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The CHALLENGE November 2016

South United Methodist Church
with Rev. John Marshall



"Where the joy of life in Christ overflows"

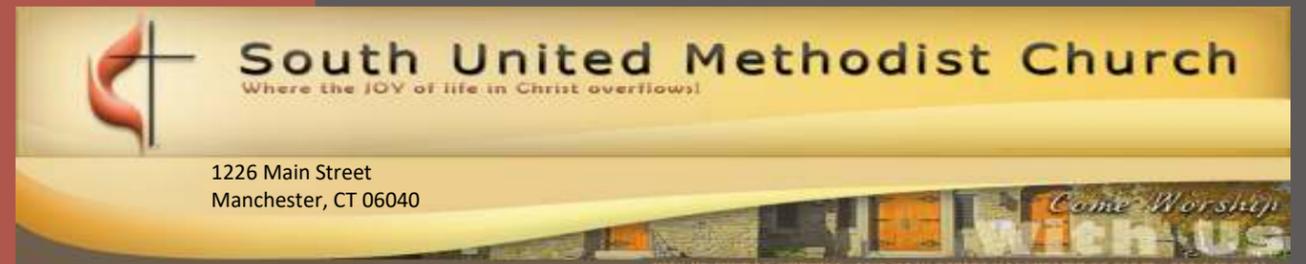
Sunday Worship Schedule

- 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 Wildfire Worship Band** in the Café
Communion served monthly

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December Challenge Deadline:
Sunday, November 20, 2016



THE CHALLENGE

NOVEMBER 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

South Church: A Place to Belong, A Place to Make a Difference
"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."
(1 Corinthians 12:27)

Dear Friends,

I remember a young man from one of the first churches I served as pastor. Joe, (not his real name), grew up with a difficult home life. His father, had seemingly continual struggles with drinking, and so had difficulty keeping a job or maintaining a normal home life. Joe's Dad gave up on his marriage and family, leaving his wife to raise the children alone. Predictably Joe himself had numerous challenges growing up, entering adulthood with a dependence on alcohol. Joe was heading for the same kind of life of his father had chosen. Sometime in his early 20's, Joe found Jesus and Joe became part of the Church. He joined the men's group, attended a Promise Keepers men's rally and turned his life around. Today as of the last I heard, Joe was still following Jesus, still active in his church, happily married, a devoted father and a dependable worker. What made the difference? Jesus and his church! For in the church, Joe found Jesus, a place to belong and people he could join together with, in making a difference. To me, that's the power of the church. I believe the church of Jesus Christ offers His hope to a world filled with "Joe's" and "Jane's."

The apostle Paul in seeking to help people understand the nature of the church often compared it to a human body. As a human being has one body with many parts or members, there is one church of Jesus Christ with many individual members. Paul developed this illustration most completely in his letter to the Church in Corinth, making at least three major points.

At South Church, every person belongs and is needed.

The church is a community where everyone belongs and is accepted. Paul first points out, "If the foot would say, *"Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.*" In the church, we shouldn't say or even think, that because we do have a more prominent role we do not belong. We might think to ourselves, "I'm not musical so I don't belong. I don't enjoy doing many things others do in the church, so I don't belong." But no matter who we are, as those who believe in, and follow Jesus, we are members of His body the church.

In the church, every person is needed! According to the apostle there is no room for snobbery in the church, *"The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."* No in fact every follower of Christ is a necessary part of His church and as such, plays a unique and irreplaceable role. In a human body, we have learned that parts once thought disposable like the tonsils have a critical role in fighting infections.

I hope that you know that you are absolutely critical to helping South Church be, and become all that God intends. South Church is a community where every person belongs and is needed. We are a fellowship (a church) where each of us doing our individual part and making our unique contribution, together are making a difference in our region and world for Jesus' sake!

In Service to Christ,
John



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November 2016 Worship Themes

November 2016: The People of God, the church Jesus established

Description: What defines the church? Who are we? What unites us - what does it mean to be the body of Christ? Jesus said that his church, his followers, would accomplish his mission and that nothing, and no one could stop it. As we remember who Jesus intended the church to be in the first century, we can rediscover our mission in the 21st.

November 6, 2016: "The church that prevails and overcomes"

Text: Matthew 16:13-20. **Peter's confession of Christ**

Scripture Verse: Jesus said, "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)

Theme: Jesus builds his church on the faith of those who trust in Him.

November 13, 2016: "How the church gets along!"

Text: Ephesians 4:1-6. **Our Unity in Christ**

Scripture Verse: "Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace." (Ephesians 4:3, NLT)

Theme: We find our source of unity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

November 20, 2016: "Everyone has a role to play!"

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. **The church is like a human body.**

Scripture Verse: "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Theme: For the church to achieve its full missional potential in Christ, each member must play a unique role.

November 27, 2016: "The first Sunday of Advent"

Text: Matthew 16:13-20. **Ascending the mountain of the Lord.**

Scripture Verse: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem." (Isaiah 2:3)

Theme: In a dark, often discouraging world, we strive to follow the Lord and live life His way!

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prayer@southumc.com

Text Giving: 860-512-7185 (\$20 SUMC)

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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Guided New Testament Tour is under way...

It's not too late to join in reading the New Testament with other members and friends from South Church. We started on October 20 and will finish April 20, 2017. A list of readings can be found below, in the bulletin and at southumc.com (click on the devos tab). The best approach is to begin with the current days reading. On the first and third Thursdays of the month, from 6:30-7:30pm in the cafe, Pastor John will lead a session previewing the New Testament material to be read in the coming weeks. The next scheduled sessions will be held: November 3, 17 and December 1. Prayerfully reading the New Testament is a great way to grow in your faith. If you haven't started reading, begin today! If you have already begun, keep up the good work.

Readings 11-20: Acts

11	11/4/16	Acts 1-3
12	11/7/16	Acts 4-6
13	11/8/16	Acts 7-8
14	11/9/16	Acts 9-11
15	11/10/16	Acts 12-13
16	11/11/16	Acts 14-16
17	11/14/16	Acts 17-19
18	11/15/16	Acts 20-22
19	11/16/16	Acts 23-25
20	11/17/16	Acts 26-28

Class 3, Introduction to Romans, 1,2 Corinthians

Readings 21-30: Romans, 1,2 Corinthians

21	11/18/16	Romans 1-4
22	11/21/16	Romans 5-9
23	11/22/16	Romans 10-13
24	11/23/16	Romans 14-16, 1 Corinthians 1-2
25	11/24/16	1 Corinthians 3-6
26	11/25/16	1 Corinthians 7-11
27	11/28/16	1 Corinthians 12-15
28	11/29/16	1 Corinthians 16, 2 Corinthians 1-4
29	11/30/16	2 Corinthians 5-8
30	12/1/16	2 Corinthians 9-13

Class 4 Introduction to 1-3 John, James

South United Methodist Church CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The perfect Christmas Gift for:
SUMC Members and Friends
Children, siblings, relatives who grew up at SUMC
Members and friends who have moved away
Manchester neighbors

\$12.00 each

These are quality, commemorative brass ornaments custom made for our church and presented in a keepsake box with church history on the back.

All proceeds from the sale of these ornaments goes to UMW and church mission projects.

Get yours today! On sale at the Fair and in Reception Hall after the 9:30 service on November 6 and other select Sundays before Christmas,
or contact Carol Goodwin at 860-966-4288.



ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH CONFERENCE

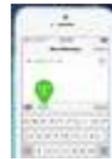


Tuesday, December 13
7:30pm
in The Café

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend

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.



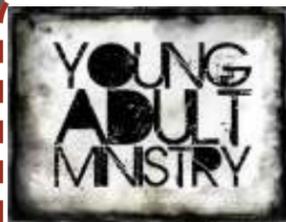
Bishop's Day on the District

Saturday, November 12
10am-Noon

at Wesley UMC
741 State Street
Springfield, MA



All Clergy and laity are encouraged to attend



To those who helped to fill the College Care Packages by donation, thank you so much! It was wonderful to partner with you in this journey to show

our college students that we deeply love them, desire to encourage them during Finals and are excited to see them return after this semester. It's likely that we will send over 20 packages this year, which is the most we have sent since this program began in 2014. Please join us in praying that God would use every single package for His glory! - JT & Catey

Upcoming Youth Events

November is a time for two things in Manchester: Thanksgiving and the Road Race. On Thanksgiving morning the Youth program and other interested South attendees will be parking cars from 7:30 to 9:30 or 9:45, and we will be asking for \$5 donations from each vehicle that uses our lot as a primo platform to partake in Road Race festivities. One hundred percent of each donation goes to supporting our Youth Mission Trip this upcoming summer, so please pray that it would go well and that God would provide for us to make this trip. He has been so good to us!
Also Youth Winter Retreat forms will be going out at the beginning of this month, and we will be "retreating" at Monadnock Bible Conference from February 10-12 (2017). If you have questions please e-mail JT: nextgen@southumc.com.

11/6	Youth Group at 5pm at South
11/13	Youth Group at 5pm at South
11/20	Youth Group at 5pm at South
11/24	Youth Parking Event at 7:30am Parking Lot
11/27	NO Youth Group



Hi Ho Fair, Saturday, November 5th



Hi Ho Fair is THIS Saturday!! And we still need....



CUSTOMERS!! Please mark your calendars to come visit us on the day of the fair - this Saturday, 11/5 from 9 to 2. Bring your friends & spread the word!!

SEASONAL DESSERTS (gingerbread & pies) and cooked CHICKEN & BEEF for the LUNCHEON. If you would like to contribute to the lunch cause, please contact Deb Grehn at 860-233-8054 or dgrehn@sbcglobal.net for more information.

PICKLES & JELLIES for COUNTRY STORE - Leave donations in basket marked "Country Store" by tomorrow. Nancy Dawson will provide labels so contact her at 860 978- 5480 or dawsonaff@gmail.com

COOKIES for COOKIES IN A CAN - Sign up to make cookies on back table in Reception Hall or in insert. Cookies should be delivered to Youth Room (lower level) this Friday 11/4. Contact Marcia Memery at 860 646-4513 or memjam@cox.net with questions.

BAKED GOODS & CANDY for the BAKE SALE - These should be brought to back room in Upper Ed Wing this Friday 11/4 or early on Fair Day. Please label each item and indicate if it contains nuts or is gluten-free.

Last but not least, we can always use more **FAIR WORKERS** - Many volunteers are needed to help at the fair on the day of the fair. The fair hours are 9 to 2, but we can use help before and after, for set up and clean up. To sign up to help, please fill out insert or contact Marilyn Broneill at 860 649-9843 or Linda Vesho at 860 646-4823.

THE PARTY !!



All are welcome to participate!

Nov 6 th	Assign pageant parts	11:30 Upper Ed Wing
Nov 13 th	Rehearsal	11:30 - 12:00 Upper Ed Wing
Nov 20 th	Rehearsal	11:30 - 12:00 Upper Ed Wing
Nov 27 th	NO Rehearsal today! (Sunday school event in café)	
Dec 4 th	Rehearsal	11:30 - 12:00 Upper Ed Wing
Dec 10 th	Dress Rehearsal	10:00- 12:00 in the Sanctuary, followed by a light lunch in the Reception hall
Dec 11 th	SHOWTIME at the 10 am Service	

Please note: rehearsals will be only 30 minutes so please be prompt! Please pick up your child at 12 in the upper Education Wing. If you are attending the café service, we can bring your children downstairs to meet you there after rehearsal is over. You are also welcome to sit and watch us rehearse.

November 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30am Traditional Service w/Children's Story 9:45am K- 2nd Children's Church 10:45am Sunday School 11:45am Contemporary in Café 1:00pm Youth Group Bottle Drive	31 6:30pm NO Young Women or Men Bible Study	1 12pm Bulletin Deadline 7:00pm Committee Mtgs	2 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Wildfire 6:30pm Wesley Ringers 7:30pm Concert Choir	3 6:30pm New Testament Class 7:30pm SM Supervision	4	5 7:30am NO Men's Fellowship (this month) 9:30am NO Knitting (this week) 9:00am Hi Ho Fair
6 9:00am Post Fair Mini Fair 9:30am Traditional Service w/Children's Story 9:45am K- 2nd Children's Church 10:45am Sunday School 11:45am Contemporary in Café 5:00pm Youth Group	7 6:30pm Young Women Bible 6:30pm Young Men Bible Study 7pm Post Fair Mtg	8 12pm Bulletin Deadline 7:30pm Ad Board	9 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Wildfire 6:30pm Wesley Ringers 7:30pm Concert Choir	10	11	12
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More South News



Are you Going through a Difficult time?

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. The care you'll receive is confidential, free, and very helpful.

To learn how you-or a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative can receive care talk to Pastor John or Terry
Or call the church office
at 860-647-9141



**The Church is not a building...
The Church is not a steeple...
The Church is not a resting place...
The Church is the people!**

In a continued effort to get to know one another even better, we would like to collect 2 copies of a "4 x 6 inch" picture which includes all the members of each household who call SUMC their Church home.

As we begin to receive a number of these, we will place them in two designated areas outside the Sanctuary and *The Café* for display with people's names, so that we can do a better job connecting names to faces. You may give me pictures in person or send them via email. If you need assistance in getting a picture, please let me know and I will set up a time to get your picture taken here at church. If you have any questions please call or email Terry at 860-647-9141 ext. 15 or terry@southumc.com.

Looking forward to seeing how our SUMC picture family tree grows!



Operation Christmas Child is a program that is operated by the organization Samaritan's Purse; and it has returned here once again! The shoeboxes are out and ready to be filled up with good things. You'll find them in the Reception Hall and in The Café. Please also take an info packet and an OCC brochure as well. The brochure contains labels for your box as well as an envelope for you to include your \$7 shipping donation.

How does it work? It's pretty simple:

1 - You'll need to decide if you want your box to be for a boy or a girl. Then, they like you to focus on an age group: 2-4 years old; 5-9 years old; and 10-14 years old.

2 - Now, fill your box. The info packet contains lists of ideas for gifts with which you can fill your shoebox, along with items that are prohibited. In general, you can include some small toys, some school supplies, personal care items, household items, and top it off with a "wow" item that will knock their socks off as soon as they open up their box! In addition, you may enclose a letter that tells a little about you and your family, along with a picture and address. There are many stories of children writing back and becoming pen pals! For the younger ones, there is a coloring page that helps tell a little about themselves. Great for your kids, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, or even neighbor kids who might want to get involved!

3 - After you fill your box, please do NOT wrap it: all shoeboxes are inspected at distribution centers before being sent around the world, and then secured with special "Samaritan's Purse" tape. Instead, you can use a sturdy rubber band (provided here when you drop your box off).

4 - Tape either a "boy" or "girl" label to your box. Labels can be found inside the pamphlet, and there will be extra labels available when you pick up or drop off your box. Check off the appropriate age range for your shoe box.

5 - Then, pray! Pray for the child who will be receiving the shoebox. For some of them, this will be their first gift ever. And for many, it will be their first opportunity to learn about the gospel of Jesus - the greatest gift they'll ever receive!

Last year we filled 136 boxes. This year, I have 300 empty boxes ready to be filled. Let's get to work!

Outreach News

South Church is Reaching out Through:

MITTEN TREE The annual mitten trees will soon be found in the Narthex and Reception Hall. We are hoping people will pick up some inexpensive hats or mittens or sweat pants for sizes 6, 7, and 8 and put them on the tree. They will then be passed on to the school nurse at Washington School to have on hand for emergencies or to use with children who don't have adequate clothing for the winter.

CROP HUNGER WALK It was on-again, off-again, but in the end the four of us who walked had a wonderful time at the annual CROP Walk on October 16. We thank all those who contributed. We didn't collect as much as in previous years when we had more warning, but we did well. All money gathered will be split 75/25 between Church World Service and our local MACC (and it is never too late to contribute).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Our thanks to Jill Smith and her crew for introducing this program for children around the world through Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes are being filled even as you read this, but we understand there are still more if you would like to pick one up and fill it. Lots of love will be heading out.

SEASONAL SHARING Thanksgiving is coming, and we will be gathering food to help about twenty-five families enjoy their Thanksgiving dinners. There is a list of things we need on the donation board in Reception Hall and outside The Café. You can check with Bill McGugan if you have any questions or want to contribute cash. Check with the article about this elsewhere in the "Challenge" since things are changing. We will be taking food to MACC for distribution (instead of individual houses), and we will be donating gift cards to local stores instead of purchasing last minute milk and eggs, etc. Soon, there will be requests for Christmas gifts for that part of Seasonal Gathering posted in the church.

CHURCH FLOWERS OUTSIDE Have you been blessed by the flowers out in the front of the church all summer? This is reaching out to the community in its own way, and we have Judy Rohlfs to thank for it.

A SECOND BOX TO JOEY (and his fellow military personnel) Joey Gyokeri (grandson of the Jean and Lou Kocsis) grew up in this church (you may have seen him in worship in his uniform from time to time) and when he went off for a second term of duty in Iraq, the Outreach Committee decided to support him by sending a box of goodies now and then. We have received a thank you note for the first box and have just sent off a second. His mother reports that his whole unit feels blessed by our gifts.

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE Speaking of that, J.T. is busy collecting items for care packages for college students as they engage in study for their finals. We are sure they will be appreciated.

HI HO FAIR As always we want to hold up the fair as outreach, both for the message it brings to the people of the community as they come and for the good all the money earned does for the people of the world through the mission of the larger United Methodist Church.



INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service held at Community Baptist Church, 585 East Center Street at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 20. Mark it on your calendar. If you don't want to go alone, see Dick Thompson.



Come and check out an Adult Sunday School Class ~ 10:45am

Cup of Joy - Women meet in Cooper Hall

Cup of Joe - Men meet in 3rd floor classroom

Social Justice Class - meets in 3rd flr classroom



**SUMC Administrative Board Meeting
September 13, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Bob Thulin, Margaret Callaway, Jason Smith, Phil Susag, Don Wilby, Jennifer Dupont, J. T. Himmelstein, Terry Marshall, Jane Zadnik, Pastor John Marshall, Deb Grehn, Kim Grehn, Carol Goodwin

Meeting Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairperson Deb Grehn. Pastor John offered an opening prayer and shared scripture from Matthew 24:42-51. Kim Grehn read the Mission and Vision statements.

Acceptance of Outstanding Minutes:

Draft minutes from the June 14, 2016 Administrative Board meeting were reviewed.

There was a motion (Kim Grehn, Phil Susag) to accept the June 14, 2016 Administrative Board minutes as drafted. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Church Directory - Deb Grehn reported that she, Janet Schmidt and Denise Roman met in July and they have an initial list of volunteers to start this project. The goal is to produce both a paper and an electronic version of the directory. There are challenges with identifying the full list of members to contact about pictures. Terry suggested we start with the active members and then worry about the larger list. Jen Dupont suggested we consider using local photographers vs. Lifetouch or another chain.

Archivist and Archive Room – Pastor John stated that lay leadership will recruit an archivist, and that person will work with Trustees will then work with that person to designate an appropriate space, etc. The archivist will be officially elected at our church conference.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Jason Smith commented that summer was a slow period and giving was a bit under budget. Things have been picking up in September. Expenses are below budget and we are up to date with our mission shares..

Social Concerns Group: Margaret Callaway reported for the Social Concerns Group. They made another trip to Grace Lutheran in Hartford and spent an enlightening and encouraging time with this diverse and interesting group. Foodshare provided the food. The Social Concerns Sunday School class is getting involved with a reading mentor program. Margaret and Deb Grehn are attending training at the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford to become reading mentors for grade school children. Terry Marshall suggested Washington School as a destination for the mentors. Terry also suggested that the Social Concerns group consider attending a meal at MACC.

Property Manager and Trustees: Bob Thulin reported that assets being managed by the Trustees are in healthy condition and there has been a recent generous bequest. Tree work has been done, including trimming and removal of dead and storm-damaged trees. The concrete drive at the front of the church has been completed by Ansaldi. The elevator warranty expires this month and we'll need to plan for ongoing annual maintenance expenses. Pastor John has made a request for budget funds to renovate the room above the pastor's office for use as a library/quiet study area and for church meetings. The room will not be open to outside groups. The slate roof on the church building is in need of maintenance. The Walden agreement to purchase 48 Hartford Road expires this month. They are still interested in moving forward, and more specifics should be forthcoming at a meeting to be held September 15. There have been two recent false fire alarms at 48 Hartford Road. Jim Hoagland continues to make progress with the 21 Hartford Road property. A structural engineer has declared the building sound. The plan is to first do work on the outside of the building – update windows and address the exterior, and then proceed to the interior and what purposes there may be for the building. There will be remediation work (lead paint, etc.) as well. The Trustees are thankful to Jim for the donation of his time and the benefit of his contacts for this project.

At Large: Phil Susag informed the group that Annual Conference will hold a special course on church history in October. Phil plans to attend.

Outreach: Don Wilby reported for the Outreach Commission. The Crop Walk will happen on October 16. Bill McGugan is looking for a volunteer to serve as coordinator / liaison with Washington School. MACC is changing up the seasonal sharing program this year. Outreach sent a care package to Joey Gyokeri, in Iraq. Our church will participate in the Operation Christmas Child program again this year. Don stated that Outreach is very sad to see Boris Gerber leave.

Next Generation and Young Adult Ministries: J.T. Himmelstein shared information about the July mission trip to Niagara Falls. It was a great experience for the 12 youth and two adult leaders who attended. The Niagara Falls community is in great need. The young men's bible study met through the summer, with good attendance throughout. Both the young men's and young women's bible studies are up and running for the fall.

Director of Ministries, Education: Terry Marshall reported that the church office received a new copier. A new business, Silk City Café, is opening in Manchester and profits will be used to combat human trafficking in Connecticut. Vacation Bible School was very successful, with 94 children and 65 youth and adults in attendance. Terry expressed thanks to all who helped with the picnic. Sunday School classes begin this week. There will be a New Testament-focused class led by Pastor John in the fall. Many homebound members are being visited and cared for, and are receiving communion through our Congregational Care program.

Memorials: Jane Zadnik stated that the memorial fund was quiet over the summer. In the spring, a memorial gift was received in memory of Shad Callaway and magnolia trees were purchased and planted on church property. Memorial gifts received year-to-date total \$2,020.

Pastor's Report: Pastor John stated that a funeral service was conducted for Grace Wright on September 12. He commented that a four week Sunday message series is in process, entitled "Peace in a Turbulent World." While we do not have a date for our church conference yet, Reverend Gary Richards from East Hartford United Methodist Church will be presiding.

New Business:

Jane Zadnik stated that plans for the Fair are coming along and the Fair date will be November 5th. "Trash and Treasure" items can be brought to Cooper Hall. Carol Goodwin presented an idea to have brass ornaments made, depicting an etching of the South Church, for sale at the Fair and for use as appreciation or new member gifts.

A motion was made (Terry Marshall, Margaret Callaway) to purchase 250 ornaments at \$6.50 each, with 50% of the purchase funds coming from the church treasury and 125 ornaments to be used for appreciation and new member gifts, and 50% of the purchase funds coming from UMW and 125 ornaments to be sold at the Fair and mini Fairs. All were in favor and the motion carried. The purchase is subject to ratification by UMW.

Closing Prayer / Adjournment:

Pastor John offered a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Next meeting of the Administrative Board will be held October 11.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol E. Goodwin, Recording Secretary

It is time to order your Holiday Poinsettia!!



The plants will be placed in the Sanctuary for worship services and the Candlelight Concert on December 18th. The plants may be taken after the Candlelight Concert; however, we hope you will choose to leave your plant until after the Christmas Eve services.

Please make your checks payable to SUMC Flower Fund and mail with the following form to Jeanne Eagleson here at church, 1226 Main St., Manchester, CT 06040

Poinsettia Order @ \$8.50 each

~The deadline for ordering Poinsettias is November 30, 2016

Please print all information.

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