

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](mailto: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 HABITAT CROP



Our sermons on YouTube are now accessible directly from our Church Website! ([www.southumc.com](http://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 Adult Ministries



This year's Young Adult Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 19th, from 6:30-8 pm at the Virginia Ryan Next Gen Home (21 Hartford Road)! All of our Young Adults are invited to gather together in their best Ugly Sweaters for food, fun, and fellowship, and plus ones are welcome and encouraged! Please RSVP to JT by text if you plan to attend: 623-670-2612

### Next Gen Updates

**Youth:** Today the Youth are hosting a Pancake Breakfast in Cooper Hall following the service in order to raise money for the Youth Mission Fund! Those that have purchased tickets ahead of time may use the "Fast Pass" lane to enter Cooper Hall. Tickets will be available at the door for those that haven't purchased them yet, and the cost will be \$3 per Child, \$7 per Adult, and \$20 Max per Family. Cash and Check are acceptable methods of payment. The Youth will also be caroling for tips after serving your tables! Thank you in advance for your support!

The Youth Christmas Party will be on 12/15 from 6-8 pm at the Virginia Ryan Next Gen Home (21 Hartford Rd)! This event will follow the Candlelight Service and a Pizza Dinner will be provided! Youth and Youth friends are invited to a merry time of fun, food, games, and more! Any questions, contact JT at 623-670-2612.

Dec 8<sup>th</sup>  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

Youth Group at Pancake Breakfast  
Youth Group at 6pm (following the Candlelight Concert)



### Joy of Community Sharing

SUMC has "adopted" 15 Manchester families this season. We need everyone's help to make this a success! There are several ways you can help:

- Continue to donate non-perishable items: stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, chicken broth, canned corn, peas, or green beans, bottles of juice, cans of coffee, and tea bags.
- Buy a turkey or ham for one of the families (we need more hams than turkeys for Christmas). Sign up in Reception Hall or The Café.
- Buy a gift for a child or adult. Return the wrapped, well-labelled gift by December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Cash donations may be placed in the offering plate, labeled "seasonal sharing."
- Help us pack up the food baskets on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> (6pm) in Cooper Hall.
- Make a delivery on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> between 10:30am - noon. Sign up in Reception Hall or The Café. (It's a big job! These volunteers need help carrying food and gifts to their cars. No need to sign up: just come to Cooper Hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and let us know you can help!)

### Women of South Church Holiday Tea



This is open to all women of South Church. We will meet in Reception Hall for Tea and Christmas Cookies on Tuesday, **December 17th** from 7-9 pm. We will be making gingerbread houses. Please RSVP to Jenn Dupont at 860-729-8603 or [JennDupont01@gmail.com](mailto:JennDupont01@gmail.com).

### Finance Update 2020



To date we have received 74 pledges totalling \$259,600 for the budget year 2020. Our goal is 110 pledges totalling \$320,000. Keep up the good work! Being fully funded means we can continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ through our various ministries and outreach programs for the transformation of Manchester and beyond to "the ends of the earth"!

### CHRISTMAS MINI-FAIR

Dec 15th  
in Reception Hall  
before & after 9:30 service



In addition to all our other wonderful gifts available to purchase, the Craft group is taking orders for personalized Scrabble tile ornaments for \$5 each. Personalize them with the name of your favorite child or holiday word (8 letter maximum). To order your unique, handmade ornament, fill out the form on the back table of reception hall or contact Deb at (860) 645-1958 or [quilter327@gmail.com](mailto:quilter327@gmail.com) by **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Ornaments can be picked up at the Christmas mini-fair. For more information or questions, contact Ginny at (860) 646-3962 or [ginhartz@gmail.com](mailto:ginhartz@gmail.com). Remember, all purchases support mission work - local and around the world!

### Annual Church Conference Wednesday, Dec 18 at 7pm In The Café



All members are invited  
and encouraged to attend



The GIFTS OF LOVE ...  
CHRISTMAS EDITION  
IS OPEN TODAY!

Stop by after church to select a special gift that keeps on giving! ALSO, beautiful gift Bibles are available for your purchase. What a beautiful Christmas gift for someone on your list! The shop is open each Sunday through December 22, and each week will feature new merchandise so plan to stop by often! Merry Christmas!