



South Church
United Church of Christ

e-Lation!

I Go Among Trees

by Wendell Berry from Sabbaths

*I go among trees and sit still.
All my stirring becomes quiet
around me like circles on water.*

*My tasks lie in their places
where I left them, asleep like cattle.*

*Then what is afraid of me comes
and lives a while in my sight.*

*What it fears in me leaves me,
and the fear of me leaves it.*

*It sings, and I hear its song.
Then what I am afraid of comes.*

I live for a while in its sight.

*What I fear in it leaves it,
and the fear of it leaves me.*

It sings, and I hear its song.

*After days of labor,
mute in my consternations,*

*I hear my song at last,
and I sing it. As we sing,
the day turns, the trees move.*



Sermon Series

Join us for the next **three Sundays (May 22, May 29, and June 5)** to participate in a three-part series that will explore the limitations and isolation that fear creates in our relationships, our church, and our society. We will identify ways we can move forward through fear and find grounding in courageous love and

connection. All are welcome!

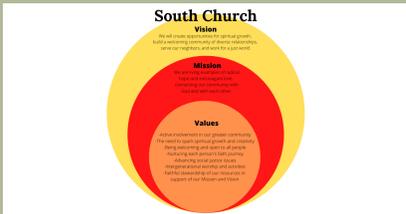


Outdoor Adventure

Join other South Church members on **Sunday, May 22** at 2 p.m. for a local hike at the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests. The group will meet at the Les Clark Nature Trailhead located at 2-82 Portsmouth Street in

Concord. (Directions: 93N to Exit 16. At the end of the ramp, take a right. At the rotary take the first right. Then a mile down you will see parking on the right.) For more information, contact [Lorens Jorgensen](#).

Sparking Creativity



Reflecting on the Mission, Vision, and Values

We recently adopted a new Mission, Vision, and Values statement for our church. Now that we

have adopted this statement, we need to figure out how we are going to live into this statement. There will be an art exhibit on display in the Sanctuary with some reflections. We have repurposed a few of the life-size images that were presented in the Sanctuary during the Pandemic and have asked individuals and couples to reflect on these two questions: *Which values resonate with you? And how do you plan to implement those values in the life of the church?* Over the next few weeks, take the time to read their responses. Take some time to reflect on the proposed questions. And most importantly, think about what this statement means to you and your participation in the church.

Get Movin' 185 Challenge

This year the Get Movin' 185 Challenge is the week of **June 4 to June 11, 2022**. The Get Movin' 185 Challenge is a fundraiser for everyone. Individuals can customize their



challenge as they see fit to their schedule and lifestyle. So far the following people have accepted the challenge:

- Abby Charbeneau will bike 18.5 miles twice
- Al and Liz Garlo will pick-up 185 pieces of roadside trash
- Alison Nyhan will walk 185 miles over 8 weeks
- Becky Field will use the rowing machine 18.5

minutes three times

- Carlene Ruesenberg will bike 18.5 miles
- Celeste McQuarrie will make a list of 185 things to hope for
- Deb Imse will walk 18.5 miles
- Janet Zeller will complete 1 mile, 8 times in 5 days in wheelchair
- Jay Haines will bike
- Jed, Laurie, Brynne, and Marta Rardin will bike 18.5 miles while in Germany
- Kayla Pingree will dance 18.5 minutes per day
- Laura J. Knoy will complete a 1 mile swim, 8 mile bike ride, and 5 mile hike
- Lolly Gilbert will walk 18.5 miles
- Lorens Jorgensen will run 1.85 miles per day
- Sean Dunker-Bendigo will run 18.5 miles
- Shasta Jorgensen will walk 1.85 miles per day
- Susan Hatem will pick-up 185 pieces of roadside trash
- Suzanne Winchester will pick-up roadside trash while walking 185 minutes
- Walt Irvine will lift 158 pounds over head
- Zib Corell will swim 18.5 laps

The important thing to remember is to Get Movin' and raise money for the ministries of South Church. So far we have raised \$1,526. Our goal is to raise \$8,150. If you would like to **participate**, [sign-up here](#). If you would like to **sponsor someone**, [sign-up here](#). We need your support and prayers.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact [Kayla](#). Here is the entire [Get Movin' 185 Challenge packet](#).

Nurturing



Prayer Request's

Do you have a prayer to share? No need to worry that you will not be at church on Sunday morning, or you forgot to connect with the church staff. We have created a new link on our website that allows you to make a prayer

request on-line. Check out our [website](#) today. The request form is on the main page under the Pastors' pictures.



Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry

In partnership with the Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry (SAQM), a ministry of the New Hampshire Conference is partnering with a New York Gallery – Positive Exposure 109 to exhibit the quilts and premiere the documentary film *Stitch Breath Speak*. The gallery located in NYC, will host a series of quilts memorializing the last words of George Floyd from **May 22 to June 10**. Comprised of ten quilts created by quilters from nine United Church of Christ

Congregations in New Hampshire, SAQM is a living, moving, breathing symbol and graphic reminder of the 400+ year history of racial injustice. This exhibition is designed to inspire conversations and anti-racist thinking and action, while concurrently developing solidarity. To view the complete schedule of events and registration for both virtual and in-person attendance click [here](#).



Horton Center

Horton Center Camp and Retreat Center, a ministry of the NH Conference of the United Church of Christ, located in the heart of the White Mountains, where spectacular beauty abounds. Experience God's creation in this "thin" place between heaven and earth. Make

new friends, explore your faith, take risks, have the time of your life. Registration is open for summer camp programs for children, youth, and families. Check out their [website](#). If you have questions e-mail [Tim Hughes](#).



Star Island

Star Island is home to all-inclusive programming that focuses on a particular theme or topic such as art, history, sustainability, spirituality, and yoga. Star Island is a place to learn, explore, enjoy the outdoors, and connect with friends both old and new. Star Island is located off Rye,

NH and hosts conferences all summer long (see below). Transportation leaves from Portsmouth, transporting you to a beautiful spiritual home where you can relax in the salt air, attend classes and chapel, and meet lifelong friends. Here are some conferences to check out:

Star Gathering 1 Family Conference (July 31 to August 7):
"Making, Baking, and Sharing: Nourishing Creativity and Community"

Star Gathering UCC Youth Conference (July 31 to August 7):
“Feeding Body, Mind and Spirit”

Star Gathering 2 Family Conference (August 7 to August 14):
“Nourishing a Community - Exploring Pathways to Racial Equity”

Star Gathering Weekend UCC Family Conference (September 2 to September 5): “Feed Your Body, Nourish Your Soul”

Check out their [website](#) for more information and to register. If you have questions, contact [Martha Burnham](#).

Serving our Neighbors



Family Promise

Family Promise would like to welcome you to our Open House on **Thursday, May 26** from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Wesley Methodist located at 79 Clinton Street in Concord. Please join us for some light conversation, appetizers, music, and a tour of our new Day Center! Please [RSVP](#).

Connecting with the UCC



Make Visible II: Queer Singers Unite

In a world with increasing vulnerabilities and an onslaught of public messaging and policy making coming against trans and queer youth, womxn, and people who love and support them, celebration and affirmation will continue to be one line of resistance. Join Minneapolis based artist Rachel Kurtz as she shares her new single “*All the Gay Kids*,” and Tucson based artist Tracy Howe with their new single “*I Am Becoming*” on **Thursday, May 26** at 3:30 p.m. The two will talk about touring churches, celebrating journeys and being queer womxn artists. To register, click on this [link](#).

World Refugee Day: Ecumenical Worship



Service

June 20 is World Refugee Day. UCC Refugee and Migration Ministries, in collaboration with the Presbyterian Church, the Mennonite Central Committee, and the Disciples of Christ, will host a live, ecumenical on-line worship service on **Wednesday, June 1** at 2 p.m. This service will include litanies, prayers, and reflections on global mass migration and bring us together to inspire in us a faithful and loving response. To register, click on this [link](#).



All Together: Insights from Strengthening the Church

Gleaning wisdom and possibilities from new church planters and revitalizing churches on how to adapt and do ministry through shifting times. This webinar on **Thursday, June 2** at 3:30 p.m. sets out to explore how "*All Together*" we can strengthen our church. This will engage new church planters that have received grant funding from Strengthening the Church offering, we will hear the impact of Strengthening the Church offering from a conference minister and gain insights from a church coach who supports the work of new church plants in the UCC through Strengthening the Church funding. To register, click on this [link](#).

The Greater Community



National Armed Forces Day

On **Saturday, May 21** in celebration of the Military and people of NH on National Armed Forces Day by providing a special opportunity to tour the historic NH State House! The guided tours will begin every 30 minutes and will last approximately 45 minutes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each tour will include: the Hall of Flags with more than 100 battle flags on display from the Civil War, WWI, WWII, and the Vietnam War; the House of Representatives Chamber and Senate Chambers, which are the oldest continuously used legislative chambers in the country; the Governor and Executive Council Chambers and the Visitor Center Gift Shop.

Concord's Memorial Day Parade

The Concord Veterans Council is hosting



Concord's Memorial Day Parade on **Monday, May 30** beginning at 9 a.m. The parade will begin at Christ the King Parrish on South Main Street and continue north on Main Street to Park Street, continue around the State House and end on the State House Plaza for a closing ceremony and wreath-laying.



Capitol Center for the Arts

North Country Center for the Art's IMPACT Program a Touring Children's Theatre Troupe, performs a different fairytale every week for six weeks, starting after 4th of July weekend. The

production will travel to Concord on Tuesdays this summer and features a cast of 4 to 5 professional actors, plus set pieces, costumes, props, original music, and more! Their 45 to 55 minute adaptations are written to be enjoyed by both children and adults alike. To learn more about these free shows, check out their [website](#).



Theatre Summer Camp

RB Productions is a non-profit community theatre organization founded in 2003 by Ryan Brown (RB) to provide experiential and educational theatre opportunities for youth and young theatre professionals throughout greater Concord and the state of New Hampshire. Their summer camp program are open. To learn more about their camps, check out their [website](#).



Children's Summer Theatre Camp

This year's musical is Peter Pan Junior. Concord's Theatre Program's camp will run from **July 31 through August 5** located at the Community Players Studio and the Audi for young actors ages 8 to 14 years old of all experience levels. CTP offers young people the

chance to work on their musical theatre performance skills – singing, acting, and dancing as they rehearse a Broadway Junior show each day. And then they move to the “Audi” for the final day of preparing the show for a performance for family and friends. To learn more about the CTP, email [Karen Braz](#).

Don't forget to make your pledge today? Here's a [pledge card](#).

The next e-Lation will arrive on Thursday, June 2.
If you wish to add something to our newsletter,
please submit your article by Monday, May 30 to **Alison**.

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