



Dear Church Family,

Have you ever read a passage of Jesus' words and felt a little... unsettled? Not the comforting "Do not be afraid" kind of Jesus, but the Jesus who says things like "sell everything you have," or "let the dead bury their own dead," or "I have not come to bring peace, but a sword"? If you've felt that discomfort, you're not alone — and this summer, we're going to explore these challenging teachings of Christ through the sermon series "The Uncomfortable Jesus." As we begin this series, I invite you to sit with a question: What do we do when the words of Christ challenge us rather than comfort us?

It's tempting to soften Jesus into someone who only affirms what we already believe. But the Gospels give us a Savior who regularly confronted expectations, overturned assumptions, and asked hard things of the people who followed him. Where in your life is Jesus asking something of you that's hard to hear? What comfortable assumptions might he be inviting you to release? Sometimes the words that unsettle us are also the very words that transform us. Summer often invites us to slow down, recharge, and recalibrate, and that's still true this year. And I invite you to bring a different kind of openness to that rest: not just relaxing into faith, but wrestling with it and seeking to be more deeply rooted in Christ.

Please consider participating in our summer reading challenge as we read the Gospel of Luke, and stick around after worship for Coffee & Conversation, where we'll dig into the challenging passage of the day together — questions welcome, and your presence will be appreciated.

Beginning in July and continuing through August, we will gather as one church family for combined worship at 10:00 am. While summer schedules can pull us in many directions, this season also gives us a special opportunity to come together across worship styles and generations. There is something meaningful and beautiful about worshipping together as one body.

Together, let's make this summer a season of honest questions, real growth, and a faith brave enough to be challenged. Stay connected with us throughout the summer!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Myounghun Stephen Yun, Pastor

2026 Greater NJ Annual Conference Summary

Excitement and prayerful expectation filled the air as Annual Conference 2026 opened with a joyful **Celebration of Baptism Ministry** with Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi baptizing three new siblings in Christ.

The Annual Conference **Celebrated the Ministry of those who were Retiring**, who together served 365 years of faithful service to the church and world. Eight people were commissioned as provisional elders. And three individuals were ordained to the Order of Elders in full connection.

In her powerful message on Isaiah 55:1-6, Bishop Moore-Koikoi called those gathered to **seek, call and glorify God**, who promises to always be near to us. She urged the church to find fulfillment in the truly satisfying food and drink that God offers instead of in the world's empty promises.

Conference sessions were soaked in praise and worship.

Monday morning began with a Communion service on the beach. So many gathered, that they far outnumbered the chairs that had been set up.

Bishop Moore-Koikoi grounded the Annual Conference in a study of this year's **focus scripture, Isaiah 55**. While God's people were in the darkness and uncertainty of exile, the words of the prophet promised that if they sought God and listened, God would show them what they needed to do. The bishop invited us, too, to wait, repent, and listen for God.

After Bible study, those gathered learned about prayer practices from different traditions. On Monday, Rev. Kyewoon Choi taught about Korean prayer practices including dawn prayer meetings, all night prayer and tongsung kido – praying aloud, fasting, and desperate and persistent prayers. Rev. Jisun Nam pointed to Jesus who himself intercedes for us in our greatest struggles. She called us in turn to make Christ's love visible through intercessory prayer for others.

On Tuesday morning, Rev. Dr. Dennis L. Blackwell and Rev. Latasha Milton taught about prayer in the Black tradition as “a sacred act of worship, survival, resistance, lament, celebration and trust in God's power to deliver, sustain, overturn and liberate.”

In her State of the Church address, Bishop Moore-Koikoi celebrated progress toward goals outlined by the Annual Conference upon her assignment to Greater New Jersey. Though “we reach new heights each day,” Bishop Moore-Koikoi also named the reality that much work remains to be done.

She called the Annual Conference to continue our work of healing, to **live from a perspective of abundance rather than scarcity**, to keep educating and preaching about the gospel mandate to be an antiracist church and a more inclusive church, and to make our churches more hospitable to young people. In all of these things, she said, we are pressing on the upward way.

Bishop Moore-Koikoi then spoke about our call as Methodists to **“become more vile,”** following John Wesley's example of preaching not just in church buildings but in the fields. God is calling us “to preach in places we wouldn't ordinarily preach, to preach to people that others think are unworthy of receiving the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

In the **Service of Remembrance**, the Annual Conference gave thanks for the lives of those faithful who have passed since we met last.

In the **Legislative Sessions**, the Annual Conference affirmed a new Parental Leave Policy that will guarantee 13 weeks of paid leave to clergy upon the birth or adoption of a new child with financial support from the Annual Conference for pastoral coverage.

A newly passed Domestic Violence Policy encourages churches to resource leaders to respond to incidents of domestic violence within their church community.

The Annual Conference also voted to form a Commission on the Status and Role of Queer People, marking a significant step toward embodying justice for the LGBTQIA+ community following the removal of harmful language from the Book of Discipline at General Conference 2020/2024.

Both the Council on Finance and Administration and the Board of Pension and Health Benefits voiced concern over an increase of 23% (or \$6100) to the blended rate health insurance premium in 2027. The Board of Pension and Health Benefits asked the Annual Conference for prayers and patience as they discern how best to manage this increase. On the other hand, they celebrated that eligible parttime retirees will now be able to receive retirement benefits. Both the budget and the Board of Pensions recommendations passed.

Annual Conference 2026 drew to a close with a time of dance, song, scripture and, of course, prayer. Bishop Moore-Koikoi sent the United Methodists of Greater New Jersey home with a blessing: **“Go forth seeking out God who will always be found. Go, therefore, in joy and be glad in peace.”**

**Submitted by John K. Dewart
SUMC Lay Member to Annual Conference**

WORSHIP

Summer Worship Schedule begins July 5

Please note, Sunday, July 5th, we will move to one church service at 10am through Sunday, August 30.

This unified worship opportunity during the summer will deepen our sense of community, foster greater connections among our church family, and celebrate our shared faith in a meaningful way.



Summer Sermon Series—beginning July 5

This summer, we invite you to join us for a new sermon series, "The Uncomfortable Jesus: Challenging Teachings of Christ." Together, we will explore some of the most difficult, surprising, and challenging words Jesus spoke—teachings that stretch our faith, confront our assumptions, and call us to deeper discipleship. These messages are not meant to make us comfortable, but to transform us through the grace and truth of Christ.



Coffee and Conversation in Fellowship Hall—beginning Sunday, July 5



Coffee & Conversation

Following worship beginning next Sunday, everyone is invited to a casual 30-40 minute Coffee & Conversation in Fellowship Hall as we reflect more deeply on the morning's message and the challenging teachings of Jesus. Join us for thoughtful discussion, questions, and fellowship over coffee. All are welcome!

EDUCATION

Confirmation Sunday—May 17



Top: Keleigh Hoffman, Cassidy Tuite, Aubrey Theiler, Nathan Yun, Pastor Yun
1st Row: Emma Lenox, Samantha Dussinger, Faith Anderson, Gavin Gramanado



Since October, our confirmands have dedicated themselves to learning, serving, worshiping, and growing in their faith. On Sunday, May 17th, we celebrated their commitment to Christ and our church. Thank you to our parents, mentors, congregation, and Confirmation team for your support, encouragement, and guidance throughout this meaningful and transformative journey.

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Welcome our 8 newest professing members of Succasunna UMC! We celebrated these confirmands on Sunday, May 17, who have said "yes" to their faith journey. A heartfelt thank you to the mentors, parents, and church family who have guided them throughout this journey. Special appreciation to Jessica Gramando and Tami Haupt, our confirmation coordinator, for leading this Confirmation team with such love, care, and dedication!

CONGRATULATIONS

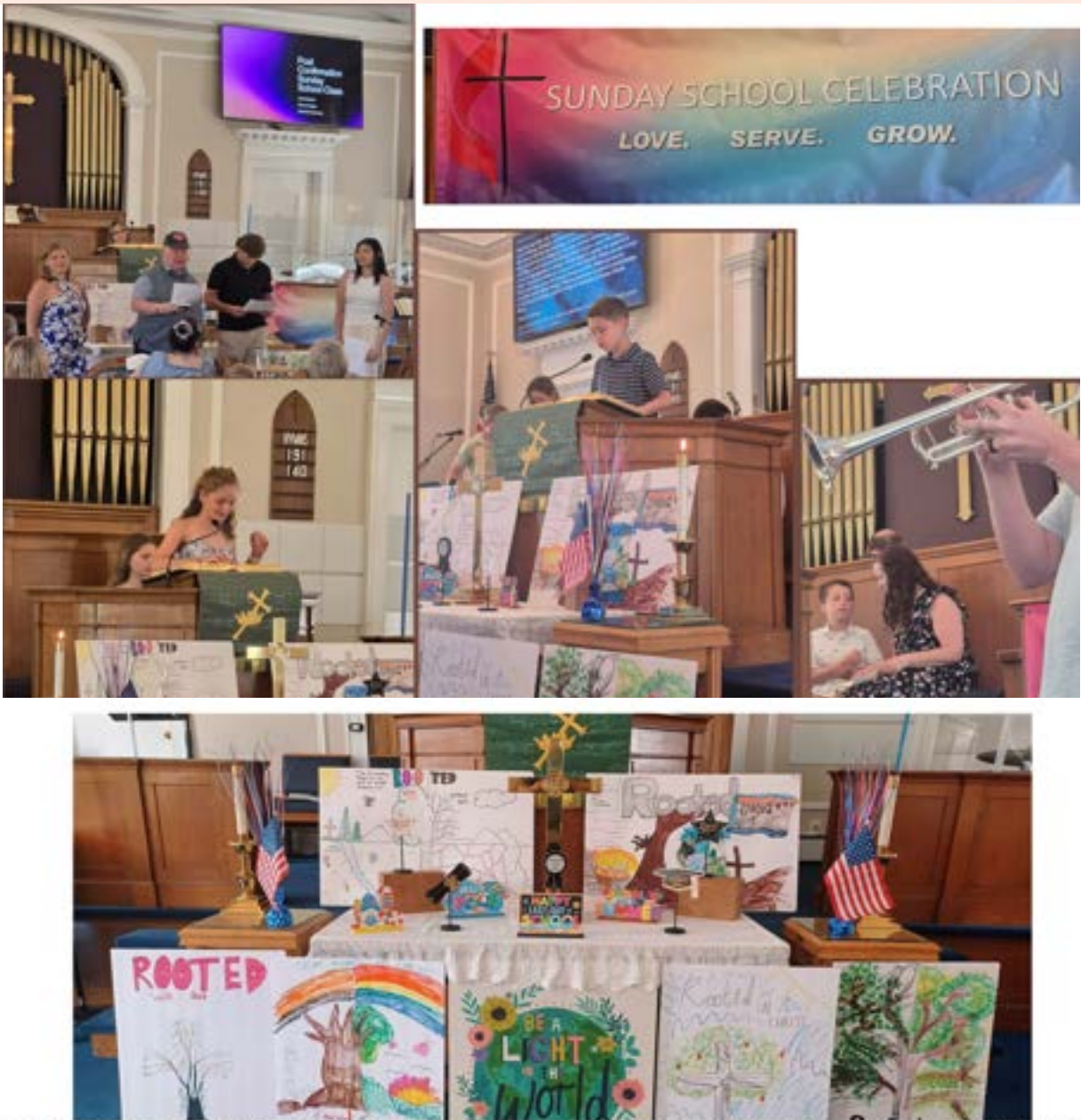
NEW SUMC

MEMBERS!



EDUCATION

Celebration Sunday! Thanks to the SUMC Sunday School Children, Teachers, and Volunteers!



As we reflect on another wonderful Sunday School year at Succasunna United Methodist Church, we celebrate 26 children and youth from 10 families who have grown in faith, friendship, and service. From our Little Lambs class through Post-Confirmation youth, our children learned about God's love, participated in Operation Christmas Child, the Youth-Led Worship Service, Easter celebrations, Christmas Eve services, and celebrated nine Confirmants who became church members. A heartfelt thank you to our parents, guardians, and grandparents for making church a priority and for instilling the values of faith, kindness, service, and community in your children. Your commitment helps create strong roots that will last a lifetime.

We are also grateful to our congregation for the love, encouragement, and support you show our children of every age. Your prayers, smiles, and presence help make our church a welcoming home. We look forward to worshipping with you this summer at our 10:00 a.m. service. Have a blessed summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in Sunday School this September!

EDUCATION

Sunday School Classes decorate bags for Rice & Beans Costa Rica Mission Trip



Our Sunday School classes came together to decorate 60 bags for the upcoming Rice and Bean Mission trip to Costa Rica.

Our talented and creative group of kids turned plain light brown bags to artistic masterpieces filled with color and the message "Jesus Loves Me" in Spanish.

Youth Group Fun at SUMC!

Great time together with our Youth Group - painting project, pizza, kick ball and laughs.



EDUCATION

Our SUMC 2026 Graduates

Middle School

Faith Anderson – will be graduating from Stanhope Valley Road School and will be going to High School.

Kyleigh Hoffman – will be graduating from Stanhope Valley Road School and will be attending Lenape Valley Regional High School.

Gretchen Kihm (granddaughter of Liz Kihm) – will be graduating from Carl H. Kumpf Middle School and will be attending Arthur L. Johnson High School. She will be joining Christian Outreach Project this year for the first time.

Emma Lenox – will be graduating from Eisenhower Middle School and will be attending Morris County Vocational School (in Animal Science Program).

Emily Rotondo – will be graduating from Copeland middle school and will be attending Morris Knolls high school.

Arabella Simons (granddaughter of Kip Ballentine) – will be graduating from Mt Olive Middle School and will be attending Mt Olive High School.

Cassidy Tuite – will be graduating from Eisenhower Middle School and will be attending Roxbury High School.

Nathan Yun – will be graduating from Eisenhower Middle School and will be attending Morris County Vocational School (in Sports and Medicine Program).

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR SUMC 2026 GRADUATES!

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High School

Isabella Corby – will be graduating from Lakeland Andover School.

College

Sedem Atadja – graduated from Centenary University with a major in Biology and a concentration in healthcare. She is currently attending Marywood University, where she is pursuing her master's degree to become a Physician Assistant.

Senam Atadja – graduated from the Seton Hall University School of Nursing and is pursuing a registered nurse position in a hospital intensive care unit.

Ryan Corby – graduated from County College of Morris and is now studying Liberal Arts at Thomas Edison State University.

Steven Mesaros – graduated from Loyola University Maryland with a major in Data Science. He will pursue a master's degree in Data Science at the University of Maryland Graduate School.

Jordan Migneault – graduated from Lehigh University with a major in Computer Science. He is working at a cybersecurity company in Manhattan.

Emily Rheinhardt – graduated from Rowan University with a major in Psychology.

Robbie Waldron – graduated from County College of Morris with a major in Nursing. He will be working at Morristown Medical Center as a Registered Nurse.

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Graduate / Professional School

Dr. Grace Hollis –graduated from Morsani College of Medicine at University of South Florida, Tampa and received a Doctor of Medicine. Grace will be a General Surgical Resident at University of Miami-Jackson Hospital.

Dr. Sefakor Atadja – graduated from American University of Antigua and received a Doctor of Medicine. Sefakor will be starting her residency at Morristown Memorial Hospital.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR SUMC 2026 GRADUATES!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee with Pastor Stephen— July 2 / Next Event is August 13 at 11am



The first Thursday of every month is Coffee with Pastor Stephen at Panera in Roxbury Mall at 11am!

For the month of August 2026, Coffee with the Pastor will be on Thursday, August 13 at 11 am at Panera.

This is a time for an informal gathering where we can get to know one another and share our questions and thoughts on faith, church, and Methodism. Everyone is welcome, and we'll provide the coffee.

Church Directory Updates—process beginning now!

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

We are in the process of updating the church directory!

If you have any updates to your contact information, please submit them to the church office or the directory questionnaires at the entrance to the sanctuary.

If you are not a member but would like your information in the directory, please use the questionnaires as well.



Trip to Sight & Sound Theater in PA - August 26 11am show

SIGHT & SOUND TRIP TO SEE "JOSHUA" Wednesday, August 26 (11 am show)

We are asking if anyone would be interested in attending the production of "Joshua" at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Pennsylvania. Tickets are \$89 for adults (ages 13+) and \$44 for children (ages 2–12). We will stop for lunch after the show, and carpooling will be available. Carpooling will be available.

Please contact the church office ASAP, if you are interested in attending.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Olde Suckasunny Day—Saturday, September 19, 2026 10am—3pm

We are excited to, once again, start the planning for the annual Olde Suckasunny Day Fair on Main Street, which will be held on Saturday, September 19th. While we are planning many of our normal activities including Funnel Cake, Ice Cream, games, and the Snack Bar, we are always looking for ideas for new activities to celebrate this great event! Do you know anyone who might want a booth to sell their products and services? Please invite them to sign up and join us. We are offering Vendor Tables at \$50 per reserved space.



What is most important is that we have the strong support of our Church family and friends, so please volunteer to make this a truly great day! Suckasunny Day is a wonderful fundraiser and community event for our church. It is a chance for our community to get to know us, and it is also one of the best opportunities to have everyone in our church family gather in service and to enjoy a wonderful day of fellowship.

If you are interested in knowing more or have any new ideas to share for Suckasunny Day, please contact Roger Hendrickson. A sign-up sheet is now available. Please consider signing up for Friday night set-up, or working the day of the event, or clean-up late in the day Saturday. We are also looking for donations of water, soda, Gatorade, and Snapple. A link to the booth application is included in our weekly Friday emails.

I would like to introduce a new and improved Church sponsored Craft Table. First, I need one or two volunteers to coordinate this booth. Crafts such as wood crafted items, pottery, seasonal artificial flower arrangements, candles, or jewelry, it's up to you. We have so many talented folks in our Church, let's start creating and having some good old fellowship fun.

If you have any questions contact Roger Hendrickson, Reshma Chakranyan or the church office.

Submitted by: Roger Hendrickson

RECENT EVENTS

Lake Hopatcong Block Party

We are very grateful for all the great help and support of our Lake Hopatcong Block Party booth fundraiser in May! Thanks to everyone's support, we made over \$1000 for our church's General Fund!

With many thanks and blessings – Linda Diffley and Roger Hendrickson



Building Better Women Luncheon

All the women had a lovely time fellowship, laughter and great food while having lunch at Sofia Taqueria's on June 7. We had a large group join us for lunch including a few new ladies who we were blessed to have in the group! All ladies are welcome to join events we plan. We will be on hiatus for the summer but will let you know when our planning meeting will be for our upcoming events which will begin again in September / October.



Day at Keyport—Sat., May 30

What a great day we had! In Keyport Thank you to those who joined us on the outing to Keyport. Again this year, even though it was cool and breezy, the time we spent together flew by. We enjoyed a clear view of Manhattan and shared a joyful lunch from the Keyport Fishery. Despite the chilly day some of us took a ride with Roger and had some tasty ice cream!

Stay tuned and join us next time! Special thanks to Roger Hendrickson for organizing this day trip!



The Chosen Watch Party & Discussion

Thank you to everyone who joined us for meaningful times of reflection, conversation and growing together in faith while watching Season 3 of "The Chosen. Next up is Season 4!



RECENT EVENTS

Rice & Beans Ministries Fundraising Car Wash

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at our Car Wash fundraiser, brought baked goods, donated, and stopped by to support our Costa Rica Mission Team!

Your generosity, hard work, and encouragement made the day a great success!



Annual Church Picnic

We held our annual picnic on June 14 after Celebration Sunday Worship where we recognized the achievements of our Sunday School as well as all the Sunday School Teachers and support.

Despite the threatening weather again this year, a fun time was had by all, as we were able to enjoy the picnic both outside and inside for those who preferred indoors. As in the past, the fellowship event was held as a pot-luck luncheon, with picnic food items contributed by our church family.

A huge shout out to our picnic team and everyone who helped prepare, organize, set up, and serve to make the day such a joyful time of fellowship for our church family.



United Methodist Men Breakfast

Thank you to all the men who joined us for our United Methodist Men Breakfast this morning! It was a wonderful time of fellowship, conversation, encouragement, and vision for ministry together. We look forward to continuing to build a strong community of men growing in faith and serving Christ together at SUMC.



All SUMC men are welcome to join future events sponsored by United Methodist Men.



MISSIONS UPDATE

Christian Outreach Program

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH PROJECT -

June 28 through July 3, 2026

As our COP (Christian Outreach Project) Mission Team began their week of service, please keep them in your prayers. We give thanks for their willingness to serve Christ through acts of compassion, hard work, and love for others.

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” – Matthew 25:40



Roxbury Food Pantry July collection

We will collect the following items for the month of July in support of The Roxbury Food Pantry:

Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, men’s deodorant, laundry detergent, paper towels, small envelopes, Sharpie black markers, Dinty Moore Beef Stew—all sizes, canned carrots, beef broth, sugar, apple, cranberry & grape juice, regular & decaf coffee, Fruit Loops, Captain Crunch, Apple Jacks, chocolate cereal, Honey Bunches of Oats, crunchy peanut butter.



Your contributions to our community are greatly appreciated.

Rice & Beans Costa Rica Mission

RICE AND BEANS INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP

PRAY FOR THE TEAM

JULY 4 THROUGH JULY 11

The SUMC Mission Team will be traveling to Costa Rica departing the morning of Saturday, July 4 and returning Saturday, July 11.

Please keep Sam Perez, Marge Peletier and Eunice Vega-Perez in your prayers as they travel internationally to represent our church as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ while on their mission.



CUMAC Award given to SUMC

A Joyful (& Surprising) Recognition: Volunteer Group of the Year
We are grateful to share that Succasunna United Methodist Church was honored with the “Volunteer Group of the Year – Wooden Spoon Award” by CUMAC at their Volunteer Appreciation event on April 29.



This recognition reflects the faithful commitment of our CUMAC volunteers who have given their time, energy, and compassion to serve our neighbors in need. Through showing up with love on Wednesdays, they have been the hands and feet of Christ in our community. We give thanks to God for this shared ministry and for each of our mission volunteers!

MISSIONS UPDATE

Roxbury Social Service—School Supplies Collection—Operation Backpack

We will participate again for our annual collection for Roxbury Social Services for school supplies entitled Operation Backpack this year! Below is a list of items needed:

Backpacks—All, dry erase markers, markers, Pencils, pencil sharpeners, 3-ring binders, Pens—red, blue and black ink, #2 pencils, erasers, highlighters, zipper pencil cases (for 3 ring-binders).



SUMC Birthday List Update

We are updating the SUMC Master Birthday List including adults and children!

The Congregational Care Ministry along with the Church Office, would like to continue or start celebrating your birthday!



If you have received a card in the past and it was the correct month, we will continue sending them. If you have never received a card (new to the church) and would like to, please either email or text me your birthday (day and month only) at linsee1028@gmail.com or 862-596-9781. You can also use the Church Directory questionnaires to submit initial information or changes to this information.

New Member Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of Succasunna UMC or learning more about Methodism? If so, please talk to Pastor Stephen after service or contact the church office at office@sumcnj.org. The next class will either be

Saturday, August 22 or Saturday, August 29!

We will let you know when the date gets closer.



Board of Trustee Update

SUMC Church Family,

Our SUMC Board of Trustees is consistently meeting and continually working very hard behind the scenes to ensure the grounds and buildings of the church and the parsonage are properly maintained to ensure a clean, presentable and safe environment for all members, visitors and community individuals that may stop by.

Little has changed to our list of priorities since the last Steeple edition due to proper planning, good weather etc., except that as of June 30th, our new kitchen suppression system recently brought up to code is now reporting any issues here at the building to Roxbury Fire Dept. officials. Below are some (certainly not all) tasks we are planning for the next several months:

- Security grant—keypad security
- Installation of one more handicapped parking spot
- Railings at parsonage
- Repairs and painting of Thrift Shop entrance
- Painting of parsonage first floor (during Pastor's July-August vacation)

We have also purchased a Memorial Plaque for the tree planted in Memory of Marina Urgo, which will arrive any day now!

If you get bored and need something to do, we always have something that needs to be done. Everyone is welcome to volunteer to help and we are grateful to those who already do! If you notice anything that needs work, please contact the church office at 973-584-7349 or office@sumcnj.org.

Prayerfully submitted by Caryn Porter, Secretary, SUMC Board of Trustees

FINANCE UPDATE

Church Family,

As we move through 2026, I wanted to provide a brief update on the financial health of our church and how we are progressing against this year's Ministry Plan.

The dedication and faithfulness of our congregation continue to make a meaningful difference. Your ongoing support allows us to carry out our ministries while remaining on solid financial footing. Through the first five months of the year, we have remained disciplined in managing our expenses. The primary exception has been snow removal, as the severe winter weather in January and February resulted in costs that were higher than anticipated.

Even with those additional expenses, our financial results remain ahead of plan. As of **May 31, 2026**, our year-to-date operating shortfall is **\$4,203**, compared to the **budgeted deficit of \$16,219**. This represents a favorable variance of more than **\$12,000** and reflects both prudent stewardship and your continued generosity. The primary drivers of this favorable variance include approximately \$9,000 in donated organist services through May, as well as roughly \$4,000 in unbudgeted receipts received during the period.

Below is a high-level summary of our 2026 Ministry Plan results through **May 31, 2026**.

	Q1 Actuals	Ministry Plan	Fav/(Unfav)	Q2 Actuals	Ministry Plan	Fav/(Unfav)
Total Contributions	51,876	51,750	126	38,373	36,500	1,873
Other Receipts	11,585	9,175	2,410	9,566	7,617	1,950
Total Receipts	63,461	60,925	2,536	47,939	44,117	3,822
Budgeted Disbursements	70,451	73,706	3,255	44,134	47,554	3,420
Unbudgeted Disbursements	937	-	(937)	80	-	(80)
Total Disbursements	71,389	73,706	2,318	44,214	47,554	3,340
Net Plan Result	(7,928)	(12,781)	4,854	3,725	(3,437)	7,162

Our 2026 Ministry Plan was intentionally developed with a planned operating deficit. This reflects our commitment to investing in ministries and programs that strengthen our church today while laying the foundation for future growth. The initiatives we have introduced over the past several years are already enriching the life of our congregation and expanding the ways we serve our community. We believe these investments will continue to bear fruit for years to come.

Supporting these efforts takes more than financial resources—it also depends on the time, talents, and hearts of our church family. As new opportunities to serve, volunteer, and participate arise throughout the year, we encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might become involved. Whether through ministry, outreach, fellowship, or one of our fundraising events, every contribution helps advance the mission of SUMC.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity. Your prayers, service, and financial support enable our church to remain a place where lives are transformed, relationships are strengthened, and God's love is shared with our community. Together, we are building a strong foundation for the future, and we are grateful to be on this journey with each of you.

Sincerely,

Santo S. Gramando III

Finance Chair

SUMC Prayer Corner

Thrift Shop is OPEN!

A Prayer for America's Semi-quincentennial

Almighty and Everlasting God,

We come before You today with hearts full of gratitude as we celebrate 250 years of this nation's history. We thank You for the blessings of liberty, the courage of those who founded this country, and Your guiding hand that has sustained us through every generation

Lord, as we mark this milestone, we recognize that our nation has not always lived up to its stated ideals of justice and equality for all. We ask Your forgiveness for our offenses, for the times we have been divided, and for where we have fallen short.

We pray for our leaders across every branch of government—federal, state, and local. Grant them the spirit of wisdom, integrity, and a deep commitment to serving the common good.

In this time of national celebration, heal our divisions and unite us as one people. Help us to extend compassion to one another, to protect the vulnerable, and to care for the beautiful land You have provided. May true freedom, rooted in Your truth, continue to flourish in America. Bless this country, and may we use our liberty to serve You and our neighbors with charity and grace

In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen.



SUMC THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is open on Tuesday's from 8am-11am for donations only and Wednesday's from 9:30 am—11:30 am for shopping. We accept clothing, household items, glassware, jewelry, linens, etc. And particularly welcome seasonal items. Your donations can make a difference in the community!

Please contact Linda Diffley, Missions Chair or Stacy Migneault if you have any questions.

Our Thrift Shop currently needs donations of sheets, towels, and shoes.



SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are a group that gets together to create prayer shawls or baby blankets or fidget aprons for people in need. If you don't know how, we are very willing to teach. We want to extend the church's caring to our congregants and others in need and we send prayers to those in need. Come and join us on Monday afternoons at 2 pm. We meet in the Wesley room and do have a lot of chat time and sending of prayers and thankfulness.

Stephanie Reidinger, Roberta Haag, Julie Marin, & Marge Peletier.



FOUNDATIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

You are invited to join us as we reflect on the foundations of discipleship and explore what it means to think theologically and act prayerfully as we follow Jesus in everyday life. This will be a welcoming space for learning, conversation, and spiritual growth.

This small group is for those who are new to the Christian faith, those who are exploring, and those who seek to continue growing deeper in their discipleship journey. Faith is not about having everything figured out. It is about growing deeper, asking honest questions, and learning to live more fully rooted in Christ.

Whether you are just beginning your journey of faith or looking to renew and deepen it, this group is for you. Bring your Bible. All are welcome. We will resume this group in September.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." - Hebrews 13:2

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." - Mark 9:37

Hospitality grows from earnest witness and invitation to those outside the church's walls. It means demonstrating Christ-like love to the community around the church. SUMC is a loving church community, and we look to welcome newcomers as well as our established church family each Sunday.

The message we would like to send to all who join us at worship service is:

There is a place for you here.

I am pleased to say that our annual church picnic was quite a success. Despite the heat, a wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to those who contributed the food items as well as to those who helped with the set-up and clean-up.

Blessings, Marge Peletier



GIVING

Summer Bible Reading Challenge

CHURCH OFFERINGS

Thank you for your financial commitment to SUMC. We ask that you continue to support our ministries with your generous offerings. We also appreciate the ministry of our Finance Team to manage and guide the financial resources and health of our church!

Beginning June 29, we invite you to join our churchwide Gospel Reading Challenge as we journey through the Gospel of Luke together. We hope these daily readings are helping you draw closer to Jesus and freshly hear God's voice.

Remember, this is not about keeping up with a schedule or checking off a box. It is simply an invitation to spend time with Jesus through Scripture. **Our youth and Sunday school children who complete the Gospel reading journey will receive a special prize!**

A hard copy of the reading chart is available in the sanctuary.

3 WAYS TO GIVE

- Church**: Place your offering during worship
- Online**: Go to "Give" @ www.sumcnj.org
- Mail**: Mail your offering to 91 Main St. Succasunna

ONLINE GIVING

SUMC offers an electronic option for making regular offerings through Vanco, our eGiving processor. If you are interested in joining this program go to the SUMC web page at sumcnj.org and click the "Give" tab at the top. Questions? Questions? Contact Santo Gramando, Finance Chairperson at sgramando@yahoo.com or Stephanie Rheinhardt, Financial Secretary at stephanie.rheinhardt@gmail.com.



SHOPRITE AND SUSSEX MARKET GIFT CARDS

Please consider purchasing Shop Rite and Sussex Market gift cards in preparation for your holiday feast. Please contact Bruce Hopper at mainstchiro@gmail.com if you would like to purchase. For each gift card purchased the church receives a donation. We receive 5% for Shop Rite cards and 10% for Sussex Market cards. We thank you for your support of this program.

Church Staff

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OUR MISSION

Succasunna United Methodist Church is a caring fellowship called to love and serve according to Jesus' example, welcome all people, worship God and grow as Christian disciples.

July 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 CUMAC	2 Coffee with Pastor 11am at Panera	3	4 HAPPY 4th OF JULY! Costa Rica Mission Team Departs
5 Begin One 10am worship service	6 Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	7 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations	8 CUMAC Thrift Shop Open For shopping	9	10	11 Costa Rica Mission Team returns
12	13 Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	14 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations	15 CUMAC Thrift Shop OPEN for shopping	16 Trustee Meeting 7pm Wesley	17	18
19 NA Sunday Meeting FH—1-5pm	20 Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	21 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations	22 Thrift Shop OPEN for shopping	23	24	25
26	27 Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	28 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations	29 CUMAC Thrift Shop OPEN for shopping	30	31	

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2	3 Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	4 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations	5 CUMAC Thrift Shop OPEN for shopping Praise Band 7pm	6	7	8
9	10 Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	11 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations	12 CUMAC Thrift Shop OPEN for shopping Praise Band 7pm	13 Coffee with the Pastor 11am at Panera	14	15
16 NA Sunday Meeting 1-5pm FH	17 Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	18 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations	19 CUMAC Thrift Shop OPEN for shopping Praise Band 7pm	20	21	22
23	24 Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	25 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations	26 CUMAC Thrift Shop OPEN for shopping Sight & Sound "Joshua" trip 11am show Praise Band 7pm	27	28	29
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