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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**

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**The Board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Brigid Murray – Finance Director

Susan Adams – Accompanist

Ben Abbott - Tech & Attendant

# **SOUTH CHURCH**



Photo taken during the Senior Youth New Mexico Trip in summer 2024

“Bridging”

**A Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation  
June 1, 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!



### **WINDOW RESTORATION STARTING SOON**

The restoration project for our magnificent windows will start soon! Two windows will be removed on opposite sides of the narthex, and brought back to our contractor's shop to be fully restored. The window openings will be temporarily filled with white painted plywood. The windows will be returned and re-installed late this summer. Timing for the restoration of the other 8 windows is still in the planning phase.

### **POCKET GARDEN TOUR - JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

Just 12 days until the PGT, and we do NOT need a partridge in a pear tree! We do need: 10 hosts for Saturday from 5:30-8pm (no leaping required) and 22 batches of cookies (1 batch = 4 dozen cookies) See us at Social Hour!

Volunteer as a host: [www.tinyurl.com/2025phthosts](http://www.tinyurl.com/2025phthosts)

Bake Cookies: [www.tinyurl.com/pgtcookies](http://www.tinyurl.com/pgtcookies)

### **VISIONING CIRCLES**

Whether or not you attended the workshop on May 10, please add your voice, thoughts, and heart to our ongoing development of a guiding Vision Statement by coming to a Vision Circle gathering over the next few weeks. WE NEED YOU to share what is important to you in these small settings where you will have a facilitated opportunity to speak and be heard, and to listen to fellow congregants as we discern and distill our vision. Scan the QR code to sign up!



### **SOUTH CHURCH BOOK GROUP**

The South Church Book Group is hosting a discussion of the historical fiction book "Finding Margaret Fuller" by Allison Pataki on Wednesday, June 11 at 7pm. All are welcome. Please contact [BookGroupSouthChurch@gmail.com](mailto:BookGroupSouthChurch@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and to get onto our email list.

### **AGING WITH GRACE SUMMER MEETINGS**

Aging with Grace will be meeting at the Portsmouth Senior Center (125 Cottage St) in June, July, and August. We'll be meeting on the covered front patio from noon-1:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month, (June 12, July 10 and Aug 14)) Bring your lunch and maybe something to share! In the summer, we have more casual gatherings with a check in and chat. There is plenty of parking and the front patio is easy access with both shade and cover from rain. Join us!

### **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](mailto:jendeldeo@southchurch-uu.org)

### **ONGOING GROUPS**

**Aging with Grace** meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 12:00pm on Zoom through February. Contact Ingrid at [inkyjapan@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ayuh.ken@gmail.com)

**Morning Poems** meets every Thursday morning at 7:30am on Zoom. Contact [info@southchurch-uu.org](mailto: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 [turningtide@comcast.net](mailto:turningtide@comcast.net)

**Covenant Groups** are ongoing groups that meet twice a month from October-May. For more info, email [covenantgroups@southchurch-uu.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cathomusic@southchurch-uu.org)

## GROUP CONTACTS

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Comm. On Ministries – [committeeonministries@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:committeeonministries@southchurch-uu.org)

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 1

9:00am Pocket Garden Tour Meeting  
10:00am In Person and Online Worship  
11:30am Dancing Through Chaos

### Monday, June 2

6:30am Court Street Yoga  
4:30pm Pride Mural Project Meeting  
5:00pm Property Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, June 4

6:30am Court Street Yoga  
8:30am Women's Breakfast at The Golden Egg  
6:45pm Mindfulness Meditation at Court Street

### Thursday, June 5

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

### Friday, June 6

6:30am Court Street Yoga

### Sunday, June 8

10:00am In Person and Online Worship  
11:30am Visioning Circle  
11:30am Cancer Support Group  
2:00pm Kafari Concert

## MARCH TO END GUN VIOLENCE - JUNE 6 AT 6PM

Join Moms Demand Action and members of the community throughout the Seacoast to honor survivors and victims of gun violence. We'll gather in Prescott Park in Portsmouth and walk over the Memorial Bridge to John Paul Jones Park in Kittery. Together we will Wear Orange to raise our voice and show that we - local leaders, faith based leaders, parents, teachers, doctors, friends and family - demand action to keep our children and our communities safe.

## INTEREST IN EVENING YOGA CLASS?

Court Street Yoga is considering offering an evening class, but we'd like to make sure there is adequate interest to support this program. If you might like to join a class on Tuesday or Thursday evening, please respond to this very short survey. All are welcome at our regular M/W/F classes at 6:30am. Scan the QR code or enter the link below to take the survey. <https://tinyurl.com/ed7vrs8w>



## MARCH WITH SOUTH CHURCH AT PRIDE - JUNE 21

On Saturday, June 21, Portsmouth Pride will step off at noon with a parade from Market Square to Strawberry Banks. It's a short walk and a small commitment. And a HUGE message to the LGBTQIA+ community, both here at South Church and the wider community, that you care for us and care about the injustices we face. We are, on paper, a welcoming congregation. This is a good time and a great opportunity to show that we mean it. March with us! Let's show Portsmouth that South Church walks the walk.

## GROWING SHOWER PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Our weekly shower program is taking root in the community, and we are seeing a regular group of folks each Thursday morning. Over the past few weeks, we have had 4-5 individuals use the showers each Thursday! To keep up with the demand, we need more volunteers to fill 2 hour shifts (9-11 or 11-1) on Thursday mornings. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to Jo and Liz at [ShowerProgram@SouthChurch-UU.org](mailto:ShowerProgram@SouthChurch-UU.org). Training will be provided to all volunteers! If you have already been trained and want to sign up for a shift, do so at <https://bit.ly/ShowerProgramVolunteerSignUp> or by scanning the QR code!



## 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](http://www.southchurch-uu-re.org/roots-summer-program) or scan the QR code.



## BUILDING NEW BRIDGES - WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

If you are concerned about the state of the world right now and overwhelmed by not knowing what you can do, feeling alone, or wanting to do something, the Social Justice Associates have something to offer you! Scan the QR to see a list of resources to help you connect with others and help out in a way that resonates!





# ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *Chameleon* South Church Band  
H. Hancock, B. Maupin, H. Mason, P. Jackson

WELCOME Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

\*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 Jen Del Deo-Barry

\*OPENING HYMN #1003 *Where Do We Come From*

CHILD DEDICATION  
Lillian Marigold Noyes, Rosalie Helen Noyes, Kodiak Roy Richards, and John Francis Ronan McClain IV

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY *You're Not Alone* South Church Band  
Allison Russell (Our Native Daughters)

RESPONSE #1010 *We Give Thanks*

HOMILY Kirsten Hunter

HYMN #1023 *Building Bridges*

BRIDGING CEREMONY *Beauty In the World* South Church Band  
Macy Gray

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING OF GRADUATING SENIORS

PARENT BLESSING

PRAYER & MEDITATION Kirsten Hunter

## JUNE 1, 2025

EXTINGUISHING THE  
CHALICE

BENEDICTION

Jen Del Deo-Barry

POSTLUDE *Beauty In the World (reprise)* South Church Band  
G. B. Reichart, J. Lopez, K. Cross, N. McIntyre (Macy Gray)

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During the month of June, our collection will be shared with the Immigrant Support Fund (ISF). The ISF offers financial support for housing, food, and other basic needs while assisting in finding more permanent housing, employment, and other immigration related services. The ISF is currently supporting 2 people, but is looking for assistance with temporary housing for one. If you can help, please reach out to Jim at [jd.verschueren@gmail.com](mailto:jd.verschueren@gmail.com)

Learn more at [www.naminh.org](http://www.naminh.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

Congratulations to our graduating seniors! Kirrin Bryant, Kiley Campbell, Lucas Eves, Callan Eves, Ama Fernald, Veda Kiper Phelps, Aidan McEachern, Julia McGeorge and Evan Young

Thank you to the South Church Band for the gift of music!  
Jen Leyden, Karen McCarthy, Emily Briggs, Mitch Pivor, Susan Adams, Robert O'Brien, Jesse Lore, and Jonny Peiffer.