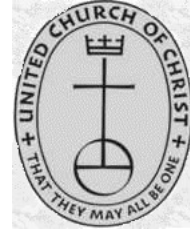




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Date: November 13, 2006

**PRESS RELEASE**

*for immediate release*

Attached photos by Ann Preston:

*A step forward: West Rindge Builders, led by Bill Harper, is now replacing the granite steps leading to the front entrance of Union Congregational Church on Concord Street.*

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## UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AWARDED GRANT BY ELLA F. ANDERSON TRUST

PETERBOROUGH, NH – A \$4,000 grant has been awarded to Union Congregational Church by Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., Trustee of the Ella F. Anderson Trust, in support of the church's improvement projects. Ella F. Anderson, late of Nashua, established the trust for the benefit of various protestant churches and non-sectarian organizations within the state of New Hampshire.

“We’re delighted to receive this grant and appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in submitting our proposal,” remarked church moderator, Cindy Woods. “The funds will be applied to our capital campaign, *Opening Doors to the Future*, to help cover the costs for strategic planning and technical assistance for forthcoming projects.” In the coming months, the church plans to engage the services of an architect, as well as structural, electrical, and acoustical engineers, to help members identify, prioritize and budget long-term capital improvements. Specific projects may include improving the accessibility of restrooms, upgrading the sound and electrical systems, providing classrooms with natural light; and enhancing the functionality of overcrowded meeting rooms. In accordance with the terms of the grant, the church will submit a final report detailing the use of the awarded funds by August, 2007.

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Union Congregational Church was built in 1839. In addition to being a historical landmark and a place of worship, the building is regularly used by a number of community organizations including: Alcoholics Anonymous for weekly meetings; American Red Cross for blood drives; Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) for blood pressure clinics; Monadnock Chorus for rehearsals; Peterborough Folk Music Society for concerts; and Peterborough Jazzercise for fitness classes. The church also hosts a number of ongoing activities such as free community suppers and adult education programs.

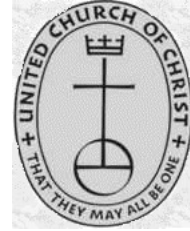
To date the church has raised \$400,000; 89% of its \$450,000 target goal. Individuals and organizations wishing to make a contribution may send a check payable to “Union Congregational Church – Capital Campaign,” to 33 Concord Street, Peterborough, NH 03458.

Union Congregational Church is a member of the United Church of Christ (UCC). Worship services are held Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM during the school year. For further information, please visit the church’s website, [www.uccpboro.com](http://www.uccpboro.com), or call 603-924-3272.

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Sandra Brown-McMullen  
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Dear Sandra Brown-McMullen:

Your letter dated November 1<sup>st</sup> was received with joy and gratitude. Thank you very much for your favorable and prompt reply to our grant application. We look forward to sending you a final report by August 2007 that will detail the use of your \$4,000 award in support of our improvement projects through our current capital campaign, *Opening Doors to the Future*.

Please find the enclosed press release announcing the grant award. As requested, we've acknowledged the source as "Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., Trustee of the Ella F. Anderson Trust." In addition to our local newspapers, we are sending it to the New Hampshire Conference, UCC, for publication in their bi-monthly newsletter, *The Quarry*. Copies of any published articles will be included with the final report.

In light of our grant award, members of our church would be interested to learn more about Ella F. Anderson, late of Nashua. Could you please send us further information, such as a copy of her obituary or a photograph, for our files?

Sincerely,

Cynthia Woods, Ph.D.  
Moderator

Rev. Polly H. Shamy  
Pastor