

# 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

Christmas Eve; On-line Worship

12-24-2020

6:15pm

*our focus Scripture verse today is...*

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s  
only son, full of grace and truth.”

*John 1:14, NLT*

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Prelude: “Toccata” by Pietro A. Yon (1886-1943)

Welcome

Announcements

Music

Theme of the Day

“People can experience  
God’s presence today, if they trust in His Son.”

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: John 1:10-14, 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: Luke 2:1-14, NRSV

Message “The First Christmas Miracle” Pastor John

Offering

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Music

Blessing

Closing Music

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



## Holiday Office Hours

Mon. 9am-Noon  
(Closed Fri. 1/01/21)

&

Wed. 5pm-8pm  
(Closed Thurs. 12/31)

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.)

**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](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: This Mon. 9am-12pm  
 or this Wed. 5pm-8pm

~ Together we can continue to make a difference! ~

Outreach News

Seasonal Sharing Christmas  
 FOOD boxes were delivered on  
 12/20 at 12:15pm.

Thank you to all who  
 participated by donating food,  
 gifts or delivery. Many were  
 blessed this Christmas by your efforts!



**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](http://southumc.com)
- \* LOOKING at the SUMC facebook  
 page or Instagram

Christmas flowers are given  
 in loving memory of:  
*See Additional Memorial Insert*  
 on church website under  
 "This week's announcements"  
[www.southumc.com](http://www.southumc.com)



**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 the service  
 clearly, thanks to Nick Booth!

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



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!**



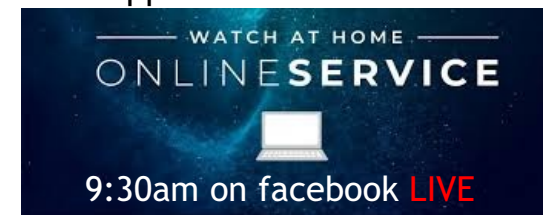
ALSO FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS...

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.



PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES  
 ~ Christmas Eve Service Schedule ~  
 6:15pm - Facebook Live stream  
 Canceled Due to weather forecast  
 7:00pm - ~~Outdoor in-person~~  
 Brief Candlelight Service

**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**