

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent; On-line Worship

12-13-2020

*our focus Scripture verse today is...*

“The Spirit of the LORD has anointed me...  
To comfort the broken hearted and to proclaim that  
captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.”  
*Isaiah 61:1b, NLT*

Opening Music

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath week 3; Joy & Angels

Announcements

Music

Theme of the Day

“God sent His Son to offer people comfort and joy.”

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: **Matthew 1:21-23, NRSV**

SUMC 2020 Virtual Christmas Pageant

~see notes further on in this document

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: **Isaiah 61:1-3, NLT**

Message “**Comfort...Even Now**” 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 VIRTUAL Christmas Pageant

Thank you to all the families who participated in SUMC's annual Christmas pageant. Our first virtual, and we all pray our last virtual! Special thank you to J.T. Himmelstein for putting all the videos together for us. We hope everyone enjoys our children's efforts and that this brings the spirit and joy into your lives this season.

- Denise Roman, Pageant Director

The Zimbelman family ((Jeffrey, Nathan, & Nora)

The Rose family (Cailin & Tessa)

The Beckford family (Lucian & Sire)

The Fazzina family (Michael & Theresa; Chris on ukelele)

The Harley family (Brandon)

The Booth family (Mackenna & Richard; Branna on flute)

The Himmelstein family (Emmie & Addie)

The Smith family (Grace & Mason)

The Sawyers family (Jermayne Allen)

The Smith family (Zack reading & on violin)

The Walton family (Tanya on piano with Hanne)

## South United Methodist Church

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

[www.southumc.com](http://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)



### 2021 Offering Envelopes Are In. . .

PLEASE stop by the Church Office  
for pick-up: Mon/Fri 9am-12pm  
Wed./Thurs. 5pm-8pm

~ 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. A FEW gifts still - please help if you can!

### 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

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



Christmas flowers are given  
in loving memory of:  
*See Additional Memorial Insert*



### 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.)

OUTDOOR Worship can be heard from your car radio on FM  
87.9. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
LAST session will be THIS WEEK  
on Wednesday, 12/16

7:45-9:00pm

email: [pastorjohn@southumc.com](mailto: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

