

# WELCOME

OLD SOUTH  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH 



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## SUNDAYS AT OLD SOUTH

### WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. in the Chapel  
10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

### ADULT EDUCATION

8:30-9:30 a.m.

### CHURCH SCHOOL

10:00-11:15 a.m.

### CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

(for infants and children up to age 3)

8:15-11:15 a.m.

## WEDNESDAYS AT OLD SOUTH

### EVENING PRAYER

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

6 SALEM STREET  
READING, MA 01867  
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[www.oldsouthumc.org](http://www.oldsouthumc.org)

Rev. Janet Smith-Rushton, Pastor

### VISITORS

Please sign our guest book and join us for coffee and conversation in the vestry after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sundays. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to give us a call at (781) 944-2636.

### DID YOU KNOW?

If you miss the Sunday service, you can watch it during the week on Reading Community Television. For programming information and times, go to [www.rctv.org](http://www.rctv.org).



**ABOUT THE CHURCH** – Old South United Methodist Church has flourished for almost 200 years. The current building was erected in 1911 after a fire destroyed the previous structure. Additional wings were later added to accommodate our growing congregation and Sunday School classes. The sanctuary houses a majestic Skinner Organ, and the hourly chimes from the clock bell tower can be heard around town.

Alive ...

Come grow with us!

and vital!

## WHO WE ARE

Our philosophy in the United Methodist Church is that we can best serve God and follow Christ with,

*“open hearts, open minds, open doors”.*

We welcome people of all backgrounds and seek to honor everyone, irrespective of where they are on their spiritual journey.

In the United Methodist Church, pastors and participants serve as *partners* in ministry. Thus, we encourage you to find a way to participate that suits you, whether that be in service, on a prayer team, or getting involved in one of our many ministries.

### Mission Statement

*Old South United Methodist Church is a supportive, accepting and loving community of believers inspired by the message of Christ to worship God, to grow spiritually, to nurture one another in faith and to serve others at home and abroad.*

## WHAT WE DO

**OLD SOUTH CHURCH** offers a myriad of activities in which to get involved. By reaching out to others, we in turn are nourished spiritually. You will find some of our programs listed below.

Along with **CLOCK TOWER KIDS** which is the “Place to Be After School” providing after-school enrichment and child care, **CHRISTIAN COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL (CCP)** also provides a caring and developmentally appropriate environment for infants and children up to five years old. Between these two programs, the children ensure that the church maintains a fun and lively atmosphere.

Old South **CHURCH MISSIONS** are many. Our outreach includes both national and international mission teams which travel to **DOWN EAST MAINE** to participate in a migrant workers ministry, as well as community building in **HONDURAS**.

Additionally, we support **LAZARUS HOUSE** in Lawrence by participating in the Hike For Hope, 30-Hour Famine, volunteering in many work days, as well as clothing and food drives. Old South is also the hub for the community **FOOD PANTRY** reaching out to those in need.

**MUSIC** is a big part of our ministry as well. When you attend one of our Church services, you will hear some of Reading’s finest musicians. Whether it’s the **CHANCEL CHOIR**, the melodic **HANDBELL CHOIR**, or our lively **BRASS ENSEMBLE** or **CHERUB CHOIR**, the music will soothe your soul and revive your spirit.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES** - Our teens and young adults actively participate in all church activities. This includes initiating, designing and implementing programs that meet their needs.

Old South Church also offers many events throughout the year that are geared for the **ENTIRE FAMILY** – from talent shows to pizza parties and so much more. You are sure to find something of interest for all ages and everyone is welcome to join in on the **FUN!** Check the vestry bulletin boards or the church website activities page for upcoming events.



Married or single,  
with children or none,  
Old South has something  
for everyone!