



Dear Church Family,

When I was a little boy, my grandmother used to tell me all kinds of old-time tales—stories about clever animals, greedy or generous individuals, and ordinary people who found themselves in extraordinary situations. I do not remember every detail, but I still remember sitting beside her and listening with wonder, never knowing where the story would take me next. Stories have a way of staying with us. Even after we have forgotten many of the details, their images, characters, and lessons can remain deep within us.

This may be one reason Jesus so often taught through stories. Rather than simply telling people what to think, he invited them to imagine with stories, which opened people's hearts and helped them see God, themselves, and their neighbors in a new way. Beginning in September, we will explore the power of stories through a new sermon series titled "Once Upon a Faith: Spiritual Lessons from Children's Stories." Together, we will revisit children's stories, asking what they may still teach us about our life and faith. My hope is that this series will help us hear the good news of God's love in fresh and unexpected ways.

As summer comes to an end, I am deeply grateful for the joy of worshipping together as one church family during our combined

10:00 am services. It was wonderful to see people from both services connecting, sharing fellowship, and lifting their voices together in worship. As we return to our two-service schedule beginning September 6, I also look forward to welcoming back those who have been traveling, spending time with family, or away from worship for a while. Whatever your summer has held and however long it has been since we have seen you, please know that you have been missed and that there is always a place for you here.

Fall offers us a fresh opportunity to reconnect with God and with one another. I hope you will return with a renewed heart to worship, grow, serve, and share life together with your church family. We look forward to the beginning of Sunday School, our Back-to-School Blessing, Olde Succasunny Day, Invite a Friend Sunday, Annual Stewardship Program, and other opportunities for missions, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Join a small group, serve where you can, and discover how God may be calling you to grow during this new season of ministry.

See you in church!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Myounghun Stephen Yun, Pastor

WORSHIP

Return to two Worship Services begins Sunday, September 6

Please note that on Sunday, September 6th, we will return to two (9am Contemporary and 11am Traditional) Worship Services.



September Sermon Series—beginning Sunday, September 6



September Sermon Series- “Once Upon a Faith: Spiritual Lessons from Children’s Stories”

(Sep 6, 13, 20, & 27)

The stories we first encountered as children can continue to speak to us as adults. Jesus often used parables—simple yet powerful stories—to proclaim the good news of God’s kingdom and invite his listeners to see God, themselves, and their neighbors in new ways.

In this intergenerational sermon series, we will read and revisit familiar children’s stories, seeking to discover God in the stories we thought we knew. Together, we will explore what these timeless tales can teach us about our faith, identity, grace, courage, compassion, community, and God’s transforming love.

Friend Sunday is September 27



A simple invite can change a life. Invite a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member to worship with you on Sunday, September 27, at either our 9 or 11 a.m. service.

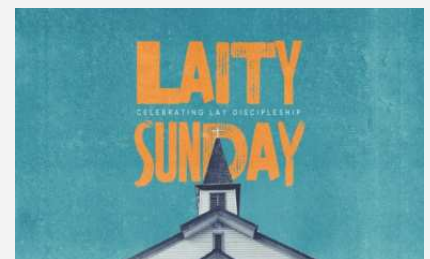
Friend Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to share the warmth of our church family and the joy of worshipping together.

As a special welcome, both you and your guest will receive a small gift. Everyone is welcome—we look forward to meeting your friends!

Laity Sunday is October 11

Join us on Sunday, October 11th as we celebrate Laity Sunday at both services.

Laity Sunday calls the church to celebrate the ministry of Christians of all ages in the home, workplace, congregation, community, and world.



Together, we will give thanks for the ministry and witness of our laypeople and remember that all Christians are called to serve Christ through words and deeds that heal and free. Our lay leader, Linda Diffley will be preaching a message. Join us!

Succasunna United Methodist Church

SUNDAY & YOUTH SCHOOL & MINISTRIES

Newsletter
Sept/Oct 2026



Join Us!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Kick-Off

September 13th

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 am Special Fellowship Hour/Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

Little Lambs -Toddlers & Parents
Pre-K-4th Grade
5th-7th Grade
8th-12th Post Confirmation
Adult Class (Begins 9/20)

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord.”



Jeremiah 29:11

YOUTH GROUP

(4TH-12TH GRADE)

9/25- Splatter Party Kick-Off

6pm-7pm \$15pp
Pinspiration Randolph

10/16- Fall Harvest Event

5:30pm-7:30pm
Youth Group will help run and organize event for children within our community and church to attend. (previously called Halloween Party Parent's Night Out)

11/13-FRIENDSGIVING

6pm-8pm
Bring a friend & a dish to celebrate our thankfulness

12/4-H4H Pizza & Prep Party

6pm-8pm

CONTACT:

Jessica Gramando
sumcyouthgr@gmail.com

Parent participation helps keep youth events running smoothly. Please let Jessica know which event you can help with. Thank you!



Toddler/Parent Time - Sundays 10:15-10:45 am

Sing-A Long-Story time. This is a 30-minute lapsit class, so parents/caregivers must be present with their child(ren).

Location: Fellowship Hall & Nursery

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ORDERS DUE 9/13
PICK-UP SAT 9/26



Succasunna UMC YOUTH GROUP Kick Off
AT Pinspiration Randolph
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
6PM
Youth will be SPLATTER PAINTING!
COST: \$15 PER CHILD ONLY 10 SPOTS AVAILABLE!
AGES 4TH GRADE AND UP
All Youth Are Welcome!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Children and Youth Led Worship Service
including Music Moment at 9AM and 11AM



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Succasunna UMC
Sunday School & Youth Ministries

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CONTACT US: Tami Haupt & Jen Sauter
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EDUCATION

Sunday School Kick-Off Is September 13



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Sunday School Teachers—2026-2027



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School Teachers

Little Lambs -Toddlers & Parents	Donna Anderle and Parents
Pre-K-4th Grade	Tami Haupt Ken Sauter
5th-7th Grade	Jen Sauter Jessica Gramando
High School	John Dewart Bruce Hopper
Adult Class (Begins 9/20)	Deb Fellner

EDUCATION

Annual Fall Mum sale—Orders due September 13/ Pick-up on September 26

ANNUAL EDUCATION FALL PLANT SALE



Orders will be taken until Sept. 13, and plants will be available for pick-up on Sept. 26 from 10am to 12pm.

See insert in this bulletin or use the link Friday's weekly to email Tami Haupt.

You can also order by contacting Tami Haupt at education@sumcnj.org or 973-598-5499.

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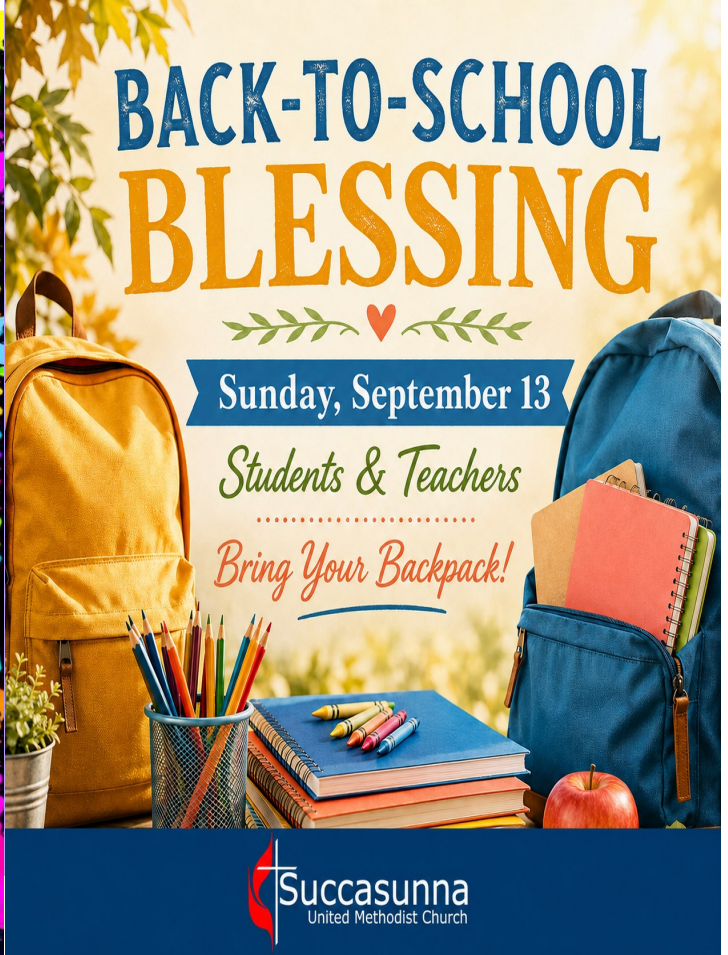
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Youth Group Kick-Off September 25

Back-To-School Blessing on Sept. 13



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL
BLESSING
Sunday, September 13
Students & Teachers
Bring Your Backpack!
Succasunna
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee with Pastor Stephen— September 3rd & October 1st at 11am



On the first Thursday of each month, we gather at Panera in Roxbury Mall for Coffee with Pastor Stephen.

Our next gatherings will be Thursday, September 3, and Thursday, October 1, at 11:00 a.m.

This is an informal time to get to know one another and share questions and thoughts about faith, church, and Methodism. Everyone is welcome—and the coffee or tea is on us! All are welcome!

Updated Church Directory - Distribution in September!

We are in the process of updating the church directory with the updated information reported! The updated directory will be distributed in early September.

Remember, if you have any changes to your contact information, please report the changes to the church office at office@sumcnj.org or call 973-584-7349.



2026 Walk to Emmaus Retreats - Nov. 12-15 (Women) & Nov. 19-22 (Men)



2026 Walk to Emmaus Retreats, November 12-15, 2026 (Women), November 19-22, 2026 (Men) (Thursday, 7 pm to Sunday, 6 pm) Registration Due Dates: Women, October 22nd; Men, October 29th.



A great way to deepen our relationship with God, and grow as a disciple and follower of Jesus! What is the Walk to Emmaus?

The Walk to Emmaus develops Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. It also benefits less active members who are seeking to renew a relationship with God, grow spiritually, or discover firmer foundations for their lives. Through The Walk to Emmaus, as they seek to become healthy and vital congregations, local churches have both a means of growing disciples and a tool for developing leaders for their disciple-making systems. The retreat is a 72-hour short course in Christianity that is wrapped in prayer and signs of sacrificial service. Its impact continues for the rest of participants' lives with follow-up groups that, along with the local church's robust offerings, contribute to participants' ongoing growth in grace. **Where: Sacred Heart Retreat Center, Newton, NJ For more information, contact Sam Perez, samperez134@optonline.net, (862)-579-1647**

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, Fried Oreos, 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 later in the day Saturday. We are also looking for donations of water, soda, Gatorade, and Snapple.

A link to the Sign-Up Genius to volunteer is included in our weekly Friday email.

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

Submitted by: Roger Hendrickson

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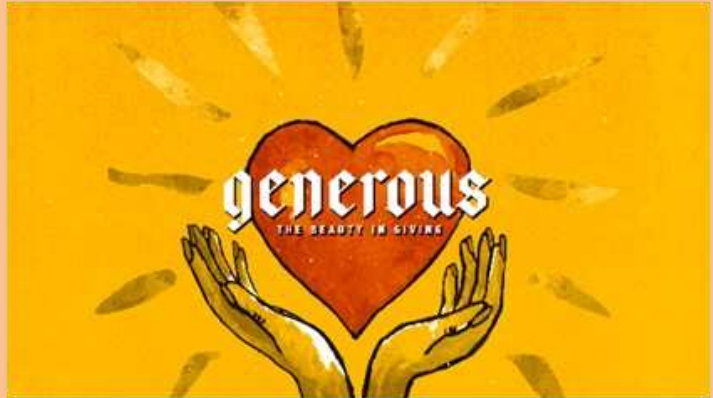
QUESTIONS? Contact Reshma at reshma_c08@yahoo.com or call the church office at 973-584-7349

Succasunna United Methodist Church
Succasunna, NJ

2026 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Growing in Grace and Generosity October 11-25, 2026

We get lots of messages about what is important, what the “good life” is, and everything we need to do – and have – to achieve it. Still, so many of us remain unsatisfied, chasing after the next thing in search of fulfilment. But there is good news for us! God desires for us to have lives of contentment, freedom from worry, and joy in abundance. And Jesus shows us the way there. As we learn how to find our contentment in God, we will also discover the beauty in giving. Our lives will be evidence that the good life is the generous life – a life through which the grace of God flows into the world.



Many of us were taught as children that it is important to share with others, but did you know that, increasingly, studies of the human brain are showing that we are “hardwired” to thrive as we are generous?

As a congregation, we will be studying how God has created us to be generous. Through a three week - series from **October 11 to October 25**, our congregation will focus on being generous through worship, small groups, and giving moments as we learn and reflect on the following: ***Living with Abundance, Finding our Contentment with God and The Flow of Grace***. This series is designed to help individuals and families reflect on God’s generosity and then in turn understand that we are in fact woven together as human beings, created in the image of this generous God for community with one another. It is no wonder that when we are generous, our very health, relationships and well-being increases and our communities and God’s world benefit.

In the next few weeks, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a **small group** held in-person on **October 11 and 18th at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall**. To sign up look for the announcement in the bulletin or through e-mail.

Also, mark your calendars as we’re planning a special ***Celebration Sunday following worship on October 25th***, following the 9:00 am worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Our goal for this time is that each of us and our entire church family will grow deeper in relationship to God and in gratitude and then take steps to grow in being generous. We are literally made to give in relationship with God, each other, and God’s world!

Blessings,

Sam Perez

Chairperson, SUMC Stewardship Ministry

RECENT EVENTS

Trip to Sight & Sound Theater to see Joshua

SIGHT & SOUND TRIP TO SEE "JOSHUA"

About 20 members and friends enjoyed a wonderful day trip to Sight & Sound Theatres in Lancaster to experience the spectacular live production of *Joshua*. We were blessed with beautiful weather for the journey, an inspiring show, and a delicious meal together at Hershey Farm Restaurant & Inn. It was a memorable day filled with faith, fellowship, and fun!



Family Church BBQ—Hosted by Education Committee & United Methodist Men

We had a beautiful afternoon for our Church Family BBQ that was hosted by our Education Committee and the United Methodist Men. We had about 60 people attend the event that included fun, food and fellowship along with very tasty desserts for the dessert competition! Thank you Education & UMM! And congratulations to the dessert contest winners!

DESSERT CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to all our winners!



Building Better Women Kick-Off Meeting—Sunday, September 27

Our summer break is almost over and Building Better Women is ready for our annual kick-off meeting! We need your help! On Sunday, September 27, we will have a potluck luncheon right after the 11:00am service. We will reconnect with each other and also welcome any newcomers.

Our goal for the meeting is to plan our activities for the year, so put on your thinking caps and let's come up with some great ideas. We can repeat some of the things we have done but we can also think of some new fresh ideas and missions to become involved in.

Please RSVP to Linda Miller at linsee1028@gmail.com or Caryn Porter at carynporter824@gmail.com if you will be attending this meeting. **All women are invited!**



MISSIONS UPDATE

Christian Outreach Project Thank You!



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

On behalf of all of us that attended Christian Outreach Project this year, we thank our church family for their support and prayers during our week of outreach.

We are already looking forward to next year's 45th year of COP and hoping to support even more clients in the north-western corner of New Jersey! May God richly bless all of you for your kind support!

Linda Diffley
Missions Chairperson



Roxbury Food Pantry September Collection



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

Laundry detergent, paper towels, cooking oil, mayonnaise, regular coffee, gravy-can or jar, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, tuna in oil, syrup, cranberry, apple & grape juice, Jello cups, pudding cups, kids individual snacks - goldfish & cookies, cereals - Fruit Loops, Captain Crunch, Apple Jax, chocolate cereals, Honey Bunches of Oats, Trix, Raisin Bran.

Your contributions to our community are greatly appreciated.



MISSIONS UPDATE

Roxbury Social Service—Operation Backpack & Supplies—Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that donated backpacks and school supplies in support of Roxbury Social Services school drive! We donated 42 backpacks and lots of various school supplies which were greatly appreciated! Special thanks to Stacy Migneault who coordinated the donations!!!



Blessings to all of you!

Linda Diffley



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 txt 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—Sept. 5

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 be
Saturday, September 5 in
the Wesley Room 10:30
12:30pm (lunch included)!**



Board of Trustee Update

SUMC Church Family,

The last several months have been very busy for the trustees. The upgrade to the kitchen fire suppression system has been completed and all the necessary inspections have passed.

In August, the gutters were professionally cleaned to avoid future water damage. The entrance to the thrift store has been freshly painted giving it the makeover it so desperately needed.



Arrangements are being made to have several rooms in the parsonage painted. The trustees are also looking into having the floor in fellowship hall resurfaced. Several quotes have been obtained and plans are underway for scheduling.

Ron, Roger (our trustees emeritus) and Dick, purchased and installed handrails by the pulpit in the sanctuary to make climbing the steps to the altar easier.

The trustees have also been busy maintaining the building and grounds: trimming hedges in the parking lot, removing a rotted bench, checking dehumidifiers to ensure they are working properly etc. You do not have to be a trustee to help us maintain our church. We are always looking for volunteers to weed (thank you Janet Fischlein) and help us maintain the building and grounds. Just reach out to one of the trustees and let us know, even if you can only spare a few hours.

Karin Ruppel

INTERNATIONAL MISSION

Costa Rica Mission Trip 2026—Testimonial by Sam Perez

Greetings Church Family!

We find in Matthew 25 the following verses:

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

And then the King will reply, *“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”*

These verses shaped our mission, our attitude, and our hearts as the NJ Mission Team traveled to Costa Rica.

The Mission Team

During the first week of July, twelve missionaries from seven different churches—including Marge and me representing SUMC—answered God’s call to serve with Rice and Beans Ministries in Costa Rica. Our team included pastors and lay servants, all united in one purpose: to bring Christ’s love to communities in need.

We carried more than 25 suitcases filled with clothing, shoes, toiletries, and supplies. But more importantly, we carried compassion, prayer, and a willingness to serve.

Construction & Community Ministry

Some of our team stayed at Base Camp to continue construction on the main building. This project has taken years, progressing only as funds allow. Completing the foundation wall this summer was a major milestone. That building will one day help Rice and Beans serve generations to come.

Others went out into a community where Rice and Beans had never ministered before. We held a four-day VBS with an average of 33 children. We taught them about the Fruit of the Spirit—self-control, peace, kindness, and love—through stories, songs, crafts, and conversations. We laughed with them, prayed with them, and built relationships that touched our hearts.

On the last day, every family received a bag of fresh eggs—a simple gift, but a meaningful blessing in Costa Rica.

Door-to-Door Ministry

Each afternoon, the entire team joined together to visit homes. We delivered food, clothing, and toiletries. But the most important thing we offered was presence—listening to people’s struggles, praying with them, and reminding

them that God sees them and loves them.

When you sit with someone in their pain... When you pray with someone who feels forgotten... When you listen to their story... You bring hope.

You bring strength. You bring Christ.

The Message of the Parable

The Scripture verses I shared earlier comes from the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats. It gives us a picture of the final judgment, where Jesus separates people the way a shepherd separates sheep from goats.

The “sheep” are those who showed compassion—feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, caring for the sick. Their reward is not based on perfection, but on faithful, consistent love in action.

Serving others is serving Christ Himself.

This parable calls us to three things:

- **Consistency** — Faith is lived out daily, not occasionally.
- **Humility** — We serve out of love, not for recognition.

Accountability — God sees how we respond to the needs around us.

A Word to Our Church

My siblings in Christ, when I go to Costa Rica, I go humbly—knowing that SUMC stands with me in prayer and support. I go empowered by the Holy Spirit, knowing our church understands what it means to serve the needy locally, across New Jersey, and internationally.

Your faithful giving, your prayers, your support of global missions, and your partnership with Rice and Beans Ministries make this work possible.

Final Encouragement

So today, I leave you with this:

Reflect on the work we do as a church and as individuals. And may that reflection inspire you to consistently be the “sheep” God calls us to be—people who serve, love, and bring hope wherever we go. Amen.

Sam Perez, Costa Rica Mission Team Leader



INTERNATIONAL MISSION

Costa Rica Mission Trip 2026—Testimonial by Marge Peletier

RABMIN Reflection July 26, 2026

Thank you to my church family for your support; for your financial support as well as through your prayers and love-ly messages. A thank you to Sam Perez for his leadership, to Linda Diffley for her support of this fifth International Mission Trip and the organization of our various fundraiser events, and to Pastor Stephen for his beautiful messages while we were in Costa Rica.

Before leaving for the trip, Pastor presented Sam and I with a towel, a simple gift with deep meaning. Throughout scripture, towels are symbols of humble service. On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus wrapped a towel around Himself and washed His disciples' feet. The Lord became a servant to all. On reflecting on my message for today, the theme of "service" continued to return to me.

This year we served as a group of 12 missionaries from various churches in NJ. What immediately comes to mind, when reflecting on this year's mission trip, is that our humble group was representative of the Lord's 12 disciples who went out into the world to spread his Word and to do service. *"But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* - Mark 10:45.

It is hard to believe that this was my fifth international mission experience. And I must say that this year was by far the most physically difficult and challenging work for me. Once again, I did construction work in the morning. The Mission Center in Alajuela continues to expand and the work we did this year was related to the construction of a new cabin, which will be used to house some of the staff members. Sam and I were building the foundation wall for this new building and we were pouring cement into the cinder blocks. This certainly was not easy work, and it forced me out of my comfort zone. And for this I am thankful.

After the VBS group returned back to camp and we had our lunch, we would fill the food bags with rice, beans, flour, and dried milk. Once again, thank you to my SUMC family. Your generous donations, allowed us to purchase the food items, which we delivered to the different communities each afternoon. Also, I would like to give a thank you to those of you who donated clothing that we also distributed to the communities that we visited.

There was an experience this year when we were out in the community, that particularly touched my heart. When we introduced ourselves to one woman in the community and explained why we were there, she immediately began to cry. We had explained that we were delivering the food and clothing items, but most importantly we were there to pray with her. This woman was in desperate need of prayer. There were three members of her household who were suffering from serious renal failure issues. In fact, she had wanted to introduce her daughter to us, but she was not able to come to the door as she was undergoing her 4-hour daily dialysis treatment. We prayed with this woman and she was so grateful.



There was a second individual, a man living alone. At most households when we asked for prayer requests, most often we were asked to pray for their families and for health. This gentleman, however, was concerned about our world. He particularly was concerned about global warming and that we are not respecting God's beautiful gift. What immediately came to mind for me was that Pastor Stephen often prays for our broken world. And this was indeed the prayer of this man.

I must also say that the staff members at Rice & Beans are always awesome and so very supportive. After serving for my fifth year, it is clear that some very strong relationships have developed through this mission work. Fred Curry manages the entire operation, which is quite a task. Gaby and Rosa are the women who handle the kitchen work and keeping us well fed. Gaby also manages the VBS work which is done in the morning. Then there are several men who handle the heavy manual work at the center. Each morning at 6:20 we would meet on the porch for our daily devotional. Shortly after we would see the staff arriving.

In closing, this fifth year at Rice & Beans was very rewarding and I am grateful to SUMC for allowing me to continue to serve in Costa Rica. A final scripture verse from John 13: 14-15: "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

Marge Peletier

Welcome Gerry D'Albis !



Welcome to Gerry D'Albis who has joined our staff as Organist and Choir Director. A native of Hamden, Connecticut, Gerry states he is glad to be here at SUMC. Gerry graduated from Wilkes University, Wilkes Barre, PA and studied piano and performance with Anne Vanko Liva. Gerry was a Music Teacher at Mt. Olive Middle School, also involved with the Band, Chorus and general music appreciation. Gerry retired after 37 years of dedicated service. He resides in Flanders with daughter Maria and their Corgi named Joey. He enjoys spending time at RH Farms doing floral work and helping at the family stand in Hackettstown/Mt. Olive.

Welcome to Succasunna UMC Gerry!

Thrift Shop is OPEN!



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.



Round Table Conversation—Tuesday, September 29 6-8pm

Join Us for Our Next Round Table Conversation

Tuesday, Sep 29, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

We will gather for a Round Table Conversation on Tuesday, September 29. We are pleased to welcome **Rev. Steve Bechtold** and a lay leader from Sparta UMC as our guest speakers. They will share their experiences and insights as we continue exploring how we can become a more welcoming church. **Dinner will be provided**, so simply come and join us. Your presence is what matters most.



Annual Church Conference—Saturday, November 7 at 9am

This year's Church Conference for Succasunna UMC will be held on Saturday, November 7 at 9am at the UMC of Parsippany. Rev. Eunice Vega-Perez, District Superintendent of Skylands District, will preside over the meeting.

The annual Church Conference is a time to reflect on our ministries and missions as a church and plan our future ministry.

ALL ARE INVITED.

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.



ROOTED IN CHRIST: FOUNDATIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP II

(Small Group) Thursdays, September. 10, 17 & 24, October, 1 at 7pm in the Wesley Room

You are invited to join us for the second phase our Discipleship Small Group as we continue exploring what it means to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Together, we will continue learning what it means to think theologically, act prayerfully, and live faithfully as followers of Jesus. This will be a welcoming space for learning, honest questions, meaningful 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! PLEASE SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 6th you can use the insert in your bulletins!

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.



Blessings, Marge Peletier

GIVING

OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

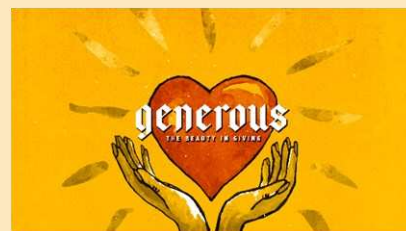
CHURCH OFFERINGS

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!

October Sermon

Series-

“Generous: The Beauty in Giving”



What if stewardship were not primarily about obligation, but about joy? What if generosity could free us from worry, deepen our contentment, and allow God's grace to flow through us to others? In this three-week series, we will explore how trusting God transforms the way we view our lives and resources. We will move from worry to joy, discover true contentment in God, and see how Jesus blesses even our smallest offerings to meet the needs of others.

Stewardship is about much more than money. It is a joyful way of living in which we offer our time, talents, resources, and lives to God. When we share what we have, God's grace flows through us, bringing hope and blessing to our church, our community, and the world. We invite you to join us as we seek to grow in generosity.



3 WAYS TO GIVE



Place your offering during worship



Go to “Give”
@ www.sumcnj.org



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.



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.

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September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 CUMAC Praise Band 7pm	3 Scouts 7-9pm Coffee with Pastor 11am at Panera Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	4	5
6 Resume 2 Services 8am & 11am	7 LABOR DAY! Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	8 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations Church Council Meeting (FH) 7pm	9 CUMAC Thrift Shop Open For shopping Praise Band 7pm	10 Foundations of Dis- cipleship II Small Group Wesley—7pm Scouts 7-9pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	11	12
13 Sunday School Kick-Off Back to School Blessings Mum orders due	14 Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	15 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations CCM Meeting 7pm (FH)	16 CUMAC Thrift Shop OPEN for shopping SPRC Meeting (FH) 7pm Praise Band 7pm	17 Foundations of Dis- cipleship II Small Group Wesley—7pm Scouts 7-9pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	18	19 Olde Suckasunny Day 10am—3pm
20 NA Sunday Meeting FH—1-5pm Sunday Adult Class 10am	21 Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	22 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations	23 Thrift Shop OPEN for shopping Praise Band 7pm	24 Foundations of Dis- cipleship Small Group Wesley—7pm Scouts 7-9pm Trustee Meeting— Wesley 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	25 Youth Group Kick-Off at Pinspiration in Randolph	26 Pick up Mums in SUMC parking lot 10am–12pm
27 Building Better Women Kick-Off Meeting & Luncheon (FH) 12:15pm	28 Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	29 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations Round Table Con- versation 6-8pm (FH)	30 CUMAC Thrift Shop OPEN for shopping Praise Band 7pm			

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11 Laity Sunday Stewardship Small Group 10:15 am (FH)	12 Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	13 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations Lay Servant Meet- ing (FH) 7pm	14 CUMAC Thrift Shop OPEN for shopping Praise Band 7pm	15 Scouts 7-9pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	16	17
18 Stewardship Small Group 10:15 am (FH) NA Sunday Meeting 1-5pm FH	19 Prayer Shawl 2pm NA FH 7-9pm	20 Thrift Shop OPEN for donations Worship Meeting (FH) 7pm	21CUMAC Thrift Shop OPEN for shopping Praise Band 7pm	22 Walk to Emmaus Wom- en's Registration due Scouts 7-9pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	23	24
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