

## HISTORY

1838

Little River Chapel built by Free Will Baptists

1859

Christian Baptists took over chapel through purchase of pews from the Baptist

Bell donated in memory of John Lamprey

Arched window in front added by Christian Baptists

C.1860

Doric posts and support arches added to portico

c.1864

Elder Nathaniel T. Ridlon hired as full-time minister

1885

Vestry added in basement

1900

Stained glass windows added

1902

Addition added for a parlor, pastor's room, choir room and toilet rooms

1951

North Hampton Congregational and Christian Church merged: The Congregational Christian Church

1962

The Congregational Christian Church becomes The United Church of Christ

C.1970

Ogden Nash's family donated Ogden Nash's piano

1974

Parishioner James K. Leavitt convinced the congregation not to tear down chapel

c.1984

David O'Connor made the sanctuary wooden cross

C.2001

Don and Ruth Taylor donated a new organ

2010

Restoration of several stain-glass windows



Little River  
CHAPEL  
EST. 1838

SPRING/SUMMER 2026



RESTORATION FUND

95 Atlantic Ave,  
North Hampton, New Hampshire

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*Little River Chapel has been accepted by the NH Division of Historical Resources to be listed on the NH State Historic Register.*

**Little River Chapel**, located on Atlantic Avenue, is rich in history. In 1832, a group called the Free Will Baptist, petitioned the town of North Hampton for a piece of land to build a church. The town refused but John Lamprey, a founding member of The Free Will Baptist group, donated a parcel of land (50 plus rods/ approximately 850 feet), near Little River.

The Free Will Baptist commenced to build their chapel and it was completed in 1838. Little River chapel is considered to be a Greek Revival style and still sits on the original brick and stone foundation. The church building exhibits quality craftsmanship. The Free Will Baptists did not want the church to look at all “popish” (Roman Catholic), so the original interior of the church was beautiful in its simplicity.

In the 1840s a splinter group, calling themselves The Christian Baptists, shared the chapel with the Free Will Baptists until 1859. Many of the architectural features, such as the Doric posts and arched window on the portico, the stained glass windows and a small addition for a parlor, a pastor's room, choir room and toilet rooms were added by the Christian Church.

In 1951 The Christian Church merged with the Congregational Church, becoming The Congregational Christian Church. In 1962 the church became the United Church of Christ.

## WHO WE ARE

The United Church of Christ in North Hampton is an Open and Affirming faith-based community that seeks to follow Jesus. Born of a long and rich history of the Puritan settlers who founded the town of North Hampton, we have inherited from them a legacy of community minded service. We honor the history of the church through the contemporary living out of faith.

Today, the United Church of Christ in North Hampton endeavors to be a church that encourages deep spirituality, community service, and relational mission in the world. We do this through Spirit-filled worship, faith formation for all ages, service opportunities and international Christian partnerships.

## Little River Chapel 2026 Schedule of Events

**Tuesday, May 12**

Silent Prayer and Mediations Vespers  
Service at 6pm

**Tuesday, June 2:**

Silent Prayer and Mediations Vespers  
Service at 6pm

**Tuesday, June 30th:**

Silent Prayer and Mediations Vespers  
Service at 6pm

**Thursday, July 2nd:**

Patriotic Song Fest at 6pm

**Tuesday, July 21st:**

North Hampton WWII Navy W.A.V.E.S  
At 6pm

**Tuesday, August 18th:**

“Portsmouth Naval Shipyard  
from Sails to Atoms” at 6pm



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*Little River Vespers*



TUESDAY,  
MAY 12, JUNE 2,  
AND JUNE 30, 2026  
AT 6PM

LOCATED AT 95 ATLANTIC AVE, NORTH HAMPTON, NH 03862

Silent Prayer and Meditation Vespers Service 6pm

*Patriotic Song Fest*



THURSDAY, JULY 2ND AT 6PM

Join us for a heartwarming **Patriotic Song Fest** as we honor 250 years of American history and heritage at the Little River Chapel on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm. Bring your good, or not so good singing voices to sing along. We will honor some of North Hampton's American Revolutionary soldiers, who are laid to rest in East Cemetery beside the chapel. And, learn the true meaning behind some of our favorite Patriotic songs!



**Little River MUGS are  
Available for purchase  
for \$10**

Email:  
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Also available for purchase at  
Little River Events.

**NORTH HAMPTON  
WWII NAVY W.A.V.E.S**



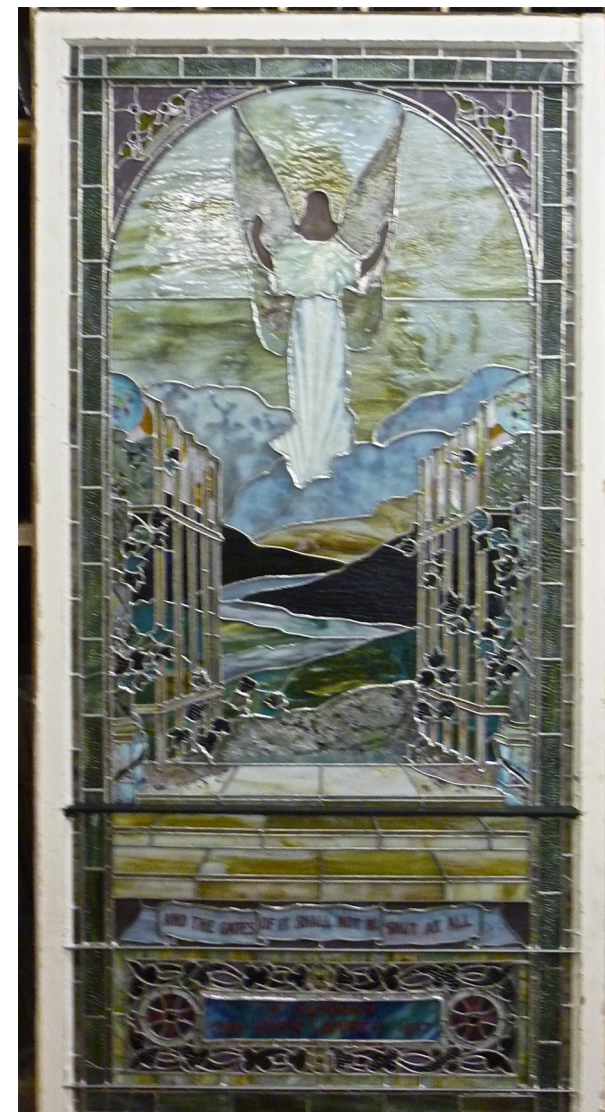
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026 AT 6PM

North Hampton's WWII Navy W.A.V.E.S (Women Accepted Volunteers for Emergency Services) – who are they and how did they serve? Wendy Bergeron Kloc, a local teacher and historian, will introduce you to three women from North Hampton who served as Navy Waves. What's a Navy WAVE and what was their role in the American WWII war effort? Learn about their training and how important it was to these women to serve their country.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH  
AT 6PM



For more than 225 years, Yankee ingenuity and craftsmanship have been the keys to success for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. In this popular lecture, learn about the role and achievements of the Yard in times of war and peace with Joseph Gluckert, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Historian and Heritage Center Director.



West side, middle window: Angel window with quote “And the gates of it shall not be shut at all” Inscribed “In memoriam, 1748 – John Lamprey – 1837” John Lamprey was a Baptist and a preacher in North Hampton, and he gave the land for the building of the church at Little River. Upon his death he was described in town records as a “worthy Baptist professor.” This window was restored in 2011. In the memory of John Lamprey, by his great granddaughter Mrs. Albert Bachelder of Little Boar's Head.