

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent; On-line Worship

12-27-2020

*our focus Scripture verse today is...*

"I have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared for all people."  
*Luke 2:30-31, NLT*

Opening Music

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Announcements

Music

Theme of the Day

**"People can overcome fear and have peace  
in their hearts if they trust in the Lord."**

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:9-11, 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 2:25-35, NLT

Message "Salvation Around the World" 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.



## 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**

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. 9am-12pm  
Wed. 5pm-8pm

~ Together we can continue to make a difference! ~

### Outreach News

Seasonal Sharing Christmas  
FOOD boxes are to be  
delivered TODAY, 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 Food  
boxes is complete. THANK YOU to ALL who helped!

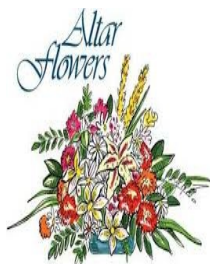


### PLEASE NOTE - THIS INFO. HAS CHANGED!

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



The Altar table flowers  
are given in loving memory of  
her parents:

*Daniel & Mary Stewart*

by Mary Beth Comp



**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.

Christmas

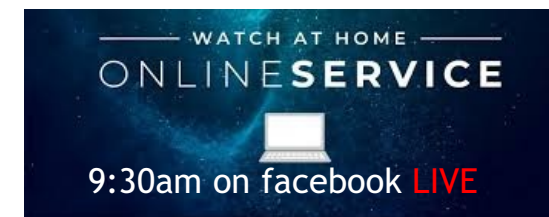
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### CURRENT SUNDAY WORSHIP

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**