

The United Church of Northfield, Northfield Vermont

If you are reading this you would probably like to know a little bit about us: The United Church of Northfield (UCN). As a congregation we are, first and foremost welcoming, and we invite you to look deeper into sharing your future with us. Despite the pandemic we have continued to focus on our collective vision, to lean into the invitation to look at where we've been and where we want to be going. The pandemic, in that way, has been a blessing for those seeking contemplative examination of their identity and future path.



We are looking for a full-time pastor who will share their experience and commitment with the congregation and the community. We, in turn, are committed to supporting the pastor in all ways to succeed, integrate and enjoy the experience of working with our congregation and our community.

Our church is in the center of Northfield's historic downtown overlooking the town Common. It's a short walk from the church and parsonage to schools, our town library, hiking trails, eateries, and an art shop, coffee shop, microbrewery, pharmacy, hardware store and a Farmer's Market. Northfield is committed to conserving our natural resources and making our town more accessible and safe for pedestrians, hikers and cyclists alike. As a community we care deeply for our most vulnerable members through a variety of volunteer support services, such as the Senior Center, Meals-On-Wheels, and CERV (our local food and clothing shelf).

During this time of personal exploration of faith and what it means to serve God's purpose, we have made many discoveries. Some of them we wish to leave in our wake like, fear of the future, worrying about finances, and falling into the mentality of "...that's the way it's always been done". There are also things we fiercely want to hold onto, like our commitment to being an Open and Affirming congregation, our federation of the United Church of Christ (UCC) and the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), placing value on beliefs different from our own, our music, social events, serving our community and our world, social justice, and supporting young families.

Over the last year and a half we have continued our Sunday services, in person when we could, and by Zoom when we couldn't. We even have a "coffee hour" by Zoom. We give thanks for the opportunity to bring God's word to our members and many visitors via modern technology. We also give thanks for the willingness of supply pastors to meet the technology head on, with us, and laugh at our bloopers! Together we've created a meaningful God-centered experience. We long to see each other in person, to hug one another, and offer each other the Peace. We wait and pray for that day.