outh Church is a covenanted 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.

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**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

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“Freely and Compassionately Share Our Faith”

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
**November 5, 2023**
ARE YOU NEW TO SOUTH CHURCH?
Are you a first-time visitor? Would you like to get more information about this congregation? Fill out the green card in the pews with your contact info, give it to the morning usher, and we’ll take care of the rest! Welcome!

JOURNEY TO MEMBERSHIP - BEGINS TODAY!
Are you new to South Church, or a long-time attendee of Sunday services and want to know more? The Fellowship Associates will be hosting the fall Journey to Membership on 3 consecutive Sundays beginning today. Learn more about South Church! For more information, contact fellowship@SouthChurch-uu.org

SOUTH CHURCH PRIDE - MEETS TODAY!
Because of the busy schedule last week, the South Church Pride meeting has been moved to today! We will meet at 11:30am in the Carson Parlor. If you are new to the group, or haven’t connected with anyone, please come so we can get to know you!

NOVEMBER BOOK DISCUSSION
The South Church Spiritual Book Group is hosting a discussion of “Address Unknown” by Kathrine Kressman Taylor on Wednesday, November 8 at 7pm. Join us on Zoom! All are welcome. Please contact SouthChurchBookGroup@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
Each year, our beautiful sanctuary is decorated for the holidays thanks to the generosity of our members. Please consider donating in memory or honor of someone to help with the cost; all honors and memorial will be listed in the Order of Service on Christmas Eve. Committee members will be in Parish Hall during Social Hour beginning Nov 19. Donations can also be made online under the DONATE heading at the top of the South Church website. Join us on Friday, December 1 at 4:30pm to help decorate!

ALL CHURCH GATHERING AND SILENT AUCTION
The All Church Holiday Gathering and Silent Auction will be happening on Friday, December 1, 2023! This is a fun evening for all that includes a potluck dinner, silent auction, music, and community! The success of the auction is dependent on your donations; use of a vacation home, hosting a dinner, providing a service, or donating a craft like a painting or jewelry. To request a donation form, please contact Judy at judc0209@comcast.net, or at coffee hour beginning this week!

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE – NOV 19
Join the Seacoast Interfaith Ministerium for a Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 19 at 4pm at North Church. While we all come at spirituality and religion differently, we are also connected by a desire for connection, community, and compassion, and it is these values we will lift up during the service. Seeking one or two UU themed stories or meditations to share. If you are interested, please contact RevEllen@SouthChurch-UU.org. If you would like to offer music, please contact Jonny@SouthChurch-UU.org. All are welcome!

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. 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. For more info: Jan Marston at jlmarston@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 for details and to join the mail list.
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 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. For more info: Nancy Lambert at nancy@courtstreetyoga.com
Court Street Yoga is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 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
Com. On Ministries – committeeonministry@southchurch-uu.org

CHILDREN’S HOLIDAY MARKET
The Fellowship Associates are sponsoring a Children's Christmas Market this year, and we need your support! Children will be invited to choose Christmas gifts for their family and/or friends from new or gently used items donated by YOU! Beginning on November 12 through December 3, bins will be in the narthex for donations of toys, games, crafts and more. On December 10, South Church Youth, grades kindergarten-6th grade, will be invited to “shop” for their family and friends from the donated items, and assistance in wrapping will be offered by the FA's. Please reach out to Donna is you are interested in helping, or have questions at waldroncl@icloud.com

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.

SEEKING MEMBERS TO JOIN SOUTH CHURCH’S BOARD
It’s an exciting time at South Church! If you value stability and working with an established, thoughtful, professional board team, this is the right time for you to consider joining the Board. All skills, all ages, new members, long-time members - your desire to make a positive mark on South Church matters the most. Please contact Katharin at kgsmith10@myfairpoint.net or Andrew at acmgeorge@gmail.com.

SEEKING GARDENS FOR THE 2024 POCKET GARDEN TOUR!
Planning for next year’s Pocket Garden TOur has begun! The 2024 tour will take place on June 14 and 15, and will highlight gardens in the Little Harbor neighborhood bounded by Middle St/Miller Ave/South St. Now is the time to identify the gardens to put on the tour, and we need YOUR help! If you live in the neighborhood and have a garden, or know of one we should highlights, please send an email to the scouting team at pgt@SouthChurch-uu.org

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 5
8:30am  Nominating Committee Meeting
8:30am  Covenant Group
9:00am  Chants from Different Traditions
10:00am 5th Grade OWL
10:00am  Online and In Person Worship
11:30am  Drop In Small Group
11:30am  Journey to Membership Class
11:30am  South Church Pride Meeting
1:00pm  Coming of Age Service Project
4:00pm  7th Grade OWL
4:00pm  Senior Youth Meeting

Monday, November 6
6:30am  Court Street Yoga
9:00am  Court Street Yoga

Tuesday, November 7
7:00pm  Court Street Yoga (New!)

Wednesday, November 8
6:30am  Court Street Yoga
8:00am  Men’s Breakfast at Cafe Espresso
7:00pm  Spiritual Book Group on Zoom

Thursday, November 9
7:30am  Morning Poems on Zoom
10:30am  Aging with Grace at the Portsmouth Public Library
7:00pm  South Church Folk

Friday, November 10
6:30am  Court Street Yoga

Sunday, November 12
9:45am  Coming of Age at Court Street
10:00  Online and In Person Worship
11:30am  Cancer Support Group
11:30am  Journey to Membership Class
11:30am  Pocket Garden Tour Planning Meeting
4:00pm  7th Grade Owl
4:00pm  Senior Youth Meeting
ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE  
Suite Hellenique: Funky  By P. Iturralde
Played by Susan Adams and Will Cicola

WELCOME  
Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Declan Brown

INVOCATION  
Lissa Mascio and Rev. Lara Campbell

LIGHTING THE CHALICE  
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.

MISSION STATEMENT  
Lissa Mascio

OPENING WORDS  
Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

OPENING HYMN #118  
This Little Light of Mine

TIME FOR ALL AGES  
Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

OFFERING INVITATION  
Lissa Mascio

OFFERTORY  
Taksim  Traditional (trans. Moshe Beregovski)
Played by Susan Adams and Will Cicola

RESPONSE #1010  
Oh, We Give Thanks

PRAYER & MEDITATION  
Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

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 Pastoral Care blue card in the pew.

SERMON  
“Freely and Compassionately Share Our Faith”
Rev. Lara Campbell

CLOSING HYMN #368  
Now Let Us Sing

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE  
Rev. Lara Campbell

BENEDICTION  
Rev. Lara Campbell

POSTLUDE  
Suite Hellenique: Kalamatianos  By P. Iturralde
Played by Susan Adams and Will Cicola

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

During the month of November, our collection will be shared with Seacoast Family Promise. SFP empowers families with children who are experiencing homelessness to achieve lasting self sufficiency through a community-based approach. They provide temporary housing, food, and shelter using effective tools that lead families back to stability.
Learn more at www.seacoastfamilypromise.org

Donating to South Church, or to our monthly Shared Plate recipient is now easier than ever!
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!

The 2024 Annual Budget Campaign is underway!
Scan the QR code on the left to make your pledge online!
The online pledge form is a quick and easy way to get your pledge into the South Church office.

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!