

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 4th Sunday of Advent; On-line Worship

12-20-2020

our focus Scripture verse today is...

“Don’t be afraid, Mary,’ the angel told her,
‘for you have found favor with God!’”

Luke 1:30, NLT

Opening Music

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath week 4; Peace & Shepherds

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 1:26-38, NLT

Message

“Fear Not!”

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. 12/25 & 1/01)

&

Wed. 5pm-8pm
(Closed Thurs. 12/24 & 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

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



Christmas flowers are given
in loving memory of:
See Additional Memorial Insert
on church website under
"This week's announcements"
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

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.

~ Christmas Eve Service Schedule ~

5:30pm - Facebook Live stream

7:00pm - Outdoor in-person
Brief Candlelight Service

(following social distancing rules
and CDC guidelines)



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**