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The CHALLENGE June 2016

South United Methodist Church
with Rev. John Marshall



“Where the joy of life in Christ overflows”

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**
(11:15 a.m. **Contemporary Worship June 19-Sept 4)**
Wildfire Worship Band in the Café
Communion served monthly

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Summer Challenge Deadline:
Sunday, July 17, 2016



THE CHALLENGE JUNE 2016

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
- 11:45a - Contemporary
Worship with Wildfire
Worship Band
- June 12th 10am service
- June 19th
Summer hours begin
9:30a Traditional
11:15a Contemporary

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A Book of Good Advice!

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do.” (Joshua 1:7)

Dear Friends,

We are in the middle of the Commencement season of the year. Many colleges and Universities hold graduation ceremonies in the month of May. Most high schools graduate their seniors some time during the month of June. Graduates at these commencement ceremonies hear addresses filled with helpful advice and wisdom for the next phase of their lives. Graduating seniors typically hear from “successful people” from the world of politics and government, business, entertainment, the arts or sports.

The best advice we receive is an application of a truth taught in the Bible.

The best advice, either directly or indirectly, is an application of a truth taught in the Bible. For the Scriptures have much to say to people going through any type of transition in life. Our education is full of transitions: today we recognize graduations from preschool, fifth grade, eighth grade, high school as well as college. But life itself is full of transitions; a first job, getting married, moving into a first apartment or house, a job promotion, retirement and even terminal illness. As we read and apply the Scripture, we can find abundant wisdom for any of life’s many transitions.

In the Old Testament of the Bible, we find a good example of this type of helpful advice in the book of Joshua. The Lord is challenging Joshua, as His chosen successor, to the great prophet Moses. God reminds Joshua to consistently, daily rely on Him and His presence and His timeless words and commands. The new leader would find his source of strength and courage in the Lord’s unwavering presence with him. Following this simple advice would be the key to Joshua’s future success.

Throughout the month of June in worship, we will think together on this and other timeless instructions the Scriptures provide. Life is constantly changing, all of us are in transition at one level or another, my prayer is that we will find great encouragement in these times of worship together. In closing, I hope as we move through Summer, we all will give priority to seeking the Lord’s wisdom through consistent Bible reading and reflection as well as gathering to worship with other believers whether here at South Church or wherever you are.

In Service to Christ,
John



June 2016 Worship Themes

June 5, 2016: We're All in Transition

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-9 The Lord's instructions to Joshua

Focus Verse: "Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go." (Joshua 1:7)

Theme: True success is found in following the Lord, and obeying His commands.

June 12, 2016: Youth Sunday

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11 The Lord encourages Jeremiah and his people.

Focus Verse: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Theme: The Lord has a good future for those wholeheartedly seeking Him.

June 19, 2016: A Father's Advice...

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:11-16.

Focus Verse: "Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." (1 Timothy 6:12)

Theme: Living a godly life is a battle worth fighting.

June 26, 2016: Advice to the Financially Blessed...

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17-21. Advice for "wealthy" people.

Focus Verse: "As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." (1 Timothy 6:17)

Theme: We who are blessed, are called to set our hopes on God, the provider of every blessing.

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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

Director Next Gen Ministries - J.T. Himmelstein ext. 13

Sexton - Ken Schaller ext. 20

Sexton - Don Wilby ext. 20

Office Managers - Colleen Olbert/Patti LaForest ext. 10

Rev. Richard Thompson (retired)

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VBS



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VBS Craft Night
Sunday, June 5
5-7pm
in Cooper Hall

Anyone and everyone
(children to adult)

is invited to come and help assemble 180
"bats" for decorating our VBS.
No crafting experience necessary!

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Over the next few months, we would like to collect a few items for this year's VBS 'CAVE QUEST'. If you come across any of the following, please put in the bin found in Reception Hall or in The Café.
Thank you!
VBS Crew

- Dark brown, black, gray, or dark blue sheets or plastic table cloths (for our cave walls)
- Styrofoam shipping coolers from meds



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Heifer Special Collection - At Our All Church Picnic
June 12



Almost 70 years ago, Dan West herded 17 heifers onto a boat in Mobile, Alabama, and shipped them to Puerto Rico, where they were given to families whose children had never before tasted milk. This was the beginning of Heifer International, a relief organization that from the beginning has been about giving the world's rural poor what is necessary for them to support themselves rather than making them dependent upon short-term relief. Heifers are young cows that haven't yet given birth, with a long life ahead of them to supply their owners with milk and calves. When Heifer International gives a family a heifer, it comes with the obligation on that family to make a gift of the first female calf to another family. Since 1944, when the first boatload of heifers were shipped, more than 12 million families in 125 countries have received livestock through the network of giving that Heifer International has built up.

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And it is more than cows. Heifer International gives poor rural families in the developing world pigs, goats, sheep, geese, llamas, water buffaloes, chickens, rabbits, and beehives, all with the requirement that the first offspring of these animals be donated to neighbors. And if the know-how to care for these animals is lacking, Heifer International ensures that the families are trained and provided with the necessary equipment to raise and make use of the animals it gives.

Remember to Bring Your "Fill the Ark" Banks
to the Picnic to Buy Animals!





Everyone is invited to our...

All-Church Picnic

Sunday, June 12

following our ONE 10am - Youth Sunday Service

Bring a side-dish to share Meat, Drinks and Dessert provided.

Hope you can join us!



Now you can give using a text message!

If you don't have cash or a checkbook and would like to give, now there is a way! Using your cell phone, send a text message to 860-512-7185. Then Type in the text message with the amount of your gift followed by the keyword, SUMC. (For example: \$20 SUMC) You will receive a simple one time form in reply that requires your name, email, zip code and the information for the card to be charged for your gift.



Hi Ho Fair Saturday, November 5th

HELP WANTED

Plans are already underway for the church fair. Here's how you can help during the summer.

USED JEWELRY- contact Marilyn Broneill at 860 649-9843

Last year we resurrected the Used Jewelry booth and it was very successful. So successful in fact, our jewelry supply is almost wiped out! Donations of used jewelry, scarves and jewelry gift boxes would be very much appreciated. These can be brought to church throughout the summer. Please leave them in the "Used Jewelry" box on the table in Reception Hall.



PLANTS - contact Marilyn Broneill at 860 649-9843

If your houseplants or perennials need splitting, please consider potting them and donating them in November for the plant table at the fair.

Upcoming Youth Events

A big thank you to all who donated for the Souper Bowl, who helped us raise over \$600 for MACC! And another big thank you to all who helped to fill and create the 18 Care Packages that were sent out to our College Students!

The last payment for the Mission Trip is due by Wednesday, 6/15, and all paperwork should be turned in at this point. If you need to clarify what you have/have not turned in up to this point, please ask JT.

6/5	VBS Decorating at 5pm at South
6/12	Youth Sunday/Youth Group 12-2pm
6/19	NO Youth Group (Father's Day)
6/26	Youth Group at 5pm at South



REBUILDING TOGETHER

April 30, 2016

It was a beautiful, sunny day for the 24th year of this annual event. Our amazing SUMC group of (34) individuals were joined by another town group of (20). We worked tirelessly cleaning up the yard & painting a house & garage on 334 Parker Street. I'm certain there are a few hard workers who will long remember that vine loaded with briars they cleared away all morning! As always, we gave of our time, pooled our talents and enjoyed each other's company in the process.



Many thanks to our SUMC team: our professional painter, Bill Bruno, Carlyn Arruda, Sam Arruda, Tim Ayer, Marilyn Broneill, Dale Dedame, Kaitlyn Dedame, Lyn Dedame, Nick Dedame, Brian Dickens, Tom Garrison, Boris Gerber, Karen Harley, Caitlin Hoagland, Jim Hoagland, Deb Horrigan, Bill Hyde, Jeff Lapworth, Jill Larmett, Max Larmett, Alan Lyons, Gordon Lyons, Marnie Meek, Randy Meek, Jessie Moulton, Janet Schmidt, Jeff Schmidt, Jocelyn Schmidt, Ryan Schmidt, Nicole Taggart, Dick Thompson, Jane Thompson, & Don Wilby. Special thanks to Jeff Lapworth who supervised the yard workers, Dick Thompson & Don Wilby who supervised the painters & Bill McGugan who set us up with food & drink just when we needed it. It was a great team effort & I hope you will consider joining us next April.

Pat Lapworth, coordinator

Hi Ho Fair Saturday, November 5th



TAG SALE & BOOKS - contact Marilyn Broneill at 860 649-9843

The "Trash & Treasures", "Antikews" and "Book Sale" booths are very popular places at the fair. Because of storage constraints, we are not able to take donations until after Labor Day. However, it's not too early to start saving a pile of "tag sale items." We are looking for household & decorative items as well as books. Small electrical appliances are ok, but please no TVs, computers, stereo systems, or records. Also, we do not accept clothing or large exercise equipment. Please watch the bulletin and September Challenge for information on where and when you can bring in your donations.

June 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30am Traditional Children's Story 9:45am K- 2nd Children's Church 10:45am Sunday School 11:45am Contemporary in Café 5:00pm NO Youth Group	30	31 12pm Bulletin Deadline	1 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Wildfire 6:30pm NO Wesley Ringers 7:30pm NO Chancel Choir	2 7:30pm SM Supervision	3	4 7:30am Men's Fellowship 9:30am Knitting Group
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12 10:00am Combined Service 10:45am NO Sunday School 11:30am All Church Picnic 11:45 am NO Contemporary 12:00pm Youth Group - picnic	13 6:30pm NO Young Women or Men Bible Study	14 12pm Bulletin Deadline 7:30pm Ad Board	15 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Wildfire 6:30pm NO Wesley Ringers 7:30pm NO Chancel Choir	16 7:30pm NO SM Supervision	17	18 9:30am Knitting Group
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More South News



South UMC VBS 2016 ~ August 15-19 ~ 9am-12pm

We need YOUR help for our Vacation Bible School to be the great success we all hope it will be. People of all ages, in all capacities with all kinds of talents are NEEDED. Please consider giving some of your time and talents to make this year's VBS the best one ever!

Please complete this volunteer survey and place it in the offering plate or the collection box by the donation board in Reception Hall or The Café.

THANK YOU!

Yes I want to help with our VBS (Aug. 15-19)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

I can be there every morning, all week (8:30am to 12:30pm) as a volunteer

I am available on : M T W R F (circle)

I can help with preparations prior to the week of VBS - Please call me!

I am interested in helping in the following areas: (Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Help w/Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Help w/Skits/Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Crew Leader in Training (6/7 grade) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help w/Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Help w/Snack Time | <input type="checkbox"/> Crew Leader (8th grade and up) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help w/Nursery | <input type="checkbox"/> Help w/Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Help w/Ice Cream Social (Thurs, 18th) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help w/Sciency-fun | <input type="checkbox"/> Help where needed | <input type="checkbox"/> Help w/Clean-up (Fri, 19th) |

Registration Forms available at Southumc.com



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

.... With silver bells and cockle shells All in a row? Who really knows what a cockle shell is, anyway?? The Lydia Circle hopes that your garden plans are in FULL bloom by now. If it ever gets warm enough to actually plant your garden (and we're SURE it will!), please plant a little extra to turn into something yummy to contribute to the Country Store at the Hi Ho Fair ... coming in October. We're busy setting our plans and making preparations for another successful year. Your contributions make all the difference! Contributed items that have been successful in the past include:

CONDIMENTS:

- Pickles of every variety ... some people have asked for "sugar free" if you're so inclined. Dill, sweet and bread and butter pickles have been in high demand. Please note that most people tend to buy the smaller jars ... so try to put your focus there. In the last 2 years, we have sold an average of 75 jars.
- Jams and jellies ... people seem to shy away from unusual varieties ... strawberry, blueberry and peach are big sellers. How about strawberry rhubarb?? Mint? Again, some people have asked for sugar free. On average, we've sold about 40 jars.
- Apple butter was a new entrant last year and was well received.
- Other Ideas: Homemade catsup? Homemade vinegars? Homemade crackers? Homemade Biscuits? Your ideas??

FOOD:

- Baked Beans - a new entrant last year and a huge success (thank you, Jane!)
- Other Ideas: Pasta sauce, homemade noodles, sauerkraut, dried herbs, vanilla, your ideas ????

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Ideas: Rolled beeswax candles, decorated mason jars ????
- A big boost to sales last year was to have a "tasting bar" so that people could sample a selection of our offerings. If you could include a medium sized jar of whatever your contribution is for the tasting bar, we would be most appreciative. We will be using a uniform label on products this year designed specifically for the Country Store. For this reason, it would be most helpful if you could plan to have your contributions to the church at least a week in advance of the fair. More information will be forthcoming in the weeks and months ahead, but, if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Nancy Dawson at 860-978-5480. HAPPY GARDENING!

Outreach News

South Church is Reaching out Through:

A great day at the Rebuilding Together event on Parker Street in Manchester the last Saturday in April. We painted a house and cleaned up a yard that was badly overgrown.

The people who participated in the Math/Literacy Night we sponsored at Washington School May 19th. This is an annual program where children from the school come with their parents to play math or reading games and celebrate what they are learning.

The Blankets for Mothers' Day project which is well underway. Contributions may still be sent to the church with the name of a woman who has been like a mother to you, and we will honor her. Five dollars buys a blanket. All money collected goes to Church World Service for its relief work around the world. Each mother is also honored with a red paper heart on the banner in the sanctuary.

Pam Carpenter, who has started serving on the board of the United Methodist Foundation, which handles money/ investments for United Methodist churches and individuals in New England.

Our almost 11,500 meals (six meals to a bag) packed on April 16 here at South through the Stop Hunger Now program, which are now on their way in a container with some 270,000 other meals to Burkina Faso in the western part of Africa. They will be distributed through Catholic Relief Services not just to students but in concert with its programs in ending hunger among people dealing with HIV, orphans, the elderly, widows, the disabled, and young women forced into marriage. These individuals desperately need assistance before they can learn to provide for themselves.

Our Sunday School students (and perhaps others) who are taking part in a Fill-the-Ark program for Heifer International. This will go on a few weeks and then be celebrated at our picnic on Youth Sunday, June 12th.

Kathy Watson who was recently honored by CHR of Manchester as one of three outstanding volunteers.

Hi Ho Fair Saturday, November 5th



CRAFT BOOTH- contact Ginny Hartzog 860 646-3962 or ginhartz@gmail.com

The crafters may begin meeting over the summer. If you are interested in helping, contact Ginny. **Crocheters** - Our nylon scrubbies were a big seller last year. We sold over 100 and now that everyone knows how great they work, we are sure we will sell even more this year! If you know how to crochet and would be willing to make some for us at home at your convenience, please let us know. We can provide the pattern and nylon netting for you to use.

Home Crafters- If you can't make it to our meetings but have a craft that you would like to make and donate to our booth at the fair, we would welcome any contributions. To help with our planning, please let us know what you will be donating.

KNITWARE - contact Jane Zadnik at 860-647-9925 or jane.zadnik@sbcglobal.net

The knitware booth is looking for donations of hand knitted or crocheted scarves, hats, mittens, sweaters etc.



LUNCHEON - contact needed!

We are looking for a new chairperson to coordinate the luncheon sold at the fair. If this is something you could help with, please contact Linda Vesho at 860 646-4823.

COOKIES IN A CAN, BAKE SALE & CANDY

Once we get closer to fair time, we will be looking for cookies, baked goods, fudge, candies and other perishables. More info will be coming on that in the fall.



As you enjoy your summer, please keep the fair in mind, and think about how you can help. Remember, all the proceeds from the Hi Ho Fair go toward various mission projects, locally, nationally and internationally.

If you need further information, contact the person listed with each booth or call Marilyn Broneill at 860 649-9843 or Linda Vesho at 860 646-4823.

**SUMC Administrative Board Meeting
March 8, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Jane Zadnik, Deb Grehn, Bill Hyde, Janet Schmidt, Margaret Callaway, Patti LaForest, Pastor Dick Thompson, Phil Susag, Randy Meek, Pastor John Marshall, Terry Marshall, Carol Goodwin

Meeting Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairperson Deb Grehn. Pastor Dick offered an opening prayer and Bill Hyde read the Mission and Vision statements.

Acceptance of Outstanding Minutes:

Draft minutes from the February 9, 2016 Administrative Board Meeting were reviewed. *There was a motion (Bill Hyde, Margaret Callaway) to accept the February 9, 2016 Administrative Board minutes inclusive of minor edits raised. All were in favor and the motion carried.*

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business to report.

Committee Reports:

Memorials: Jane Zadnik reported that there were no memorial funds received in the past month.

Trustees: Randy Meek reported for the Trustees. The Trustees support obtaining a cost estimate for an Archive Room, but are looking for a more defined objective from the Administrative Board. This was discussed and the group agreed that the primary function of the Archive Room would be to serve as a secure location to organize and house important legal and historic documents for South United Methodist Church. An Archivist role is also needed and there was agreement that it is best to appoint the role first and then develop more specific plans for the Archive Room. Randy reported that Trustees have also prioritized and agreed to move forward with upgrading the sidewalk at the main entrance, constructing a storage loft for Seasonal Ministries and placing railings near the brides' room. Trustees will also obtain cost estimates for the following additional projects: tree trimming, outdoor signage, and refinishing floors in the reception hall, choir room and 2nd floor hallway. Work on the Susannah Wesley apartment (den) is nearly complete.

Outreach: Pastor Dick reported that things are going well and it is a busy time of year for the Outreach Commission. \$3,200 has been given for the Stop Hunger Now event and over \$1,200 has been given for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Social Concerns Group: Pastor Dick reported that the Social Concerns Group plans to speak at the ECHN public hearing on Tuesday March 15th. They will be asking for appointment of an independent Ombudsman to represent the community in the transaction. The Group is also thinking of attending and participating in Louisa Barton-Duguay's Friday Night Supper at Grace Lutheran Church.

Staff Parish Relations (SPRC): Janet Schmidt reported that SPRC is meeting in the next week.

Finance: Bill Hyde, Treasurer, reported that income for the month and year-to-date are above budget. Expenses for the month and year-to-date are below budget. The Finance Commission expenses for the year will likely exceed budget due to paying for both 2016 and 2017 giving envelopes this year. We have paid 16.7% of our 2016 mission shares. Financial gifts through cell phone giving using Kindrid have resulted in donations of over \$900 through February.

Stephen Ministries, Education: Terry Marshall reported that the Stephen Ministries Workshop went great, with over 30 volunteers from our church and 77 from other churches in attendance. We are hoping to work with some other Manchester churches that have Stephen Ministry programs, for continuing education. The children's Easter Celebration event/activity will be held March 20th, Palm Sunday, after the 10:00 a.m. service. Newcomers classes will be starting the week after Easter.

Lay Leader's Report: Deb Grehn reported for Don Wilby, who was absent. Don's recent activity has included preaching at other churches in February and working on Stephen Ministry activities. He is beginning planning for the trip to Annual Conference in June.

Pastor's Report: Pastor John reported that the funeral for Jeanette Orfitelli will be held March 9 at 11:30 a.m. Lenten Study will conclude after two more classes. South Church will host the Town of Manchester Ecumenical Service on March 13 at 6:00 p.m. Holy Week is coming up with the Meal in the Upper Room Monday at 6:00 p.m. (tickets still available) and services at 7:00 p.m. on both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

New Business:

There was no new business to report.

Closing Prayer / Adjournment:

Pastor John offered a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol E. Goodwin, Recording Secretary

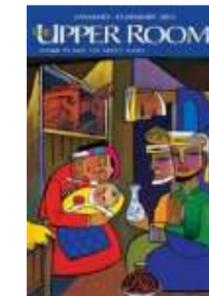
What can I do on the church website?



Read the Challenge



Look at Announcements



Do daily Devotions



Listen to a Sermon



Check the Calendar

www.southumc.com