

# South Church

CONCORD, NH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



## ***Future Hope***

by Kaleigh Lambert

*Sweltering, hot breathless sky  
Longing for the clouds to cry*

*Loss of friends; shattered love  
Angered lands; stained with blood*

*Fire burns within our souls  
Will it quench? No one knows*

*Smoke and ash blot out the sun  
Darkness falls on everyone*

*Tears run down a smoky face  
Staring at this empty space*

*A hush, a silence, a crash, a scream  
Blood runs cold as wintry streams*

*Hatred like an angry beast  
On innocents was sent to feast*

*Where pillars once reached heavenward  
Ruin in its wake now stood*

*And yet, the light of hope remains  
A healing balm to ease out pain*

*It's from the very depths of gloom  
That love and joy spring forth to bloom*

*Our earth in peace will we learn?  
Now the time has come to turn*

*The sun as our guiding light  
Bears us through the dark of night*

*A world united ever more  
On wings of peace mankind will soar.*

In loving memory of those who perished on September 11, 2001. In thanks to all who are risked their lives and to those who have lost their lives to protect our families and freedom. Nearly 3,000 lives were lost on September 11. For a full list of names check out this [website](#).

## Welcome Kayla

The members of the Personnel Ministry are thrilled to welcome Kayla Pingree-McCarthy to the South Church community! Kayla is our new Office Administrator. She is a graduate of Colby-Sawyer College and has experience working as a postal clerk, in human resources and in customer service. Kayla brings an outgoing, positive spirit, a willingness to learn and strong communication skills. In addition to her professional skills, Kayla is familiar with the UCC. Growing up, Kayla attended First Parish Congregational Church in East Derry. She is a mom to 8-month-old Rory, enjoys theatre (pre-pandemic), reading science fiction and playing board games. We are excited by her energy and look forward to her joining our wonderful church staff. Kayla will be in the office Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please help us welcome Kayla!



## Confirmation Sunday

**Sunday, September 19**

Join us on **Sunday, September 19** in worship at 9 a.m. either in-person or on-line as we celebrate the faith journeys of Brianna Blake, Aiden Ciminesi, Madison Mayo, Alex McPherson, Will McPherson, Colby Nyhan, Nick Robie, Avery Sahr and Thomas Sargent. There will be a reception following worship in Fellowship Hall. Remember to wear red!

## Celebrating Lou-Ann

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**Sunday, September 19**

Worship on **Sunday, September 19** will be additionally festive because we will be taking a few moments during worship and after to express our gratitude to Lou-Ann Poirier, our marvelous church administrator for five years who, with her husband Bob, will be retiring.

## Outdoor Adventure

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**Sunday, September 26**

Embrace nature and see fellow South Church members on **Sunday, September 26** at 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Broken Ground Elementary School located at 51 South Curtisville Road in Concord. The group will explore the Batchelder Mill Trails. There is a playground for the younger children to enjoy after the walk. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact [Lorens Jorgensen](#).

## Chit Chat

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**Monday, September 27**

Let's catch up . . . in-person on **Monday, September 27** at 10 a.m. If the weather is nice, we will meet outside. There will be coffee, tea and a special treat. Spend an hour catching up with Alison. If you are planning to attend, e-mail [Alison](#)

## Church School

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**Sunday, October  
3**

We will begin church school for our younger children (K to Fifth grade) starting **Sunday, October 3**. We will be using a curriculum titled "*Celebrate Wonder*" that honors the spiritual life of children. It will engage the class in open-ended exploration of the Bible. Through hands-on activities, spiritual practices and

reflections, we will help the children embrace the biblical context and fit it into their own lives. Our goal is to deepen the children's faith, provide a safe space to ask big questions, and begin to identify with God. We do ask that the children wear a mask and we will practice social distancing. If you have any questions, contact [Alison](#) and to learn more about our curriculum, check out this [website](#).

## CROP Walk

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**Saturday, October  
9**

The 2021 CROP Walk is on **Saturday, October 9**. For the past three years, South Church CROP Walkers have been the top fundraisers in Concord! In 2018 we raised \$2,180; in 2019 we raised \$5,500; and in 2020 we raised \$3,800. Our walkers and supporters continue to do their part in feeding hungry people. Join our team.

- Sign-up to be a "South Church" walker on Saturday, October 9. Our Team Captain Cy Sherman is ready to add your name to the list. Feel free to email [Cy](#) for more information.
- Donate to the Walk! (Go online to Concord NH CROP Hunger Walk; hit "donate" on the top at the far right; and type in Cy's name).

Let's keep South Church as the top fundraiser for years to come and help stamp out hunger!



community around it, and to be prayerfully open to what the Spirit is calling us to do. Rev. Sean Dunker-Bendigo is our South Church Interim Minister.

We need to hear from each member, no matter how long you have been a part of South Church or how involved you are in the church. This is an exciting time of growth and transition for South Church. In the coming weeks, you will have opportunities to share your thoughts and dreams for South Church with each other. Below are listed dates and times for upcoming discussion groups. Further details for directions, time, and sign-up will be on our church website.

In-Person Gatherings:

- **Sunday, September 19** at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- **Wednesday, September 22** at 5 p.m. at Leanne Tigert & Emily Geoghegan's home (outside)
- **Thursday, September 30** at 4:30 p.m. at Pam and Oge Young's home (outside)

Zoom Gatherings:

- **Thursday, September 23** at 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, September 29** at 7 p.m.

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### Music Ministry

The **Memorial Bell choir** is happily getting together again after a hiatus since January. They rehearse every **Wednesday** evening in Fellowship Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and an occasional Saturday morning. They usually play during worship on the third Sunday of each month and on Christmas Eve. We are always looking for new players, so if you might like to give it a try, email [Carlene](#). No prior music experience is necessary, just a willingness to try a new skill that involves cooperation and coordination, and sense of humor.

The **Chancel choir** has started up again! They rehearse every **Thursday** evening in the Sanctuary from 7 p.m. to 8:30p.m. Sue Berlenbach is happy to be holding rehearsal and providing opportunities to sing during worship. Please note that mask are required and we will practice social distancing at rehearsal and on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, e-mail [Sue](#).

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### Property Stewart Ministry

South Congregational Church is blessed to have a beautiful, historical space dedicated to the worship of God in the heart of downtown Concord. With its position of prominence in the city, South Church is a beacon for all of those seeking refuge, sanctuary, joy, and salvation. The Property Stewardship Ministry (PSM) has a vision for the importance of our buildings in service of the broader mission of South Church.

For more than 160 years, our present building has maintained an important position as a gathering spot for the community. We hope to see our spaces





## Conference Ministries

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### Annual Meeting

The 220th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ will be held on **Saturday, October 16** via Zoom Webinar and YouTube Livestream. As part of the preparation for the upcoming meeting, the Worship Planning Committee invited us to send your prayers. We have missed the deadline, but we want to create a South Church prayer. We ask send responses to [Alison](#).

- The past year has felt . . .
- We lost . . .
- We remember . . .
- What hurt was . . .
- And yet, we discovered . . .
- We gained . . .
- We remained grateful for . . .
- We celebrated . . .
- Now, as we gather, we pray for . . .



## In the Community

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### Multi-Cultural Fair

The Concord Multicultural Festival will be held on **Sunday, September 19** from 11 a.m. to 4 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 within the Capital Region. All are welcome to attend. For more information about the Multicultural Festival check out their [website](#).

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### Helping Haiti

In 2015, Sue Moore traveled to Haiti on a medical mission trip with an organization called "[\*Forward in Health\*](#)" created by Dr. John and Paula Mulqueen. "[\*Forward in Health\*](#)" built a medical clinic in Les Cayes. This clinic opened while Sue was serving the Haitians. Recently, this community experienced a 7.2 earthquake followed by a hurricane and flooding. Fortunately, they sustained minimal damage and are able to serve victims of the earthquake. The clinic seeking donations of the following items: Betadiene, diclofenac (NSAIDS), Voltaren, sutures, bandages, gauze, gloves, masks, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, glucometers and strips, blood pressure monitors, stethoscopes, summer clothing and underwear. A donation box has been placed in the side of the church for your contributions and will be there

until **Friday, September 24**. For more information about “Forward in Health” check out their [website](#) or contact [Sue Moore](#).

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The next e-Lation will arrive on **Thursday, October 7**.  
If you wish to add something to our newsletter,  
please submit your article by **Monday, October 4** to [Alison](#).

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