

ABOUT US

We, the United Church of Christ in North Hampton, embrace a diverse and inclusive congregation. As followers of Jesus Christ, we declare:

We welcome persons of every race, language, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, gender identity or expression, physical or mental ability, economic status, spiritual background and religious traditions.

God's Spirit calls us to lives of inspiration, growth and service. With the example and teachings of Jesus Christs as our guide, we joyfully affirm and welcome each one in to the full life, ministries and sacraments of this community of faith.

"A New commandment I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another." John 13:34

We, the United Church of Christ in North Hampton, secure in the understanding that God's love is for everyone, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation, providing a safe space for each one.

We advocate for equality and justice for all creation. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcomed, valued, accepted, affirmed and loved here!

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WELCOME TO NORTH HAMPTON UCC



Rev. Michael Gelsomini

We look forward to you worshiping with us! We pray that your time at the United Church of Christ in North Hampton will offer **a glimpse of the deep and joyful life that we share** because we gather in Christ's presence.

Do know that we, as a church, are available to you and welcome you **wherever you are on the spiritual journey**. I look forward to meeting you some day and getting to know you in the days following should this be a season in which we journey together.

Worship at UCC, North Hampton follows in the Congregational tradition; however, we strive to create **worship that speaks to today** and our contemporary spiritual longings as well as to our heritage. In this effort, we draw upon music of many eras and styles, singing contemporary as well as ancient hymns. We engage in prayer and reflection that explores scripture in its historic context while connecting it to the every day, and we work to create opportunities to **practice and live out our faith in the world**.



WHAT WE BELIEVE

Welcome to The United Church of Christ in North Hampton. We strive to be a faith community with open doors, minds and spirits, worshiping God and serving with Christian love in the world.

Worship is central to our life together. We gather as our Christian forebears have done for nearly 2,000 years on Sundays, the day of resurrection and new life, to offer praise and worship. We also work to create opportunities to practice and live out our faith in the world.

MISSION AND SERVICE

According to *Merriam-Webster's dictionary*, a “mission” is “a body of persons sent to perform a service or activity”. The United Church of Christ in North Hampton is affiliated with many missions in the local community and also outside the country.

Members and friends at UCC North Hampton are encouraged to participate in the life of service to which Christ calls us. In addition to the ministries that serve the local church, opportunities for mission service through the church include participation in the **Seacoast Family Promise** (care and welcome to families experiencing homelessness in the Seacoast), the sharing of resources such as food, clothing and money with local and international service agencies and prayerful connection with national and international Christian partners.

In May of 2024, NHUCC opened the **“Community Cupboard” Food pantry** which is open to all who need it on Thursday afternoons from 3-5pm.

In addition to Seacoast Family Promise, other missions include the **Zimbabwe Ukama Partnership, Habitat for Humanity**, and the **Prayer Shawl and Quilting Ministry**.



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WHO WE ARE

The United Church of Christ in North Hampton is a 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.

WORSHIP, FAITH FORMATION, AND FELLOWSHIP

As we worship together, engage in mission service, and endeavor to be the church of Jesus Christ, it is understood by the members and friends of UCC North Hampton that living a life of faith and discipleship is a journey. As such, each individual journey will be unique. As we make our way together within the diversity of spiritual experiences, we strive to grow and learn, to develop our relationship with our God through prayer, study, service, love, and forgiveness, following in the way of Christ.

We strive to be a welcoming and connected community. There are many weekly, monthly and yearly opportunities to come together in groups of varying interests. Occasionally, throughout the year there are special events that take place such as pot luck suppers, ham and bean suppers, concerts, and more. Other fellowship opportunities include:

- Coffee hour
- Men's Breakfast
- Ladies Union
- UCC Book Group

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