

*e-lation!*

**SOUTH  
CHURCH**

United Church of Christ



*Abundance*

This is not  
the age of information.

This is not  
the age of information.

Forget the news,  
and the radio,  
and the blurred screen.

This is the time of loaves  
and fishes.

People are hungry,  
and one good word is bread  
for a thousand.

-David Whyte

Geese appear high over us,  
pass, and the sky closes. Abandon,  
as in love or sleep, holds

them to their way, clear  
in the ancient faith: what we need  
is here. And we pray, not  
for new earth or heaven, but to be  
quiet in heart, and in eye,  
clear. What we need is here.  
-Wendell Berry

---

## *Rally Day*

---



**South Church**  
**Rally Sunday**  
**September 11th**  
Celebrate the start of our church programs  
**8:00 Chapel Service**  
**10:00 Sanctuary Service**  
**Backpack Blessing**  
**Whoopie Pie Social**

### **Worship In-Person and Online**

Rally Sunday is on **September 11** and we will kick-off of our program year. On that day, we will restart our 8 a.m. Chapel worship service, followed by our 10 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom. Children will remain in worship and church school will resume **Sunday, September 18**.

### **Blessings of Backpacks and Briefcases**

At the 10 a.m. worship service, we will be blessing “Backpacks and Briefcases” as we

all head into our new season of school and work. So, bring your children's backpack and your briefcases to the 10 a.m. worship service for this special time of prayer.

### **Whoopie Pie Social**

After both services, we will have a Whoopie Pie Social with Whoopie Pies from The Cannoli Shop at the Candy Shop. Come join us for this exciting time of worship and fellowship! Bring a lawn game to share.

### **Stuffed Animal Sleepover**

There will be a stuffed animal sleep over on **Saturday, September 10**. Children can drop off a stuffed animal on Saturday, September 10 between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The stuffed animals will participate in various activities throughout the evening such as games, bible study, music, story time, and snack. Pictures of the stuffed animals will be posted on South Church's Facebook group and page. All stuffed animals can be picked up on Sunday, September 11 after worship. So, children pick a stuffed animal that will enjoy this retreat!



### **Blessing of the Animals**

On **Sunday, September 25** at both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. worship services we will celebrate and bless our animal companions. We will also have a time of remembrance of former beloved companions. You are welcome to bring a picture,

image on your device, or your companion with you to either service for their blessing. We ask that your companion be in your control either, leashed, crated, or in a carrying container during the service, and please take care of their needs before the service of celebration. Join us in this exciting celebration of our beloved companions.

## ***Faithful Stewards***



### **Moment for Mission**

For the month of September, the Faith in Action Ministry has chosen the UCC's Strengthen the Church as our Moment for Mission. Strengthen the Church (STC) reflects the shared commitment of people across the UCC to cooperatively build

up the UCC. The funds collected in this offering will go towards leadership development, building new churches, funding activities for youth ministry, and creating innovative programs in existing congregations. Because Strengthen the

Church is part of the UCC's wider mission, conferences and the national setting equally share the donations from this offering. Your generosity will provide the support needed to continue building the UCC through education, programs, and having places to worship. Please make a donation today. Thank you for your continued support of the Faith in Action Ministry.



## Get Movin' 185 Challenge

This year we had a total of 38 participants and over 100 sponsorships, raising a total of \$7,348.34! Not bad at all for a second time around!! Not only did we fund-raise, we friend-raised! THANKS to all who participated: Joan Borton, Shannon Boudreau, Martha Burnham,

Bob Butterworth, Abby Charbeneau, Zib Corell, Janice Dutton, Joel Eaton, Becky Field, Liz Garlo, Lolly Gilbert, Jay Haines, Susan Hatem, Don Hayes, Deb Imse, Walt Irvine, Betty Jacob, Lorens Jorgensen, Shasta Jorgensen, Carolyn Kerr, Laura Knoy, Deb Lincoln, Celeste McQuarrie, Ro Metcalf, Barbara Nicholson, Alison Nyhan, Kayla Pingree, Brynne Rardin, Jed Rardin, Laurie Rardin, Marta Rardin, David Reynolds, Nancy Roberts, Carlene Ruesenberg, Jill Smart, Leanne Tigert, Suzanne Winchester, and Janet Zeller! And a special thanks to Zib Correll and Laura Knoy for their support in leading this fundraiser.



## Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes are ready for pick-up. They are in the side entrance of the church. Feel free to pick them up during our office hours or after Sunday's service.

## *Spiritual Growth*



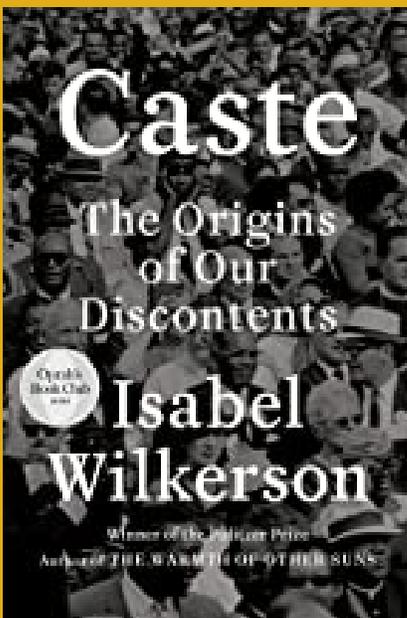
## Music Ministry

Rehearsals for both Memorial Bells and Chancel Choir will be starting soon. Memorial Bells will begin rehearsing the evening of **Wednesday, September 7**. Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing on the evening of **Thursday, September 8**. If you are interested in joining either group, please contact our Music Director, Sue Berlenbach. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Evening Prayer



Once again, Gyme Hardy will be leading Evening Prayer on Monday and Tuesday evenings, starting **Monday, September 12** from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. via [Zoom](#). All are welcome.



## Book Discussion

Nancy Brown and Toni Callahan will be leading a discussion on the book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson on **Sunday, September 18** after worship. This book gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human ranking. If you are interested in participating in a book discussion, please contact [Kayla](#).



## Movie Discussion

Jed will be leading a discussion on the movie *Just Mercy* on **Sunday, October 2** (please note change of date) after worship. It follows a young lawyer, Bryan Stevenson and his history-making battle for justice. After graduating from Harvard, Bryan had his pick of lucrative jobs. Instead, he heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or who were not afforded proper representation, with the support of local advocate Eva Ansley. If you are interested in participating in a discussion, please contact [Kayla](#).



## Vacation Bible School

Last week during VBS, 24 children and 7 adults took a field trip to the New Hampshire Food Bank in Manchester. We toured the facility (even the giant refrigerator and freezer that holds 10,000 turkeys in November), learned how it operates, and saw the food truck. This was a great introduction to hunger issues in state. Last year the Food Bank distributed 17 million pounds of

food to 400 agencies across the state. We presented the Food Bank with a trunk full of donations in addition to a monetary donation. We look forward to building our relationship with the Food Bank in the future. A special thanks to all those individuals who help with VBS. Your help made VBS possible. Below are some images of our trip to the Food Bank.



NH Food Bank



The Freezer



The Delivery Food Truck



Our Donation

## Nurturing



### CROP Walk

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.

The Concord 2022 CROP Walk is on **Saturday, September 24**. For the past three years, *South Church CROP Walkers* have been the top fundraisers in Concord! In 2019 they raised \$5,500; in 2020 they raised \$3,800; and in 2021 they raised \$4,775. Our walkers and supporters continue to do their part in feeding hungry people. Sign-up to be a part of the *South Church CROP Walkers* or for more information contact our Team Captain **Cy Sherman**. She is ready to add your name to the list. In addition, we need your financial support. Feel free to donate **online**. Once on the website click on the “donate” button at the top and “find a participant or team to support.” You can put in *South Church CROP Walkers* or Cy’s name, or you can drop off your donation to the church office. Let's keep South Church as the top fundraiser for years to come and help stamp out hunger!



### Temple Childcare

South Church and Temple Beth Jacob have had a reciprocal agreement to assist one another with childcare during high holy days for many years. Once again, after a two-year hiatus, South Church volunteers has been asked to provide childcare at the Temple during Rosh Hashanah on **Monday, September 26** and Yom Kippur on **Wednesday, October 5**. If you are interested in helping, please [sign-up](#) today!



### Bell Ringing

The church bells are an important part of the church. Throughout history, they have symbolized an array of events from weddings and liturgical holidays to tragedies and just a child’s temptation to pull the rope. When the world shut

down for Covid, a group of South Church folks began ringing our church bell daily. Our goal was to send a message of hope and love into the community during a time of uncertainty and isolation. We continue to be committed to ringing the bells daily at 4 p.m. If you are interested in being a bell ringer once a week or just once in a while, please contact [Pam Young](#).

---

## *In UCC Community*

---



### **The Birth of a Movement**

Just as the Montgomery Bus Boycott was a watershed event in the Civil Rights Movement, a six-week civil disobedience campaign in Warren County, North Carolina, served as the watershed event for the Environmental Justice Movement in 1982. As more than 500 people were arrested to prevent the dumping of toxic waste in a predominantly black community, a nation soon became awakened to the crisis of environmental racism. This September will mark the 40th anniversary of the Warren County protests that would ripple outward around the world with far reaching impacts that continue until today. A wealth of insight and inspiration is to be found in this critical moment of history during which leaders grounded in their faith played an integral and significant role. In this webinar on **Thursday, September 14** at 1 p.m., we will hear from individuals who were an important part of the protests: Dollie Burwell, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chavis, Jr., and the Rev. William Kearney. To register click on this [link](#). Even if you cannot make the webinar at its scheduled time, still sign-up, and we will send you a link to a recording of it.



### **How to Grow a Movement**

Join us as we kick off the historic Join the Movement Capital Campaign sharing a vision of a church and a world moving toward fuller embodiments of racial justice. On the 59th anniversary of 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama that galvanized movements to end segregation and establish civil rights, we come together to remember and discover how our sharing of resources can fuel and grow our racial justice work today and for generations to come on **Friday, September 15** at 7 p.m. To register click on this [link](#).

---

## *In the Community*

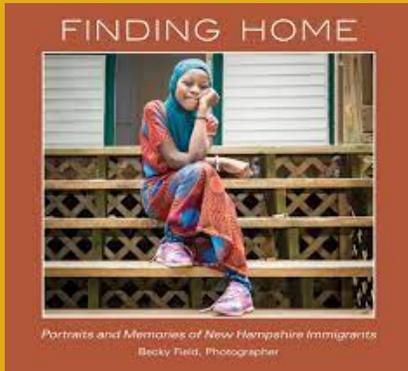
---

### **Multicultural Festival**



The Concord Multicultural Festival will be held on **Sunday, September 18** from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Keach Park in Concord. This annual event is to celebrate the beauty of diversity in the

Capital Region, featuring foods, performances, art, activities, and a parade of flags from members of our local community members. This event is to foster an appreciation for diversity by providing engaging opportunities to share and learn about the many different cultures. All are welcome to attend. For more information check out their [website](#).



## Finding Home in New Hampshire: A Multi-Venue Photo Exhibition

The Monadnock Region is celebrating Diversity in the 603. The celebration will feature the work of photographer, Becky Field. For the past 10 years, she has been documenting the lives of immigrants through her images and stories of people who came here to find safety, education,

work, and freedom. Her photos will be on display at several venues in the Monadnock Region. She will be at the Keene International Festival with copies of her books on **Saturday, September 24** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fuller Park in Keene. For more information check out this [link](#).



## 5K HOME Run

Fellowship Housing Opportunities is holding their First Annual 5K Home Run on **Saturday, November 5** at Rollins Park in Concord. This walk/run supports and raises awareness of the need for more affordable housing options for those living with mental health illness. To participate in this event, check out this [link](#). Do you want to support Fellowship Housing, but don't want to walk/run? Feel free to volunteer to

help make this event a success. We need volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, guide folks along the route, at water stations, for registration, and for other tasks. If interested, please contact [Herb Carpenter](#).

The office will be closed on **Monday, September 5**. We will resume our regular office hours on **Tuesday, September 6**. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The next e-Lation will arrive on **Thursday, September 15**.

If you wish to add something to our newsletter,  
please submit your article by **Friday, September 9** to **Alison**.



South Congregational Church, UCC | 27 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301

[Unsubscribe communications@southchurchconcord.org](mailto:communications@southchurchconcord.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by [communications@southchurchconcord.org](mailto:communications@southchurchconcord.org) in collaboration  
with



Try email marketing for free today!