



*South Church*  
*United Church of Christ*

**e-Lation!**



## Embracing Racial Justice

The Racial Justice Action Group of South Church, created in November of 2020, continues to meet approximately every two weeks. (The picture above show us at a cookout at the Rardins with special guest Maurice Tiner.) We have begun the process of educating ourselves about the pervasive ways in which racism finds its way into our thinking and how easily it becomes part of a privileged narrative that is often blind to far-ranging effects on people of color and on ourselves. We have committed

to engaging our congregation in the process of becoming a Racial Justice Church as recognized by the United Church of Christ. This [link](#) will show you a portion of the resolution we are developing to present to you soon. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions you may have.

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## Church Community



## Reflecting on Transition

We are in the midst of the “transition process,” a time when the church has an opportunity to explore its future vision, calling, and ministry needs. Our Interim Minister, Rev. Sean Dunker-Bendigo and the Vision and Transition Team are guiding our congregation through this process, helping the church family look deeply at itself, its work, the community around it, and to be prayerfully open to what the Spirit is calling us to do.

We want 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. Here is a quick [survey](#) to share your thoughts.

## Family Promise

We will be assisting Temple Beth Jacob the week of **October 31 to**



**November 7** as they will be hosting families in the program. We will need assistance from you to make this happen and be a meaningful experience for the families in our care. Opportunities include, preparing dinner and dropping it off at the church, serving dinner or breakfast and visiting with the families, as well as staying overnight. For more information contact **Peggy Scott**. To sign-up to volunteer click **here**.

## Building the Beloved Community

Have you ever felt alone in a challenging situation only to find out later that others have traveled a similar path? Have you wanted to share your gifts or inspiration with others, but found no outlet? Have you dreamed of belonging to a group of people who thoughtfully and intentionally live a life of faith, hope, and justice? Join us for a three week worship series beginning **Sunday, November 7** entitled: *Building the Beloved Community* to explore what it means to live and build a community of faith.

## Worship Recordings

Our worship archives files have been updated. If you are interested in revisiting a past worship service, please check out our [website](#). If there is a service you wish to revisit and do not see it on the website, please reach out to [Kayla](#) in the office. We are keeping a video library of prior worship services and all virtual services going forward.

## *In the Community*





## Junior Service League

The Blue Duke Care Closet and the Junior Service League of Concord (JSL) are partnering together, and we need your help! The Blue Duke Care Closet operates out of Rundlett Middle School with a goal of discreetly providing food and personal care supplies to students that are facing food insecurity. Items needed are tampons, pads, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and individually wrapped snack items. There is a collection box in the side entryway available during the office hours or Sunday mornings.

## Walker Series

The Walker Lecture Series grew from an 1892 bequest of \$30,000 in the will of Abigail B. Walker, widow of Timothy Walker.

Attend the lecture on **Wednesday, October 27** titled "**Marlin Darrah Southern England.**" Join Marlin Darrah, the world's most traveled filmmaker, to see Southern England's diverse cultural, historical, and scenic sites: Southampton, the White Cliffs of Dover, Canterbury Cathedral, the Cotswolds, Stonehenge, Cambridge and Oxford, Big Ben, and the Parliament Buildings; Buckingham Palace, and Piccadilly Circus.

And see the performance on **Wednesday, November 3** by **Adam Swanson**. Adam is one of the world's foremost performers of vintage American popular music, including ragtime, early jazz, the Great American Songbook, and more. Although he is only twenty-seven years old, Adam has been a featured performer and lecturer at ragtime and jazz festivals across the country, and he is the only four-time winner of the World Championship Old-

Time Piano Playing Contest.

All Walker performances are free and open to the public; no tickets or reservations are required. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, and doors open 30 minutes prior to programs. All shows are held at the Concord City Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. For a complete season schedule, visit their [website](#).

## Halloween Howl

The Annual Halloween Howl event is returning to Concord on **Friday, October 29** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Prepare for an evening filled with fun, family-friendly activities throughout the streets of downtown Concord and annual costume dance party on the City Plaza Stage. All activities are free to the public. For more information, visit their [website](#).

## Campus Reads

NHTI invites the public to attend the Campus Reads events to their Fall selection, *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. The film *Gather* documents the growing movement among Native Americans to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty while battling the trauma of genocide. Screenings will be held **Tuesday, November 2** at 12noon and **Friday, November 5** at 7 p.m. in Sweeney Hall Auditorium. A book discussion will be held on **Tuesday, November 30** from 12noon to 2 p.m. in the Library Living room. These are in-person events and mask are required. For more information, visit their [website](#).

## Native History

Join NH Humanities speaker Robert Goodbus on **Tuesday, November 2** at 3 p.m. to learn how Abenaki history has been reduced to near-invisibility because of conquest and a strategy of self-preservation that required many Abenaki to conceal their true identities to avoid discrimination and persecution. He reveals archaeological evidence that shows their deep presence in New Hampshire, inches below the surface. This lecture will be offered virtual and in-person at the NHTI Learning Commons Library. For in-person events, masks are required. For more information visit their [website](#).

## Farmer's Market

The Concord Farmer's Market will be open on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon and is located on Capitol Street til October 30. The event offers

vendors that carry meat, eggs, dairy, fruit, vegetables, fish, honey, barley, maple products, plants, flowers, dog treats, and body care products.

The next e-Lation will arrive on **Thursday, November 4**.  
If you wish to add something to our newsletter,  
please submit your article by **Monday, November 1** to [Alison](#).

Don't forget we change our clocks on Saturday, November 6.

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