

South United Methodist Church



~Welcome to South Church *On-Line*~

Pastor: Rev. John Marshall, Jr.

Director of Ministries: Terry Marshall

Next Generation Ministries: JT & Catey Himmelstein

Director of Music: Earle Bidwell

Organists: Christopher Walton & Tatiana Lukyanova

Office Managers: Colleen Olbert & Patti LaForest

Lay Leaders: Deb Grehn & Don Wilby

Sextons: Ken Schaller & Don Wilby

Retired Clergy: Rev. Richard Thompson

Missionary: Dr. Belinda Forbes, Nicaragua

Order of Worship

The 2nd Sunday of Advent; On-line Worship

12-06-2020

our focus Scripture verse today is...

“This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven.”

Mark 1:4, NLT

Opening Music

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath week 2; Love & Bethlehem

Announcements

Music

Theme of the Day

“We can prepare for the Lord’s coming by turning to God to be forgiven.”

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:1-5, NLT

Children’s Moment

Music

Pastoral Prayer for the People

Please submit prayer requests to be included either by email: Prayer@southumc.com or by phone: 860-337-2793

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-8, NLT

Message “Where Do We Start?” Pastor John

Offering

Blessing

Closing Music

NRSV - The New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible
NLT - The New Living Translation of the Holy Bible

****PLEASE NOTE:** THIS SERVICE WILL only be On-line, NOT in -person at this time.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK



Mon. & Fri.

9am-Noon

&

Wed. & Thurs.

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 church building through the Parsonage side door.
- ~Thank you in advance for your cooperation.~

If you need to reach Pastor John or Terry
Please call the Parsonage at 860-643-4014

SUMC Re-Opening NEWS

In-Person Worship:

Due to the Governor’s roll-back to Phase 2.1, and the rising COVID-19 infection rate, 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.

The 11:15 OUTDOOR service will continue as long as the weather makes it feasible. (Please see weather cancellation policy elsewhere in this document.)

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.

Our church office is open for your convenience please find times and procedures elsewhere in this document.

PLEASE continue to keep our RE-OPENING in your prayers.

South United Methodist Church

1226 Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040
860-647-9141

www.southumc.com

THANK YOU for your continued support of SUMC
People are still being reached with the love of God
because of our combined commitment to Christ
through SUMC and our shared ministries.



You can continue to support our church. . .

- *Through the "Giving" tab on our website
- *Through Text giving - the number is 860-512-7185
- *Through Mailing a check to the church (address above)
- ~ Together we can continue to make a difference! ~

Outreach News

Seasonal Sharing Christmas
FOOD boxes are to be
delivered SUNDAY, 12/20 at
12:15pm. Please see Jane
Thompson or call her at 860-
647-7099 for details.



Sign up for Christmas gifts to be delivered to
members of the 17 families who will receive boxes is
on-line this year. Call Jill Smith at 860-644-1555 or
check your email from Pastor John for info. on how to
participate.

PLEASE NOTE - THIS INFO. HAS CHANGED!

IF our outdoor Sunday service is
cancelled due to weather. . .

YOU CAN FIND THAT OUT BY:

- * CALLING the church number
(860-647-9141 ext. 5),
- * CHECKING our website at:
southumc.com
- * LOOKING at the SUMC facebook
page or Instagram



Family ADVENT DEVO. PACKS are
available for S.S. Families with kids in
Pre-K through grade 6. If you have
not received one yet and would like
one, call Terry M. at 860-643-4014.



NEXTGEN MINISTRIES
ZOOM Youth Group,
Sunday's 6-7:30pm
Text JT at 623-670-2612 for info.



Altar flowers are given
in loving memory of:
Betty Hite
by Colleen Olbert

Altar flowers are given
in loving memory of:
Laurie Patarini
by her family

Altar flowers are also given
in loving memory of:
Laurie Patarini

by Jill Zatkowski, Pat McIntosh & Kristi Maulucci

OUTDOOR Worship can be heard from your car radio
on FM87.9. If you have wanted to join us Sundays at
11:15am, but need to be in your car in the church lot -
you can now hear clearly thanks to Nick Booth.



PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES at SUMC

Weekly Prayer ZOOM Meetings
on Tuesday's from 6:15-6:45pm
email: prayer@southumc.com

IF you'd like to join in to
receive ID & password info.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

ALSO FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS...

If you would like Pastor John to pray
over your requests during our Sunday
Morning services... please submit them
via email: prayer@southumc.com or by
phone: 860-337-2793 by Saturday
morning of each week.

How do we celebrate this year?

YOU'RE invited to join our
ZOOM Devotion & Discussion
Next session will be **THIS WEEK**

on Wednesday, 12/09
Remaining session; 12/16

7:45-9pm

email: pastorjohn@southumc.com
or call 860-643-4014 for link info.

CURRENT SUNDAY WORSHIP opportunities at SUMC



We will continue to live stream a modified service
for those not yet able to attend in person
~ SUNDAY'S at 9:30 am ~
~AND~



In person **OUTDOOR** worship service,
following suggested CDC and local guidelines

~ SUNDAY'S at 11:15am ~

the location is on the side lawn of the church building
outside the outdoor pulpit.

~ Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket ~

EVERYONE will be responsible for sitting/keeping
at least 6 feet from those not from your
household.

Please note: No entry will be allowed into the
church building on Sunday mornings for any
reason, but port-o-lets will be available for use
outside if needed.

Masks will only be required if you are unable to
keep the suggested 6 foot distance from those NOT
from your household, but we anticipate since we
will be out side, they will not be needed.

At this time we are not allowed to provide any
refreshments so please feel free to bring
water/snacks etc...

There will be at least 10 reserved parking spots
for those with mobility issues, but still wish to
participate in the outdoor service. All other
parking will be across Hartford Rd. in church lot