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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. It has no creed. It affirms the worth of human beings, advocates freedom of belief and the search for advancing truth, and tries to provide a warm, open, supportive community for people who believe that ethical living is the supreme witness of religion. We welcome bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender people. There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalism congregations affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
- The goal of the world community with peace, liberty and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

We are grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith; we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision.

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

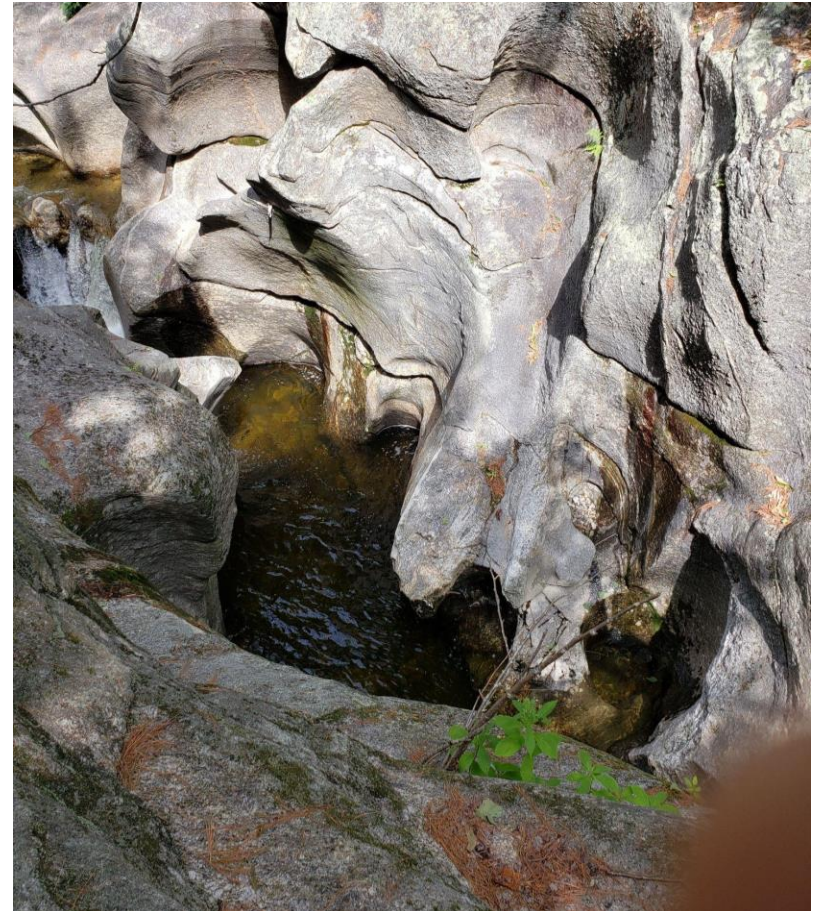
Jen Del Deo-Barry – Director of Children and Family Ministry

Jonny Peiffer – Director of Music Ministry

Jennifer Leyden – Congregational Admin Kristine Sawyer – Finance Director

Susan Adams – Accompanist Ben Abbott - Tech & Attendant

SOUTH CHURCH



“Faith In Transformation”

**A Unitarian Universalist
Congregation
March 17, 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!



HELP OUT WITH SOCIAL HOUR

Want to offer a little more to South Church, but aren't sure how? Looking for flexible ways to get involved? The Social Hour crew is looking for volunteers to help with set up and break down; we will show you what you need to know, and you will always be working with a trained kitchen host. To learn more and sign up, reach out to Kevin Leahy at kleahy51@gmail.com.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRIES - AT SOCIAL HOUR THIS MORNING!

The Committee on Ministries 1) provides support and advice as needed to the Minister and Director of Lifespan Ministries, and 2) develops channels for congregation-wide reflection and feedback on the ministries at South Church. Members of the Committee look forward to talking with you during Social Hour today about their work this year and plans for next. Please stop by to learn more and to share your experience at South Church! The CoM includes: Mitch Pivor, Joanne Holman, Andrew Scease, Rebecca Hennessy, Jennifer Wilhelm, Susan Dewhirst, Carol Cameron-Sears, Jim Verschueren and Kimberly Green. You can reach out to the CoM at CommitteeOnMinistries@SouthChurch-uu.org

ASSOCIATE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

Applications for two year appointments to the Pastoral, Worship, Fellowship, Social Justice, and Learning Associates are now available! Consider what you are passionate about, what changes you want to see in the world and match your talents and interests to one of these programs. Find deeper relationships, inspired collaborations, and an opportunity to grow shared values! For more information, email sharedministry@southchurch-uu.org or visit us at Social Hour!

FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALE - TODAY!

Our high school youth group will be holding fundraising sales of fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and more! This will happen one Sunday per month during Social Hour through June on the following dates: 3/17, 4/14, 5/12, and 6/2. They will also be selling special eclipse glasses for the April 8th solar eclipse for only \$4! All proceeds go toward the Youth Learning Journey to New Mexico that will happen in June.

POSTCARD WRITING FOR CEASEFIRE - TODAY!

The South Church Community Action Team will host a table this week at coffee hour to write your representatives calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza. We have stamped, addressed postcards, and you can add your own message.

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 an open and staffed option 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 the 2nd Thursday of the month (Sep-May) at 10:00am, at the Ports. Library. During Dec-March, they will meet on Zoom. 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 11:10am 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 on Thursday mornings at 7:30am on Zoom. Join with Meeting ID 8592 070 9438 Contact Kirsten at kirsten@southchurch-uu.org

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, and Tuesday evenings at 73 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

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, March 17

8:30am Covenant Group
9:45am Coming of Age at Court Street
10:00am Online and In Person Worship
11:30am Journey to Membership Class
11:30am Shawl Ministry
11:30am Social Justice Associates Open House
3:00pm 7th Grade OWL (Long Session)
4:00pm Senior Youth at Court Street

Monday, March 18

6:30am Court Street Yoga

Tuesday, March 19

6:00pm Restorative Yoga at Court Street
6:30pm South Church Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm South Church Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

6:30am Court Street Yoga

Thursday, March 21

7:30am Morning Poems on Zoom
6:00pm Spring Equinox Vespers
7:00pm South Church Folk Rehearsal

Friday, March 22

6:30am Court Street Yoga

Saturday, March 23

6:00pm "Barbie" Movie Watch Party in Parish Hall

Sunday, March 24

9:45am Coming of Age at Court Street
10:00am Online and In Person Worship
11:30am Journey to Membership Class
4:00pm 7th Grade OWL
4:00pm Senior Youth at Court Street

SOCIAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATES OPEN HOUSE - TODAY!

Are you interested in learning more about being a Social Justice Associate? Come join us during coffee hour today in the Carson Parlor. We will share with you a general outline of our work. You will hear about our plans for supporting a Peace Walk 2024 in May as well as the ongoing development of a new model which we believe will assist church members in supporting social justice work throughout the larger community.

SPRING EQUINOX VESPERS - THURSDAY!

A From Us To Us Service on Thursday, March 21 at 6pm - you are invited to bring a short reading to celebrate spring, the returning light, or springtime joys or concerns of the heart - whatever spring means to you this year. Amy Anontucci, Beth Sehlmeier and friends will offer frame drumming rhythms to welcome the season. Please bring a mask from home; we will have a few available at the door. For more information, contact Anne Deminoff at the_dem@comcast.net

BARBIE MOVIE NIGHT - SATURDAY!

Dress in your best pink and come join the FA's for a Barbie movie night on Saturday, March 23 at 6pm in Parish Hall. Co-writer and producer Greta Gerwig is a fellow UU and the movie has been a huge hit! Bring some pink snacks and drinks, your favorite pillow, and enjoy the show! Parents, please be advised that the movie is rated PG-13 and is not suitable for younger children.

WIDER NETWORK OF CARE SIGN UP

The Pastoral Associates offer support to South Church members by organizing a large group of volunteers called the Wider Network of Care (WNC). WNC volunteers sign up in any or all of these areas of help, and it is up to the volunteer when and how often they participate. If you are interested in volunteering for the WNC, do one of the following: fill out the yellow WNC card in your pew or email pastoralcare@southchurch-uu.org.

STAR ISLAND RETREAT REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is now open for the annual summer retreat on Star Island on Sunday, July 28 through Wednesday, July 31. Because we share the island with another conference, we have a cap of 70 people, so please make sure to register soon at www.StarIsland.org. All are welcome! Helpful discounts for room and board are available at www.StarIsland.org/discounts. If you have any questions, please reach out to Deirdre McEachern at coachdeirdre@gmail.com

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *Air* Susan Adams, piano
By Jonathan Battishill

WELCOME Kirsten Hunter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TESTIMONIAL Pastoral Associates

INVOCATION

LIGHTING THE CHALICE Kirsten Hunter and Hilary Clark

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 Hilary Clark

OPENING HYMN #163 *For The Earth Forever Turning*

TIME FOR ALL AGES Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

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

OFFERING INVITATION Hilary Clark

OFFERTORY *Wachet Auf* Susan Adams, piano
By Rosalie Bonighton

RESPONSE #1010 *We Give Thanks*

PRAYER & MEDITATION Kirsten Hunter

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.

SERMON "Faith In Transformation" Kirsten Hunter

MARCH 17, 2024

CLOSING HYMN #108 *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Hilary Clark

BENEDICTION Kirsten Hunter

POSTLUDE *Cornet Voluntary* Susan Adams, piano
By John Travers

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**March Theme:** Transformation

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

Learn more at <https://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.

We are deeply grateful to the many staff and volunteers whose often unseen efforts make our Sunday services possible. Many thanks to Jennifer Leyden, Tim Dullea, Kevin Leahy, Ben Abbott, our greeter and ushers, and everyone else who has lent a hand this week!