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

“Finding Hope (In Places We Don’t Always Think To Look)”

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
February 25, 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!

SHARED PLATE VOTING
The SJA’s have compiled a list of previously nominated organizations for the Shared Plate recipient voting for 2024-2025. For a complete list of the nominated organizations, AND to cast your votes, visit the Shared Collection page on our website: https://southchurch-uu.org/giving/shared-collection/.

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.

WHAT’S UUP? - THIS WEDNESDAY!
Did you know that our congregation is able to send 10 delegates to the UUA General Assembly every year? Delegates are the ones who vote for all of our association’s good works - and this year will include voting for or against adoption of the Article 2 Language describing the principles and purpose of the UUSm. Are you curious? Want to learn more? Join the Learning Associates for a discussion about General Assembly and how to be a delegate on February 28 at 7pm on Zoom. ID: 880 6037 6794

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!

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 inkviapan@yahoo.com
Chant From Different Traditions will meet on the first Sunday at 9am on Zoom. 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 ilmarston@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 Zoom. Contact Nancy at bookgroup@southchurch-uu.org
Court Street Yoga is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, and 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**

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**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.

**MUFFIN MINGLE - MARCH 3**
Families of young children, mark your calendars - we have a new opportunity for parents with elementary and younger children and babies to build connections: Muffin Mingle! Come to church before Worship, at 9am, on March 3. We’ll provide childcare and food for adults and kids, and you can get to know other parents in our church community! RSVP to Jen DB ([JenDelDeo@SouthChurch-uu.org](mailto:JenDelDeo@SouthChurch-uu.org)) if you think of it, but still come if you forget or if it's a last minute decision!

**MARCH BOOK DISCUSSION - MARCH 13**
The South Church Spiritual Book Group is hosting a discussion of “Horse” by Geraldine Brooks on Wednesday, March 13 at 7pm on Zoom. All are welcome! Please contact SouthChurchBookGroup@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

**JOURNEY TO MEMBERSHIP - MARCH 17 and 24 and APRIL 7**
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 Winter/Spring Journey to Membership on 3 consecutive Sundays in March and April. Dates are being finalized soon! Classes are from 11:30am-1pm. Learn more about South Church and UUism. If you are interested, please contact the Fellowship Associates at fellowship@SouthChurch-uu.org.

**BARBIE MOVIE NIGHT - MARCH 26**
Dress in your best pink and come join the FA’s for a Barbie movie night on Saturday, March 26 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. Questions? Reach out to Jan Marston at jmarston@comcast.net

**SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS NEEDED!**
Would you like to be part of our welcoming group at our beloved South Church? Do you enjoy starting your Sunday mornings with a big smile and warm spirit as members and visitors come through our doors for Worship? Get started by contacting Carol Pivor ([cpivor@comcast.net](mailto:cpivor@comcast.net)) or the Fellowship Associates ([fellowship@SouthChurch-UU.org](mailto:fellowship@SouthChurch-UU.org)) who will orient you on the process and then you can sign up as you are available!

**POCKET GARDEN TOUR HELP NEEDED!**
The Pocket Garden Tour has several limited commitment volunteer jobs with training provided! We need a pair with a truck/SUV to put flag stands up at houses on Friday, June 21, and to pick them up at the end of the tour on Saturday, June 22, people to sit at the will-call table during the tour, people to sell “Blooms” during Social Hour in April, and people to sell tickets during Social Hour in May. Come and sign up at the PGT Table at Social Hour!
ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE
   Rosa
   By Libby Rodderick

WELCOME
   Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

ANNOUNCEMENTS
   Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

TESTIMONIAL
   Learning Associates

INVOCATION
   Susan Adams and Cathy Okhuysen

LIGHTING THE CHALICE
   Rev. Ellen Quaadgras and Chris Kiper

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
   Chris Kiper

OPENING HYMN #300
   With Heart and Mind

INTRODUCTION TO THE STORY

TIME FOR ALL AGES (PART ONE)
   “Last Stop on Market Street” by Matt De La Pena and Christian Robinson

PRAYER & MEDITATION
   Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

TIME FOR ALL AGES (PART TWO)

OFFERING INVITATION
   Chris Kiper

OFFERTORY
   1000 Grandmothers
   South Church Folk
   By Holly Near

RESPONSE #1010
   We Give Thanks

TIME FOR ALL AGES (PART THREE)

REFLECTION
   Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

CLOSING HYMN #348
   Guide My Feet

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE
   Chris Kiper

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

BENEDICTION
   Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

POSTLUDE
   Common Thread
   By Pat Humphries

February Theme: Justice and Equity

During the month of February, our collection will be shared with Footprints Food Pantry. Footprints exists to reduce the impact of hunger in the region and to share resources and support the lives of those who have joined the Footprints’ community. They always have fresh produce, non-perishables, meats, dairy and household products, and offer a simple registration process. Learn more at https://www.footprintsfoodpantry.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!