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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 & 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

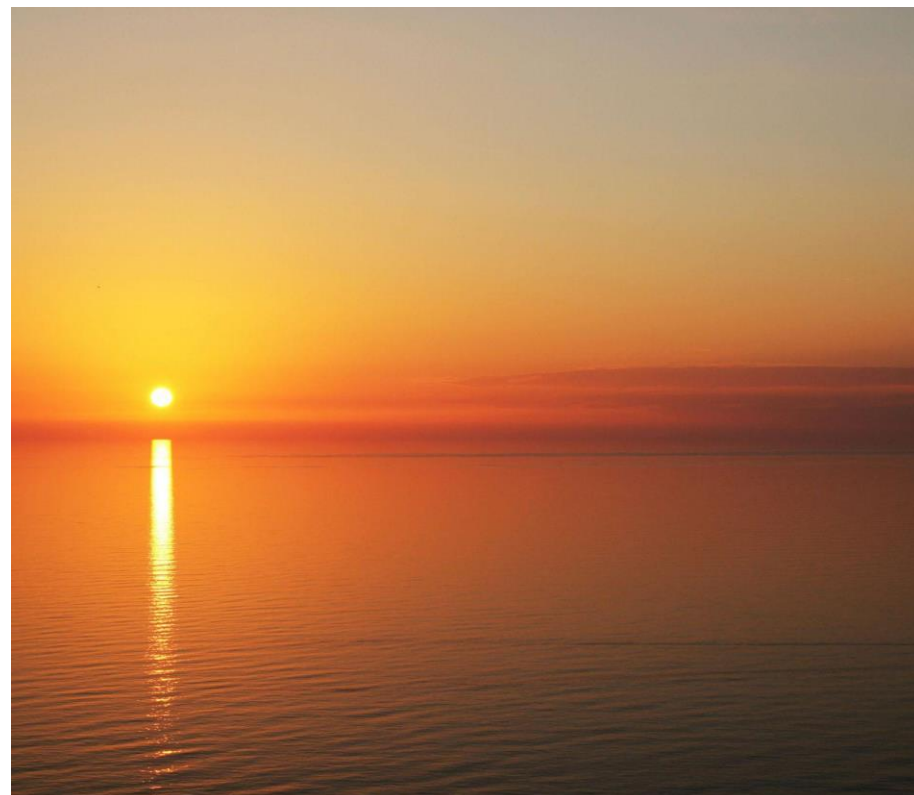
Jen Del Deo-Barry – Director of Children and Family Ministry

Jonny Peiffer – Director of Music Ministry

Jennifer Leyden – Congregational Admin Kristine Sawyer – Finance Director

Susan Adams – Accompanist Ben Abbott - Tech & Attendant

SOUTH CHURCH



“New Year’s Revolution”

A Unitarian Universalist
Congregation

December 29, 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.



USHER SIGNUPS - SUNDAYS AND CHRISTMAS EVE

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!



SOUTH CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

As a reminder, the South Church office will be closed December 23 through January 1, and will re-open on Thursday, January 2. Many of the staff will be periodically checking our emails and voicemails. Please reach out with advanced notice if there is anything that you need! We look forward to seeing you when we return in the New Year!

SHARED PLATE NOMINATING BEGINS THIS WEEK

Beginning this week, 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, Loving Health, and the UUSC

SISC THREE KINGS DAY INTERFAITH SERVICE

Join the Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition for a Three Kings Day Interfaith Service on Sunday, January 5 from 2-4:30pm at Christ Church in Exeter. Following the service, you are invited to take in the fellowship, food and music! Please bring a dish to share with the community! If you are not able to attend but would like to donate, you can send a check to South Church (write "ISF" in the memo line), or click DONATE on the South Church website and donate to the Immigrant Support Fund. For more information, contact Valerie at valeriefagin@comcast.net

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 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 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 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

Please note the South Church Office will be closed until January 2, 2025

Sunday, December 29

10:00am In Person and Online Worship

Monday, December 30

6:30am Court Street Yoga

Tuesday, December 31

5:00pm Senior Youth Chili Sale

8:30pm Last Blast Concert

Thursday, January 2

7:30am Morning Poems on Zoom

7:00pm South Church Folk Rehearsal

Friday, January 3

6:30am Court Street Yoga

Sunday, January 5

9:00am Chants from Different Traditions

9:45am Coming of Age at Court Street

10:00am In Person and Online Worship

10:00am 5th Grade OWL

FIRST NIGHT CHILI SALE - DECEMBER 31 AT 5PM

Join the South Church Senior Youth on New Year's Eve for their annual Chili and Cornbread sale! Warm up with a delicious bowl of chili and a side of cornbread and enjoy the company of many South Churcher friends including our high school youth group! All proceeds will go towards the Senior Youth Service Learning trip. Chili will be served from 5pm-7pm. Would you like to donate your own delicious chili or cornbread?! Donation drop-off begins at 4pm on New Year's Day at South Church (or by appointment)! Contact Jen Del Deo for more info! JenDelDeo@SouthChurch-UU.org

LAST BLAST NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERT - DECEMBER 31 AT 8:30PM

After First Night fireworks, join South Church and Continuum Arts Collective for Last Blast; a New Year's Eve fundraiser concert featuring Reconstructed and Natalia Rothwell! Join us at 8:30 in the sanctuary for some great music as we prepare to kick off 2025! Tickets are \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door, and kids under 18 are FREE! Tickets available at Portsmouth NH Tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/3skma475>. If you are interested in volunteering to help with ticketing or merchandise sales, please reach out to Jen Leyden. Jen@SouthChurch-UU.org

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 DATE!

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *If I Were Brave* South Church Folk
 Jana Stanfield

WELCOME Chris Kiper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

LIGHTING THE CHALICE Chris Kiper and Veda Kiper Phelps

KINDLING THE LIGHTS OF THE SEASON

*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 Veda Kiper Phelps

*OPENING HYMN #1008 *Woyaya*

TIME FOR ALL AGES Chris Kiper and Veda Kiper Phelps

READING *Love After Love* by Derek Walcott Chris Kiper

OFFERING INVITATION Chris Kiper

OFFERTORY *Klim Krishnaya* South Church Folk
 Jaya Lakshmi

RESPONSE #402 *From You I Receive*

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

CANDLES OF JOY & 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.

MUSIC Native American Flute played by Jon Prichard

REFLECTION Chris Kiper

DECEMBER 29, 2024

READING *Start Close In* by David Whyte Veda Kiper Phelps

CLOSING HYMN #311 *Let It Be A Dance*

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

BENEDICTION Veda Kiper Phelps


POSTLUDE *If Not Now* South Church Folk
 Carrie Newcomer



December Theme: Presence

During the month of December, our collection will be shared with Families First. Families First is part of a network of community health centers providing primary care, pediatrics, dental care, prenatal care and more to people of all income levels, insured or uninsured. They deliver innovative and compassionate health services and support that are accessible to all, regardless of ability to pay.

Learn more at <https://getcommunityhealth.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