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The CHALLENGE October 2017

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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November Challenge Deadline:
Sunday, October 22, 2017

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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

The God Who Surprises

Jesus said, "Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." (Mark 8:35)

Dear Friends,

Who would imagine that on a dark, rainy, stormy day there would often appear in the sky something as beautiful as a rainbow. I remember one very rainy Saturday evening this summer traveling south from Vermont to Connecticut, somewhere between White River Junction and Brattleboro encountering such a phenomenon. The double rainbow seen in the eastern sky was so striking that many paused (including me!) on the shoulder to take a picture. Yes, the God who made this world does many surprising things. We can see much in the Scriptures as well as in creation that often catches us completely off guard.

There are two kinds of people, those who love being surprised and those who really don't like to be surprised. During his ministry, Jesus encountered both kinds of people. The religious leaders were surprised to learn there are no bad days to do good. His followers learned of Jesus' desire to help the powerful and the weak. All who desired to follow Him discovered that it would cost them everything to be a disciple of Christ.

Who would think that a tiny mustard seed would be a suitable example of what God's kingdom is like? Humanly speaking if something is small we often don't expect much from it. This was Jesus' point in using the mustard seed to illustrate the nature of the kingdom of God. Often it seems that more attention is given in our culture to the relatively large watermelon seed than the tiny mustard seed. In a world of large institutions, big egos and powerful people we may forget, or perhaps not trust the God who made everything, sustains it and will have the last word on the destiny of both individuals and nations.

Following Jesus can be much different than we might expect

Who would expect that we would find greater meaning and purpose through giving rather than receiving? We live at a time when many try to convince us of just the opposite. We have seen the advertisements: "treat yourself, you deserve it, take care of yourself" and so on. While it is true that there needs to be balance in life and we should take care of ourselves, overall Jesus would say, our society has gone too far down the self-actualization path.

During this month at South Church as we learn more about the God who surprises, each of us will all have the opportunity to make our personal commitment to the ministry of South Church for 2018. God is doing great things at South Church. People of all ages are coming to know Jesus better, through worship, classes and various service opportunities. We are doing great things in our local area as well as globally in Jesus' name. With your personal commitment through prayer, attendance, giving, serving and inviting, 2018 will be another great year for South Church. Do you believe that? Will you join me in helping to make it happen?

In Service to Christ,
John

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October 2017 Worship Themes

October 1, 2017: "Always A Good Day to Do Good"

Scripture: Mark 3:1-6 Jesus heals man on a Sabbath.

Focus Verse: "Jesus said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent." (Mark 3:4)

Theme: Jesus invites His followers to join Him in doing good each day.

October 8, 2017: "Always Growing, Always Expanding."

Scripture: Mark 4:26-32 The parables of the sprouting seed and of the mustard seed.

Focus Verse: "Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.'" (Mark 4:26-7)

Theme: The kingdom of God; though often appearing small, is growing in the world.

October 15, 2017: "A Day of Miracles!"

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43 Jesus helps the powerless and the powerful.

Focus Verse: Jesus said, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." (Mark 5:34)

Theme: Those trusting in Christ receive His grace regardless of their background or need.

October 22, 2017: "Now Comes the Hard Part"

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38. Jesus predicts his suffering, death and resurrection.

Focus Verse: Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

Theme: Following Jesus means embracing the cross: His and our own.

October 29, 2017: "The Kingdom of God at a Bargain Price?"

Scripture: Mark 10:17-21 A rich man seeks immortality.

Focus Verse: Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

Theme: It is difficult for the materially blessed to understand and experience God's kingdom.

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South Church Staff

Pastor - Rev. John Marshall ext. 14

Director of Music - Earle Bidwell ext. 11

Organist - Christopher Walton & Tatianna Lukyanova

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)

Finance Update

S With fall upon us, it is time for our annual pledge campaign at SUMC. We are kicking things off a bit early this year, with a goal of getting all wrapped up by the end of October. There has been a notable decline in the number of households pledging over the last few years - some of this can be explained, but we've also found that there are many people who support SUMC and for whatever reason opt not to pledge. Please prayerfully consider filling out a pledge card for 2018. Below are some common questions we on the Finance Committee receive about the fall pledge campaign:

U **Q. Why should I fill out a pledge card?**

M **A.** Pledging is important! We will use the information provided on the pledge card when we develop our 2018 budget. All of the many programs and activities at SUMC are supported by the congregation through our collective prayers, presence, gifts, service and our witness. It is very difficult to plan next year's activities without having an idea of what resources will be available to us.

C **Q. What happens to my pledge card after I turn it in?**

A. Your pledge card information is kept private. The card itself is only seen by people who need to see it as part of their work at the church. Our financial secretary, Kim Grehn, takes the pledge card info. and inputs the giving amounts into our church financial system. Pledges of time and talent are referred to Pastor John and the Lay Leadership Committee as they seek to align committee/commission activities with those looking to help. Even as the chair of Finance, I don't see the individual pledge cards.

Q. What happens if my circumstances change and I need to alter my pledge?

A. Your pledge is not a binding contract - it is simply an estimate of what you plan to give next year. If you need to increase or decrease your pledge amount, you can privately speak with Kim Grehn, Pastor John, or any member of the Finance Committee.

N **Q. Can't you just assume that I will give the same amount next year as I did this year?**

A. We could, but with history as our guide, we know that there are a lot of things that can impact giving. We on Finance don't claim to know what is going on with everyone - hearing from you directly is far more meaningful.

E **Q. I have a job where I don't earn a straight salary - I get paid via commission, or I'm a contractor and I don't have a line of sight as to what my income will be next year. How can I fill out a pledge card if I don't know what my income will be?**

A. You are not alone - we have many members of the congregation in similar circumstances. All you can do is make an estimate of what you plan to give. As noted above, please know that if you need to change your pledge it can be done discreetly.

W **Q. Is pledging all about money?**

A. No! We want to encourage faithful stewardship of all the resources God provides. Our pledge cards have areas where you can pledge time, talent, and treasure to the work of SUMC. Given the many numbers of activities at SUMC, there are plenty of ways to get involved in the life of the church.

S Pledge cards, along with a letter from Pastor John will be mailed to you during October. Please take the time to fill out a pledge card. Consider all the many wonderful activities your giving supports (Sunday school for all ages, VBS, bible study, outreach, global mission work, congregational care programs, our music program, next generation ministries, to name just a few). Also, as part of your pledge, please consider serving on a commission or committee, or volunteering at a SUMC event.

Jason Smith
Finance Committee Chair



THE CROSSING

College students are going to experience finals in 2 months, and South Church has the opportunity to bless each one of them! For the 4th year in a row South Church will be sending care packages to its students, and help is needed! If you are a parent of a college/graduate student, or if you yourself are a student, please pass along your name, address and phone number to JT, Catey or the Office. Interested in joining one of our Young Adult Bible Studies? Please do! The Young Women's Bible Study meets on most Monday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm @ 20 Hartford Road, and the Young Men's Bible Study meets most Monday nights as well from 8:30-9:30 pm @ the church in the Youth Room. Check the calendar on the church website for the most up-to-date information on these gatherings!



It's NOT Too late....

If you haven't signed up to have your picture taken for our new Church Directory

Please call Mary Beth Comp (860-646-0122) ASAP for one of our last appointment slots.

Photos will be taken October 10-14 in the Upper Ed Wing.

The Youth Program at South Church is dedicated to seeing every Youth experience God each week through regular worship, Teen Class and Youth Group! This month we will make our medical release form available throughout the church and on our website, and each Youth needs this form filled out and returned in order to participate in the fun events and service opportunities coming up. On October 22nd the Youth will have a service opportunity with details that are TBA, and on Saturday, October 28th, the Youth will have some fun at Foster Farm's Flashlight Corn Maze in South Windsor! The event will be from 6:30-8:30 pm and is \$5 per person. Should be awesome! Interested in following us on social media? Check out the South UMC Youth Facebook Group for special weekly updates!



Bible Sunday was Oct. 1



Congratulations to the following Sunday School Students who received Bibles at one of our two morning services. We rejoice in this step of their journey with God. May God guide them, their families, and us, as they use their Bibles in their homes, their Sunday school classes, and in our worship. We pray we will learn and grow together in our love for God's Word and in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Those who received Bibles:

3-6 Grade Class

Jai Cabrera
Brandon Harley
Mason Smith

Teen Class

Sam Arruda
Richard Binette
Nathan Zimbelman

Upcoming Youth Events

This year our Youth will have service projects and fun outings throughout the year in addition to regular Youth Group!

10/1	Youth Group at 5pm at South
10/8	NO Youth Group
10/15	Youth Group at 5pm at South
10/22	Youth Group at 5pm at South
10/28	Flashlight Corn Maze 6:30-8:30pm
10/29	NO Youth Group



Hi Ho Fair Saturday, November 4th 9am-2pm



While all profits from the fair go to support mission work, 20% of the 2017 fair profits will go directly to UMCOR Hurricane Relief fund.

One more month to fair time, here's how you can help support these wonderful causes:

COOKIES IN A CAN - contact Marcia Memery at 860 646-4513 or memjam@cox.net
This is a very 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 sign-up sheet for donations of homemade cookies in the Reception Hall. 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 be any type of cookie (not squares or bars), must be small enough to fit into a coffee can and should be delivered to our booth in the Youth room (lower level) on Friday, 11/3, the day before the fair. There is also a box in Reception Hall to start collecting coffee cans for next year.

TAG SALE & BOOKS - contact Marilyn Broneill at 860 649-9843
"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 in front of the stage in Cooper Hall, whenever the church is open.

COUNTRY STORE - contact Nancy Dawson at 860 978-5480 or dawsonaff@gmail.com
This booth is all about wonderful canned goods and other delicious prepared foods from the kitchen. It is hard to believe that, for the most part, our gardens are finishing up for this year. Ideas of foods that we would love to have are jams, jellies, pickles, relishes, condiments, vinegars, dried herbs / spices, pesto, salsa, etc. If you are planning on contributing items to this booth, please let Nancy Dawson know as soon as possible as she will be providing labels for each contribution. Please leave your donations in the basket marked "Country Store" in Reception Hall, with your name and phone number, so we can call you with any questions on ingredients. We would like all donations in by Monday, October 30th if possible.

CRAFT BOOTH - contact Ginny Hartzog 860 646-3962 or ginhartz@gmail.com
The crafters have been meeting during the summer on Saturday mornings in Bolton. We have a lot done already, but will be meeting at least one more time in the fall. If you are interested in helping, contact Ginny. If you 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 contact Ginny to let us know what you will be donating. Do you crochet? Our nylon scrubbies are big sellers every year! 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! But we need your help making them! If you know how to crochet and would be willing to make some for us at home at your convenience, please contact Ginny (info above). We can provide the pattern and nylon netting for you to use.

USED JEWELRY - contact Marilyn Broneill at 860 649-9843
We have resurrected the Used Jewelry booth and it has been 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 now and left in the "Used Jewelry" box on the table in Reception Hall.

KNITWARE - contact Linda Vesho at 860 646-4823
After many years of heading this popular booth, Jane Zadnik has taken a well deserved rest. So we are looking for a new chairperson. Don't worry ... we'll help you get started! If you are interested, please contact Linda.

Scarves, hats, mittens, sweaters, baby clothes (please mark the size), quilted and sewn goods are all needed to be sold in this booth. If you love to knit, crochet or sew, we can use your donations!

PLANTS - contact Marilyn Broneill at 860 649-9843
If your houseplants need splitting, please consider potting them and donating them for the renewed plant table at the fair. Please bring to the church & leave in Reception Hall, by October 23rd & put a sign on the plant that it is for the fair.

LUNCHEON - contact Deb Grehn at 860 233-8054 or dgrehn@sbcglobal.net
The luncheon this year will be open from 11 to 1 and feature "comfort foods" - chicken pot pie, Shepard's pie etc. In addition, Deb plans to offer coffee and pastries the morning of the fair. We will be looking for donations of "fall" desserts and pies such as gingerbread, apple & pumpkin pies and rice pudding. If you helped in the kitchen in prior years or would like to do it this year, please contact Deb.

PUBLICITY - contact Ginny Hartzog 860 646-3962 or ginhartz@gmail.com
If you are available to help get the word out to newspapers etc, please contact Ginny.

BAKED GOODS & CANDY
These booths will be looking for your homemade baked goods, candies and fudge. They can be dropped at church the week of the fair.

FAIR WORKERS - contact Marilyn Broneill at 860 649-9843 or Linda Vesho at 860 646-4823
Many volunteers are needed to help at 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 or Linda (see above).

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

October 2017 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 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	2 6:30pm Young Women Bible Study 8:30pm Young Men Bible Study	3 12pm Bulletin Deadline 7pm Commission night	4 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Wildfire 6:30pm Wesley Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5 7:30pm SM Supervision	6 4:30pm Costello/ Moreau rehearsal	7 7:30am Men's Fellowship 9:30am Knitting Group 3:30pm Costello/Moreau Wedding
8 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 NO Youth Group	9 Columbus Day Office Closed 6:30pm NO Young Women Bible Study 8:30pm NO Young Men Bible Study	10 12pm Bulletin Deadline 2:00pm Directory Pictures 7:30pm Ad Board Mtg	11 11:00am Staff Mtg 2:00pm Directory Pictures 6:30pm Wildfire 6:30pm Wesley Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	12 2:00pm Directory Pictures	13 2:00pm Directory Pictures	14 9:00am Directory Pictures
15 8:30am S.S. Teacher's Mtg 9:30am Traditional Service w/Children's Story 9:45am K- 2nd Children's Church 10:45am Getting Acquainted 10:45am Sunday School 11:45am Contemporary in Café 5:00pm Youth Group	16 6:30pm Young Women Bible Study 8:30pm Young Men Bible Study	17 12pm Bulletin Deadline 7pm Lydia Circle 7pm NO Staff Parish	18 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Wildfire 6:30pm Wesley Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	19 7:30pm SM Supervision	20	21 9:30am Knitting Group
22 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 **Challenge deadline	23 6:30pm Young Women Bible Study 8:30pm Young Men Bible Study	24 12pm Bulletin Deadline 7:30pm Finance Mtg	25 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Wildfire 6:30pm Wesley Ringers 7:30pm Concert Choir	26	27	28 6:30pm Youth Event
29 9:30am Traditional Service w/Children's Story 9:45am K- 2nd Children's Church 10:45am Sunday School 10:45am Going Deeper 11:45am Contemporary in Café 5:00pm NO Youth Group	30 6:30pm Young Women Bible Study 8:30pm Young Men Bible Study	31 12pm Bulletin Deadline	1 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Wildfire 6:30pm Wesley Ringers 7:30pm Concert Choir	2 7:30pm SM Supervision	3	4 7:30am Men's Fellowship 9:30am Knitting Group

More South News

Trustees News

Submitted by Earle Bidwell

Over the last six months, significant changes and improvements have been realized in virtually every part of our church campus, including all five buildings, and the grounds on which they lie.

Church The library-study, above Pastor John's office, is near completion with a beautifully refinished floor, and new furniture to accommodate quiet study, group meetings and adult Sunday school. Electrical improvements and some additional technology capabilities will finish the project. Work is also nearing completion on a room to house the South Church archives on the 4th floor.

21 Hartford Road The exterior work on the building is virtually complete with new paint, energy efficient windows, and a new front porch. Tedone Building and Remodeling, a company with experience in working with churches and historic buildings, has been contracted to remodel the interior. Work is rapidly progressing to provide first floor space for Next Generation Ministries and a second floor residence for the family of the Director of NextGen Ministries.

20 Hartford Road (Chamber Building) Second floor office space has been provided to Building Healthy Families, Inc.™ a nonprofit, Christian based organization dedicated to promoting healthy development of infants and toddlers. The space includes a small office and meeting room for director Peter Tullison, a small group meeting area, and a play room for infants and toddlers.

48 Hartford Road After being vacant for several years, 48 Hartford Road is being leased to United Schools Association (USA). This organization is dedicated to offering a quality learning experience to international high school students wishing to study in America. About 12-16 students from several foreign countries are living there and attending East Catholic High School. Not only does this arrangement allow international students a chance to live and learn in America, it provides our students the opportunity to interact with young people of other nations.

Parsonage New energy efficient windows have been installed in the parsonage along with modern 200 amp electrical service.

Campus Several ornamental trees and shrubs (memorial gifts) have enhanced the beauty of our campus in the Memorial Garden, around the parsonage and at the Main Street entrance to the church. Additionally, efforts are being made to try to save the many Hemlock trees, suffering from drought and Woolly Adelgid disease, through chemical injections. We have also invested in a new tractor to allow Ken and Don to handle jobs that that otherwise would be done by outside contractors.

Maintenance Overseeing the work on a plethora of upkeep projects on our buildings is Larry Fiano. We are indeed fortunate to benefit from his considerable expertise, his passion for the work and his unwavering commitment to serving God and South Church.

Outreach News

South Church is Reaching out Through:

WE BOUGHT A COW !!!!! How cool is that!!! Really, it was a Heifer ... and part of the Heifer Project you helped to make a success during the Church Picnic! In addition to the cow (heifer), we contributed some serious dollars to the General Fund. Thanks to the hard work of all involved and all who contributed to this wonderful, international project, a community in Bangladesh now has the tools they need to survive and prosper. In this world we live in, it's so hard to imagine how a seemingly small gift could have such huge ramifications to others. "Together, we can build a better world one family at a time." Please put this project on your radar screen as we will do it again next Spring. The project is a wonderful way to teach your children (and learn a little something yourself) about the needs of less fortunate parts of the world.

The MACC Shoppers were busy, busy, busy this summer. They used the funds you provided to help keep the Food Pantry shelves stocked at a time when the need is very, very high. Many thanks to all who helped do the shopping with the funds you provided.

STAY TUNED! October 29 is the upcoming CROP WALK. As yet, we don't have a great many details, but we will communicate them through the bulletins as they become available. Walk, walk, walk ... it's good for the heart ... it's good for the world!



Terry Marshall is looking for a few people who may be interested in resurrecting Our

International Gift Shop

please contact her at
860-657-9141 ext 15
or terry@southumc.com



Shoebboxes are here!! Pick them up in Reception Hall or in The Café. Return filled shoebboxes by November 12th. Thank you to our UMW and Outreach Committee! They have donated enough money to cover the shipping costs for **155 boxes!!**



**SUMC Administrative Board Meeting
June 13, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Terry Marshall, Deb Grehn, Pastor John Marshall, Jane Zadnik, Bill McGugan, Bill Hyde, Don Wilby, Larry Fiano, Phil Susag, Ed Dupont, JT Himmelstein, Margaret Callaway, Patti LaForest and Kim Grehn.

Opening Prayer/Reading of Vision and Mission Statements:

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Chairperson Deb Grehn. Pastor John said a prayer. SUMC's vision and mission statements were read by Bill McGugan.

Acceptance of Outstanding Minutes:

Draft minutes from the May 9, 2017 Administrative Board meeting were reviewed. *There was a motion (Phil Susag, Bill Hyde) to accept the May 9, 2017 Administrative Board minutes as drafted. All were in favor and the motion carried.*

Unfinished Business:

Unfinished business was tabled.

Committee Reports:

Memorials: Jane Zadnik reported that memorials totaled \$1130 as of June.

Outreach: Bill McGugan reported Jill Smith had a number of Heifer games at the picnic. No report on total taken in yet. MACC Shoppers will be busy shopping for the summer. Donna Costello prepared a poster displaying all the activities our church has participated in with Washington School. Donna will be looking for more volunteers for the next school year. Compassion Sunday was a success, all 18 children have been sponsored. MISAC is represented by Pam Carpenter and Randy Meek. Outreach will check to see if South can add one more person to the MISAC board.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Hyde, Treasurer, reported that income for the month was down. Expenses for the month and year-to-date are below budget.

Lay Leader's Report: Don Wilby, reported that he will be leaving for Annual Conference this week. Stephen Ministry will meet once in July and twice in August.

Property: Larry Fiano reported for Property. The parsonage has upgraded the electrical to 200 amps. Half of the windows have been replaced with the second half to be replaced next week. Central Air for the parsonage has been put out to bid. The church building – the Archive Room has been set up. 20 Hartford Road – fire escape ladders that will tuck under the windows in the back are being purchased, as well as telescopic ladders for the side. The second floor porch is being worked on including replacing the windows. Gutter work is also planned as they are leaking water. 48 Hartford Road – roof leak has been fixed, fixed ceiling and mold on the Hartford Road side. Boilers are being serviced. Hemlock trees have been treated in hopes of keeping them. Historical Society will be touring 48 Hartford Road this month.

Trustees: Larry Fiano reported that work has begun on 21 Hartford Road. Jim Hoagland did a design that is functional for living on the upper floor while the main floor will be able to be used by NextGen meetings and functions. Tedone Construction has been authorized for the inside work.

Archivist: Phil is looking for volunteers to help with Archives. Next year will be the 225th year of Methodism in Manchester and would like South to participate/initiate activities to celebrate the milestone.

Scouts: Ed Dupont reported a successful picnic here. He also reported on the scouting activities and plans for the summer and the future of scouting with the prospect of family scouting.

Next Generation Ministries: JT reported that we have 3 high school graduates and several college (undergraduate and graduate). The Youth attended a Christian concert at Rockville Methodist church. Their attendance was appreciated by RUMC. Young Men's Bible study has had good attendance. Same with Young Women's Bible study with the addition of a new college grad. The Youth's mission trip is coming together for July 16th to 21st.

Social Concerns Group: Margaret Callaway reported that they had watched a program on the internet regarding racism and how to handle the question of racism. She believed the program was informative.

Finance: Kim Grehn spoke about a need to push for participation for the upcoming campaign.

Education: Terry Marshall reported a successful Youth Sunday and Picnic. People like the set up. We will have nursery throughout the summer for both services. Seven people attended the new member's classes. Wildfire will be participating in the Christian Music Festival on June 17th, Hyde Park, Stafford Springs. Adult library will be moving upstairs to one of the meeting rooms.

Pastor's Report: Pastor John reported that we have had a busy spring with several funerals. We are getting ready for VBS Maker Fun Factory in August. Regarding 48 Hartford Road, we have had two potential buyers fall through. Peter Tullson had some great suggestions for using the space.

There was a motion (Larry Fiano, Bill Hyde) to temporarily suspend active marketing of 48 Hartford Rd. till November 1st. All were in favor and the motion carried.

New Business:

There was no new business discussed

Adjournment:

The next meeting of the Administrative Board will be Tuesday, September 12th at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti LaForest

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 17th. 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, 2017

Please print all information.

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Will be left for shut in: _____

Will be taken: _____

Envelope # (if you have one) _____