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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

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Sunday Services: 10am on State Street

Live-Stream Services: 10am on 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

SOUTH CHURCH



"The Great Turning"

A Unitarian Universalist
Congregation
October 13, 2024

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!



REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It's time to register all kids (infants through high school) for our Religious Education programs! Register online at <https://southchurch-uu-re.org/> or use the QR code.



2025 ANNUAL BUDGET CAMPAIGN - TREASURING OUR VALUES

Thank you to everyone who has pledged! \$192,000 of our \$630,000 goal! Financial commitment forms have been mailed, and there are many ways to pledge; through the web, through mail, or with the QR code to the right! Pledge by Oct. 27 to have a chance to win one of two raffle prizes; a private charter for up to 25 on the M/V Utopia from Portsmouth Harbor Cruises, or a TWO NIGHT stay on Star Island! Join us in celebrating on Oct 27 after worship! The ABC Committee will be downstairs during Coffee Hour if you have any questions!



GREETERS NEEDED!

Do you enjoy the warm welcome on Sunday mornings as you enter South Church? Come join our group of greeters that extend that warm welcome to visitors and members of our community. Join us for an orientation, then sign up! Stop by the greeters table, or contact Fellowship@SouthChurch-UU.org.

FALL CIRCLE SUPPERS GUEST SIGN UPS

Circle Suppers are potluck meals hosted by South Church members and friends FOR South Church members and friends! Dates and hosts are set, so sign up for the meal that works for you! Scan the QR code, or visit <https://tinyurl.com/8jfk6axf>



IMMIGRATION: INTERNATIONAL ISSUE, LOCAL ACTION - THIS WEDS!

Oct 20 at South Church - How will we respond to refugees and asylum seekers in our community? Join the SJA's and Immigrant Support Fund for a post-service discussion (and lunch of chili and cornbread!) about what we can do at South Church to help.

FALL GARDEN CLEAN UP - OCTOBER 19 at 9AM

Bring your rakes and clippers, wear your gloves, and help put our beautiful church gardens to bed for the winter. Saturday morning, October 19 from 9am-noon in the gardens. Coffee, water, and a sweet treat will be provided!

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 information 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 will meet on Oct 10 and Nov 14 at the Portsmouth Public Library. Contact Ingrid Ahlberg at inkyjapan@yahoo.com

Chant From Different Traditions will meet on the first Sunday at 9am on the balcony. 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 Kirsten at kirsten@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 is offered 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, October 13

10:00am Online and In Person Worship
11:30am Cancer Support Group
11:30am Covenant Group Convenor Training

Monday, October 14

6:30am Court Street Yoga

Tuesday, October 15

6:30pm Covenant Group
6:30pm South Church Choir
7:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, October 16

6:30am Court Street Yoga

Thursday, October 17

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

Friday, October 18

6:30am Court Street Yoga

Saturday, October 19

9:00am Fall Garden Clean Up
10:30am Carter Memorial

Sunday, October 20

9:45am Coming of Age at Court Street
10:00am Online and In Person Worship
11:30am SJA Immigration Presentation
11:30am Knitting Ministry
4:00pm 7th Grade OWL
4:00pm Senior Youth at Court Street

VESPERS ALTARS OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - OCT 24 at 6:30PM

Altars of Remembrance, in honor of our ancestors and lost loved ones, will take place on Thursday, Oct 24 at 6:30pm. You're invited to bring photos and mementos of loved ones who have died, and altar decorations in keeping with your family heritage.

PREPARE MEALS FOR SEACOAST FAMILY PROMISE

Oct 27-Nov 2, South Church will be providing meals for families experiencing homelessness. We deliver hot, ready-to-eat meals, and need volunteers to prepare part of a meal (dessert, side dish, main course, salad) or a whole meal, depending on your preference. Visit the SFP Table during Coffee Hour to sign up!

JOURNEY TO MEMBERSHIP - NOVEMBER 3, 10 and 17

Are you new to South Church or a long time attendee of Sunday services and want to learn more? The Fellowship Associates will be hosting their Journey to Membership class on Nov. 3, 10 and 17 from 11:30a-1p. These 90 minute classes are an opportunity to explore and share individual spiritual journeys, and learn more about South Church and UUism. Contact Fellowship@SouthChurch-UU.org

JOIN A REFLECTION CIRCLE - NOVEMBER 10

The next Reflection Circle on Worship at South Church will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 3-5pm on Zoom. We'll talk about what's flourishing, what's confusing, and what's missing on Sunday mornings. This is a one time commitment and your feedback helps to shape our collective worship experience. Contact Kimberly Green at KimberlyCloutierGreen@gmail.com

SPIRITUAL BOOK GROUP NOVEMBER DISCUSSION

The South Church Spiritual Book Group is hosting a discussion of "This Other Eden" by Paul Harding on Weds., Nov. 13 at 7pm. All are welcome! Please contact SouthChurchBookGroup@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

START HOLIDAY SHOPPING EARLY AT THE SOUTH CHURCH AUCTION!

The South Church auction will open on Sat, Nov. 16 with a wine social and both live and silent auctions. The auction's success depends on your donations! Please request a donation form by emailing Judy at judc0209@comcast.net.

NH CAMPAIGN FOR VOTING RIGHTS POLL WATCHERS NEEDED

Your help is needed to ensure the upcoming election is free, fair and accessible! Make a difference by observing the process to ensure everything runs smoothly. Training is provided that will teach you how to identify and report issues. Contact schouinard@americavotes.org or SC Member Susan Dewhirst at sdewhirst04@gmail.com to learn more and find a training that works for you. .

UUACTION ANNUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 26

Join UUAction NH on Oct 26 from 9am-2pm at the Concord UU Church (274 Pleasant St) to help determine what they will be working on in the coming year. UUAction NH is YOUR state-wide organization for social justice! Email Robin at r.hary.schnell@gmail.com for the registration link; registering is free but a head count is needed for lunch!

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Melody for Kinyaa'áanii No. 1</i>	Susan Adams, piano Connor Chee
WELCOME		Kirsten Hunter
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
ABC TESTIMONIAL		Joe McEachern
INVOCATION		
LIGHTING THE CHALICE		Willow Young
*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		Willow Young
*OPENING HYMN #163		<i>For The Earth Forever Turning</i>
TIME FOR ALL AGES		Jen Del Deo-Barry
CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL #413		<i>Go Now In Peace</i>
OFFERING INVITATION		Willow Young
OFFERTORY	<i>Hózhó</i>	Susan Adams, organ Connor Chee
RESPONSE #1010		<i>We Give Thanks</i>
PRAYER & MEDITATION		Kirsten Hunter
CANDLES OF JOY & CONCERN		
<i>Navajo Prelude No 1. and No. 3</i> by Connor Chee, played by Susan Adams 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	"The Great Turning"	Kirsten Hunter
*CLOSING HYMN #1064		<i>Blue Boat Home</i>

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EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE		Willow Young
BENEDICTION		Kirsten Hunter
POSTLUDE	<i>Melody for Kinyaa'áanii No. 2</i>	Susan Adams, piano Connor Chee

October Theme: Deep Listening

During the month of October, our collection will be shared with The Dover Children's Home. The Dover Children's Home provides tools and support for youth to heal from emotional trauma through community-based treatment programs that foster relationships and enable youth to create hope for the future.

Learn more at www.doverchildrenshome.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 stand if you are willing and able.

Connor Chee is an award winning pianist and composer based in Phoenix, AR. His music is an expression and exploration of his Diné, or Navajo, heritage. Please visit www.connorchee.com for links to several of his albums, music videos, and touring schedule.