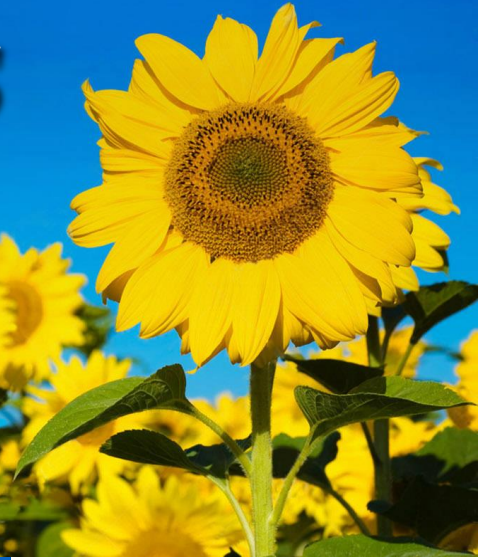




# Crossroads

News from South Congregational Church  
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*We are an inclusive community of faith,  
courageously following Christ, serving our neighbors in love.*

**August 2022**

## From the Pastor

Dear South,

I am so happy to extend a big, warm welcome to Christine Wu to the South Church Staff! Christine has started in the new position of Communication Coordinator and Office Administrator. It has been a little more than a week of working together, and I can already feel how Christine will support the ministries of South and encourage and expand us in connective ways.

Christine's position includes a lot of what the Office Administrator job was before. At the same time, however, her role has a greater emphasis on the multifaceted communications side of things - email, newsletters, website, telling the many stories that are connected and move through South. It is a part-time position of 25 hours a week. Christine will be working a full day, 9-5, on Tuesdays at the building and then distributing the remaining hours Wednesday through Friday from home. Christine brings experience in church administration, as she was previously the Administrative Assistant at North Hadley Congregational Church. In addition to church work, Christine has a long history in Springfield and other parts of the Pioneer Valley as a counselor with under-served communities. She has excellent people and design skills.

I am deeply grateful to the Hiring Team that worked with me to find a good fit for this position for South. Kim Figueroa was the Hiring Team Leader working with Janice Hills and Natanael Velez as the team. Thank you. And I am grateful to Christine and excited for South that she has chosen us as part of her next adventure!

With Larry's being away on sabbatical and our not having an Office of communication person in place, I acknowledge that some communications have been missing! To catch us up and get us back on track; we are sending out this "Mini-Crossroads" with the details about what to expect for worship in the remainder of August and looking into September, as well as other upcoming opportunities for connection, reflection and growth.

Onward in the Spirit, *Rev. Lindsey*

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# News & Events

## ANNUAL MEETING - September 11, 2022

To the members of South Congregational Church, you are hereby notified of the Annual Meeting of the Members of South Congregational Church on Sunday, September 11, 2022 to be called to order following the 10:00 AM service.



The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

- To consider and act upon the reports of the: Designated Term Minister, Treasurer, Minister of Music, Community Grants Team, Deacon's Team, Investment Team, Property Manager and reports from any other teams which shall be presented at the meeting.
- Elections for vacant positions on the Leadership Circle.

Respectfully, *Nancy Montagna, Clerk/Registrar*

## COMMUNITY GRANTS TEAM - Looking for Members

Would you like to be involved in deciding which agencies in our community should receive support from our church mission/grant money? If so, please come to the first South Church Community Grants Team meeting on Sunday, September 18 immediately after the church service in the Guild Room. We will meet again in November and in February after the church service. A small commitment to benefit our local agencies who do so much for our community. All members and friends of South Church are welcome. Please contact Nancy Montagna by phone 413-589-0743, email [nancy31053@hotmail.com](mailto:nancy31053@hotmail.com) or after a worship service if you have any questions.

## ONLINE GIVING

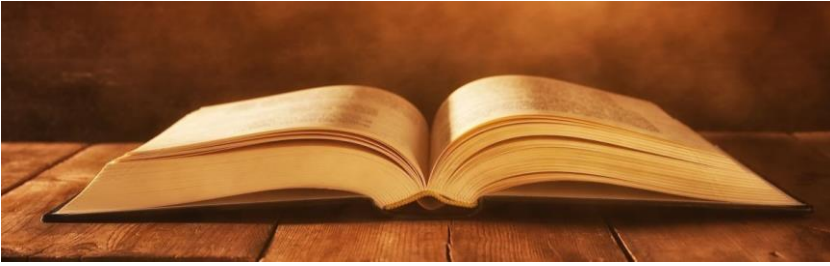
WE ARE NOW SET UP FOR ONLINE GIVING! You can give a one-time donation to South online or set up a recurring gift, for example weekly or monthly.

TWO WAYS TO BEGIN:

1. You may go to our website and set up your online giving at: <https://soco.ch.org/donate/>
2. You may scan the QR code to the right with the camera on your phone. It will bring you to the donate page.



*Thank you for supporting the ministries of South Church UCC.*



## ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Call-in number: 1-929-205-6099

MTG: 975 811 240 Password: 041663

## Writing as a Spiritual Practice Group

Monday, August 22 through Friday, August 26

7:00 - 7:45 a.m. on Zoom

Rev. Lindsey will facilitate this space.

Using poetry as a reflection partner, we will share quiet space together in the mornings to write.



Meeting ID: 890 5578 0350

Passcode: 460500

## Officer and Leadership Circle Elections

Nominations are due - Sunday, September 4th

Church Annual Meeting and Elections - Sunday, September 11th, following worship

**OPEN POSITIONS:** Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk/Registrar, 5 At Large Member positions

All positions are 2-year terms. Service on the Leadership Circle is open to all members.

## Calendar

August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 4 p.m.

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 a.m.

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 a.m.

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 a.m.

Parking Lot Fest, Backpack Give Away with Julissa Rodriguez teaching drumming

Annual Meeting (Parish Hall)

Community Grants Team (Guild Room)

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# Worship Service Schedule



August 21 <sup>st</sup> , 10 a.m.	Worship in parish hall
August 28 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.	Worship in parish hall
August 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2 – 4 p.m.	Parking Lot Fest, Backpack Give Away with Julissa Rodriguez teaching drumming
September 4 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.	Worship with Communion in Parish Hall
September 11 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.	Worship - Welcoming Back Larry Picard!!
September 18 <sup>th</sup> , 12 p.m.	Worship service - Creative Calling Sunday with Julissa Rodriguez
September 25 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.	Worship Adam Smedberg from Church World Services preaching



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RECORDINGS of our Sunday morning worship services can be viewed online on both YouTube and Facebook. Use these links to view the services. (Recordings are edited for time).

YOUTUBE: [bi.ly/SouthonMaple](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bi.ly/SouthonMaple) FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/socochurch>

## Prayer Requests

Anthony Wysocki  
Bert Montagna  
Betty Eaton  
Betty Jack  
Beverly Lynch  
Bob Peterson  
Bob Stack  
Bruce Wright  
Chad Alexander's family  
Dan Myers  
Deborah Price  
Diane O'Hara  
Dianne Badger

Ginny Robbins  
Gordon Dodge  
Irene Rappa  
Jan McDonald  
Jan Ziegler  
Jane Closson  
Jean Steup's family &  
grandmother  
Jeff Johnson  
Jodi Clements & mother  
John Burris  
Karen Buske  
Karen Kress

Kastle and Cynthia  
Leila Cohen  
Marjorie Munroe  
Merle Olson  
Mike Wright  
Omayra Rodriguez  
Pastor Clemmons  
Peter and Margie Nelson  
Raj Ramaswamy  
Renee Silva  
Rev. Lindsey's father  
Rev. Louis Mitchell  
Roland Fenton

Rubin Reyes  
Ruth Kilcoyne  
Shirley McCready  
Silvia Walker  
Silvio Vasquez's family  
in Venezuela  
Stella Boulware  
Sue Wood's cousin  
Sue Wood's friends  
Tanya Dudley  
Timmy Miller  
Winfield Moore

If you have a name that you would like to add or remove, please contact Elaine Lentino, 413-567-6486, [elentino@msn.com](mailto:elentino@msn.com)

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**Rev. Lindsey Peterson**, Designated Term Minister  
**Larry Picard**, Director of Music Ministries

**Christine Wu**, Communications Coordinator & Office Administrator  
**Jared Spencer**, Custodian and Property Manager

[Crossroads](#) is the newsletter of South Congregational Church in Springfield, MA. Stories and items of Church interest are welcome and are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the next month's issue. Submissions should be sent to Christine Wu at [Christine@soco.org](mailto:Christine@soco.org) or by post to her attention at the church address.