



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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LARGER PRINT HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK AN USHER.

Simsbury United Methodist Church

What's Happening *This Week*



today – Sep 23 Receiving Prayers Are:

Avon Health Care: Norma Kraussman

Governor's House: Peggy Rudolph

Hughes Health & Rehab Center: Joyce Garrod

McLean Home: Don Gebhardt, Barbara Tuller

Middlewoods: Don deNagy

Mount Sinai Rehab: Gail Leighton

The Hearth, Glastonbury: Jane Spangler

At Home: Jessica Baker, Betty Boissard, Emily Hammill, Graeme Marsele, and Karen Steinburg

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.

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We're glad you're here! Please help us connect with you by filling out an information card from the church pew and leave in the offering plate. We look forward to connecting with you to hear your story, tell you ours and worship together.

Uganda Supplies Collection Ends Today!

We filled the bin!! It has been emptied and readied for packing, but if you purchased over the counter (OTC) medications, today is the last day to drop them in the collection bin in Wesley Hall so our team can pack them this afternoon! Thank you everyone for helping us fill the bin to the brim! With OTC supplies collected, medical equipment ordered, and a generous donation from St Francis Mission pantry, we have close to \$5000 worth of medical supplies to donate to the official opening of the clinic in Uganda!! This is simply an amazing start and we haven't even left yet! THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Church School Shepherds

The Church School is looking for Shepherd help in our 4th/5th grade class. Please let me know if you are available to help. Please contact Jody Swan at 860.408.1478 or jodyswan@simsburyumc.com.

Youth Activity This Afternoon!

Youth in grades 9-12, please join Pastor Gene and friends **this afternoon** at 4:30 in the SUMC parking lot. We will travel to Sonny's Place in Somers, CT to enjoy go-carts, Laser Tag, food, ice cream & more! We will return to SUMC by 8:00 pm. Please RSVP to Jody Swan at jodyswan567@gmail.com or by text at 860.712.9517

Youth Bake Sale!

On **Sunday, September 30**, in Wesley Hall after the 10:30 service, please stop by and support a bake sale being led by our youth in 6-8 grade. The youth decided on this activity and all proceeds will benefit South Park! Please stop by and support our SUMC youth & South Park!

Children's Choir Begins September 30

Rehearsals for the SUMC Children's Choir will begin on **Sunday, September 30** in the choir room directly after the 10:30 service. Rehearsal will go until 12:00. All students in Grades 1 through middle school are welcome to join. The children will have fun singing together while learning musicianship skills, and will also have the opportunity to actively participate in worship services throughout the year. Come join us for a great year of singing!

South Park

Your donation of food allows SUMC to prepare and serve a hot meal once a month at the South Park homeless shelter in Hartford. Our next date to serve is **Tuesday, October 2**. You may donate food, money, or your time to make the food or serve it. Donations marked "South Park" in the memo can be left in the plate or sent to the office. The food sign-up board is located at the sanctuary exit to Wesley Hall.

Greeting Card Sale

Christian greeting cards will be on sale in Wesley Hall following all 3 worship services on **Sunday, October 7**. Cards are just .50 cents each and all money raised is used to purchase new cards!

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 7 is World Communion Sunday, when a special offering will be taken as we do annually to support scholarships for national and international graduate and undergraduate students studying in the US. Your gift helps them overcome financial obstacles and provide access to resources that make higher education possible so they may become the world-changers God created them to be. Please look for offering envelopes in the bulletins that Sunday. Any amount you can give is appreciated.

New Member Informational Meeting

Please join us for Informational Meeting in the Parlor on **Sunday, October 7** after the 10:30 service if you are interested in learning about joining SUMC. Informal conversation with Pastor Ott and the Welcoming Committee. If you're unable to attend this one, the plan is to offer a meeting on the first Sunday of each month, so please watch for additional dates!

Soctober

SUMC will be sponsoring a town-wide sock collection for the homeless during October. Help is needed with designing a flyer, making phone calls or adopting a merchant or two during the month. If you can help or are willing to be part of the planning committee, please call Debbie Dunn at 860.651.4408 or dunnds@comcast.net. October is coming fast!

Christmas Crafters

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, Christmas ornaments, stationary, pillows, etc. Still plenty of time to craft through the fall! For more information, please contact Heather Kaliden at rockwood7777@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Adult Spiritual Growth Classes Underway!


SUNDAY - 10:30 am in the Annex, led by Amy Kulig, began **September 16**. They are doing a DVD study called First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God, filmed on location in Galilee and Jerusalem. The two individuals responsible for the DVD are John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. Crossan is a former Roman Catholic monk and priest. There will be about 15 minutes of reading to prepare for each class.

MONDAY - 4:30 - 6:00 pm in the Annex, led by Jan Bennett and Susan Samuel, began **September 17**. C.S. Lewis's Greatest Book, by Eric Metaxas. This eight-session DVD study will discover why Mere Christianity is one of the most read and beloved Christian books of all time. This study also aims to fulfill the vision of C.S. Lewis of reaching people from all faith backgrounds.

TUESDAY - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm in the Annex, led by Dennis Winkleblack, and starting **September 25**. Adam Hamilton's latest book "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times" will be the resource for a six-week study. Hamilton integrates Christian faith and neuroscience to present a compelling, intelligent response.

THURSDAY - 9:15 - 11:00 am Women's Bible Study in the Annex, led by Donna Motyl and Rolene Johnson, began on **September 6**, but newcomers welcome any time! They are continuing with a study of Matthew. There is no homework. Read a chapter and then discuss it using study Bibles and internet resources.

September/October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>23</p> <p>8:00 AM Early Communion Service</p> <p>9:00 AM Come As You Are (CAYA) Contemporary Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Adult Study Group: Annex</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service</p> <p>11:30 AM Children's Choir: Choir Room</p> <p>4:30 PM Youth Activity: Go-Carts, Laser Tag & More: Sonny's Place, Somers: Meet in Church Parking Lot</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:30 PM Disciple Group: Annex</p> <p>7:00 PM Stephen Ministry: Annex</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:30 AM Tuesday Adult Study: Annex</p> <p>6:30 PM Church Council: Barn</p> <p>7:00 PM Harmonius Brass: Wesley Hall</p>	 <p>26</p> <p>Uganda v1M Team Leaves</p> <p>12:30 PM Prayers & Squares Quilting Group: Upper Annex Quilting Room</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer Group Meeting: Annex Prayer Room</p> <p>5:45 PM CAYA Worship Band</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting: Wesley Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM CAYA Worship Singers</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:15 AM Women's Bible Study: Annex</p> <p>6:15 PM Chancel Ringers: Choir Room</p> <p>7:20 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:30 PM Prayers & Squares Quilting Group: Upper Annex Quilting Room</p>	<p>29</p>
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