

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
Other key words are UMCOR HABITAT CROP



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 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! Current Young Adults, be on the lookout for the Hobnob invitation! If you haven't joined us before please RSVP to JT by text if you want to come: 623-670-2612

Next Gen Updates

Youth: Thank you to everyone that gave their time and energy to support our Youth Pancake Breakfast, and thank you to those that generously donated! It was a gift to serve you, and we look forward to using God's provision through you to continue being in Mission! Thank you, Lord!

The Youth Christmas Party is today, 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!

Dec 15 th	Youth Group at 6pm (following the Candlelight Concert)
Dec 22 nd	Youth Group at 5pm
Dec 29 th	NO Youth Group
Jan 5 th	Youth Group at 5pm



SUMC has "adopted" 15 Manchester families this season. We need everyone's help to make this a success! We are on the home stretch now, making final preparations for Christmas deliveries.

- Wrapped gifts are due back today. Please see Jill Smith (860-644-1555) if you haven't brought your gift in yet.
- Cash donations to help offset the cost of perishable food, pies and rolls may be placed in the offering plate, labeled "seasonal sharing."
- Help us pack up the food baskets on **Friday, December 20th (6pm) in Cooper Hall.**
- Make a delivery on **Sunday, December 22nd 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 22nd 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.

Finance Update for 2020



To date we have received **79 pledges totalling \$274,272** 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 by **Wednesday, December 11th.** 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 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!