outh Church is a covenancing 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](http://www.southchurch-uu.org)_

_Email: [info@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:info@southchurch-uu.org)_

_Mobile: 603-436-4762_

_Board of Trustees Email: [Board@southchurch-uu.org](mailto: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_

_“The Question Box”_  

_A Unitarian Universalist Congregation_  

_August 27, 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!

GARDEN SITTERS (NOW CALLED HOSTS!) ARE NEEDED!
Janis Wolak will be out at a table during coffee hour so that you can sign up to be a garden host during the Pocket Garden Tour on September 8-9. Our planning team needs to be able to assign gardens and provide information to volunteers for this work. Hosts control foot traffic, communicate about refreshment needs at select locations, and answer non-horticultural questions about the tour. Shifts are 3 hours and there is an after-party for the volunteers! See you at the table!

POCKET GARDEN TOUR TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
We are excited to switch things up with our annual tour and share late summer gardens this year. With the abundance that comes at the height of the growing season - annuals and vegetable gardens are bursting! This year's tour touts a lovely mix of nine professional and amateur designed and maintained gardens found in the Lafayette Park neighborhood (Middle, Aldrich, and Spinney). Also included are the Loughlin Preserve, ample parking, and the return of garden educators including John Forti, author of The Heirloom Gardener: Traditional Plants and Skills for the Modern World and Susan Pike, nature writer for the Portsmouth Herald. Early bird tickets are on sale at PortsmouthNHTickets.com for $25 or at one of the following local retailers: Churchills Garden Center, Eldredge Lumber of York, Gardener’s Supply at Rolling Green, River Run Bookstore, and Wentworth Greenhouse.

ALL CHURCH READ - SEPTEMBER 13
The South Church Book Group, in partnership with Kirsten and Rev. Ellen, invites you to a potluck and discussion of “Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit” by Lyanda Lynn Haupt on Wednesday, September 13. The potluck will begin at 6pm in Parish Hall, followed by a discussion of the book beginning at 7pm. There will not be a zoom option for this event. Please contact bookgroup@southchurch-UU.Org if you plan to attend!

COVENANT GROUP SIGN UPS - HAPPENING NOW!
This is your opportunity to meet twice a month with others on the path of self-exploration, spiritual deepening, and community building. You can register online now at www.southchurchcovenantgroup.org or by scanning the QR code on the right! Registration closes on Sunday, October 8. Please select several choices for your preferred meeting day and time. Your convenor will notify you about specifics of your first group meeting in October. More info can be found at https://southchurch-uu.org/what-we-offer/adult-programs/small-group-ministry/

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
The Religious Education Program at South Church is a community supported program grounded in the Unitarian Universalist principles, which promote a sense of social justice and responsibility as well as tolerance, identity and spiritual growth. Our purpose is to involve children in a religious community in which they develop a spiritual sense of themselves, their connection to others and to the world as a whole.

RE Program - Summer 2023
The Nursery is staffed and open for children of ages 6 weeks through 3 years.
Children and youth are invited to join RE classes downstairs after the Time for All Ages part of Worship.
For more information on our Religious Education program, email our Director of Children and Family Ministries, Jen Del Deo, at jendeldeo@southchurch-uu.org.

ONGOING GROUPS
Aging with Grace meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (Sep-May) at 10am, location TBD. Contact Ingrid Ahlberg at inkyjapan@yahoo.com for more info.
Chant From Different Traditions will meet on the first Sunday at 9am on the balcony. Contact Cathy Okhuysen at cathomusic@gmail.com for more information.
The Shawl Ministry meets on the 3rd Sunday at 11:10am in the Emerson Room. For more info: 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 for details and to join the mail list.
Morning Poems is on hiatus until September 2023. 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 convenantgroups@southchurch-uu.org
South Church Spiritual Book Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom. For more info: Nancy Lambert at bookgroup@southchurch-uu.org
Court Street Yoga is offered on Monday and Friday mornings at 6:30am at 73 Court Street. Suggested donation of $10 per class or $60 per month. For more info, email Alyssa Murphy at manypennymurphy@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
Collaborative Governance – collaborative@southchurch-uu.org

ARE YOU A CANCER PATIENT? SURVIVOR? CARETAKER?
If you fall into any of the above categories, and would like to discuss how a Cancer Support Group at South Church might be helpful to you, there will be a focus group in late September to explore the topic. With enough interest, that would lead to the founding of a Support group. Anyone who would like to help offer emotional or physical support to cancer patients, survivors, and caretakers would be welcome. If you are interested in attending the September Focus Group, please contact Anne Mackin at annemackin2@gmail.com

FALL RETREAT - SAVE THE DATE!
The South Church Fall Retreat is October 6-8, 2023. If your pace is hurried and you’re feeling weak and worried, or if you need a little respite for your soul, mark your calendars and keep your eyes open for Fall Retreat sign ups! Or just come because it’s lots of fun to hang out with other South Church folk! This wonderful event takes place on the shores of Lake Winnipesaukee at Geneva Point Conference Center. More information coming during social hour, on Facebook, and in the NUUSflash.

LOOKING FOR CIRCLE SUPPER HOSTS
Your Fellowship Associates are excited to once again organize Fall Circle Suppers and we need some warm and welcoming congregation members to volunteer to host! Please email Dot Mason (dotmason@yahoo.com) or Ginny Scease (ginnyandrew@comcast.net) with your day, time, and location availability, as well as many people you can host. These are potluck style meals and once we secure dates/locations, we will have sign ups for those who can attend meals during Social Hour in August. We are looking to have you host a meal in September/October! To sign up online, visit https://tinyurl.com/Circle-Suppers

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRIES
The Committee on Ministries (CoM) provides support and advice as needed to the Minister and Director of Lifespan Ministries, and develops channels for congregation-wide reflection and feedback on the ministries at South Church. We are Mitch Pivor, Joanne Holman, Andrew Scease, Susan Dewhirst, Carol Cameron-Sears, and Kimberly Green. We are currently exploring the development of “feedback groups” for the 23-24 church year. These will help us reflect together on the collaborative leadership model and our shared ministry. If you are interested in learning more about the work of the CoM, please reach out to a Committee Member or email committeeonministry@southchurch-uu.org

PASTORAL ASSOCIATES - WE CARE!
The Wider Network of Care (WNC) is our super power at South Church! The WNC is a group of people who have signed up to help out with meals, rides, cards, pet care, etc when one of us needs a helping hand, and also to support the families of congregants who have died by providing a reception after their Memorial service. When we each do our small part, our pieces come together to create a warm quilt that wraps a congregant in love and care in times of need. Have you signed up yet? Fill out the card in your pew and drop it in the collection plate! Or email the Pastoral Associates at pastoralcare@southchurch-uu.org

CALENDAR
Sunday, August 27
10:00am Online and In Person Worship
Monday, August 28
6:30am Court Street Yoga
Friday, September 1
6:30am Court Street Yoga
Sunday, September 3
10:00am Online and In Person Worship
ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE
La Pastorelle
By F. Couperin
Susan Adams

WELCOME
Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION
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 #1003
Where Do We Come From?
Jen Del Deo-Barry

TIME FOR ALL AGES
Go Now In Peace
Jen Del Deo-Barry

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL #413
Go Now In Peace
Jen Del Deo-Barry

OFFERING INVITATION
Chris Kiper

OFFERTORY
Morning Prayer
By P.I. Tchaikovsky
Susan Adams

RESPONSE #1010
Oh, We Give Thanks
By P.I. Tchaikovsky

PRAYER & MEDITATION
Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

CANDLES OF JOY AND 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.

"THE QUESTION BOX"
Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

CLOSING HYMN #311
Let It Be A Dance
Chris Kiper

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE
Chris Kiper

AUGUST 27, 2023

BENEDICTION
Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

POSTLUDE
Trumpet Voluntary
By T.S. Dupuis

During the month of August, our collection will be split and shared with both Wabanaki Reach (www.wabanakireach.org) and The Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki (www.cowasuck.org).

Wabanaki Reach seeks to build a broader and stronger community of people who understand the long term impact of the generational harms done to Indigenous people since first contact and who are committed to transforming the present day systems that provide advantages to the dominant culture.

The Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People provides education and services intended to preserve the life, history, culture, language, and traditions of the Abenaki.

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!

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!