

**No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey
you are welcome at
North Windham Union Church, UCC
(United Church of Christ).**

Christ is the head of our church. The UCC is our wider denomination. All churches under the UCC umbrella are autonomous. We believe in the Holy Trinity, God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, who calls the world into being, creates persons in God's image and sets before each one the ways of life. To share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation as we seek God's direction through the Holy Spirit to walk in the ways of Jesus, to treat others with respect, and with the fullness of God's grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace. Our belief is that God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

We are an active church in the community and are proud of our regular mission/outreach projects. NWUC has a vibrant choir and our *Music with a Mission* concert series has raised thousands of dollars for those in need.



Church Staff:

Rev. Debra Girard
Pastor
Cynthia Baker
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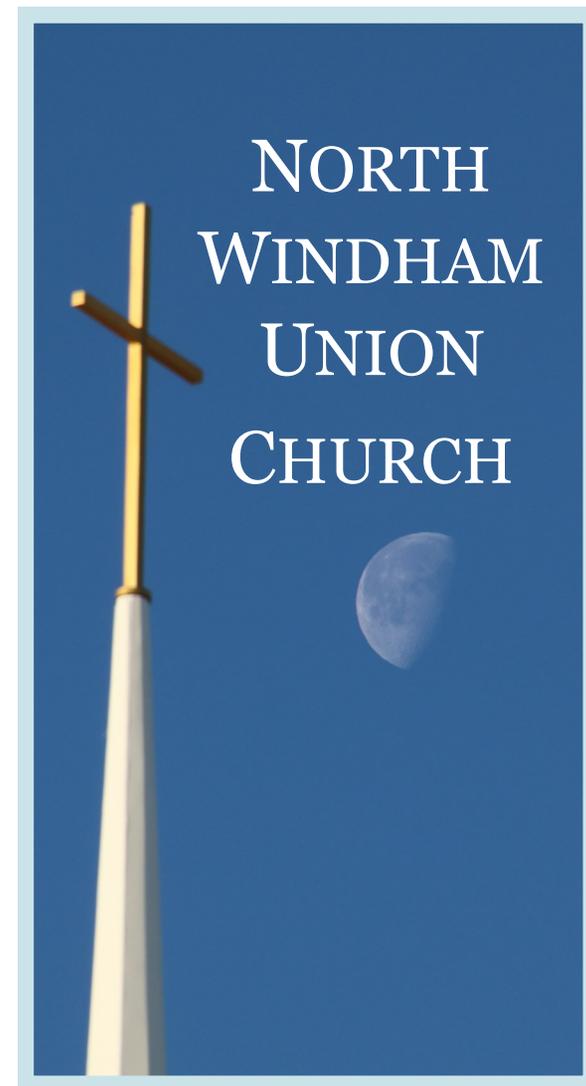
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WHERE WE LIVE



Windham is a safe, family-friendly suburban community located an easy 15-mile drive west of Portland, Maine's

largest city. Our town is the gateway to the Lakes Region, and we enjoy many nearby opportunities to hike, ski, swim and boat. North Windham is the commercial and retail center for the region, so we never need to drive long distances for services.

We have an excellent public school system and many activities for children of all ages, from sports to community theater to our award-winning Windham (High School) Chamber Singers.

OUR CHURCH BUILDING

We are proud of our church building. We have a parish hall which houses a large fellowship hall, classrooms, a thrift shop, a newly-renovated kitchen, and offices. Our air-conditioned sanctuary is bright and welcoming. We have ample parking.

We are particularly proud of our sanctuary and how it came to be. In 1994, the congregation took a giant leap of faith and raised the money to build the space. One of our members, Bruce Small, built the sanctuary and attached gathering space with dozens of volunteers from the congregation. The building stands as a testament to this church's ability to accomplish great things together.

When I entered the sanctuary for the first time, I immediately felt I was home. This is where God has called me to humbly walk in faith as Preacher and Teacher.

-Rev. Debra Girard



HOW WE WORSHIP

Our traditional Sunday morning worship services are the cornerstone of our church. The pastor's sermons are based on scripture and through storytelling bring to light how we live in our faith. Music is an important part of the service, listening to the choir sing and joining in singing hymns with the congregation.

Our services begin at 10 a.m. and finish by 11:15, followed by a coffee hour in the Gathering Space. Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month. Lay readers give scripture readings. Special services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter, Music Sunday, Children's Sunday and a special Father's Day service and cookout.



MUSIC WITH A MISSION

This successful concert series showcases local musical talent and offers opportunities for the congregation and community to come together, enjoy great music and raise money for the church and local non-profits.

Each week as we gather there is a sense that we are a family sharing in life's events, caring for one another as a family. There is much joy in the work we do. I have had the honor of witnessing the Holy Spirit working in and through the folks here at NWUC.

-Rev. Debra Girard

HOW WE LEARN

Our church provides Sunday School classes each Sunday during the school year for children pre-K through grade 8. We also offer a staffed nursery each Sunday. We have a combined junior/senior high youth group which engages in various projects and activities. Our Mother's Day service is always organized and led by the youth group. We provide a variety of opportunities for adults to come together to learn and grow in their faith. These include book groups, strategic planning initiatives, Bible studies, and new member classes.



OUR MISSION GOALS AND VALUES

- *Grow in faith through a clearer understanding of the scriptures;*
- *Reach out to the community in service and love;*
- *Include families in a robust program of Christian education;*
- *Increase fellowship and other small group opportunities;*
- *Expand our congregation as we meet the spiritual needs of our community.*