
THE CENTER HARBOR LIGHT

Special Offering this Month: Strengthen the Church

Outside the Box

Summer is now in full swing and with its access to “The Mount,” proximity to the water, and popular food destinations, Center Harbor is bustling. Meanwhile, life at Center Harbor Congregational Church slows down a bit (besides preparing for, hosting, and taking down the craft fair and flea market.) A few weeks ago we read that while Jesus had many disciples, he chose his closest twelve to send out as apostles. Before his death and Resurrection, he sent them to heal their fellow Jews who were harassed and helpless by unjust leaders. Then he sent them out to spread the good news to all of creation after his death and Resurrection.

Perhaps, while we take a break from intra-community activities like committee meetings, Bible study, and Sunday school, we could focus on inter-community activities. Perhaps, instead of thinking in terms of gathering, we could think in terms of sending out, just like Jesus sent out his apostles. We already do this in some significant physical ways. We meet for ice cream, not in Gilpatric hall, but in a different community location each week. We hold worship, not in our sanctuary, but outside on the church lawn where we are visible to passersby. And we work together with crafters and vendors from the community to pull off our fair.

In what other ways do you imitate Jesus’ apostles out in the world? Do you think of yourselves as ambassadors for CHCC when you are out in the community during the week? I look forward to worshipping with you all this summer in the sanctuary of grass and trees, with the music of birdsong, seated in pews of moveable chairs. And I look forward to imagining new ways of being church “outside the box” of our building’s walls.

~Pastor Alison

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 An Open and Affirming
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Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to all the 2026 graduates in the CHCC community especially Eric Larson who graduated from Moultonborough Academy and Ethan Larson who graduated magna cum laude from Merrimack College with a BS in Rehabilitation Sciences. After spending the summer on staff at Horton Center, Eric will attend Utah State University and study Outdoor Product Design & Development. Ethan has started working at Aging Excellence while he applies to graduate school for physical therapy.

Guest Worship Leaders

During Pastor Alison's vacation we had the pleasure of hosting two wonderful guest worship leaders. Lay preacher Rich Dudas delivered the sermon on June 21 and Reverend Peter Lovett conducted the service on June 28. Thank you to both of them and to all of our other volunteers who helped make those services run smoothly.

2026 Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the recipients of CHCC scholarships: Lauren Grinavic, Madison Hart, Alicia Johnson, and Eric Larson from MA AND Elise Beauboeuf and Thea Wright from ILHS.

Church Life



Summer Ice Cream Socials

Weekly ice cream socials will continue in July. Join us Wednesdays throughout the summer for ice cream and fellowship at various area ice cream stands. Ice cream socials in July will be at 6:30 PM.

- July 1 - Ice Out Scoops, Moultonboro
- July 8 - Town Docks, Meredith
- June 15 - Happy Cow, Laconia
- July 22 - Liliuokalani's, Paugus Bay
- July 29 - Social Club, Laconia



Holly Fair 2026

The Holly Fair elves were busy making beautiful Christmas cards at our May craft session! We will meet next for jewelry making with Patty McQuone on August 7th.



This Month's Events



Books & Bites

Come share what you've been reading!
July 21st at 1:30 PM in parlor
Contact: Jill Morton or Diane Crawford

Outdoor Summer

Worship Begins

July 5th will be the first day of outdoor worship. Sunday services will start at 9 am through Labor Day weekend. While outdoor services are simple, there is still the need for some helpers to make it happen. Every week we will need one or two volunteers to set up the sound system and chairs. We also need lemonade hosts to set up the after worship beverages (all lemonade provided - host just needs to set-up). If you are interested in helping this summer, please sign up during fellowship.

As always, when we gather outside for worship this summer, if you have a garden or bed of flowers would you please donate a flower or leaves to create a beautiful bouquet to share in our worship together.

Seeking Craft Fair Volunteers

Our annual Flea Market & Craft Fair is just days away. Here are ways you can help make this a successful event:

- Post advertising flyers in public spaces (flyers can be picked up in the church office)
- Donate sellable garage sale items especially seasonal items (e.g. summer sports equipment or furniture) - items can be brought to church in the morning on Friday, July 10th (Contact Louisa in the office 603-253-7698 if you would like to drop items earlier than that)
- Prepping for the fair the day before - marking booths, setting up tables, etc. (Sign up at fellowship or contact Louisa)
- Food donations - We are looking for donations for the baked goods table - donations can be dropped off during office hours or the morning of the fair
- Working in food area the day of the fair (Sign up at fellowship or contact Louisa)
- Cleaning up after the fair (Sign up at fellowship or contact Louisa)



Thank you in advance for helping make this event a success, and don't forget to come out on the 11th!

Looking for some Summer fun for you or a family member? Check out these opportunities at Horton Center!

RETREATS 2026

JUNE 6-7	WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE
JUNE 13	OPEN HOUSE W/OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT
AUG. 10-13	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP RETREAT
AUG. 28-30	MINISTRIES AND MISSION GROUPS WEEKEND
SEPT. 4-7	FAMILY & FRIENDS WEEKEND
SEPT. 25-27	AVAILABLE FOR CHURCH RETREAT BOOKINGS
SEPT. 26	"APPLE CRISP DAY" FALL OPEN HOUSE!
OCT. 3-5	WORK IN PROGRESS WKND PIECFUL QUILTING & YOGA + MEDITATION ON THE MT. CONFIRMATION RETREAT

WEEKDAYS AVAILABLE FOR RENTALS AS WELL PLEASE INQUIRE FOR MORE INFO - TPARE@NHCUCG.ORG



SUMMER 2026

WEEK 1 (JUNE 21-27)	HC SERVES', LEADERS IN TRAINING', GETTING STARTED'
WEEK 2 (JUNE 28-JULY 4)	ELEMENTARY ECO-EXPLORERS, MIDDLE ON THE MT., SENIOR HIGH: CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE
WEEK 3 (JULY 5-11)	CAMP M.O.R.E. (ALL AGES!)
WEEK 4 (JULY 12-18)	NEW THINGS, ADVENTURE JR., ADVENTURE SR.
WEEK 5 (JULY 19-25)	HOGWARTS ON THE MT., MIDDLE MIX-UP, UP-OUT-ON!
WEEK 6 (JULY 26- AUG. 2)	GRANDPARENTS/CHILDREN', PEACE, FAITH, RE JUVENATION'
WEEK 7 (AUG. 2-6)	PRIDE ON THE MT.' HALF-WEEK SESSION



July Mission of the Month: Strengthen the Church

Strengthen the Church is one of the four UCC national offerings that our church supports.

Grants bestowed through this special offering are used for leadership development, new church establishments, youth ministries, and innovative programs in existing churches. Together these help build the nation-wide Body of Christ.

Each donation to our Strengthen the Church Offering plants a seed of hope into fertile ground. Generous gifts to the offering empower both new and



rebirthing churches, guiding them toward financial sustainability with four-year grants. You contribute more than a gift; you build a legacy in communities across our nation—to encourage inclusive, expansive, and thriving congregations.

Our gifts ensure that our churches can continue to serve and uplift communities across the nation.

Please support this July “Mission of the Month” with a generous offering.

News from the Board of Missions

Strengthen the Church

Support new church, leadership, and youth cultivation.

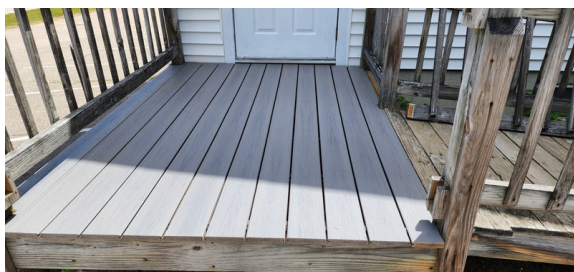
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Missions Collections as of June 25, 2026

Mission Name	Total Collected
Backpack Mission	\$748.00
Christmas Fund	\$190.00
Community Caregivers	\$140.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$280.00
Horton Center	\$375.00
Hunger	\$290.00
Ministry of Space	\$20.00
Neighbors in Need	\$60.00
New Beginnings	\$764.00
OCWM	\$760.00
OGHS	\$1,025.00
Strengthen the Church	\$20.00
Total:	\$4,672.00

Property Update

June was a quiet month around the church but several volunteers were able to get the long awaited ramp rebuilding project begun. Thank you to all of our volunteers who made this project happen!



Well Wishes for Paula Young

Early in June we had the sad task of saying goodbye to Paula Young as she moves closer to family. Paula has been a bright spot in our community. We wish her all the best in her new home!

You can still keep in touch with Paula via e-mail!



Happy Birthday

- 7/2 Nicole Knight
- 7/7 Tereza Vardanyan
- 7/14 Michael Smith
- 7/17 Libby Tuttle
- 7/17 Patty Finn
- 7/31 Nancy Leighley
- 7/06 Norman and Joyce Larson
- 7/09 Patrick and Laura Curran
- 7/17 Jeff and Martha Johnson
- 7/18 Ann and Jeff Koniszewski
- 7/19 Alison Thatcher and Matt Forgues




Are you a Hannaford shopper? Purchase \$100 grocery cards with cash or check from the church each Sunday during Fellowship Hour and Hannaford will give us \$5 for each that you buy!

Paying for your groceries with these cards continues to earn your rewards to use and the cards will never expire. Can't spend it all at once? Use the balance the next time you shop! Many thanks to all for supporting our church!

July is Center Harbor Soup Kitchen's month for the Hannaford Fight Hunger Bags!



Be Cool This July

Beat the heat with a simple act of good! For every \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag purchased at our selected Hannaford this July, \$1 goes to our organization. Cool choices really can change lives.

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Fight Hunger Bag Program

Opportunities in Our Community



Independence Day Celebrations

Center Harbor:

- Children's Foot Races 9 am
- 5-miler and 1.776 miler 10 am
- Parade 1 pm
- Concert - Center Harbor Town Band 7 pm
- Fireworks 9:15 pm

Meredith:

- Parade 10 am
- Concert - New Horizons Band 7 pm
- Fireworks 9:30 pm

Moultonborough

- Parade 11 am
- Followed by free community BBQ



Keep Independence Day Going All July Long!

July 5 at 6 pm: Potluck Pie Celebration, 6 pm - The Nichols Memorial Library will be hosting an America's Potluck Pie Celebration on the library lawn as part of our nation's 250th anniversary. (Rain Location - Library Meeting Room).

July 5 at 7 pm: Redcoats & Rebels: NH and the American Revolution - Nichols Library, Register by July 3rd

July 9 at 6 pm: Redcoats & Rebels: NH and the American Revolution - Meredith Library

July 11 at 11 am: Declaration of Independence Reading, Meredith Library

July 18 at 11 am: National Treasure Movie, Meredith Library



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 -5 PM Missions Meeting, by Zoom -6:30 PM Ice Cream Social, Ice Out Scoops</p>	2	<p>3 -8 PM AA (open meeting)</p>	4
<p>5 -9 AM Worship -10:15 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	6	<p>7 -4:30 PM Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>8 -6:30 PM Ice Cream Social, Town Docks - Meredith</p>	9	<p>10 -8 PM AA (open meeting)</p>	<p>11 8-2 Flea Market and Craft Fair</p>
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<p>19 -9 AM Worship -10:15 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	20	<p>21 -1:30 PM Books and Bites, Parlor -4:30 PM Soup Kitchen -7 PM Cabinet Mtg, Parlor</p>	<p>22 -6:30 PM Ice Cream Social, Liliuokalani's - Paugus Bay</p>	23	<p>24 -8 PM AA (open meeting)</p>	25
<p>26 -9 AM Worship</p>	27	<p>28 -4:30 PM Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>29 -6:30 PM Ice Cream Social, Social Club - Laconia</p>	30	<p>31 -8 PM AA (open meeting)</p>	

More Summer Happenings in Our Area:

FREE! MOULTONBOROUGH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**WEDNESDAYS
6:00 pm at the
Moultonborough
Function Hall Gazebo
139 Old Route 109
Free Summer Concert Series
to delight people of all ages!**

**SUMMER
CONCERT
SERIES**



Bring a picnic dinner & lawn chairs or blanket. Relax & enjoy the show featuring awesome local talent! All concerts are free and open to the public. Donations to MRD Scholarship Fund welcomed & appreciated!

June 24: Another Story a duo spanning many decades and genres, while seamlessly weaving in some originals. With Felicia Steriti on vocals and Steven Hayden on guitar & often accompanied by Peter Lawlor on percussion and Andriana Gnapp on violin & vocals.

July 1: Tom Bartlett is a regular performer at MRD's Summer Concerts. He is an accomplished singer/songwriter and has performed with a few well-known artists including Livingston Taylor and John Davidson.

July 8: Bryan Conway The Keytar Man, Bryan Conway, plays listening and dance music spanning from the 50's through the 90's, get ready to clap and sing along with a night of memorable music that we all grew up with!

July 15: Tim Hazelton is a singer/songwriter from Holderness, NH. Specializing in rock, classic country, punk, and folk music on acoustic guitar and ukulele. His latest album, "Dark Songs for Bright People" has met critical acclaim.

July 22: The Sweetbloods specialize in blending tight vocal arrangements with tasteful guitar accompaniment. Their repertoire is varied and incorporates songs from several genres & time periods, primarily centering around acoustic versions of classic rock, folk rock, and country rock tunes.

July 29: Red Hat Band, a three-piece classic rock band has been steadily performing throughout New England since 2001. Playing tunes from the 50s through the 2000s, there's something for everyone!

Center Harbor Town Band
Every Friday, 7 pm

**July 4th to
August 7th**

Each week features
a different theme
and guest soloists.



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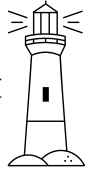
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America by Walt Whitman

Centre of equal daughters, equal sons,
All, all alike endear'd, grown, ungrown, young or old,
Strong, ample, fair, enduring, capable, rich,
Perennial with the Earth, with Freedom, Law and Love,
A grand, sane, towering, seated Mother,
Chair'd in the adamant of Time.

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