



The Green Sanctuary

The mission of the Green Sanctuary (GS) Team is to affirm and promote the 7th Principle of Unitarian-Universalism: "Respect for the Interdependent Web of all existence of which we are a part."

South Church was certified as a Green Sanctuary by the Unitarian Universalist Association in March 2010. The Green Sanctuary Team continues to support environmental and sustainability efforts within South Church and the wider community.



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Outreach Associates

"The role of the Outreach Associates is to represent and educate, appreciate and inspire." Reverend Dr. Elaine Beth Peresluha

The Outreach Associates serve as an umbrella for all social justice concerns and task forces at South Church. We provide organizational support and education, and promote social justice awareness and activity within the church and the larger community.

The Outreach Associates coordinate the Outreach and Alternative Gift Fairs.

We coordinate all aspects of the monthly Shared Plate Collection.

We testify at hearings, attend rallies and public gatherings that champion social justice, environmental awareness and pathways to peace.

We announce upcoming events of interest and social action opportunities, and post related information on the Outreach bulletin board and in the NUUSFlash.

We maintain a Continuity Binder to help streamline tasks, reduce redundancy, and provide a historical record of the work we do together.



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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

... Compiled by your Outreach Associates for members and friends of South Church.

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The Alternative Gift Fair

The Alternative Gift Fair is coordinated by the Outreach Associates and held on the first Sunday in December. It is a fun way to bypass the stress of traditional holiday shopping while honoring friends and relatives with Fair Trade items and Gifts of Hope that support people and the planet.



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South Church Holiday Giving

South Church Holiday Giving is an opportunity to give a gift to an individual or family in need. South Church volunteers work with social service agencies to identify items which would be most helpful. Gifts are delivered to the agencies for distribution in time for the holidays.

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Seacoast Family Promise

Seacoast Family Promise (SFP) is a network of 17 faith communities and professionals working together to provide a safe place for local families to turn for immediate food, shelter and social services.

South Church becomes home for SFP families during the first two weeks of July. Volunteers either help set up, prepare and serve evening meals, or stay overnight. Four times during the year, SC volunteers team up with the UCC in Greenland to support network families.

Participating congregations provide support while preserving dignity as families take vital steps to regain independence.

More than 80% of network families secure permanent housing.

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The Soup Kitchen

On the second Saturday of each month, South Church volunteers prepare and serve dinner at the Salvation Army's soup kitchen on Middle Street, in Portsmouth.

Volunteer's meet at 4:00PM and are always finished by shortly after 6:00PM

The Soup Kitchen is one of South Church's oldest programs and has 64 active volunteers.

“The big thing is not what we do... We come together, work shoulder to shoulder, have a lot of fun and feel like we've accomplished something worthwhile in the world when we walk out the door....” Pete Okhuysen

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