

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. We offer new members classes twice a year, and 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
Other key words are UMCOR, BLANKET and WATER



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!!

South Church Name Badges



are now available to anyone who would like one.
\$10 suggested donation

They have a magnetic back so clothing is not damaged (not able to be worn with a pacemaker; other options are available)
See Terry Marshall or contact her at 860-647-9141 ext 15
(terry@southumc.com)

"One more way to know and care for one another better!"

Next Gen Updates

Youth: Join us for Pizza and VBS Decorating this evening at Youth Group from 5-7 pm! This will be after the VBS training from 3-5 pm so plan to stick around if you're helping with VBS this upcoming week or come by church at 5 pm if you're not!



Aug 18th
Aug 25th
Sept 1st

VBS Training @3pm - VBS decorating & pizza @5pm
Youth Group @ 5pm
NO Youth Group - Labor Day Weekend



SUMC Community Garden Update

What happened so far?

In July we met and brainstormed with Town of Manchester garden expert Bettylou Sandy. Bettylou shared some great recommendations for how to start, grow, and maintain a garden for community benefit. We selected the location: south of the Sunrise Garden.

What's happening now?

The plan is to build three 4'x8' garden boxes this Fall to be ready for Spring planting. A plan for the maintenance and who will receive the produce is in process.

What can you do?

Donate materials, dollars, labor, or ideas. We need 2"x12"x8' lumber. We also need gutter, downspout, and barrel for rain harvesting (which Heidi could use now for the Sunrise Garden).

Go and see: we've marked the outline for three garden boxes just south of the Sunrise Garden.

Contact Jeff Kieft (gjkieft@yahoo.com), Peter Tullson, Don Wilby, or Heidi Lyman with your ideas for how to best grow community with a garden.



Books for Building Healthy Families

Building Healthy Families is gathering children's books in the blue bin in Reception Hall to give to children coming to their September Kids Fair.

Thank you!



South Church VBS Day Camp IMPORTANT info:

- * Dates are: Mon, 8/19 - Fri, 8/23 (9am-Noon for campers)
- * Openings are still available (for campers PreK-Gr. 6)
- * Cost is \$25/child - some scholarships are available
- * **Volunteers are still needed** and have training **TODAY** at 3pm in *The Café* Followed by pizza and final decorating at 5pm
- * We **NEED** your prayers for our VBS Day Camp

Reminder!!!



If you or your committee need to get an article into the September Challenge, you need to have it submitted to the office by Sunday, August 18th

You are invited. . .
to our VBS Ice Cream Social
Thursday, August 22 ~ 6:30pm
Cooper Hall



Suggested donation:
\$3 ~ person * \$12 ~ cap per family
The children from our VBS will share some of what they have learned at 7:00pm
Come and enjoy a "taste" of our VBS program.

You'll be glad you did!