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The CHALLENGE December 2013

South United Methodist Church
with Rev. John Marshall



"Where the joy of life in Christ overflows"

December Sunday Worship Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Choir
Children's Story in the Sanctuary
Communion served monthly
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
For All Ages
- 11:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship with
Wildfire Worship Band in the Café
Communion served monthly

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January Challenge Deadline:
Sunday, December 22, 2013



**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

- 9:30a - Traditional
Worship with Choir
and Children's Story
- 9:45a - Sunday School
for Nursery-Grade 2
- 10:45a - Sunday School
for all Ages (Children,
Youth and Adults)
- 11:45a - Contemporary
Worship with Wildfire
Worship Band
- **December 8th
One Service 10am
- **December 24th
5:30pm Family Service
10:00p,m Traditional

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THE CHALLENGE DECEMBER 2013

"Boldly speak, Boldly help, Boldly share!"

*"When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness."
(Acts 4:31, NRSV)*

Dear Friends,

God is at work in the lives of people here at South UMC. So much good is happening that we can truly celebrate! Worship is vibrant and alive on Sundays at both services in the Sanctuary and in the Café. Our outreach to the community and world is as strong as ever. We raised over \$3,600 for the Crop Walk to feed hungry people locally and around the world! We have given over \$1,100 to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to help the people of the Philippines recover from the recent Typhoon. Sunday School is off to a great start with classes for all ages from Nursery to Adult. We do have much to praise God for; we are grateful to our Lord for how He is touching so many people's lives through the ministries of South Church.

I would like to update you concerning some of the ideas that were shared a year ago in this same report.

"We are grateful to God for touching so many people's lives through the ministries of South Church."

Stephen Ministries: Since enrolling as a congregation, a team of four of us have been trained to lead Stephen Ministry at South Church. In the Summer and early Fall, we recruited people to be trained as Stephen Minister's. Fourteen people have enrolled and have begun the fifty hour, twenty session training class, after which they will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers! Each Stephen Minister will be assigned by the other Leaders and me to provide one-on-one Christian caring for someone in need. In the Spring you will be hearing much more about What Stephen Ministers do, and be invited to help us spread the word to people who might benefit from such a caring relationship at this time in their lives. Praise God for all that has been accomplished in the past year! Please join me in praying for those being trained as Stephen Ministers and the many people who will be helped by this ministry in and through South Church! If you have questions about Stephen Ministry, contact one of the leaders: Alberta Hoagland, Terry Marshall, Don Wilby or me.

Building Accessibility: Progress is being made on the installation of an elevator which will make each floor of our church building completely accessible to all people! At its September meeting the Administrative Board voted to establish an Elevator Taskforce. This group has been working with architect Rick Lawrence to develop a design for the elevator and an estimate of the cost of such a project. They will present their conclusions to the Trustees, Administrative Board and ultimately a Special Church conference for approval. Expect to be hearing more specific information before the end of the year. Members of the taskforce are: Earle Bidwell, Margaret Callaway, Bill McGugan, Terry Marshall, Bob Thulin (Chair), Don Wilby and myself. We are grateful to God for the progress that has been made. Please continue to pray for God's favor as we arrive at a design that will meet the needs of the congregation and be acceptable to the town at a price the church can afford! Yes, be praying!

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December Worship

Theme When Christ Comes!

Description: The word advent is derived from the Latin words adventus for "arrival" or advenire which can be translated "to come." So it is during this season of four Sundays leading up to Christmas that the church, since ancient times, has reflected on the meaning of Christ's coming and anticipated return to earth. This advent we will explore three passages from the Gospel of Matthew that describe Jesus' birth and return.

December 1, 2013: "Pop Quiz: Pass/Fail." Pastor Dick Thompson

Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44.

Focus Verse: Jesus said, "So stay awake, alert. You have no idea what day your master will show up." (Matthew 24:42 from The Message)

Theme: The Day will come, Will We Be Ready?"

December 8, 2013: Christmas Pageant by Sunday School (One 10am Service!)

December 15, 2013: "Are You the One?"

Scripture: Matthew 11:2-11.

Focus Verse: John the Baptist asked, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" (Matthew 11:3)

Theme: The work and ministry that Jesus did bears witness to the fact that He is the Christ.

December 22, 2013: "It Began with a Dream!"

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25.

Focus Verse: "'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means, 'God is with us.'"

Theme: Jesus came to bring God's presence and salvation to all people.

December 24th Christmas Eve!

Scripture: John 1:1-14

Focus Verse: "The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Theme: We celebrate the miracle of God becoming one of us!

We will have two services this year!

5:30pm: Family Christmas Eve Celebration with Wildfire Praise Band.

(The perfect service for families with young children!)

10:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service with the Chancel Choir.

Make plans to celebrate Christ's birth at South Church! Bring a friend!

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South Church Staff

Pastor - Rev. John Marshall ext. 14

Director of Music - Earle Bidwell ext. 11

Organist - Christopher Walton

Director of Ministries - Terry Marshall ext. 15

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Sexton - Ken Schaller ext. 20

Sexton - Don Wilby ext. 20

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Rev. Richard Thompson (retired)

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Sharing Our Faith: It is to this last goal, that I believe the above Scripture from Acts speaks so clearly about! Let me share a few thoughts which apply this text to the time and situation we find ourselves in as the people of South Church...

"When they had prayed..." The need to pray individually and corporately. When people honestly seek God's input and help, it is no coincidence that significant things happen in people's lives, homes, the church and the world. Through the act of prayer, we somehow move closer to God and His activity in the world. It is like surfing in the ocean, catching a wave at just the right moment, and being enveloped into its power. To me that's what occurs when we earnestly turn to God in prayer. This is what happened to the followers of Jesus who immediately, after being bullied and threatened by the religious authorities, prayed to God. (See Acts 4:24-30)

"The place in which they had gathered together was shaken." The need for God to do what only God can do! For as long as I have been a professional Christian, (a pastor), I've feared what might happen if God really moved in our midst. These days, I am more afraid of what will happen if God does not move and shake things up in our lives and world! To be honest, it's hard to know exactly what took place that night in Jerusalem. It is clear however, that those gathered felt God's presence and activity in their midst. Knowing that God was with them, emboldened the disciples for the challenging work they were about to face. As we face our challenges here at South Church, wouldn't it be wonderful if God showed up in a similar fashion?!

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit..." The need to have more of Jesus at work in our lives! In a phrase, the disciples were filled with more of the One, Jesus promised them, the Holy Spirit. One of the primary ways in which God answers our prayers and shakes things up is, at our invitation, to fill us with more of Himself. If you're anything like me, you can use much more of Jesus to be at work in you and through you!

"And they spoke the word of God with great boldness." The need for bold words and deeds in Jesus' name. The point of being filled with the Holy Spirit is not for people to have a private spiritual experience which they keep to themselves. If more of Jesus is in our lives and church, it is only logical that we will speak and act more like Him. We will be willing to share Jesus' words with others, telling what He has done in our lives. Not only this, but it is also clear these first century, Holy Spirit filled, Jesus followers were channels through whom God met the **physical needs** of people in their community. They **boldly spoke** about Jesus! They **boldly met needs!** They **boldly shared** what they had! In short they made a difference!

It is my hope and prayer that we, the people of South United Methodist Church, might sincerely seek God to work in our midst. In the weeks and months to come, I pray we might see more evidence of Divine activity in our community. That we might notice more of Jesus in the words and actions of each other. I yearn for the day when South Church will be known as the place where people boldly speak of Jesus, boldly act and help others in His name and boldly share what we have, that others might have enough. Let us pray: **"O Lord of the universe and of our world, consider the challenges that we face and enable the people of South Church to clearly share your message and to meet human needs in the name of Jesus. Amen!"**

In Service to Christ,

Pastor John

Christmas Candlelight Concert

Sunday, December 15, 2013
4:30 p.m.

South United Methodist Church
1226 Main Street,
Manchester, CT

Featuring
Case Memorial Chime
Chancel Choir
Wesley Handbell Ringers
Wesley Vocal Ensemble

Earle Bidwell Music Director
Accompanists
Christopher Walton
Tatiana Lukyanova

A free will offering will be gratefully accepted

Upcoming Youth Events

Youth Group is our two hour event on Sunday Evenings taking place in the Café at South Church where teens in grades 7-12 can come together and have a ton of fun playing games, playing with the youth band, learning from and sharing with one another, and just having a great time hanging out! Youth Group will be meeting through most of December.

Teen Bible Study is new this fall and happens on Wednesday evenings in the newly remodeled Youth Lounge. Each week, we go through 3 chapters of the Bible and discuss how they relate to our lives and teens and young adults. Bible Study will be happening most every Wednesday in December from 6:30–8pm.

December 1 - NO youth Group (Thanksgiving Weekend)

December 8 - Youth to help with "Birthday Party For Jesus" Potluck following the 10am service with Christmas Pageant. This will be instead of the annual pancake breakfast.

Dec. 15 - TBA

Dec. 22 - TBA

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God's Love in ACTION 

Training Updates:

Our Stephen Minister training class has begun.

We ask you to keep our Stephen Minister trainees in your prayers as they nurture their gifts and acquire new skills so that they can bring Christ's love and care to hurting people on behalf of our congregation. Also please pray for our Stephen Leaders who have been guiding them through their training.

Here is what our Stephen Ministers have been learning so far...

Session One-The Person of the Care giver

Our Stephen Minister Trainees have received an introduction to the 50 hours of training and have been exploring the Christ-centered foundation of Stephen Ministry.

Session Two- Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours

Feelings are a gift from God. In this session our Stephen Minister trainees learned to help people recognize, accept, and express their feelings, and invite them to trust God to bring them healing and wholeness. They have explored the benefits of expressing feelings and the harm that can come when feelings remain unexpressed.

Session Three-The Art of Listening

Listening is an essential part of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers use active listening skills to help people recognize and accept feelings they are experiencing. In this session, Stephen Ministers have learned and practiced the skill of reflecting as a valuable listening tool. They have explored the many facets of listening and have talked about their own experiences so as to better understand when listening is effective and when it feels fake or makes a person feel uncomfortable.

Session Four - Distinctively Christian Caring (Part 1)

In this session which will take place after Thanksgiving, Our trainees will begin to explore the essentials of using their Christian faith in caring for another, drawing on the resources of prayer, witnessing, the Bible, forgiveness, blessings and more.

An important motto of Stephen Ministry is,
"The Stephen Minister is the **caregiver**, and God is the **curegiver**."

This training session will underscore this Christ-centered focus for Stephen Ministers.

Thank you for your continued support of our Stephen Ministry program here at SUMC.

December 2013 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Traditional Worship w/ Choir and Children's Story 9:45am Kindergarten, 1 st and 2 nd Grade Sunday School Class 10:45am Sunday School for All Ages (Children, Youth and Adults) 11:45am Contemporary in Café 6:00pm NO Youth Group	2	3 12pm Bulletin Deadline 6:15 Wildfire Practice 7:00pm Commissions/Committee Night	4 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Wesley Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5 6:30pm Stephen Ministers	6 11:00am Stephen Leaders Mtg	7 7:30am Men's Fellowship 9:00am Pageant Rehearsal 9:30am Knitting Group Bishop's Day
8 10:00am One Service/Christmas Pageant 11:30am Potluck Brunch 6:00pm NO Youth Group	9	10 12pm Bulletin Deadline 6:30pm Wildfire Practice 7:30pm Ad Board this month	11 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Wesley Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	12 6:30pm Stephen Ministers	13 NO Stephen Leaders Mtg	14 9:00am Concert Rehearsal
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More South News

December Seasonal Sharing

Many thanks to all of you who helped make thanksgiving a lot happier for the 24 families who received food from South Church.

At Christmas we will be providing similar foods plus a gift for each member of the family. Additionally, we are supplying gifts for residents of Green Lodge. The total number of people we are supplying gifts for is 102.

Food items needed: juice, canned sweet potato, vegetables, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, chicken broth and coffee. Monetary donations will be needed to purchase pies, rolls, fresh vegetables, milk, margarine and eggs.

Christmas Gifts: there will be an index card for each person indicating age, gender, first name, code # and a specific gift request. Cards and sign-up sheets will be in Reception Hall. Please return gifts no later than December 15th. MACC has suggested that the amount that you spend on each individual's gift is about \$20- \$25. In an effort to provide comparable gifts to siblings in a family, some cards have been grouped together.

December 20th at 6 P.M. sort and pack in Cooper Hall.

December 22nd delivery of food and gifts.

Please sign up in Reception Hall to deliver food and/or bring ham or turkey.

Please call Bill McGugan at 860-649-9072 with any questions.

Seasonal Ministries invites you to...

help us bring joy to patients at Crestfield Convalescent Home. Mark your calendar for December 21st ~ we will meet at 3:00 p.m. in our parking lot and caravan to Crestfield. After our caroling, we will join together in Cafe for pizza, hot cocoa, and cookies. We hope you will be able to join us.



THANK YOU TO JUDY

We would like to thank our South United Methodist Gardener, Judy Rohlf, for all she does throughout the year to make the front of the church look so beautiful. She does a wonderful job of picking out just the right flowers and keeping the gardens weeded and the flowers deadheaded. Thanks so much Judy.



THANK YOU

I want to thank the church family for helping me celebrate my 75th Birthday. You made me feel very loved. ~ Pastor Dick Thompson

Outreach News

South Church is Reaching out Through:

Seasonal Sharing

By the time you are reading this, the food baskets for Thanksgiving will have gone out to the 25 families listed by MACC as deserving of this kind of aid. Now we have begun working on our Christmas dinners plus gifts. It's not too late to buy a gift or bring some food offerings or donate a few dollars toward perishable food items to be purchased at the last minute. Call Bill McGugan at 860- 649-9072 if you'd like to help and don't know how.

Mitten Tree

Many of our people are carefully looking for bargains for the mitten tree. Mittens, hats, scarves, sweat pants (in sizes 6 - 8) and the like, are taken over to Washington School where they can be handed out to kids who don't have any for these cold weather days ahead.

Offering for the Disaster in the Philippines

So far, as of November 17th, over \$1,100 has been received from members of South Church who want to be of help in this disaster. The United Methodist relief organization, UMCOR, (supported in general by our One Great Hour of Sharing offering) was on site in the affected area from the beginning, but there is still much to be done. Checks may be made out to South UMC and designated for "Philippine Disaster"

Publishing

Congratulations to Lin Daniels on having her first article published in the November/December issue of the Upper Room. You can check out her daily devotion on page 56, and a picture of she and her twin sister, Pat, on the back cover.

Giving Tree

Every year, MACC puts up a Christmas tree in Buckland Mall and covers it with tags. People come by and take a tag and then, at some point, return the tag with the needed gift. South Church provides volunteers for a table near the tree for three different days before Christmas.

Stephen Ministry

Extensive training is now underway in Christian caring skills. Following the training, the men and women involved will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers to carry out ministries of caring within our congregation and community for people experiencing life crises, greatly expanding the capacity of our congregation to care.

Mission Trips

Recently, one of our folks has been in Haiti with a Medical missionary team; another has been back to New Orleans working on home repair; and now we see that Alex LaForest is raising money to go to Jamaica to work with the Caribbean Center for the Deaf in January. We thank them all for extending our touch of love among God's people in other places.

Church World Service

We got a great thank you note from Church Worlds Service in response to the money we were able to send on to them as a result of our Blankets for Mothers' Day Campaign. The note goes in part: "You've helped people whose homes have been hit by storms and floods. You've made sure kids in Kenya have safe schools. You've helped families in Haiti find sustainable ways to put food on their tables. You've given communities in Indonesia access to clean water and new livelihoods." Sounds exciting, doesn't it?

Compassion

Our church has for many years sponsored a child through Compassion International. Right now we are sponsoring an eight year-old boy from Haiti, Lovendy Delva. Within the last few years, the cost of sponsorship has been raised to \$38 a month or \$456 a year. Following a June Challenge article and some September bulletin information, \$78 was contributed by members of the Congregation to help with the added cost. Please include Lovendy in your prayers.

Stop Hunger Now

Has e-mailed us to share that it is acting quickly to provide life-saving food and aid to the families affected by Typhoon Haiyan. They are committed to sending one million meals, with the first shipment of 285,000 meals leaving from the U.S. in mid November. They also have activated their Stop Hunger Now Malaysia affiliate to provide food to the region until supplies can arrive from the U.S.

**SUMC Administrative Board Meeting
September 10, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Deb Grehn, Carol Goodwin, Patti LaForest, Brian Mohr, JoAnn Thulin, Terry Marshall, Pastor John Marshall, Kim Grehn, Bob Thulin, Bill Hyde, Deb Ingraham, Don Wilby.

Opening Prayer/Reading of Vision and Mission Statements:

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Chairperson Deb Grehn. Pastor John offered a prayer and Kim Grehn read SUMC's Mission and Vision Statements..

Acceptance of Outstanding Minutes:

The February 2013 minutes of the Administrative Board will remain outstanding because meeting notes are unable to be located.

Draft minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Two corrections were raised:

The date of the Harvest Craft Event / Chili Cook-off should be corrected to read November 2.

The Trustees report reference to the 20 Hartford Road property should be corrected to read 21 Hartford Road.

There was a motion (Bill Hyde, Deb Ingraham) to approve the Ad Board's May 14, 2013 meeting minutes with the corrections noted. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Education: Terry Marshall stated we've had a successful start to the year with the church picnic and we've received some registrations for Sunday School. Class structures will be the same as last year. Adult classes will include Cup of Joe, Cup of Joy (with new leadership), an Essentials of Faith class led by Pastor Dick, and potentially a Gospel Parallels class led by Edith Gerber. Several spaces around the church have been modified to accommodate classes

Finance: Bill Hyde reported that we are looking forward to lower heating costs for the 2013 - 2014 season given the decision to switch from oil to natural gas. A review of the budget year to date shows that we have come through the weakest giving period of the year and we are on target with our budget. Total revenue and envelope offerings are in line with plan and we've paid out \$8,000 less than budgeted for expenses. Through August, we have paid \$44,432 toward Mission Shares which represents approximately 66.7% of our Conference budget. Kim Grehn reported that pledging units this year are slightly down (101 vs. 108 last year) as are pledged dollars (\$314,604 vs. \$344,506 last year). Budget requests from Committees are due the last week of October.

Seasonal Ministries: Brian Mohr and Patti LaForest reported that the Seasonal Ministries Committee held its first meeting. The following schedule of events was reviewed: Harvest Craft Event and chili cook-off on November 2; Caroling on December 21; Advent decorating on November 30; Poinsettia set-up on December 14; "Undecorating" the first week of January; Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Pancake Games on March 4; and Easter lily decorating on April 19.

Lay Minister: Don Wilby shared the following. There is a free urban ministry event at Trinity UM Church in Springfield 9/14. On Sunday, 10/6, Alleluia Sunday will be held at South Church and we'll be responsible for refreshments for 300-400. Don reported on the youth mission trip to Philii over the summer. The experience was inspiring and he was very proud of our youth and the leadership and witness they demonstrated. He also commented on how inspiring VBS was at South Church. There were 63 kids registered and the week was a huge success.

Staff Parish Relations: Deb Ingraham stated that the first SPRC meeting is 9/17. SPRC is very pleased with the addition of the new organist, including the contributions of his wife and family. The Sexton situation will be the #1 priority for SPRC this year.

Trustees: Deb Grehn provided the Trustee's report, on behalf of Larry Fiano who was unable to be present. 371 Oak street sold for \$165,000 in August and 10% of the proceeds will go to Mission (to be determined), as approved at the Church Conference. Special thanks go to Barbara Weinberg for donating a portion of her real estate commission, Robin Meggers for donating her legal services, Don Wilby for contributions behind the scenes and Pastor John for engaging the assistance of Conference representatives. The sale was accomplished with great teamwork. The process is started to convert the church building and parsonage to natural gas. The cost is less than \$20,000. We're also looking into the conversion for Susannah Wesley Hall, but this will entail additional expense for boiler replacement and asbestos removal. Two parties have expressed interest in Jesse Lee House and dialogue is ongoing, but no acceptable offer has been submitted to Trustees.

Pastors Report: Pastor John addressed the group on behalf of the Trustees. He stated that the Trustees recognize the Church's desire to move forward with the elevator project and this is a complex process. The Trustees would like the Ad Board to appoint an elevator task force, chaired by Property Manager Bob Thulin, to work through the process. Those interested in serving on the task force should notify Pastor John.

There was a motion (Trustees, Bill Hyde) for the Administrative Board to create an Elevator Task Force, whose purpose is to make a proposal to the Trustees as to how to move forward with the elevator project. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Pastor John gave a progress update on the Stephen Ministries initiative. Applications for the 2013-2014 class of Stephen Ministers are being accepted until October 1. Training will begin November 7 and the new Ministers will be commissioned in the Spring.

New Business:

Meeting schedule dates for the Administrative Board were distributed.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol E. Goodwin, Recording Secretary



You're invited to a Birthday party...

... for JESUS!!!

- Who:** Everyone and Anyone
- What to bring:** A Birthday gift for Jesus **and** a main dish or side-dish to share (cake and drink will be provided)
- Where:** Cooper Hall, South Church
- When:** **Sunday, December 8th after the Christmas Pageant at the 10am Service**
- Why:** To join together with others and celebrate that Christmas is Jesus' Birthday!

We will have birthday hats and party games for kids

Hope you can join us!