

WHO WE ARE

We are a moderately liberal open and affirming congregation of approximately 270 members. Weekly attendance at worship is around 100 people. Our church is literally and figuratively at the heart of Windham – we are the church that people look to for spiritual leadership in times of need.

We provide meeting space to many community groups, including Boy/Girl Scouts and AA.

We are a generous church which gives freely of its time, treasure, and talent. Regular mission/outreach projects include support for the Preble Street Resource Center, the Windham Food Pantry, Our Church's Wider Mission, the Monday Meal, and Red Cross blood drives.

We are especially proud of our adult choir and our Music with a Mission concert series, which has raised thousands of dollars for the church and local non-profits. We are blessed with 13 active boards and committees that allow our members to do God's work in our community.



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“I have always felt at home here, since the worship format is familiar to me and the sanctuary is simple and beautiful. I love that there are several laypeople, of all ages, involved in each service. Each Worship Service is at once a time to meet friends, be comforted, be renewed and be inspired.”



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NORTH WINDHAM UNION CHURCH



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WHERE WE LIVE

In 2011, Bloomberg's Business Week named Windham as the best place in Maine to raise a family.



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

"This church's sanctuary is the most attractive, functional space I have ever experienced." -David Hall, Interim Pastor

We are proud of our church building. We have a parish hall which houses a large fellowship hall, classrooms, a thrift shop (a project of the Missions Committee), 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. We recently celebrated 20 years of worship in the "new" space.

CHURCH STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

"What a delight it is to work with the competent and cooperative staff of this church." -David Hall, Interim Pastor

In addition to the pastor, our church staff includes an office manager, sexton, a minister of music, and an accompanist. We also have a ready group of volunteers that comes forward whenever there is a need for help with cleaning, grounds work, etc.

HOW WE LEARN

"My confirmation experience set the groundwork for my spiritual adulthood in the church." -Jameson McBride, Windham High Class of 2013

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 meets regularly and engages in various projects and activities. Our Mother's Day service is always organized and led by the youth group. We have a confirmation class approximately every other year.

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.



HOW WE WORSHIP

Our traditional Sunday morning worship services are the cornerstone of our church. Our services begin at 10:00 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, two services on Easter, Music Sunday, Children's Sunday, and a special Fathers' Day service and cookout.



WHERE WE HOPE TO GO

We are a church with great potential. We hope to:

- *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.*