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South United Methodist Church
with Rev. John Marshall



"Where the joy of life in Christ overflows"

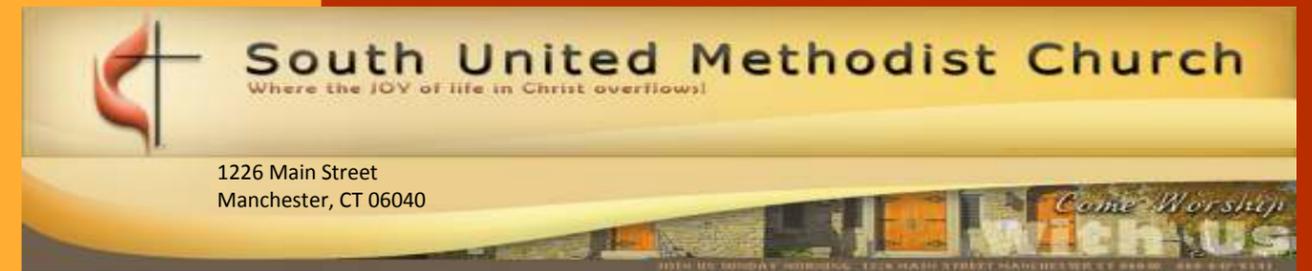
Sunday Worship Schedule (beginning 9/20/15)

- 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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November Challenge Deadline:
Sunday, October 18, 2015



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Worship with Choir
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for Nursery-Grade 2
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for all Ages
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Worship with Wildfire
Worship Band

The God We Worship

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God and there is no other." (Isaiah 45:20)

Dear Friends,

What do we look to and lean on to get us through our days? There are many little things that may help: a cup of coffee or another source of caffeine, it might be a certain program on television, it could be spending time on our favorite app., or it could even be spending time with a particular friend. As great as these aspects of life are, unless we see them as ultimately being gifts God is using to help us for a time, we may become overly dependent.

Humans, it seems, have always struggled with not leaning too heavily on those things that we can experience (see and touch) with our senses, and too little on the invisible God who made all of them. The old word for this type of devotion is idolatry; that is the human tendency to place too much importance on "created things" rather than on God, the giver of all good gifts.

The God we worship is the only One.

In the ancient book of the prophet Isaiah, God names this human struggle, calling His people to trust in him alone. "For I am God and there is no other." Anyone and anything else will only fail us sooner or later. In the case of the people of Israel, idolatry took the form of worshipping "gods" that they made with their hands out of wood, metal, pottery or perhaps stone. God alone is worthy of our full devotion, dedication and worship.

Worship is central to life. It has been said that humans have been created to worship something or someone. We as Christians worship the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I think it is important to occasionally take the time to examine the God we worship. If you are anything like me, life has a way of magnifying our human struggles and problems. At the same time that we are in the midst of a crisis, we may discover that we have forgotten or neglected our relationship with the God who promises to be with us and see us through, life's storms.

I'm convinced that as we reserve worship for God alone, we will discover fulfillment, love, peace and joy. In short, everything we ultimately long for in life can be provided by our Lord.

It's been said that, "True worship is not confined to what we do in church or open praise (although these things are both good, and we are told in the Bible to do them). True worship is the acknowledgment of God and all His power and glory in everything we do."

During the month of October, our worship services will focus on the God we worship." We will become acquainted or be re-acquainted with the Lord God. We will discover that the God we worship is the One we can turn to. The God we worship is the One who reigns! The God we worship is the One who is patient! Perhaps most encouraging of all, the God we worship is the One we can place our hope in and has the power to help us through life's challenges.

I look forward to worshipping the One True God with you this month on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:45 am.

In Service to the **One** we worship,
John

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October 2015 Worship Themes

Description: The God we worship is patient and abounding in love. The God we worship is unique. It is precisely this God we worship who gives us strength to live and thrive in this world. Through the words of His prophets, God revealed His character and being to His people Israel and through them to all of humanity.

October 4, 2015: "The One We Can Turn To"

Scripture: Isaiah 45:20-25

Focus Verse: The Lord says, "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other." (Isaiah 45:22)

Theme: "The God we worship is the only One."

October 11, 2015: "The One Who Reigns"

Scripture: Daniel 2:17-23

Focus Verse: "God changes times and seasons, deposes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding." (Daniel 2:21)

Theme: The God we worship is in charge.

October 18, 2015: "The One who is Patient"

Scripture: Exodus 34:1-9

Focus Verse: "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness..." (Exodus 34:6)

Theme: The God we worship is patient.

October 25, 2015: "The One We Can Place our Hope In"

Scripture: Isaiah 40:27-31

Focus Verse: "Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

Theme: The God we worship is able to help!

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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

Pastoral Intern - Derek Wilson ext. 16

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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Music in October

Earle Bidwell, Director of Music

October sees the beginning of choir rehearsals for the annual **Christmas Candlelight Concert**.

The Chancel Choir welcomes singers to the Concert Choir who love to sing, but cannot commit to regular Wednesday rehearsals and/or Sunday morning worship. Singing in the Concert Choir requires a 6 week Wednesday rehearsal commitment, and a Saturday morning dress rehearsal on December 12th, the day before the concert. The music is uplifting and the choir is welcoming of newcomers. The music room is now accessible to singers with limited mobility.

Contact Earle Bidwell, Music Director at (860) 647-9141 or Earlegb@gmail.com to obtain more information or to find out how to join the Concert Choir.



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The **Wesley Ringers** are back for another season of inspirational music offered monthly from the bell loft. This year's bell choir roster includes a mixture of veterans and newcomers. Veteran ringers are: Deb Ingraham, Jennifer Dupont, Carol Goodwin, Marnie Meek, Marcia Memery, Cathy Fogel, Jill Smith, Alberta Hoagland, Margaret Callaway and Edith Gerber. Three newcomers joined the ensemble last year. They are: Karen Bufford, Amy Polderman and Brian Stern. All three have experience playing in university bell choirs. Brian, a music teacher at North Windham Elementary School, will make his conducting debut with the Wesley Ringers on November 18th when the ringers offer *Hymn of Promise*.

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Welcome to our Pastoral intern, Derek Wilson



Derek is not a newcomer to SUMC, he joined our church in the Fall of 2014. He has attended services here on many occasions prior to and since, and it was in fact at one of these services that he heard Pastor John encouraging congregants who were sensing God's call to full-time ministry to talk with him. After their meeting, he decided to attend seminary at Regent University in VA to earn a Master of Divinity degree. Part of his educational requirements include a pastoral internship, as well as some additional on-line classes. We are very pleased that he will do his internship here at South UMC under Pastor John. Derek comes to us with a vast amount of experience, including service in the U.S. Military, as well as holding a Bachelor's Degree in Religion, and a Master's Degree in Professional Counseling. We look forward to Derek working in the ministry areas of Congregational Care and Adult Education and Bible Study. Derek can be reached by calling the church phone at 860-647-9141, ext. 16 or by email: derbywilson16@gmail.com.

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Fall-Themed Event for Young Adults on October 17th from 6-8 pm. Meet at Foster Farm in South Windsor for Flashlight Corn Maze Questions? E-mail/ speak with JT and Catey (nextgen@southumc.com)!



Cup of Joy ~ Women

Join us any Sunday
10:45am ~ Cooper Hall

Cup of Joe ~ Men

Join us any Sunday
10:45am ~ 3rd floor classroom



Social Justice Class

Join us any Sunday
10:45am ~ Sanctuary "round table"

Upcoming Youth Events

Youth Group is a great time to come together and have fun, play games, eat some great snacks and worship our Lord through song and message. FYI new Youth Church Forms will be going out shortly, and these will need to be returned to JT ASAP. Looking forward to a great October...please pray for God to move in this awesome ministry at South!

- 10/4 Youth Group 5pm at South
- 10/11 NO Youth Group
- 10/18 Youth Group at 5pm at South
- 10/24 Youth Halloween Outreach Event at 11am at South
- 10/25 Youth Group 5pm at South



Our Fall Bible studies have begun and have been great so far! We meet on most Monday nights from 6:30-8pm in the Susannah Wesley building.

Our Young Women's study has started up again for the Fall! We have been blessed with warm tea, yummy desserts and great conversations while digging into the Word with 'SheReadsTruth' devotionals. Please contact Catey Himmelstein if you are a high school/young adult female and would be interested in joining us!

Our Young Men's study has also been blessed as we have been studying the life of Samson through 'Fight' by Craig Groeschel to learn how we can be men of God and create habits now that will allow us to fight for our faith tomorrow. Just fyi we also have desserts and conversations, they are just manlier! If you are a high school/young adult male and want to join, please let JT Himmelstein know.

We'll be taking two weeks off in the middle of this month and will be starting back up on Oct. 26th, a great time to come if you're new!

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Pastor: Rev. John Marshall
Stephen Leaders: Alberta Hoagland, Terry Marshall, Don Wilby & Dave Bidwell

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MINISTRY

God's Love in
ACTION

There are times when everyone of us experiences difficulties. . .

Please consider this excerpt taken from a letter written by one of our current Stephen Ministers. . .

"For those of you who don't know me, my name is Amy Cooper. I have attended SUMC since 2005. I joined the church and was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012.

As I came to know more of you and was so richly embraced, I wanted to find ways to be a better servant of God. On May 18, 2014, I was commissioned as a Stephen Minister.

At some points in life, everyone faces periods of crisis, transition or difficulty. It is during these times, people can receive great benefit from a confidential, caring relationship with someone who will faithfully listen, empathize, pray with, and for them, and encourage them with Christ's love and care.

Since my involvement with the Stephen Ministry, I have been faced with many things in my personal life including: a change in employment after 13 years with a company, the suicide of my former boyfriend, personal health concerns, long distance care giving for my mother and father in Northern NY, the death of my father the day after my 49th birthday, my Aunt's diagnosis of breast cancer, not to mention bouts of frustration, depression and anxiety.

I want to encourage each and every one of you to consider the real people in our congregation who care about you and have gone through at least 50 hours of training as well as making a 2 year commitment to "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2.

There are no small or inconsequential challenges, everything is real and relative to the individual facing it. Whether you, or someone close to you, is going through grief, relationship struggles, cancer, financial difficulties, job loss, spiritual crisis, or just want to have someone to talk with, Stephen Ministers are here in our congregation to care for you.

My life has been blessed through my training, and through the support of our Stephen Ministers."

If you are interested in more information about Stephen Ministry, please see Pastor John or Terry, or call the church office at [860-647-9141](tel:860-647-9141).



CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 18



Our church is joining other Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC) congregations in the Manchester Community CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 18.

CROP Hunger Walk funds are used to support the worldwide self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance programs of Church World Service. 25% of the funds raised will go to MACC to help the hunger-fighting programs in our own community.

Our walk begins at 1:15 pm at St. Bridget Church, 80 Main St. Registration begins at 12:30 pm. We will walk up Main St. to MACC, for refreshments and the opportunity of a tour of the MACC soup kitchen and food pantry, and then back to St. Bridget.

All South Church members and friends are urged to join our Manchester neighbors in this walk. If you are asked by a "walker" to be one of their sponsors, please give generously. By supporting the CROP Hunger Walk you can make a difference in the lives of refugees, displaced people, and those struggling just to survive.

For more information, to sign-up to be a walker, or to make a donation, please visit the CROP Walk table in Reception Hall on any Sunday morning.

October 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30am Traditional Children's Story 9:45am K- 2nd Children's Church 10:45am Sunday School 11:45am Contemporary in Café 5:00pm Youth Group	28 6:30pm Young Men & Women's Studies	29 12pm Bulletin Deadline 7:30pm Staff Parish Mtg	30 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Wildfire 6:30pm Wesley Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	1 6:30pm SM Supervision 7:45pm Spiritual Gifts	2	3 7:30am Men's Fellowship 10am Joanne Susag Memorial service
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More South News

How you can help for the Hi Ho Fair, Saturday, November 7th (Notice date change!!)



Cookies in a Can Booth

This is a popular booth. Customers select a coffee can covered in bright, colorful fabric, hand it to the worker who fills it as the customer chooses, from the trays of cookies on display. Last year we sold over 150 cans, filled with thousands of delicious cookies! There is a box in the Reception Hall for donations of clean coffee cans, along with a sign-up sheet for donations of homemade cookies. We will need to know what kind of cookie you are baking, if it has nuts or any special ingredients, like coconut or raisins and approximately how many you will make for us. These can to be any type of cookie (not squares or bars), must be small enough to fit into a coffee can and should be delivered to the booth in Reception Hall on Friday, November 6, the day before the fair. If you have any questions on the Cookie in a Can booth, please contact Marcia Memery at 860 646-4513.

Crafts for the Fair

The Crafts after Church group will be meeting Sundays after the 9:30 service until the fair to work on crafts for the fair. We have the supplies, but please bring scissors and a pencil. Please check the weekly bulletin for the meeting room. If you can't make it to the crafting meetings but have a craft that you would like to make and donate to the booth at the fair, we would welcome any contributions. To help with our planning, please contact Ginny Hartzog (860 646-3962 or ginhartz@gmail.com) to let us know what you will be donating.

Used Jewelry

In the past, this has been a popular booth at the fair and we'd like to bring it back. Donations of used jewelry, scarves and jewelry gift boxes would be very much appreciated. Please leave them in the "Used Jewelry" box on the table in Reception Hall.

Tag Sale items & Books

"Trash & Treasures", "Antikews" and "Book Sale" booths are very popular places at the fair. We are looking for household & decorative items as well as books. Small electrical appliances are ok, but please no TVs, computers, stereo systems, records, clothing or large exercise equipment. Donations can be left on the stage in Cooper Hall, whenever the church is open.

Plants

If your houseplants or perennials need splitting, please consider potting them and donating them for the renewed plant table at the fair. These can be brought to the church beginning Tuesday, November 3rd.

Country Store, Baked Goods, Candy, Knitted and Quilted Items

These booths will be looking for your homemade baked goods, candies, fudge, pickles, jams, jellies and relishes, sweaters, mittens, hats and scarves, along with table runners and wall hangings. Please drop these off at church beginning Tuesday November 3rd.

Fair Workers

Last, but not least, volunteers are needed to help at many of the booths 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. If you need further information on the fair or to sign up to help, please contact Marilyn Broneill at 860 649-9843 or Linda Vesho at 860 646-4823.

Remember, all the proceeds from the Hi Ho Fair go toward various mission projects, locally, nationally and internationally. Your help is very much appreciated!

Outreach News

South Church is Reaching out Through:

SUMMER FOOD FOR MACC PANTRY. Our thanks to all those who faithfully brought in food for us to take to the pantry. Special thanks to the VBS kids who made this a priority for their time together and to Zachary Smith who asked for non-perishable food donations instead of gifts for his recent birthday (and brought in a great pile of food as a result).

WASHINGTON SCHOOL. We spoke last month about identifying areas where we can express God's love for the children at Washington School. After talking with their staff, we have found that their biggest concern is to gather a supply of underwear, socks, and sweat pants for sizes 6, 7, and 8 to have for emergencies. So we're going to respond to that. There is a box in Reception Hall for you to make your contributions.

CROP HUNGER WALK. For a while we were afraid that the departure of the priest at the Episcopal Church would squelch our community CROP Walk this fall, but others have stepped up (including our own Boris Gerber), and will still happen on Sunday, October 18. You may sign up in Reception Hall.

STOP HUNGER NOW. We received notification that the food we had packaged this spring had been shipped... this time to Malawi. It is being distributed through Iris Africa in the Nsanje District where there are approximately 435,000 orphaned and vulnerable children. Our meals will help nourish 350 children a day at Iris Africa's children's homes, a local primary school, and a village orphan program.

TRIP TO OVERLOOK FARM. We had decided to put together a trip to the Heifer Farm in Rutland, MA on October 3 for their special fall program. Unfortunately some things came up, and we don't know if that date may be changed. Talk to Boris Gerber or Dick Thompson if you and your family would like to go sometime. They'll stay in touch.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA. Our Annual Conference is within reach of it's three year campaign goal of \$1,000,000 to help wipe out malaria, and South Church is looking for ways to help reach that amount. In the meantime, our thanks to all those who have already given, so that we met our commitment of \$5,000 at South Church.

Seasonal Sharing Thanksgiving Food

South Church in cooperation with the Manchester Area Conference of Churches has identified many families in need in Manchester. Through the Outreach Commission, we have assumed the responsibility of providing groceries for the Thanksgiving meal for 25 families.

Please bring non-perishable food items and put them in the grocery cart in the narthex or the box in the reception hall. Non-perishable food items needed are: **juice, cranberry sauce, chicken broth, canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, gravy, stuffing, coffee.**

Please sign up in Reception Hall to bring a turkey or ham prior to the 9:30 service on 11/22.

Please make a monetary contribution to purchase perishable items such as: pies, rolls, milk, margarine, eggs, fresh vegetables, etc. (Please make checks payable to SUMC and note seasonal sharing).

On Friday, November 20th at 6:00pm, help is needed in Cooper Hall to organize and pack food.

On Sunday, November 22nd following the 9:30 worship service help is needed to deliver food. Please sign up in Reception Hall.

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

**SUMC Administrative Board Meeting
June 9, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Carol Goodwin, Pastor Dick Thompson, Earle Bidwell, Margaret Callaway, Deb Grehn, Pastor John Marshall, Janet Schmidt, Don Wilby, Kim Grehn, Bill Hyde, Phil Susag, J.T. Himmelstein, Patti LaForest

Opening Prayer/Reading of Vision and Mission Statements:

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairperson Deb Grehn. Pastor John offered an opening prayer.

Acceptance of Outstanding Minutes:

Draft minutes from the May 12, 2015 meeting were reviewed and minor edits were raised.

There was a motion (Margaret Callaway, Bill Hyde) to accept the minutes inclusive of the edits; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Church Directory: Janet Schmidt reported that a second meeting was held and various options for the directory are still being evaluated, including on-line vs. paper options. The group will continue to meet over the summer with the goal of making a recommendation at the next Administrative Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

Music and Trustees: Earle Bidwell reported that contributions of \$383 were received at the spring concert and these funds will be allocated to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Margaret Callaway commented that the concert was fun and she hopes that people enjoyed it. Earle provided an update from Trustees as follows: Installation of elevator hardware and stone masonry work will begin within the next week. The target date for completion of the elevator is July 10. Trustees are considering replacing the education wing hot water pump and also looking at options for installing an electrical generator for the church building. The heating system at 20 Hartford Rd. requires updating and oil to gas conversion is also being pursued for this property. The Town is installing new sewer lines on Hartford Road.

Outreach and Social Justice: Pastor Dick reported that we're looking at 2016 dates for the Stop Hunger Now event, with May 21 as a possibility. The Heifer Project presentation went well and we will have a collection for Heifer International on June 14. Social Justice Update: We've offered SUMC as a venue for a possible community program featuring the "Color of Justice" video. Seven from SUMC attended a recent program entitled, "Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors" and we're looking into further opportunities to work with the Manchester Muslim community. The International Justice Mission is another group we're looking to build a relationship with, possibility through a joint prayer initiative.

Next Generation Ministries: J.T. Himmelstein reported that the summer Bar BQ was successful. Young men's and young women's bible studies are continuing through the summer. We're looking for service opportunities for the youth. Mission trip preparations are in process. The bottle drive raised \$130. There was a donation from Christian Mens toward the mission trip.

Finance: Bill Hyde provided the Treasurer's report. Income exceeded the monthly Budget by over \$6,000 in May, but year to date income is \$2,500 below Budget. Expenses were below Budget for May and are \$14,500 below Budget year to date. May expenses included payment for Stephen Ministries Leadership Training. Natural Gas expenses are running \$5,000 below budget. We have paid 42% of our annual Mission Shares Budget. Kim Grehn provided an update on the pledge campaign. We've received 71 pledges, with \$217,056 pledged so far. This does not include the continuation of existing pledges not formally renewed.

Lay Leader: Don Wilby reported that Annual Conference is next week in Manchester, NH. We now have 23 Stephen ministers and 3 supervision groups. Anyone with a need for a Stephen Minister should contact Pastor John or Alberta Hoagland.

Staff Parish Relations (SPRC): Janet Schmidt reported that SPRC completed and submitted the 2015 Congregational and Pastoral Evaluation. Discussions are ongoing about starting a visitation ministry. Next meeting of SPRC will be held in September.

Education: Terry Marshall gave the Education report. Three 3rd graders received first communion on June 7. Six will be confirmed on June 14 and a picnic will follow the service that day. Volunteers are still needed for VBS.

Memorials: Deb Grehn read the Memorials Report from Jane Zadnik. The memorial fund received \$285 in gifts for the period May 12 – June 9.

Pastor's Report: Pastor John reported that Dave Bidwell will be attending Stephen Minister leadership training in Pittsburgh in August. SUMC will be hosting a workshop in the spring of 2016, focused on encouraging other churches to become part of Stephen Ministry. Materials will be sent to 1,000 area churches for this event. Pastor John commented on the upcoming Annual Conference. Phil Susag will be in attendance and it was noted that this year is the 60th anniversary of Phil's first election to General Conference.

Closing Prayer / Adjournment:

Pastor John offered a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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 13th. 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, 2015

Please print all information.

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Address & Phone # _____

Will be left for shut in: _____

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