

South United Methodist Church



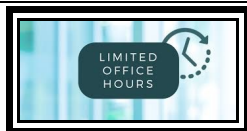
NEWS & NOTES

A Note from the "Editor". . .
In an attempt to be in communication with you, AND save the church a few pennies at the same time, we have tried to make good use of one stamp by including your 3rd quarter financial statement, this brief, compact, News and Notes (in lieu of a Monthly Challenge), and the Christmas Memorial forms in one envelope. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Pastor John (pastorjohn@southumc.com) or Terry (terry@southumc.com) or call them at the parsonage at 860-643-4014.

CURRENT SUMC CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. & Fri.
9am-Noon

Wed. & Thur.
5pm-8pm



Some things to keep in mind. . .

- * Please **enter the building** via the Main St. door
- * Please **wear a mask inside** the church office
- * Please **keep to a max. of 4 persons** at one time (INCLUDING STAFF MEMBERS) in the church office
- * Please **limit walking through** the church building for the safety of staff and others required to be there.
- * Please **exit the building** by the Parsonage side door.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to Springs of life-giving water and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 9:17



Dear Friends,
In these difficult days of pandemic it's helpful to be reminded that we can turn to our LORD to see us through. He is our shepherd He is our source of life, He is our comforter. As we look to the LORD; the ONE in whom we can completely trust, day by day He will see us through.

As we enter the 4th quarter of 2020, we all can reflect on the fact that this has been a year much different than we had hoped for or imagined. Even when things don't go the way we had hoped or planned for, we can keep our eyes on the ONE who is on the throne. He sees all and knows all and is working for the good of those who trust in him. **"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. . ."** Romans 8:28

AS many of you know we were hoping to have in-person, INDOOR worship in the Sanctuary beginning 11/01. Unfortunately we have had to delay that plan. We are still working toward that goal, but now is not the time. If you are like me, you are disappointed, but not surprised that we appear to be on the front end of another wave.

Be assured however that **God is with us**, he will see us through this. We can continue to rely on His promise to never leave us or forsake us. At South Church, Lord willing, we will continue to offer an OUTDOOR, in person service as long as it is feasible as well as a live stream option at 9:30am indefinitely. Things may look different for a while longer, but I'd invite you to trust in the ONE that I'm convinced with all my heart will see us through!

Grateful to serving Christ in this time and place with you all - Pastor John

In-Person Worship: Due to circumstances beyond our control at this time, **we have delayed the return of the 9:30am in-person indoor service.** We will however continue to live stream this service on Face Book for those unable to attend **our outdoor (11:15am) in person service details of which are elsewhere in this document.**

If our outdoor Sunday service is

ever cancelled due to weather, you will find that info. on the following TV stations; Channels 3, 4 & 6, (CBS, NBC & FOX61). You can also call the church number (860-647-9141 ext. 5) or check out www.southumc.com



South Church is now on Instagram (as well as Face Book)! Please follow us



'Southumc_ct'

Please join us in prayer that God would expand His Good News through us all the more as we expand our social media presence and reach.

*******Outreach News*******



The Drive-by MACC Bin

THANK YOU for your generosity to MACC through using the SUMC drive by bin.

PLEASE drive through and place items in the bin! (by the upper ed wing ramp door) Items will be brought directly to MACC for distribution.

Current needs are:

cereals, canned goods, mac & cheese, pasta and sauces, kids pre-packed snacks, peanut butter, jelly, juice boxes, diapers.

We ARE doing **Seasonal Sharing**

in cooperation with **MACC** this year for both Thanksgiving & Christmas. We will proceed a bit differently than in years passed due to COVID-19, but the outreach to our neighbors in need will still take place!



Please see Jill Smith, chair of Outreach, or call her at 860-644-1555 for details on how you can participate in helping someone in need.

We ARE collecting **SHOE BOXES** this year!



Please prepare your shoe box using the website below for guidance and drop off whenever the church building is open between 11/01 and 11/15

www.samaritanpurse.org/?s=shoebboxes

THANK YOU
for your support of
SUMC
during this time.



- * Through the "Giving" tab at www.southumc.com
- * Through Text giving - the number is 860-512-7185
- * Through placing your offering in the **locked box** at the bottom of the outdoor pulpit stairs at the end of the OUTDOOR service.
- * Through mailing a check to the church. **Despite our circumstances TOGETHER we are continuing to make a difference!**

ZOOM Youth Group Sunday at 6:00pm

Connect w/ JT or Catey for up to date info. regarding youth and young adults at 623-670-2612
nextgen@southumc.com



SUMC Re-Opening NEWS

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The 11:15 outdoor service will eventually move to Cooper Hall as the weather turns colder. More info. to come.

Sunday School Options for children are on hold at this time, however we are moving in the direction of having in person small group gatherings such as rehearsals, classes, Bible studies, work groups, committees & commissions for youth (possibly) and adults. These will initially all be held at times other than Sunday mornings. More info. to come. **Up until this time** most of the above has been taking place via ZOOM or facebook live, God is still at work!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support of SUMC, especially during these challenging times. You should find a statement of your giving through the 3rd quarter of this year. Although we have done our very best to cut expenses in the last 7 months, through reduced program and utility costs, we all know we are rapidly approaching the costly heating season. In addition there is much work we hope to do throughout the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season, as we seek new and innovative ways to reach people with the love of God, through Jesus Christ. Whether that be in person or in other ways that these unprecedented times may demand.

If after looking over your statement you believe there is a discrepancy, please contact either our current Financial Secretary Kim Grehn at kim.grehn@gmail.com or our incoming Financial Secretary, Denise Roman at jeroman1956@outlook.com. If you are unable to use e-mail, then please call the church office at 860-647-9141 and leave a message for Kim or Denise. If you notice you are behind in what you had hoped to give to SUMC this year, many would be blessed by whatever you are able to make up. I am grateful for all we are doing together to carry on the ministry of Christ in our region and world even during COVID-19. With God's continued help we will get through this season, stronger than ever!

~Pastor John