

If you are visiting today, welcome!



We invite you to fill out a Connection Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Members of the church leadership are always available to answer questions you may have. Please feel free to call (860) 647-9141 or e-mail office@southumc.com if you would like to learn more about the church or how you can get plugged in. We also invite you to join us for a time of fellowship following the 9:30 am service in Reception Hall, located next to the Sanctuary.



Now you can give using a text message!

Using your cell phone you can send a gift to the church by text message. The number is 860-512-7185 - then type in the text message the amount of your gift followed by one of the key words.

For general giving - \$ amount SUMC



Our sermons on YouTube are now accessible directly from our Church Website! (www.southumc.com) Click the link at the bottom of our Home page or on the Sermon Podcast page, and you will be taken to all of our uploaded sermons!!



Young Women: The Young Women's Bible Study will continue to meet **each Monday** evening in March from 6:30-8 pm at 21 Hartford Rd! This is a great opportunity to get connected over tea and snacks in a relaxed, comfy, living room atmosphere, and the time of fellowship is focused on the Word of God and prayer with one another. If you're a young woman interested in attending or have questions, please text Catey: 802-274-4630

Young Adult: College Care Package Season will return soon, and our hope is to send as many packages to our college students as possible! Even if you signed your student up last semester, we are asking that you would communicate with us once again for this semester so that we have the most up-to-date address for our students as some packages were returned last year due to outdated info. Please put your student's Name, School/University, and Address on the designated sheets located outside of the Youth Office or outside of the Youth Room starting next Sunday!

Next Gen Updates

Youth: Next Sunday (3/15) we will be going to see the 4:40 pm showing of 'I Still Believe' at the Buckland Hills Cinemark! Cost of entry is \$5 plus \$\$ for snacks and drinks, and drop off will be at the Theater at 4:30 with pick up at church around 7 pm. Please let JT know if you want to come so we can purchase tickets ahead of time...friends are welcome!

Mar 8th
Mar 15th

Youth Group at 6pm
Youth Group at Buckland Hills Cinema @4:30pm



This year spring seems a little easier to find around the corner! We are looking for 25 volunteers with skills in painting, exterior repair, yardwork, landscaping, etc. to help our neighbors in Manchester. Last year we did yardwork for two special families. This year we will be working on **Saturday, April 25th, 2020**. Starting around 8:30, we usually work until close to noon, and then adjourn to a local park for a picnic put on by the town. Please look for sign-up sheets in Reception Hall and *The Café* until **March 15th**. You will need to complete a waiver as well. Give it some real thought; it's always a rewarding day! Any questions? Please email Teresa Dorer at mtdorer@gmail.com or call after 5 pm at 810-227-8373



"Take Courage": A Lenten Study

This courageous study is an invitation to grow deeper in our faith; to ask and answer honest questions. The goal of our time will be to help us come to a deeper faith, deep in the sense that we see how it impacts every area of our lives. It is a gentle invitation to get off the spiritual fence, to leave behind a faith in Christ that is *one part* of our life, and to fully commit ourselves to Jesus Christ who *is* our life. It is designed to help us seek Jesus, the truth, the one we can count on and believe in, the one who uniquely offers the way to God, everlasting life and salvation from sin and death. We will constantly return to the basic questions: if this is true, then what? If this is true, how should I live, should I live differently?

We will gather Sunday evenings in March: March 8, 15, 22 and 29 in *The Cafe* at 6:30pm If you have questions about our faith either your own or those you have been presented with, please send them to me at pastorjohn@southumc.com. We will incorporate as many questions as possible into our Lenten Study.

The GIFTS OF LOVE ... EARLY
SPRING EDITION
IS OPEN TODAY!



Stop by the Gifts of Love ... a Shop in Reception Hall (after 9:30 service) and outside *The Café* (before *The Café* service) to select a special gift that keeps on giving! Gifts available in this "episode" are items made by American veterans, international gifts made by craftspeople from seriously impoverished areas of India, Kenya, Ecuador, Philippines, Bangladesh and the West Bank. We are also offering coffee from the Phoenix Roasters, an Atlanta-based organization that works directly with impoverished farmers.

In addition, beautiful gift Bibles are available for your purchase at the Shop. They make beautiful Easter gifts. Small brochures that focus on certain aspects of Bible study are also featured in the Shop.

Gifts of Love will be open each Sunday in March. Please stop by and make a purchase that will help us to help others.



March Madness

The South UMC Bracket Challenge is returning! Any interested participants should fill out a Men's and/or Women's Bracket(s), which will be available after Selection Sunday (3/15) and Monday (3/16), online or in your local newspaper, and return those to the Church Office or by e-mail to JT (nextgen@southumc.com) by March 18. Winners will receive the Bracket Challenge Trophy and a year to gloat to the rest of us!