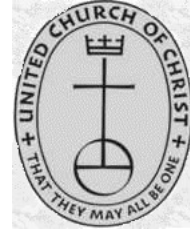




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## Union Congregational Church Awarded \$5,750 Grant from the A. Erland and Hazel N. Goyette Memorial Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

PETERBOROUGH, NH – The A. Erland and Hazel N. Goyette Memorial Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation – Monadnock Region has awarded a \$5,750 grant to Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ (UCC).

“We’re delighted to receive this grant and appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in submitting and reviewing our proposal,” remarked church moderator, Cindy Woods.

“The funds will be used to support Phase #1 of our project to improve the sound quality of Fellowship Hall for use by community organizations and the church.”

Specifically, the grant will be used to purchase and install 72 fire-rated, fabric-covered fiberboard wall panels that will improve the overall sound quality in the hall, per the recommendations of acoustical consultant Nancy S. Timmerman, P.E. of Boston. “As a result,” adds Rev. Polly Shamy, “hundreds of people who currently use Fellowship Hall any given week will benefit from the improved sound quality during lectures, musical or theatrical rehearsals and performances, or mealtime conversations during free community suppers.” In accordance with the terms of the grant, the church will submit a final report detailing the use of the awarded funds by November, 2008.

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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 Chamber Choir* for concerts; *Life Sharing Communities* for plays; and *Peterborough Jazzercise* for fitness classes. The church also hosts several ongoing activities in Fellowship Hall such as free community suppers and senior luncheons, adult education programs, and a children's summer theatre camp that benefit members and non-members alike.

The Goyettes were long-time local residents who established this fund “to benefit residents of the town of Peterborough...and for the support of projects which are intended to sustain and improve the quality of life in...Peterborough.”

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has been working to improve the quality of life in our communities since 1962. It builds and manages a collection of funds, currently totaling more than \$400 million, created by individuals, families and corporations for charitable purposes. In 2006, the Foundation awarded more than \$30 million in grants, initiatives and scholarships. Based in Concord, the Foundation serves communities through seven regions- Lakes, Manchester, Monadnock, Nashua, North Country, Piscataqua and Upper Valley. For more information, visit [www.nhcf.org](http://www.nhcf.org) or call (603) 225-6641.

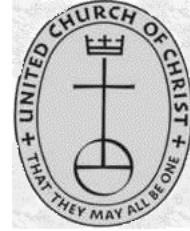
Union Congregational Church is a member of the United Church of Christ (UCC). Worship services are held Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM during the school year and at 9:30 AM during the summer. For further information, please visit the church's website, [www.uccpboro.com](http://www.uccpboro.com), or call 603-924-3272.

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December 2, 2007

Elizabeth C. Healy  
Senior Foundation Officer  
New Hampshire Charitable Foundation  
37 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Beth Healy:

Your letter dated November 29<sup>th</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 e-mailing you a final report by November 2008 that will detail the use of your \$5,750 award to support Phase #1 of our project to improve the sound quality of Fellowship Hall for use by community organizations and the church.

Please find the enclosed signed "Terms of Award" form and a copy of our press release announcing the grant award. As requested, we've acknowledged the source as the "A. Erland and Hazel N. Goyette Memorial Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation – Monadnock Region." 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 Mr. and Mrs. Goyette, late of Peterborough. Could you please send us further information you may have, such as a copy of their obituaries or a photograph, for our files?

Sincerely,

Cynthia Woods, Ph.D.  
Moderator

Rev. Polly H. Shamy  
Pastor

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