

Church Profile for Sexton Position
South Congregational Church United Church of Christ
Kennebunkport, ME
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Welcome to South Congregational Church!

We are an open and affirming community of faith, looking to balance comfortable traditions with growth and change. Mission is important for us: we support our immigrant neighbors, the local food pantry and soup kitchen, join efforts to end domestic violence, and advocate for gun safety. A community of faith as well as works, we have online weekly vespers, periodic Bible studies, and special services and times for spiritual deepening. We value creative approaches to being present in the community, including a recent art project with related events, Advent “angel wings” on the church portico, Easter Egg hunts in the spring, and a “Shorts on the Green” summer short story reading program on our River Green under the trees.

What we love about living in our area:

We love living in this idyllic area! The sense of community is strong. Excellent conservation organizations tend a number of beautiful nature preserves in wooded areas and along rivers, and the area beaches are a draw year-round. The foody culture of Portland is not far away and has brought excellent restaurants to our community. Farmers markets, farm stands, and local fishmongers supply the home cook with fresh foods for healthy living and warm hospitality. There are excellent local libraries, and varied music and art offerings. Portsmouth, NH and Boston, MA also provide easily accessible opportunities.

Membership

Officially we have 297 members, plus many church friends who are as active as members. Some members/friends are summer-only, most are present year-round. Like many churches, our families and children became less engaged during and after Covid. We are committed to changing that.

Church Staff

We currently have a staff of 3 (Administrator, Communications Coordinator and Minister), with three additional positions under search (Sexton, Christian Educator, and Interim Organist/Music Director). Our supportive staff enjoys each other’s company, likes to laugh together. We all work hard, and appreciate the flexibility that church work can provide.

Summary

Our church is a community of joy and wonder. We provide many faith-based programs in addition to Sunday worship. We welcome newcomers and support our church family. We are active in the local community and engage in mission outreach and advocacy near and far. We just passed our 200th anniversary, we are excited about the future.