

### Calling All Crafters

We need your help! In December, we will be hosting a Christmas workshop for children to buy Christmas presents for their loved ones. We would appreciate any homemade crafts like jewelry, ornaments, aprons, totes, etc. Plenty of time to craft through the fall months! For more information, please contact Heather Kaliden, [rockwood7777@yahoo.com](mailto:rockwood7777@yahoo.com).



### today – Oct 8 Receiving Prayers Are:

**Avon Health Care:** Norma Kraussman,  
**McLean Home:** Lynne DeMatteo, Don Gebhardt  
**Middlewoods:** Don deNagy  
**Suffield House:** Squire Bressor

**At Home:** Betty Boissard, Paul Crane, Liz Griffin, Emily Hammill, Graeme Marsele, Norma Rust, Jane Spangler, Michelle Ebert

### The Great Spiritual Migration

Welcome to the Fall Church-Wide Book Study— a church-wide discussion to discern what God wants next from and for SUMC! With everyone in the church reading the same book we'll look at the challenges facing the church today, and then have an opportunity thru small gatherings led by various leaders, where everyone can share their thoughts and opinions about what the book has to offer. We welcome everyone to join us and study groups are underway! All details including study group days and times, assigned readings for each week, and more can be found on the church website under the "Adult Spiritual Growth" link. Below is a breakdown of readings:

Date Range	Reading by Week
9/23-9/28	Preface and Chapter 1
9/30-10/5	Chapters 2 & 3
10/7 –10/12	Chapter 4, and 1/2 of Chapter 5
10/14-10/19	2nd 1/2 of Chapter 5, Chapter 6
10/21-10/26	Chapters 7, 8 & 9
10/28-11/2	Chapter 10, Afterword, Appendix

Please feel free to drop into another session if you cannot make the one you usually attend. Still have questions? Contact Deb Clifford at 860.944.5479 or [deb@inspiredpeople.com](mailto:deb@inspiredpeople.com).

**VIM/Disaster Relief** *All Are Welcome*  
There will be a VIM \ Disaster Relief meeting in the Annex on Wednesday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome. We plan to brainstorm fundraising ideas, update everyone about UMCOR training and get an idea who might want to go on a volunteer mission to one of the affected areas. We need lots of help so hope to see you there !

### Welcome Visitors

We're glad you're here! Please take a moment to sign a guest book at one of the doors and fill out a visitors card located in the pew and place it in the collection plate.

If you have children, they are most welcome in the service. Nursery care is available for children under 3 years old during the 9:00 and 10:30 services (9:30 during summer worship). Church School is available most Sundays during the 10:30 service for ages 3 – 8th Grade. An usher will be happy to assist you.

Restrooms: Exit the sanctuary through the door on the right. Proceed down the stairs and into Wesley Hall. Exit through the door at the far end of the hall...restrooms are located in that hallway. If you need to hang up a coat, you will find racks in the vestibule at the sanctuary entrance, and right outside the doors at the far end of Wesley Hall. Again, an usher will be happy to assist you.

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**Church Office Hours:** 10:00—5:00 Monday – Thursday; 10:00—2:00 Friday  
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[churchoffice@simsburyumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@simsburyumc.org)

**Pastor Woody Eddins:** ext. 14; 860.658.5355 parsonage, [woody@simsburyumc.org](mailto:woody@simsburyumc.org)

**Pastor Peter Preiser:** Assistant Pastor & Director of Student Ministries, ext. 13; 860.970.5695 cell, [pastorpeter@simsburyumc.org](mailto:pastorpeter@simsburyumc.org)

**Yves Venne:** Organist and Adult Music Ministries, ext. 12, [yves@simsburyumc.org](mailto:yves@simsburyumc.org)

**Dorothy Cowles:** Children/Youth/Contemporary Music Ministries, ext. 15; 860.693.9799, [dorothy@simsburyumc.org](mailto:dorothy@simsburyumc.org)

**Jody Swan:** Church School Coordinator, 860.408.1478, [jody@simsburyumc.org](mailto:jody@simsburyumc.org)

**Joanne Maurer:** Little Lambs and Ivy Daycare Director, 860.408.9467, [director@littl lambsandivy.org](mailto:director@littl lambsandivy.org)

**Heather Ryan:** Messenger (Monthly Newsletter) Editor, [hryan@snet.net](mailto:hryan@snet.net)

### Video Recording in Progress

We are blessed to have video and audio equipment in the church so that those unable to attend can watch the services live or on YouTube. When you are toward the front of the church you are part of the broadcast. If you prefer to NOT be recorded, please use the side aisles and sit behind the 4th pew.

### Little Lambs & Ivy Bake Sale Returns!

Look for irresistible sweet treats created by LLI staff on **Sunday, October 22nd!** Due to your generosity last year we were able to purchase several new items for our classrooms. LLI continues to grow and this year we hope to replace some worn area carpets, purchase new play equipment for Wesley Hall along with and a new water table. Treats will be available after all 3 services. We hope you will stop buy and purchase something delicious or consider making a small donation! Treats will be available after all 3 services. Thank you!

### Church Helpers Always Welcome

The Children's Ministry is always looking for new volunteers to help in our Church School. Please help us as we work together to appreciate, support and guide each child at SUMC. Please reach out... we'd love to have you! Contact church school director Jody Swan at [jody@simsburyumc.org](mailto:jody@simsburyumc.org) if interested.

### Last Hike of the Season

We will meet at Mark & Amie Mitchell (14 Highwood Road, Bloomfield) at 2p, today. Hiking the back way up to Talcott Mountain, refreshments provided after hike. Please join us!

**Men's Fellowship Speaker Oct 14**

Deacon Art Miller of St. Mary's will share his faith perspective on the issues of race in our nation and community. As a Roman Catholic African American, Deacon Miller brings a unique perspective to this topic. A native of Chicago, he has been involved in efforts to heal the racial divide in our country. He leads retreats on this topic around the country. His name can be Googled to learn more about his ministry. All men are welcome to join us!

**Church School News: Godly Play Open House**

Please join us **Sunday, October 15 at 11:45 am** as we unveil our new Godly Play room in the Peter's House Classroom in the SUMC basement. Our elementary-age children have been visiting with Ms. Johnnie the past few weeks, and now we invite any interested adults (with or without children) to check out our specially-designed space, refurbished with new shelves, rug, and Montessori-based materials. Come hear and see a Bible story unfold before you, as the children experience it!

**Safe Sanctuaries Training Updates**

Our Safe Sanctuaries covenant is our pledge to protect children and vulnerable adults in our care as well as those who work with them by understanding and following the covenant guideline with respect to both paid staff and volunteers. *All SUMC staff and lay persons involved with children and youth ministries are required to participate in a three-hour educational session to be certified to volunteer and work with SUMC youth.* The next sessions is scheduled for **October 21 (not 10/7) from 9:00 am – Noon** in Wesley Hall. We also invite all who have an interest in deepening their understanding of Safe Sanctuary implementation.

**Please Note:** we are looking to add a new class in early November for anyone who may be interested in volunteering for Hurricane Harvey or Irma ERT Teams in the near future. Most areas requesting ERT teams would like to ensure that members are trained in Safe Sanctuaries guidelines for working with vulnerable people.

**Anyone interested in attending are asked to SIGNUP with Michelle in the office so that enough materials are available.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK PAGE**

**Sour Note Café**

It's back! The Sour Note Cafe makes its return **Saturday, October 21 at 7:00 pm** in Wesley Hall. Have a talent? Singing? Juggling? Telling Jokes? Reading poetry? The Sour Note will have them all. To sign up, contact Steve O'Brien at [smob@me.com](mailto:smob@me.com). Then, come on out and cheer on your friends and family as they share their talents! Suggested donations will be accepted at the door, with further opportunities to donate throughout the evening. All proceeds go to our Volunteers in Mission as they begin their work down south. Hope to see you there!

**Dinner for Eight**

Join us for great food and great company! Dinner for Eight is a great way to meet church members in a casual and comfortable setting. Four times over the next eight months, eight people will gather around the dinner table to laugh, tell stories, and get to know each other. The host prepares the main dish and the guests bring an appetizer, side dish, and dessert. Each household will host once and be a guest at others three times. If you would like to join the fun, but can't make the commitment to four dinners, you can be on the substitute list. When a guest is unable to attend, the host will contact a member on the sub list. If you have young children, let us know and we can arrange for complimentary babysitting. This is a great way to know each other – meet new people and reconnect with those you know. There is room at the table for everyone – you can join us as a single or a couple, you can join with a friend, you can invite your neighbors. Truly, every dinner is an enjoyable evening! Please contact Martie Kaczmarek at 860.217.1355 or [kaztrio2@att.net](mailto:kaztrio2@att.net) to join or for more information.

**Disaster Relief Efforts: Harvey, Irma, Maria**

To help with the relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey or Irma thru UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), you may write a check payable to SUMC (so that your donation appears on your SUMC 2017 giving statement) and SUMC will forward the money thru the conference to UMCOR. There are several ways that you may contribute towards and the UMCOR Relief number should be written in the memo of your check: U.S. Disaster Response #901670 (for **both** Hurricane Harvey and Irma), **International** Response to Irma and Maria #982450 and Relief-Supply Kits (Flood Buckets) #901440. Checks may be left in the plate or mailed to the church office to the attention of Michelle. Any questions, please contact the church office.

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