

E-LATION!

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

Please join us in welcoming
Rev. Dr. Tanya Sadagopan!



Pastor Tanya's first worship will be at 9am this **Sunday, June 9!**
Please join us in our Sanctuary or online. All Are Welcome!

To contact Pastor Tanya:

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In the event of a pastoral emergency, Pastor Tanya may be reached at 603-513-8331.

June Moment for Mission: PRIDE Month!

We celebrate PRIDE month in June! Faith in Action has selected The Unity House in Keene, NH for the Moment for Mission. Unity House is a group home for LGBTQ+ youth ages 14-18 that offers a safe and supportive living environment as these youth navigate various life challenges. The house is staffed 24/7 by licensed clinicians, and these therapists and mental health consultants offer stabilization services, treatment planning, and individual, family, group, and couples' therapy. The Unity House is a program under the Home for Little Wanderers that has been helping children in Massachusetts and New Hampshire for over 200 years. This organization develops programs to create permanent and positive change for infants, youth, and young adults. The breadth of their service at the Unity House in Keene also includes opportunities for vocational training and community building, with community service projects, sports, and social and support groups. To learn more about The Unity House located in Keene, please [visit their website](#).



SOUTH CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL



NEEDS YOUR HELP!

**INDIVIDUALLY
WRAPPED
ITEMS NEEDED:**

GRANOLA BARS
FRUIT CUPS
PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS
CHIPS
POPCORN
PRETZELS

**WE ARE KIDS HELPING KIDS
TO SHOW**

"GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION"

**MAKING SNACK BAGS FOR
LOCAL KIDS IN NEED**



**DROP OFF IN BOX IN
CHURCH LOBBY NOW
THROUGH JUNE 21ST**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT
BECCA YOHE AT 603.568.2126**



Merrimack Valley Ringers

Hear the Merrimack Valley Ringers as they embark on a musical journey to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Handbell Musicians of America. The concert will be held here at South Church on Saturday, June 8 at 7pm. We are thrilled to have been invited to perform the Opening concert at HMA's National Seminar in Hartford, Connecticut in July. Our concert tour this spring is a preview of that concert, which celebrates the rich legacy of handbell composers past and present who have enriched the repertoire for handbell musicians throughout the country and the world.

Sunday School and Nursery

Sunday, June 9 will be the last Sunday School class of the school year. We will begin again in September. Be on the lookout for youth fellowship activities



throughout the summer! There *will be* childcare in the nursery on **June 16**.



Parking

South Church has four available parking spots for rent! Do you, or someone you know, work downtown and have trouble finding parking? Or do you find yourself parking blocks away from your office? Our spots are available for just \$100 per month and are conveniently located a block up from N. Main St.! Please contact the office if you have questions or for an application.

Garden Update

Be sure to admire the refurbished garden on the east side of the church, dedicated to the memory of Alison Ward Nyhan. The project was paid for by a grant from the Concord Garden Club, the South Church Memorial Fund, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee which developed the plan and oversaw its completion. Many hands made light work in mulching the new garden, as well as the gardens facing Pleasant Street. Thank you to Garden Club members Pam Young, Liz Garlo, Debbie Carley, and Kim Arndt, joined by Gail Desjardins, Eugene Shear, Chris Carley, Bob Murphy, Steve Arndt, and Og Young who pitched in to get the job done.



Message from the Lay Ministry Visitors

When some sort of transition, be it happy or sad, has happened in your life, you may get a call from one of South Church's Lay Ministry Visitors offering to pay you a personal visit. If this happens, please know that the intent of the visit is to offer community, connection, and, perhaps, comfort. The Lay Ministry Visitors, who have been trained in compassionate listening, hope to embody both South Church's caring for you and God's love for you. Even if you don't feel the "need" for a visit, feel free to accept a Lay Ministry Visitor's offer, for this ministry of comfort, caring, and connection is intended as a gift to you.

If you know of someone in the congregation who may want a visit, and/or, if you yourself would like to talk with a Lay Minister, for any reason, please contact:

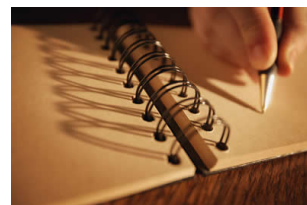
Toni Callahan (603-568-0559)

Kathy Daniels (603-738-6669)

or Ellen Fries (603-568-5880)

Volunteers Needed

Would you be willing to volunteer during worship service on Sunday? We need Ushers and Lay Readers for the months of June, July, and August. For more information or to sign up, [click here](#) or contact the office. Thank you for your support!



Around the NH UCC



Pride Month Happenings

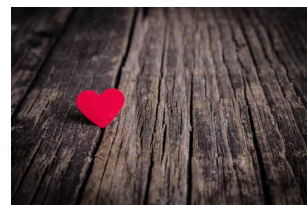
Happy Pride! June 1 begins Pride month. LGBTQ+ pride month is an invitation to live out our commitment to God's love for the marginalized and oppressed via celebration of the LGBTQ+ community in our Churches, and communities. We hope you will join one of many pride celebrations across the Granite State.

[You can read more about the history of pride from the Library of Congress](#)

We invite you also to take action! Multiple bills ([HB619](#), [396](#), [1205](#), and [1312](#)) that limit access to healthcare, non-discrimination protections, and more for our LGBTQ+ youth are all headed to Governor Sununu's desk. You can read a [summary and send an email to the Governor with this handy tool](#) or call the Governor's office (603-271-2121). Our Conference Minister and Associate Conference Minister wrote this [open letter to Governor Sununu](#) yesterday.

Justice, it's a Jesus thing.

NHUCC's Immigrant & Refugee Support Group Brunch



All are welcome this Sunday, June 9 (9:45am) at [First Congregational Church, Hancock, UCC](#) in the Vestry (brick building next to 47 Main St, Hancock, NH) for brunch church. Two members of the Immigrant and Refugee Support Group (IRSG) will talk about the group's work to support

immigrants in detention in New Hampshire, promote their release and provide support after their release.

Several stories about the experiences of immigrants in the Granite State will be shared. You're encouraged to invite any friends or neighbors who are interested. This program takes place in lieu of the usual Sunday morning service.

If you plan on attending, please send an [email to Kathy Anderson](mailto:hancock.andersons@gmail.com), hancock.andersons@gmail.com so that we can be sure to have enough food.



Susanne McCarron's Retirement

Susanne McCarron, the NHUCC Search and Call Administrator, has announced her retirement. Her last day as part of our Conference Staff will be **Thursday, June 20**. Please take some time over the next month to offer your well wishes and prayers.

Cards can be sent to Susanne's attention at the Conference Office (140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, NH 03261) or affirmations and appreciation can be sent to [her email](#).

Gun's to Gardens: Unwanted Guns to Gardening Tools

On **Saturday June 8**, from 10 AM - 1 PM at the Wesley United Methodist Church (79 Clinton Street, Concord, NH) you can bring your unwanted, unloaded firearms in the rear of your vehicle for disposal and further transformation into gardening tools and other works of art. Find the flyer for this event [here](#), or you can find more information [on this website](#).



Horton Center Open House!

Saturday, June 15 11am-4pm
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Help us kick off our 2024 camping season at our Open House event. Join us for worship, lunch, camp activities, tours, and MORE! We are so excited to share all about the amazing things happening at Horton Center and to give you a bit of Outdoor Ministries magic to start off your summer season right.

[Let us know you're coming to Open House](#)

Not signed up for camp yet? It's not too late![Check out the summer schedule to see just how many different camps there are to attend.](#)

Applications for scholarships are still being accepted![Email Tivvi](#) for more information about scholarship resources.

See you on the mountain!

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