

# e-lation!

## SOUTH CHURCH

United Church of Christ



# ***Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!***

Rev. Jed, Rev. Sean, Kayla, Alison, Walt, Sue, Abby and Carlene

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## **Christmas Eve Worship Services**

4 p.m. Family Worship Service

7 p.m. Festival of Lessons and Carols  
(available live on Zoom)

11 p.m. Candlelight and Communion

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## **Moment for Mission Alternative Gift Giving**

The Faith in Action Ministry has identified Fellowship Housing Opportunities for our Alternative Gift Giving program this season. Fellowship Housing is an agency well poised and continues to be a primary source of decent, safe, high-quality housing, and support to people recovering from mental illness. Today, with over 60 renters; numerous others benefiting from behavioral health services; and tenants' needs for in-home supportive services Fellowship Housing in partnership with Riverbend Community Mental Health, offers outreach services to residents in their housing projects. To learn more about the history of FHO and South Church involvement, click [here](#).

Once again you will be able to purchase these gifts during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. worship services on **Sunday, December 18** or to purchase your gift on-line, [click here](#).

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## **A Joyful Christmas Challenge**

Just this week, a very generous couple issued a challenge to our congregation. They have pledged up to \$4,000 to match any gifts that are made in December or January toward the purchase of assistive hearing units to complete our new sound system. They desire to use their funds as a means of encouraging the rest of us to join them in celebrating and empowering those among us whose hearing is not what it used to be. If you make a gift of any size, they will match your gift 1:1 up to \$4,000. Please send a check to the office with "Hearing Assistive Units" in the memo line, or stop by or call the office with a credit card to show your support of those who would love to hear our worship as clearly as we do. Your gift will be doubled! We thank you.

## Epiphany Tableau

This year we will be performing "*Wow! A New Nativity*" written by Gwynne Watkins. This nativity will be the same, but different and a little more fun. This play faithfully tells the story of Jesus' birth in a contemporary style with our favorite hymns. The performance will be a part of the worship service on **Sunday, January 8** at 9 a.m.

## Concord Coalition to End Homeless Center January's Collection Drive

In January, the Faith in Action Ministry will be sponsoring a drive for supplies needed by the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness. As you run errands this month, pick up a few items to help those without shelter.

### Items Needed by the Resource Center:

- Paper towels
- Large black garbage bags
- Clorox wipes
- Cold beverage cups
- Disposable coffee cups
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Creamer
- Coffee stirrers
- Over the counter medications and wound care supplies

### Seasonal and Miscellaneous Items Needed:

- New socks
- New underwear (men's and women's)
- Rain ponchos
- Backpacks and duffel bags
- \$5 gift cards to local takeout restaurants
- Gift cards for gas only (Speedway, Irving, etc.)
- Sleeping bags
- Flashlights & headlamps
- Chapstick
- Hand- and feet-warmers
- Winter boot spikes
- Hats, gloves, and mittens
- Assorted batteries
- Solar chargers (for clients' phones)

Please **drop items off at the church in January** when there will be a marked collection bin in the South Church side entrance. See the [CCEH website](#), for other needs and ways to get involved.

## Masks

Due to the rising incidence of hospitalizations for Covid-related illnesses as well as RSV, we invite people to consider wearing masks for the short-term to ease the burden on Emergency Rooms.

**The next e-Lation! will arrive on Thursday, January 5.**

If you wish to add something to our newsletter,  
please submit your article by Friday, December 23 to [Alison](#).



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