



CENTER HARBOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

Welcome to Center Harbor Congregational Church, UCC

<https://www.chccucc.org/>

We welcome all. No exceptions!

Center Harbor Congregational Church, UCC is a welcoming congregation. Visitors and new members comment on how warm and friendly we are and how at ease they feel in our church. We are a playful, creative, yet hard working group, with dedicated leaders. Our mission extends into the community where we host blood drives, serve at the soup kitchen located in our fellowship hall, deliver groceries to home-bound members of our community, and host a nutrition education program. We also support a Community Caregivers organization and operate a preschool program. We are very active in a newly-formed vibrant community development association involving most of the businesses in Center Harbor.



“A lake is the landscape’s most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth’s eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature.”

- Henry David Thoreau

Our church has been Open and Affirming since 2013.

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Worship and Faith Formation

Our sanctuary is a traditional New England structure and we follow a mostly traditional worship style. Our 12 – 15 member choir brings variety and energy, singing everything from Handel to gospel to Hopson. In summer we also hold an early morning outdoor worship on our hill overlooking the lake. We have a small Sunday School group of enthusiastic kids, a recent class of confirmands getting involved in our church, and a weekly adult Bible study.

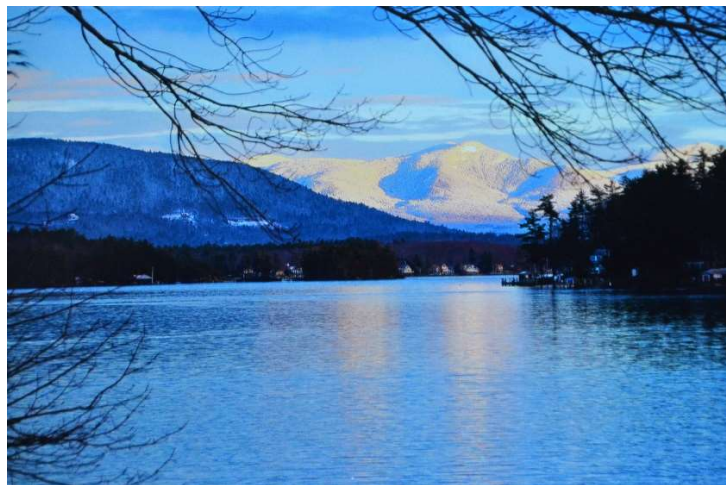


Commissioning officers and committee members on Reformation Sunday



“Over every mountain there is a path, although it may not be seen from the valley.”

- Theodore Roethke



I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. – Psalm 121: 1-2

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Fellowship

Like most churches we express our love with food. Every Sunday after church, we share snacks and coffee and the week's stories. In summer we gather every Wednesday evening for ice cream at various local creameries. We have some of the best cooks in New England!



"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way."

- Dr. Seuss



Mission

We have always been 5-for-5 in our mission giving and we support a different mission partner every month, including Habitat for Humanity, New Beginnings (a domestic abuse shelter), and 25:40 (supporting education and health awareness in Africa).



Reach the Beach Relay



Soup Kitchen Cooks

If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to the mountain, "Move from here to there and it will move: and nothing will be impossible to you." - Matthew 17:20

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Our Heritage

A 1915 "History of Center Harbor Congregational Church" repeated the question probably asked by our church founders back in 1837:

***"Why does not some sweet-toned bell
sound out its devotional tones in unison
with the mountains and the lake? A spot
which speaks so touchingly to the
devotional spirit should not be without
some token of the existence of devotion."***

And so in 1838 the congregation constructed just such a "token of devotion" in the form of our traditional church building surrounded by a cozy New England village on the shore of beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee with its supporting cast of striking distant mountains.



*Rob Leighley Memorial Peace Pole
"May peace prevail."*



*"The earth has music for
those who listen."*

- William Shakespeare

*Center Harbor
Bandstand*



*Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. - Psalm 90:2*