia Holt is the story of the burgeoning NASA program and a group of women mathematicians who played a key role in making the computations required for the government's engineering of the space program. Gender issues meets science and technology! If you would like to be a part of the group, contact Susan Lindquist. Books can be gotten through inter-library loan, download through the state library system or purchased through the Internet of local bookstores. All are welcome to join the book group for one time only or more consistently. This is a fellowship of readers who support each other's literary interests.

## IMAGINE NO MALARIA

### PUMC's Annual Drive Is Coming Up!

Be prepared for buzzing mosquitoes and clattering cans! During the month of February, the missions committee and Sunday school youth will be presenting information about the United Methodist Church's ongoing mission to eradicate malaria world-wide. They will also be holding a special noisy collection (bring your spare change!) and a special display in our fellowship space! On Sunday, February 12th, the kids will be selling cupcakes after church ... look for patriotic themed cupcakes or Valentine pink cupcakes, chocolate cupcakes or filled cupcakes! Might be hard to make a decision what cupcakes to choose! Just sayin'! All proceeds from the cupcake sale will go toward our church's mission pledge to the Imagine No Malaria drive!



## QUILTERS AND SEWERS ALERT!

If you are interested in beginning to work on some sewing projects for our church, here's your chance. Look for a sign-up to meet and decide on some color ideas and design ideas for home sewing and block sharing ... then, let's put together a quilt or some small tabletop projects for auctioning, raffling, or selling at our next Holiday Stroll event! If we have enough interest, we might even help each other work on each other's projects! The sky's the limit ... sign-up sheet will go up the first weekend of February and we'll go from there! Questions? See Susan Lindquist after church sometime soon.

## LENTEN SOUP AND SALAD SUPPERS

Last year, a small group of congregants joined each other once a week during the season of Lent to have quiet fellowship and a short devotional time before sharing a simple supper of soup, salad, and bread. If you would like to join this year's gathering, please sign up on the sheet posted on the church bulletin board. Lenten Suppers will be hosted this year by the Worship Committee. Dinners will take place every Thursday evening at 5:30 PM during Lent. Simply make a small pot of soup or a bowl of salad, or warm a loaf of bread to share and come to the fellowship room to share dinner with church friends. If there is a week that you are too busy to cook, simply come and share what is brought. There is plenty for all at the table! We hope to see you there for this quiet and comforting way of coming together during Lent. The first Lenten Supper will be held on Thursday, March 2nd.



## PRAYER CORNER

Welcome to the Prayer Corner, where you will find each month a prayer which you might incorporate into your devotional times as well as passages on prayer from Scripture and from a Christian author. During 2017 I will be sharing insights from *If You Will Ask*, a slim but pithy book on prayer by Oswald Chambers (1874-1917) who was converted in his teen years by the ministry of Charles Spurgeon.

"[The life of a Christian] is nourished by refusing to worry over anything, for worry means there is something over which we cannot have our own way, and in reality is personal irritation with God. Jesus Christ says, 'Don't worry about your life, don't fear them which kill the body; be afraid only of not doing what the Spirit of God indicates to you'...Worry makes you self-interested and disturbs the nourishment of the life of God. Give thanks to God that He is there, no matter what is happening."  
—O.  
Chambers

O Lord, we beseech thee to deliver us from the fear of the unknown future; from fear of failure; from fear of poverty; from fear of bereavement; from fear of loneliness; from fear of sickness and pain; from fear of age; and from fear of death.  
Help us, O Father, by thy grace to love and fear thee only, fill our hearts with cheerful courage and loving trust in thee, through our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hear my cry, O God,  
listen to my prayer;  
from the end of the earth I call to you  
when my heart is faint.  
Lead me to the rock  
that is higher than I,  
for you have been my refuge,  
a strong tower against the enemy.  
Let me dwell in your tent forever!  
Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!  
Psalm 61:1-4 (ESV)*

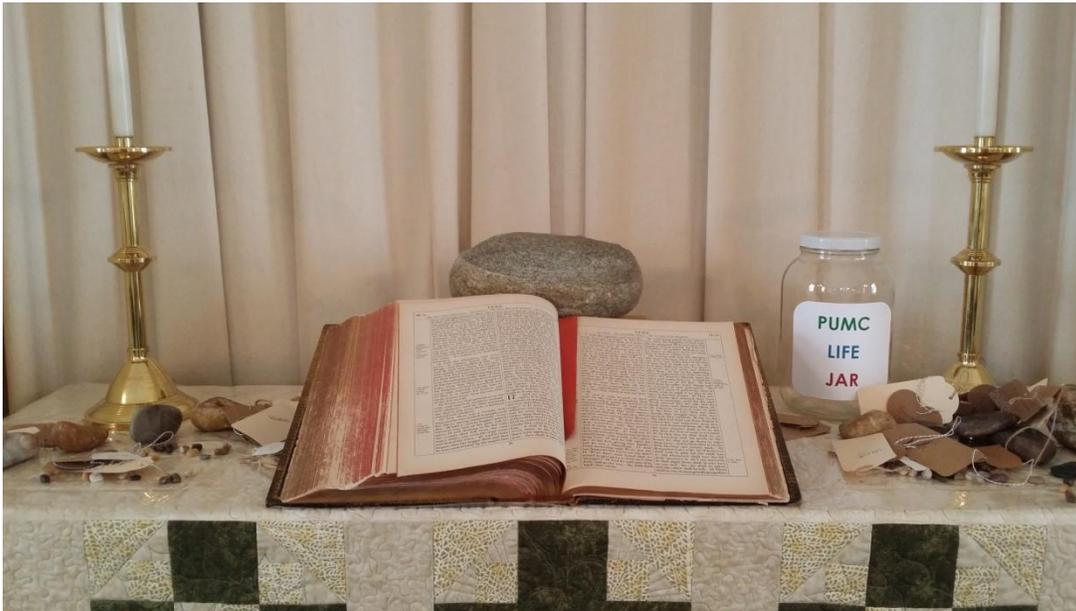


## COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

As we move forward in our plan to establish a Covenant Discipleship Group with members of the Peterborough UMC family, I want to remind all that this group will be focusing on our individual journey toward becoming a disciple for Christ. It is a group of five to seven persons that works together to hold each member accountable to the covenant we all agree upon as the basis of our group. The covenant is the agenda for each meeting and each week one member of the group will be responsible for leading the group. The group commits to a one-hour meeting at a certain time each week. At the meeting we will go over the progress each person has with how well he/she met the clauses within the covenant. If you sign up for the group and later decide it is not for you that is perfectly fine no one will be offended. We are all just searching for the best way to serve God.

As a reminder, I have left an example of a covenant that a group might use as a covenant also, an overview of what constitutes a Covenant Discipleship Group both handouts are on the table outside the Sanctuary door to the fellowship Hall. Please note that there is also a signup sheet for any who are interested on the table. Do not hesitate to fill it out. I will be looking for contact information and will be calling you soon. Please note that you can obtain further information about a Covenant Discipleship Group from the website at [UMC.org/discipleship\\_ministries](http://UMC.org/discipleship_ministries). I will advise in the coming weeks of the first meeting.

Yours Faithfully,  
Jim Poplin



## PUMC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Would you please e-mail me at [adunbar4@myfairpoint.net](mailto:adunbar4@myfairpoint.net) what specific aspect of our church faith, history and purpose each member should be knowledgeable of? It would be helpful if you could group your response by age, i.e; 3 to 5, 6 to 12 ,13 to 17 and adult.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Andrew Dunbar



**Lay Leader:** Jim Poplin H: 532-4572 poplinj@myfairpoint.net

**Assoc. Leader:** Sue Poplin

**Lay Member to the Annual Conference:** Jim Poplin

**Alternate Lay Member:** Andrew Wallenstein

**Staff-Pastor Relations Committee (SPRC):** An effective committee builds a strong positive relationship between staff and congregation so that the congregation makes disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This committee will work with the lead pastor and other staff to fulfill legal and ethical responsibilities related to staff.

Chair: Bruce Batten 2019 H: 784-5133 C: 731-2217 brucebatten@comcast.net

Jim Poplin (non-voting, unless Sue Poplin is absent) Ken Constantine 2019

Sue Poplin Laura Nerz 2019

Andrew Wallenstein Ann Hampson 2017

**Board of Trustees:** Effective trustees will function as Christian stewards of property God has entrusted to the congregation. This includes supervising and maintaining both the physical property of the congregation and gifts made to the congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective and all legal requirements related to the property are satisfied.

Chair Matt Keenan H: 933-3189 C: 252-3445 keenanmatt1@gmail.com

V - C: Steve Gatcombe 2018

Greg Nerz 2019

Wendy Dunning 2018

Steve Griggs 2018

Pat Woodward 2017

Mark Welty 2017

\*Ron Crowe Honorary Trustee

**Finance Committee:** The finance committee annually compiles a budget for supporting the mission and vision of the local church and submits the budget to the church leadership team for review and adoption. During the year, the finance team recommends any changes to the approved annual budget to the church leadership team. This team is responsible for developing and carrying out plans to raise enough income to support the budget that has been approved.

Chair:

Pastor

Lay Member to AC: Jim Poplin or Andy Wallenstein

Member of the SPRC: Bruce Batten

Member of Trustees: Matt Keenan

Lay Leader: Jim Poplin

Financial Secretary: Laura Constantine 2019

Treasurer: Greg Robidoux 2019

**Administrative/Church Council:** The church council is the administrative agency of the charge conference to envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the ministry of the congregation.

Chair Hiel Lindquist H: 585-6923

hlindquist@gmail.com

Lay Leader: Jim Poplin

Chair of SPRC: Bruce Batten 2019

Chair of Finances:

Chair of Trustees: Matt Keenan 2017

Treasurer: Greg Robidoux 2019

Lay Member to AC: Andy Wallenstein

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President of UMW: Carol Owen  
Worship Committee Chair: Eno Ogo 2017  
Missions Committee Chair: Laura Constantine  
2019

Small Groups Coordinator: Susan Lindquist  
2019  
Member At Large:  
Member At Large:

**Worship Committee:** This committee knows the goals of the congregation in order to support and expand the ministry goals through worship. Coordinate with the Pastor and worship leaders. Support worship by identifying, training and supporting worship leaders such as acolytes, scripture leaders, ushers, greeters, artists and others. Encourage a team approach to worship planning led by the pastor.

Chair Eno Ogo C: 708-898-8004 eno\_ogo30@yahoo.co.uk  
Choir Director: Wendy Dunning Usher Coordinator: Andrew Dunbar  
Organist: Gene Brochu Altar Coordinator: Gladys Bugler  
Liturgist Coordinator: Susan Lindquist

**Worship "Teams" created as needed**

**Missions/Outreach Committee:**

Chair Laura Constantine H: 525-9373 tnatsnoc@aol.com  
Co- C: Linda Wallenstein 2017  
Members: Susan Lindquist  
Melissa French Andrew Wallenstein  
Hiel Lindquist

**Small Group Coordinator:** This leader will work cooperatively with the education ministry team or nurture team, age-level coordinators, and pastor to coordinate the implementation of opportunities for people in your congregation to grow and develop as disciples of Jesus Christ.  
Susan Lindquist H: 585-6923 susanmillerlindquist@gmail.com

**Sunday School** The committee will develop and carry out plans to promote attendance and participation in the church program for nurture and growth such as church school, and Sunday school.

Superintendent Andrew Dunbar C: 801-7334 adunbar4@myfairpoint.net  
Teacher: Susan Lindquist Teacher:  
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**Congregation Care Team:**

Coordinator Gladys Bugler H: 547-2004 C: 831-2429 gladyb25@gmail.com  
Members: Karen Keenan  
Sue Poplin Wendy Dunning

**Membership Secretary:** Karen Keenan H: 933-3189 C: 562-6756 klvk139@gmail.com

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## BEYOND THE GREEN DOORS

Church leaders should not be the only ones contributing to the newsletter! Send me your birthdays, photos, events, testimonials, prayer submissions...

Please submit all materials for the next newsletter (March) to our editors by the last Wednesday of the month, February 22. This is the newsletter that will be released on Sunday February 26 and cover until Sunday April 2. Send to Melissa French at 924-6960 or email [info@PeterboroughUMC.org](mailto:info@PeterboroughUMC.org), with the subject "Newsletter submission." Thanks!

## PETERBOROUGH UMC COMMUNICATIONS

In addition to "Beyond the Green Doors," Peterborough UMC offers the following ways you can keep in touch.

**We are at the church, silly.** Come visit us, Sunday at 10 am!

We are on the web: <http://www.PeterboroughUMC.org>

We are on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/peterboroughunitedmethodist/>

This newsletter was compiled by Melissa French. Any concerns with content can be addressed with Pastor Lena at [pumcpastor@PeterboroughUMC.org](mailto:pumcpastor@PeterboroughUMC.org), 603-209-1602, or in person.



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