



South Church

CONCORD, NH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 25, 2021

Special e-Lation



Summer Worship

In-person worship at South Church will begin July 4 with one service in the sanctuary at 9 a.m. (we will retire the 8 a.m. parking lot service)! Over the last few months, we have carefully begun offering alternatives to the now-familiar Sunday morning Zoom worship. Now that the percentage of adults in New Hampshire who have been fully vaccinated is high, **we have decided to initiate a hybrid approach to worship beginning July 4.**

On July 4, all are welcome to join worship in-person, and in the spirit of continuing to exercise caution, for the first two or three weeks, **all will be asked to wear their masks.** We believe that requiring masks will not only minimize exposure for those who may have compromised immunity, but will help us all feel that much safer. **For those who prefer a virtual option, we will continue to stream the 9 a.m. worship service live on Zoom** in precisely the same way we have for the last year and a quarter.

Summer Prayer Groups

During the months of July and August, Evening Prayer with Gyne Hardy will take a pause until September. Wednesday morning prayer with Jed Rardin



will continue weekly at 7:30 a.m.



Get Movin' 184 Challenge

The Get Movin' 184 Challenge on the cusp of raising \$11,000!! As of today, \$10,865.44 has been raised, which is just under three times our original goal!! If you haven't taken the challenge yet, there could not be a better time! One gift of \$134.57 is all it would take to put us over the top! Who will take this final challenge?



Season of Change

One of the few constants in life is change, and we are becoming very familiar with that truth during this interim time as Sean helps us navigate the waters of new ministry. The process of change will continue this summer with two of our staff members moving on to new things.

Some of you know that our Office Administrator of five years, Lou-Ann Poirier, will be leaving us as of August 27, and launching a well-deserved retirement! She and Bob have decided to become snowbirds, dividing their time between Maine and Florida. (We are planning a reception for Lou-Ann on September 12, Rally Day.) We are grateful to Lou-Ann for sharing her varied skills in administration, finance, teamwork and more. She will be a tough act to follow! Cards and other expressions of gratitude may be sent to Lou-Ann via the church office.

We also say farewell to Peg Wenzel, our Communications and Volunteer Coordinator of over five years. It was necessary to retire her position in order to be able to offer an adequate salary to bring on a new Administrator equal to the task. Lou-Ann accepted a pay cut in order to work for us when she was hired and has encouraged us to try to keep pace with increasing salaries for administrative professionals. The duties Peg fulfilled will be reallocated to other staff members. This was a hard decision to

make, and we did not do so lightly, but with prayer and deliberation with many, including Personnel, Church Council and members of the staff. We are grateful to Peg for her years of support, good humor and enthusiasm, especially for the 184 Challenge. Peg's last day with us will be July 13. Cards of appreciation and other expressions of gratitude may be sent to her in care of the church office.

Faithfully,

Janet Zeller for Church Council

Betty Jacob for Personnel

Jed Rardin, Pastor

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