

Community Church of Huntington – 2020 Profile

Christ Centered — Community Focused — Confirming Our Faith through Action



WORSHIP AND PROGRAMMING

The Community Church of Huntington (CCH) holds Sunday service at 9AM, with a children's program held at the same time. The membership of the church is presently about 36 active members, with weekly attendance at about 25-30. Those attending come from all walks of life, though we would like to have more families and youth attending. Some members work on the land, some are retired; there are those who work outside of Huntington and those who telecommute; there are teachers, workers in the medical field and office workers—in essence, we represent a cross-section of our community.

GOALS AND VISION FOR MINISTRY

WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF OUR CHURCH?

Our congregation prefers Bible oriented preaching. We present a welcoming atmosphere, where parishioners care for each other as a family. We will listen and consider other points of view in friendship and fellowship. Our members include talented people who serve with faith and enthusiasm. The church is also blessed with a strong sense of humor. CCH is the only church in town, which facilitates a strong sense of community, with townspeople using the building for different activities and participating in various church-sponsored events.



WHAT DO WE DO WELL

CCH provides a sense of community and a place for community activities. Annual money raisers include a Hunters Breakfast and the Huntington Race4Sundaes. We sponsor Neighbor Helping Neighbor (NHN), a fund that helps those in need in our community. NHN also includes a backpack program providing bags of food to children during school and summer vacation, and sponsors a 'Soup's On' evening that provides monthly free soup to residents, for pick-up or delivery. We also have an active prayer shawl ministry. We host monthly coffee hours after church as a special time for fellowship. Our annual Christmas Eve service is well attended and supported by the community.



We support each other and our community-at-large with prayer and comfort; we try to be tolerant of all opinions on controversial topics and don't commit to just one. We strive to warmly welcome everyone into our services.

WHAT ARE THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH

We need a pastor who preaches from the Bible, who is open minded and good at dealing with all kinds of people and philosophies.

We seek a pastor who will be visible in, and reach out to, our community-at-large. A number of parishioners have expressed a need for more social contact within our church.

We aspire to increase our membership. And, we need more help with our music worship program.



WHAT DO OUR NEIGHBORS NEED FROM US AS A CHURCH?

As the only active church in the town, we feel it is important for us to minister to all who need us within the Huntington area.

We feel we need to show the community more welcoming support, to show we feel a part of the town, and to encourage a caring outreach.

Our minister and membership should be willing and able to go out into the community with a welcoming and inclusive manner.

THE CHURCH PROPERTY

The Community Church of Huntington originally included two Churches--one in the Lower Village and one in the Center. The Lower Village Church was organized in 1863, but was sold and now serves as the town Library.

The present church property is located in Huntington Center, the "middle section" of town. The Sanctuary portion of the building was erected in 1861. An addition, called "the Annex", was built in 1985. It's used extensively by our church family and for town activities. During the past few years there have been several Bible study groups, however, pre-COVID, only one evening study was being held in the Annex. The new addition has a large meeting room, full kitchen, restrooms, hallway and closet on the first floor. There are church school rooms on the bottom floor which are used each Sunday for our Children's Program. There is also basement room for storage. Two gas furnaces heat the addition; a new oil furnace heats the sanctuary. Our church hires a custodian, who cleans once every other week. Maintenance and repair of the building has been ongoing as needed.

The sanctuary seats about 250 people, including the balcony. There is an organ and a clavinoia at the front of the church. Several talented members of our congregation volunteer to provide music during the services, with responsibility divided between them. We have both audio-visual and streaming capability for our services. There is no baptistery in the building, as baptisms are held in the Huntington River during summer months. The property is free from debt. This Church does not have a parsonage.



PASTORATE

Our four previous pastors were:

Rev. Lester Norton 1931-1938

Rev. James Struthers 1938-1965

Rev. Robert H. Martens 1965-2002

Rev. Larry Detweiler 2004-2019

Our interim pastor is Rev. David Wood (2019 to present)

AFFILIATIONS

We belong to the American Baptist Churches of Vermont and New Hampshire. We are a community church with diverse backgrounds unified in Christ. The church cooperates with programs involving other American Baptist Churches and churches of other denominations in the area

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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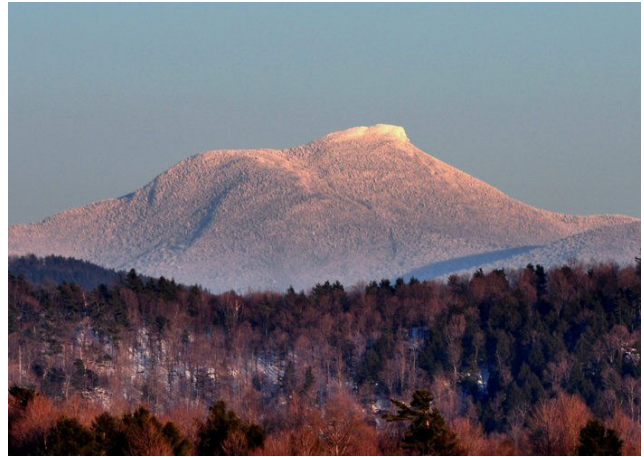
CCH Pastor search email : pastorsearchCCH@gmail.com

Information about moving to the State of Vermont: <https://www.thinkvermont.com/>

THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

Huntington is a small community of just under 2000 residents, located in the southernmost tip of Chittenden County. It is about 21 miles from Burlington, Vermont's largest city, where there is a State University, several smaller colleges, many arts programs, shopping centers and the University of Vermont Medical Center and Medical School. We are also 28 miles from Vermont's capital, Montpelier.

Huntington is part of Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District (MMUUSD), which is comprised of one separate preschool, five elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school serving Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill. Huntington students pre-K through 4th grade attend Brewster Pierce Memorial School in Huntington Center. Students in 5th through 8th grade attend Camel's Hump Middle School, one of the 2 middle schools in the district, which is located in Richmond (one town over). Mount Mansfield Union High School serves our students and is located two towns over in Jericho.



Huntington is home to a general store; post office; municipal services including the Town Clerk's office, Library, Highway Department, and Volunteer Fire and 1st Response; maple, milk, vineyard and organic vegetable farms; small trade businesses including auto repair, plumbing, electrical, excavating and landscaping services; and many artists and crafts people. The Audubon Nature Center and Birds of Vermont Museum are located in town. Opportunities for recreation are limitless, with many local and nearby ski areas, mountain bike trails, direct access to Camels Hump State Park, two community forests and a municipal recreation field. In nearby towns there are gyms, theatres, golf courses, Lake Champlain, and much, much more.

