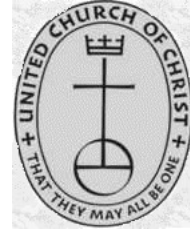




UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Attached photos by Ann Preston/Joe Shamy:

Opening Doors to the Future: *West Rindge Builders, led by Bill Harper, has installed new doorways and granite steps leading to the front entrance of Union Congregational Church on Concord Street. A special dedication service was held on June 3rd.*

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UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CONTINUES *OPENING DOORS TO THE FUTURE*

PETERBOROUGH, NH – After months of reconstruction work, the new doorways and granite steps leading to the front entrance of Union Congregational Church are now in place. “We’re delighted with the results,” exclaimed the Rev. Polly Shamy, Pastor. “Thanks to the efforts of our building committee, led by Dick Chamberlain and Margaret McCormack, and the craftsmanship of Bill Harper and his crew from West Rindge Builders, we now have a front entrance that complies with modern safety codes and also retains the historic integrity of the building’s architectural design.”

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 installing a new energy-efficient furnace, upgrading the sound and electrical systems, improving the accessibility of restrooms, providing classrooms with natural light and fresh air; and enhancing the functionality of overcrowded meeting rooms.

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

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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 over \$432,000; 96% 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. Summer worship services will begin at 9:30 AM as of July 1st. For further information, please visit the church’s website, www.uccpboro.com, or call 603-924-3272.

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