



South 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**

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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

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Jennifer Leyden – Congregational Admin

Ben Abbott - Tech & Attendant

# **SOUTH CHURCH**



**“General Assembly Sunday:  
Meeting the Moment with Love”**

**A Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation**

**June 28, 2026**



### **200TH ANNIVERSARY TEE-SHIRTS FOR SALE!**

Commemorate this special anniversary with an official South Church 200th Anniversary t-shirt; a wonderful way to honor our church's history, celebrate our community, and share our spirit beyond our walls. Multiple styles, sizes, and colors available through the online store. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/SCTees> or scan

the QR code to place your orders today. Don't miss your chance to own a keepsake from this historic milestone year!

### **2026 POCKET GARDEN TOUR THANKS**

The Board of Trustees wishes to express its profound appreciation to the Pocket Garden Tour team and all of the many volunteers who made the 37th annual PGT such a wonderful event! We're already looking forward to the 38th tour in 2027, and encourage folks to join this very special team, where church and community connections and friendships bloom right along with the flowers

### **SUMMER RE VOLUNTEERS**

Help with our simple, joyful, connective, and playful summer Religious Education programming!. We're looking for at least 2 volunteers each week to facilitate. Bring an activity, craft, game or story to share, or we can set you up with something fun!. Look at the schedule by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://tinyurl.com/26SummerRE> and let Jen know what date(s) you would like to sign up for! [JenDelDeo@SouthChurch-UU.org](mailto:JenDelDeo@SouthChurch-UU.org)



### **200TH ANNIVERSARY TOURS - JULY AND AUGUST**

Explore the architecture, hidden stories, and 200 years of history at South Church! Come on an engaging one-hour historic building tour and explore the remarkable Greek Revival architecture while uncovering fascinating stories woven into 200 years of community life. Tours are free and offered on the hour from 10am-2pm on July 25 and August. Scan the QR code or visit [www.tinyurl.com/SC200Tours](http://www.tinyurl.com/SC200Tours)

### **A CHURCH BUILT OF GRANITE - PRE-ORDER TODAY!**

A Church Built of Granite, South Church's own history written by member Janet Polasky, is now available for pre-ordering. The special South Church pre-publication price is \$20 (\$25 after August). Scan the QR code or go to [www.tinyurl.com/GraniteChurch](http://www.tinyurl.com/GraniteChurch) and receive the discount. Please select "local pickup" in the shipping field.



### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

On most Sundays, the Nursery is open for children 6 weeks through 3 years, and kids in PreK through 7th grade are invited to participate in religious education groups downstairs following the Time For All Ages. Children are also always invited to remain in the sanctuary with their families. On multigenerational worship days, children stay in the sanctuary for worship, where they may choose to play quietly in the Playground or sit in pews.

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, 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 10am at the Ports Senior Center. 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 Knitting 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 at Grill 28. Email Ken Schoman at [ayuh.ken@gmail.com](mailto:ayuh.ken@gmail.com)

***Morning Poems*** meets Thursday mornings at 7:30am on Zoom. Contact [Kirsten@SouthChurch-UU.org](mailto:Kirsten@SouthChurch-UU.org) for more information. On hiatus until Sept. 2026

The ***Women's Breakfast Group*** meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:30am at the Golden Egg. 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 Book Group*** meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom. Contact Carrie and Alexandra at [bookgroupsouthchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bookgroupsouthchurch@gmail.com)

***Court Street Yoga*** meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, and Tuesday and Thursday nights. Check website for times and class info. 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 [4am76virginia@gmail.com](mailto:4am76virginia@gmail.com)

***South Church Folk*** meets on Thursdays at 6:45pm 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)

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 28

9:00am 200th Anniversary Meeting  
10:00am In Person and Online Worship  
11:30am Social Justice Postcard Writing

### Monday, June 29

6:30am Court Street Yoga

### Tuesday, June 30

5:30pm Court Street Yoga

### Wednesday, July 1

6:30am Court Street Yoga  
8:30am Women's Breakfast at the Golden Egg

### Thursday, July 2

5:30pm Court Street Yoga

### Friday, July 3

6:30am Court Street Yoga

### Sunday, July 5

9:00am Chants from Different Traditions  
10:00am In Person and Online Worship  
11:30am Social Justice Postcard writing

**The Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu (she/her)** serves the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene, arriving in 2021 while the building was still closed and the congregation was finding its way back to one another. Born in Seoul and raised in Ohio, she found Unitarian Universalism as a young adult in Baltimore and was drawn to a faith that honors both the tough mind and the tender heart.

After years of lay leadership, she entered seminary in 2002, then spent nearly a decade in parish ministry with the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists, alongside service at the district level and on the UUMA Board. Her vocational path later led her into healthcare chaplaincy, where she specialized in oncology care and earned board certification. Working as a staff chaplain in Charleston deepened her pastoral skills and broadened her interest in spiritual care research.

In the wake of the pandemic, Rev. Ryu felt called back to the parish and to the rhythms of a multigenerational community. This year, she celebrates the 20th anniversary of her ordination with a steady conviction that our liberal faith, practiced with honesty and love, changes lives for the good.

## SOUTH CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

South Church is widely known as a vibrant spiritual home where people of all ages and abilities, beliefs and identities seek meaning and purpose, inspiration and comfort.

Rooted in love, we carry forward a legacy of care for one another, our Seacoast community, and the Earth we share.

United in our ever-deepening practice of Unitarian Universalist values, we act with courage and serve with joy for a more just, compassionate, and thriving world.

## AGING WITH GRACE SUMMER MEETINGS - TIME CHANGE

The Aging With Grace folks who met in June thought it would be simpler to remember our meeting time if we keep it the same year round. And in the summer it will get us a bit ahead of the heat of the day. So we will be back to 10:00 on July 9 and August 13. Do plan to come visit with us and bring a snack or brunch treat. To get on the email list, contact Ingrid at [InkyJapan@yahoo.com](mailto:InkyJapan@yahoo.com)

## JULY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION

The South Church Book Group will be discussing the critically acclaimed novel "James" by Percival Everett on July 8 on Zoom. "James" won the 2025 Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award in 2024. This book is a reimagining of Huckleberry Finn told from the perspective of the enslaved Jim as he escapes to freedom from Huck. For more information, or to get the Zoom link, please reach out to Alexandra and Carrie at [BookGroupSouthChurch@gmail.com](mailto:BookGroupSouthChurch@gmail.com). All are welcome!



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