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outh Church is a covenanting member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations and is an accredited Welcoming Congregation and Green Sanctuary. Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religion with Jewish-Christian roots. We draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of love. We strive to be a congregation that

truly welcomes all persons who share our values. We commit to being a congregation that empowers and enhances everyone's participation, especially those with historically marginalized identities.

Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love.

Inseparable from one another, these shared values include:

Interdependence: We honor the interdependent web of all existence.

Pluralism: We celebrate that we are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.

Justice: We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all thrive.

Transformation: We adapt to the changing world.

Generosity: We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.

Equity: We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.

SOUTH CHURCH



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A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Sunday Services: 10am on State Street & our YouTube Channel

Office Hours: 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday

WiFi Network: SouthChurchPublic

Wifi Password: SundayMorning

Website: www.southchurch-uu.org Email: info@southchurch-uu.org

Phone: 603-436-4762

Board of Trustees Email: Board@southchurch-uu.org

The Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome.

Rev. Ellen Quaadgras – Minister

Kirsten Hunter – Director of Lifespan Ministries

Jen Del Deo-Barry – Director of Children and Family Ministry

Jonny Peiffer – Director of Music Ministry

Jennifer Leyden – Congregational Admin Kristine Sawyer – Finance Director

Susan Adams – Accompanist Ben Abbott - Tech & Attendant

“Looking For George”

**A Unitarian Universalist
Congregation**

January 12, 2025

ARE YOU NEW TO SOUTH CHURCH?

Are you a first-time visitor? Would you like to get more information about this congregation? Scan the QR code to fill out a visitor form or ask an usher for a hard copy!



USHER SIGNUPS ON SUNDAYS

We are looking to round out our group of Ushers for Sunday mornings. Ushering is a great way to get to know some fellow South Churchers, and to help make sure Sundays run smoothly. It's a light lift for anyone who is planning on coming to church anyway! We will train you and answer any questions you have! To sign up, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3n8ex2db> or scan the QR code to the right!



SHARED PLATE NOMINATING ALL MONTH

In January, the congregation is invited to nominate local non-profits for the Shared Plate ballot. The South Church website has a link to the nominating form under the GIVING heading. Nominate as many organizations as you wish, using a separate form for each one. If you are unable to use the online form, paper forms are available from the Social Justice Associates. Return your paper ballots before January 30 as we will vote on all the nominated organizations in February. This year, the following organizations will already be on the ballot and do NOT need to be nominated: Gather, NAMI, Seacoast Family Promise, Families First, BHTNH, Planned Parenthood, Lovering Health, and the UUSC

SEACOAST PEOPLE'S MARCH - JANUARY 18 AT 1:30PM

Join us for the Seacoast People's March; a powerful gathering of voices coming together for community and justice. This event will celebrate unity, inclusivity, and the shared commitment to a better future and is part of the nationwide coalition supporting the People's March that will be held on January 18 in Washington D.C. The history of the People's March comes from the original Women's March in 2017 and those that followed. Whether you're passionate about social justice, environmental issues, or equity, the People's March invites all to take a stand and make our voices heard. The Seacoast People's March will be held at South Church on January 18 from 1:30 to 3 pm, and will be both an indoor and outdoor event.

FAMILIES TOGETHER - JANUARY 18 AT 5:00PM

Date night for parents - free babysitting and peer connection! Sign your kids in, gather for a brief parent session with Jen Del Deo-Barry, then take a few hours to do whatever you want while we keep the kids for a super fun night! Parents MUST register by end of day Thursday, January 16. For more info, and to RSVP, contact Jen and JenDelDeo@SouthChurch-UU.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On multigenerational worship days, children remain in the sanctuary for worship. There are activity packs and supplies on shelves behind the last row of pews. On all other Sundays, children and youth are invited to go downstairs following the Time For All Ages, to participate in religious education sessions. Children are also always invited to remain in the sanctuary with their families.

The Nursery is open for children 6 weeks through 3 years.

The mission of our RE Program is to provide programming for children, youth, and families that promotes spiritual growth, intergenerational connections, faith development, a UU identity, and social action within a safe and welcoming environment.

For more info on our Religious Education program, email Director of Children & Family Ministries, Jen Del Deo-Barry, at jendeldeo@southchurch-uu.org

ONGOING GROUPS

Aging with Grace meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00am on Zoom through February. Contact Ingrid at inkyjapan@yahoo.com for more info.

Chant From Different Traditions meets on the first Sunday at 9am on the balcony or in the gardens. Contact Cathy Okhuysen at cathomusic@gmail.com

The Shawl Ministry meets on the 3rd Sunday at 11:30am in the Emerson Room. Contact: Jan Marston at jmarston@comcast.net

The ***Men's Breakfast Group*** meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 8am. Email Ken Schoman at ayuh.ken@gmail.com

Morning Poems meets every Thursday morning at 7:30am on Zoom. Contact info@southchurch-uu.org for more information.

The ***Women's Breakfast Group*** meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:30am. For more info and to RSVP, contact willow@woodflute.net

Covenant Groups are ongoing groups that meet twice a month from October-May. For more info, email covenantgroups@southchurch-uu.org

South Church Spiritual Book Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom. Contact Nancy at bookgroup@southchurch-uu.org

Court Street Yoga meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at Court Street. Check the website for times. Suggested donation \$10/class or \$75/month. For more info, email yoga@southchurch-uu.org

The South Church Cancer Support Group meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30am in the Emerson Room. For more information, contact Anne Mackin at annemackin2@gmail.com

South Church Folk meets on Thursdays at 7pm in the sanctuary and typically sings during Worship one Sunday per month. For more information, contact Cathy Okhuysen at cathomusic@southchurch-uu.org

GROUP CONTACTS

Shared Ministry – sharedministry@southchurch-uu.org

Pastoral Associates – pastoralcare@southchurch-uu.org

Social Justice Associates – socialjustice@southchurch-uu.org

Worship Associates – worship@southchurch-uu.org

Fellowship Associates – fellowship@southchurch-uu.org

Learning Associates – learning@southchurch-uu.org

Comm. On Ministries – committeeonministries@southchurch-uu.org

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12

9:45am Coming of Age at Court Street
10:00am In Person and Online Worship
10:00am 5th Grade OWL
11:30am Cancer Support Group
11:30am LA/Covenant Group Leader Meeting
4:00pm 7th Grade OWL
4:00pm Senior Youth at Court Street

Monday, January 13

6:30am Court Street Yoga
6:00pm Fellowship Associate Meeting

Tuesday, January 14

6:00pm Choir Review with Susan
6:30 Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 15

6:30am Court Street Yoga

Thursday, January 16

7:30am Morning Poems on Zoom
7:00pm South Church Folk Rehearsal

Friday, January 17

6:30am Court Street Yoga
7:00pm Sparks and Flames Ice Skating

Saturday, January 18

1:30pm People's March at South Church
5:00pm Families TUUgether

Sunday, January 19

10:00am In Person and Online Worship
11:30am Knitting Ministry
11:30am Social Justice Associate Meeting

ANNUAL NAACP MLK BREAKFAST - JANUARY 20 AT 8:30AM

Join us for a morning of food and gospel music, an inspirational talk by Richard Haynes, and a tour of the African Burying Ground at noon. Breakfast begins at 8:30am here at South Church, followed by music and speakers in the sanctuary at 10am. This event is free and open to the public, but donations are always welcome. For more information, call 603-436-6099

SET THE HOUSE ON FIRE MLK CONCERT - JANUARY 20 AT 5:30PM

Jukwaa Mazoa Productions presents "Set The House On Fire", a gospel concert celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 20 at 5:30pm at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre. Tickets are \$15 plus a non-perishable food item to replenish the shelves at local food pantries.

BELOVED CONVERSATIONS - SAVE THE DATES FEBRUARY 2 AND 23

Please join us for tea after the Black Heritage Trail annual Tea Talks on February 2 and 23. Join others from the congregation in thoughtful conversation at 3:45pm in the Carson Parlor. Be sure to register for the Tea Talks on the BHTNH website soon to attend in person. For more information, and to let us know you are coming to Beloved Conversations, please contact Hilary Clark at hilclark57@gmail.com

FEBRUARY FILM DISCUSSION - FEBRUARY 12

The South Church Spiritual Book Group is hosting a discussion of "Lessons in Chemistry," an Apple TV+ mini-series, on Wednesday, February 12 at 7pm. Please watch the show (8 episodes) in advance of the discussion. Apple TV+ can be accessed free for up to one week. All are welcome. Please contact SouthChurchBookGroup@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

ROOTS SUMMER PROGRAM - AUGUST 11-15

Join us for a week full of fun for kids ages 5 through 12. Play, build community, engage in service projects, and make meaningful connections! Roots runs 9am-3pm, Monday through Friday the week of August 11-15. (Before and after care available for additional cost) Youth ages 12-17 can sign up to be junior helpers/CiT's to offer friendship and support, and to gain developmentally appropriate leadership skills. Learn more at www.southchurch-uu-re.org/roots-summer-program or scan the QR code.



ORDER OF SERVICE

JANUARY 12, 2025

PRELUDE *Navajo Prelude for Piano No. 1* Susan Adams
Connor Chee

WELCOME adapted from Rev. Julian Jamaica Soto
Ken Schoman and Mitch Pivor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION *Morning Has Broken*

LIGHTING THE CHALICE Mitch Pivor

*MISSION STATEMENT

At South Church, we nurture spiritual growth through worship, learning and community; we celebrate the worth and dignity of all people; and we inspire one another to act on our faith in the larger community.

OPENING WORDS Mitch Pivor

*OPENING HYMN #7 *The Leaf Unfurling*

TIME FOR ALL AGES Jen Del Deo-Barry

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL #413 *Go Now In Peace*

OFFERING INVITATION Mitch Pivor

OFFERTORY *New Beginnings* Susan Adams
Wendy Stevens

RESPONSE #1010 *We Give Thanks*

READING AND MEDITATION "In The Attic" by Ken Schoman

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN

We invite you to take a moment and reflect on a joy or concern you are holding. If it is something you want us to know about, please take a moment and write your concern on the yellow Pastoral Care card in the pew.

SERMON "Looking for George" Ken Schoman

*CLOSING HYMN #1007 *There's A River Flowin' in My Soul*

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Mitch Pivor

BENEDICTION adapted from Rev. Julian Jamaica Soto Ken Schoman

POSTLUDE *Melody for Kinyaa' aanii No. 1* Susan Adams
Connor Chee



January Theme: The Practice of Story

During the month of January, our collection will be shared with the Joan G. Lovering Health Center. Lovering Health provides confidential, comprehensive and accurate sexual and reproductive health information and services to all in a supportive environment. It is their passion to honor, respect, and advocate for the right of everyone to maintain freedom and choices regarding their own sexual and reproductive health.

Learn more at www.joangloveringhealthcenter.org



Quick Link: Donate to South Church and our monthly Shared Plate!

Point your phone camera at the QR code to the left and head to our mobile site. Make a one time gift, or log in to create recurring gifts!

Assisted listening devices are available in the rear of the sanctuary

*Please rise if you are willing and able