

HISTORY OF THE NORTH WINDHAM UNION CHURCH, UCC CLERGY and STAFF

Little Church Erected in 1871:

- 1871 **Rev. James E. Aikens** (alternate Sundays) shared pulpit with Windham Hill Church
- 1927 **Rev. Hilda Libby Ives** (Portland)
Presumpscot Union Parish and included 5 original churches: E. Raymond, Raymond, North Windham Union Church, North Gorham & South Windham. The Friends Church (4-16-1932) and Windham Hill Church (9-5-1937) joined the Parish.
- 1929 Summer **Miss Almeda Vickery** (Hartford Theological Seminary Student)
- 1929-1937 **Rev. Clarence H. Clark**
Minister of first 5 PUP. With assistance of part time preachers and summer workers.
- June 8, 1930 Present church was organized with 33 people admitted into membership.
- 1931-1941 **Mrs. Naomi McCue**, part time assistant minister,
○ came from Portland each Sunday to preach in three churches
- 1937-1944 **Rev. Clayton H. Chapman**
- 1937-1944 **Rev. Walter W. Swank**, lived in Windham Hill parsonage
- 1944-1953 **Rev. Robert C. Whitehead** - Sr Minister
- 1944-1946 **Rev. Howard Boardman** - Assistant Minister
- 1951-1953 **Rev. Emily Pitcock** - Associate Minister
During this time Casco petitioned to join PUP, making 8 churches in the larger Parish.
- 1953-1960 **Rev. Donald Henderson** - Assistant Minister
He had no sooner arrived then Rev. Whitehead died suddenly and he became Senior Minister and lived at Windham Hill.
- 1959 Parish House was built. It was dedicated on May 10, 1959.
- Oct. 1, 1959 Opening of the NWUC Thrift Shop in the old community building.
- 1960-1964 **Rev. John Pierce**
- Oct. 31, 1960 North Windham Union Church withdrew from the Parish. Sunday School enrollment had reached 160 and choir and other activities were equally demanding.
- 1961 Bought parsonage in Brookhaven
- 1964-1966 **Rev. Joan Williams**
The NWUC joined the United Church of Christ
- 1966-1969 **Rev. Martin Gibbs**
- 1969-1972 **Rev. George Moore**
- 1972-1973 **Rev. Joanne Painter** - Interim Minister
- 1973-1975 **Rev. Adra W. S. Lovley Jr.**



- 1975-1976 **Rev. Gerald Robertson** - Interim Minister
- 1977-1982 **Rev. Gordon J. Svoboda**
- 1982-1983 **Rev. Macy Whitehead** - Interim Minister
- 1984-1999 **Rev. Dr. Richard L. Small** - Sr. Minister
- 1990-1991 **Rev. Rand Peabody** - Interim Minister
(Rev. Small had heart surgery)
- 1991-1998 **Rev. Harold L. Shepard** - Associate Minister

June 20, 1994



Dedication of the newly built Sanctuary

- Dec. 13, 1996 Purchased building at 725 Roosevelt Trail SOLD 201
- 1998-2000 **Rev. Suzanne M. Zacher** - Interim Associate Minister
- 1999-2000 **Rev. Dr. Charles N. Hume** - Interim Senior Minister
- 10/2000-1/2002 **Rev. Dana Reed** – Minister (Was called up to active duty in the Navy in Jan. 2002)
- 2/2002-12/2002 **Rev. Dr. Nash Garabedian Jr.** - Interim Minister
- 12/2002-12/2007 **Rev. Dr. Dana C. Reed** – Senior Minister (Was called up to active duty again (1/2007)
- 2/2004-11/2007 **Rev. M Ronald Beinema** – Interim Associate Minister
- 1/2008-2/2009 **Rev. Linda Hatch**-Interim Minister
- 2/2009 –10/2013 **Rev. Dr. Dana C. Reed** – Senior Minister (returned from active duty (2/2009)
- 4/2011-2012 **Rev. Cynthia Strosahl** – Interim Minister
- 11/2013-Present **Rev. David C. Hall** (Interim)
- 6/2014 **20th Anniversary of building new sanctuary**
- 6/2002 **First Years Pre-School closed**

MUSIC DIRECTORS

- 9/1974-6/1999 **Marie English** – Music Director
- 2001-7/2004 **Rev. Richard P. Pitre** – Minister of Music
- 7/2004- 1/2006 **Bruce Darrell Whidden II**-Music Director
- 01/2006-9/2007 **Barbara Pond** – Music Director
- 010/2007-1/2008 **Eoin Sinclair** – Music Director
- 1/2008-09/2009 **Charles Cornwell**-Music Director
- 10/13/2009-Present **Richard Nickerson** – Minister of Music
- 11/29/2010-Present **Dane Grondin** – Accompanist

CUSTODIANS

- 1990-1996 **Virgie and Letha Butts**- custodians
- 1996-7/1998 **David Gerdes** - Custodian

- 10/1998- **David Burchill** –Custodian

SECRETARIES

- **Carol Clark** – Church Secretary
- **Nancy Johnston** – Church Secretary
- 5/1991-8/1994 **Sally Ricker** – Church Secretary
- 9/1994-Present **Joan Morton**- office administrator