



# HopeGateWay

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## Sunday, June 9, 2019 | Pentecost Upcoming Events & Opportunities to Serve

### Welcome to worship at HopeGateWay!

We're so glad you're here today! We'd like to get to know you, so please take a minute to fill out a Welcome card, and join us for conversation, a cup of coffee or tea, and a bite to eat!

#### Sundays at HopeGateWay

- 9:00 am** Worship Celebration
- 10:15 am** Coffee and conversation
- 10:15 am** HopeGateWay Kids
- 11:00 am** Worship Celebration

*Share the joy! Invite a friend to join you next Sunday!*

#### Come, Holy Spirit!

##### Today is Pentecost Sunday!

Today we celebrate the dramatic arrival of the Holy Spirit in wind and flames — God's gift to the early followers of Jesus and to us! Because 2,000 years ago Pentecost launched the early Christians into a bold, expansive movement, we sometimes call Pentecost the birthday of the church. Look around and notice all the **RED**, symbolizing the fire and passion of Pentecost! Today we celebrate all the ways the Holy Spirit is working in us, individually and together as a community of faith. Take a minute and respond to this question: Where do you see the Holy Spirit at work? — and then post your response in our prayer station.

#### HopeGateWay Kids

##### Sundays at 10:15 am // Room 3-4 // through June 16

All kids, grades K-5, are invited for learning and fun through storytelling, art, and creative activities, Sundays at 10:15 am, in Classroom 3-4 between our two worship gatherings. HGW Kids continues through June 16; starting June 23 we'll take a little summer break until September.

#### Welcome, Alyssa Davis, Nursery Childcare Provider

Today we welcome Alyssa Davis, a new member of our staff team, who will be providing loving care for our preschool-age children in the Nursery on Sunday mornings. Originally from Kentucky, Alyssa loves to dance and sing, and she has two kittens. She is looking forward to meeting everyone and having a community to grow with! If you have young children, there is some new paperwork for you to fill out, to help Alyssa get acquainted. Please take time to say hello and welcome Alyssa to the HopeGateWay community!

#### Camp Mechuwana // Summer Camp for Youth

Our United Methodist Camp in Winthrop offers outstanding camping opportunities for all ages of youth — creative arts, sports, swimming, boating — and always a chance to make new friends and encounter God in nature. Now is the time to register for camp — many camps fill quickly. Scholarship assistance is available — please talk with Allen or Sara if this would be helpful. Learn more: [www.mechuwana.org](http://www.mechuwana.org).

#### New England United Methodist Annual Conference

This week, Thursday to Saturday, Hayli & Ophelia Hu Kinney, Allen & Sara Ewing-Merrill, and several of our retired pastors will be in Manchester, NH for Annual Conference — three days of worship, deliberation, and decision making. In particular, Annual Conference delegates will consider a number of proposals to broaden New England's inclusivity and affirmation of our LGBTQ friends and neighbors. On Saturday morning at 9 am, Ophelia Hu Kinney will be delivering the Laity Address — a tremendous honor! Watch the livestream at [www.neumc.org/ACLivestream](http://www.neumc.org/ACLivestream), or come as a visitor in person: DoubleTree / Hilton Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm St., Manchester, NH. Learn more: [www.neumc.org](http://www.neumc.org)

#### Walk with HopeGateWay in the Pride Portland Parade

##### This Saturday, June 15 // 12 noon // Monument Square

This year HopeGateWay will team up with United Methodists from other neighboring churches to walk in the Pride Portland Parade. Please sign up today if you are interested in walking. Meet up at Monument Square Saturday at noon, and look for the United Methodist banner. (Plan ahead! Parking is challenging!) All are welcome! This is a great opportunity to affirm and celebrate God's love for all. Parade begins at 1 pm. Festival 2-6 pm at Deering Oaks Park. Questions? Contact Margaret Menger: [margaret.menger@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.menger@gmail.com)

#### Youth Group: Ice Cream Sunday!

##### Next Sunday, June 16 // 2 – 4 pm // HopeGateWay

Next Sunday, youth grades 7-12 are invited to participate in our final youth event of the school year — Ice Cream Sunday & Messy Games! Rising 7th graders are invited to join for this gathering as we welcome you to Youth Group! Please dress for messy games, and bring a snack or ice cream topping to share! Also please note the following summer Youth gathering dates: July 21, August 11, and August 25. Questions? Contact Katie Holicky: [katie@hopegateway.com](mailto:katie@hopegateway.com).

#### Small Group Leaders Workshop

##### Friday, June 21 // 5:30-8:30 pm // HopeGateWay

With an innovative church structure on the horizon, it's more important than ever that we equip and support our community to lead. Have you ever wished to build deeper connections with your HopeGateWay siblings? Have you wanted to lead a small group, or have you led a group before but want to build up your skills? Join us for an evening of food, learning, and hands-on practice, facilitated by our Discipleship Team leader, Hayli Hu Kinney. Questions? Talk with Hayli or email [haylihuKinney@gmail.com](mailto:haylihuKinney@gmail.com)

#### Grab a Wooden Nickel

If you give electronically with a card or a funds transfer, pick up a wooden nickel from the red bowl in the back and drop it in the basket as it comes around, as a symbol of your offering.

## Celebration of Allen's ministry at HopeGateWay

**Sunday, June 23 // 12:30 potluck following worship**

Please plan to stay for a community potluck following worship on Sunday, June 23. We will be celebrating Allen's 12 years of ministry with HopeGateWay. We will also be celebrating his transition to do transformative work with The BTS Center. Please bring a dish to share if you are able, but plan to stay for lunch and fellowship either way! Please spread the word to friends of HopeGateWay who may wish to attend.

## Save the Date! HopeGateWay goes to the Sea Dogs!

**Friday, July 12 // 7 pm Game // Hadlock Field**

A HopeGateWay tradition! Join HGW friends for a fun summer evening at Hadlock Field as the Portland Sea Dogs take on the Binghamton Rumble Ponies! Tickets are \$6, but please don't let cost keep you from attending. Consider purchasing a ticket for someone else if you can. Sign up today!

## Centering Prayer Group

**Tuesdays // 12:00 – 12:50 pm // HGW Room 5**

Jonathan Wright-Gray leads a Tuesday mid-day Centering Prayer group. All are invited to join in the contemplative silence and reflection on a sacred text, listening for God's word for our lives. Newcomers are always welcome.

## Credential Evaluations // A workshop on "equivalencies"

**Monday, June 17 // 3:30 – 5 pm // Portland Adult Ed.**

Many New Mainers come to the U.S. with college degrees and have questions about whether these will be recognized in this country. Knowing if, when, how and where is a complicated process. This workshop will help to answer some of those questions. For more information, contact Sally Sutton: [suttos@portlandschools.org](mailto:suttos@portlandschools.org) / 207-874-8155.

## World Refugee Day 2019

**Saturday, June 22 // 1–5 pm // Westbrook Middle School**

Celebrate the diversity and culture that exist in our state! Join your neighbors for a community event featuring international food, music, activities, and conversation! Westbrook Middle School is located at 471 Stroudwater Street in Westbrook. For more information, please contact Ekhlis Ahmed: [ekhlis.ahmed@yahoo.com](mailto:ekhlis.ahmed@yahoo.com)

## Ongoing Groups:

In an effort to clear up confusion about ongoing groups, we've taken out the long list of 12-Step meetings, and we are putting together a separate listing of those. In addition to 12-Step meetings, these are some other ongoing groups:

- **Centering Prayer** / Tuesdays, noon
- **Tai Chi** / Wednesdays, 9 am
- **Bible Study** / Thursdays, 10:15-11:30 am / 75 State St.
- **Drumming Circle** / 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays, 7 pm

## Pastors

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am – 2pm

*Doing justice • Loving kindness • Walking humbly with God*

## Parking: Use our underground parking garage.

In addition to street parking, we have use of the underground parking garage, weeknights after 5 pm and weekends. Enter at the access ramp just beyond Portland Ballet / Casco Bay Movers dance studio. At the keypad, use code: 1101\*

## Consider Electronic Giving / [hopegateway.com/give](http://hopegateway.com/give)

Your generosity fuels our ministry and mission. Consider setting up a weekly or monthly recurring gift with a transfer from your checking account or with a credit or debit card.

## Prayer and Care

Ksenia Smart & Cori Farnham – high school graduates!  
Randy's cousin Ethan – for healing and peace  
Barbara Kszystyniak – health concerns  
Our Confirmation Youth: Armelle, Eva, Rachel, Violet, Haddie  
New England United Methodist Annual Conference this week  
Evelyn Johnson Moore – mitral valve procedure on June 19  
State of Maine budget negotiations  
Miranda Rooney's friend Madeline – cancer diagnosis  
Celebrating the birth of baby Everly to Marilda & Eduardo  
The United Methodist Church and the LGBTQ community  
Allen and Sara and HopeGateWay family – brave transitions  
Courtney Tabor – loss of her aunt, Cindee  
Shantia Wright-Gray – continuing healing  
Fred and Irma Baker – health concerns  
Bethany Smart's brother, Jeff – leukemia diagnosis  
Jane Ives – recovering from hip replacement surgery  
All who are searching for housing  
Our planet Earth – the devastation of climate change  
All affected by devastating floods in Mozambique & Zimbabwe  
Margaret Menger's friend, Denise Bruchmiller – cancer-free!  
Immigrant families – especially children separated from parents  
Our elected leaders – for bold, justice-seeking leadership  
Mike Davis – recovering from surgery  
Robin Jellis as she continues her studies with ChIME  
All immigrants, including refugees and asylum seekers  
Kelly Frey, Patsy's mother, for continued healing  
All who have been affected by gun violence  
Our country, during this time of polarization and turmoil  
Families and individuals experiencing homelessness  
All who are affected by the disease of addiction  
Shantia Wright-Gray's cousin, John – awaiting liver transplant  
Emile Uwimana – complications with diabetes  
Shasta Beane – living with Parkinson's disease  
Peace in Rwanda, DR Congo, Burundi, and Angola

## Hospitality

June 9	Eileen Purdy, Stephanie Cooke, Matt Frey-Davis
June 16	Cassie Moon

## Offering Counters

June 9	Annika Smart & Beth Turnidge
June 16	Henrique Malonda & Rick Smart



**HopeGateWay**  
an open & affirming community  
Our Reconciling Statement

We worship an inclusive and loving God, who calls all persons into relationship, both with God and with neighbor. In response to this love, demonstrated most perfectly in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as an open and affirming community, welcoming and celebrating people of all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, abilities, economic situations, and social statuses.