

Malletts Bay Congregational Church UCC

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WHO ARE WE?



Malletts Bay Congregational Church UCC (MBCCUCC) was organized in 1984. We were the first new UCC church start in Vermont in over 100 years. Our building was completed and dedicated on September 29th, 1991.

We are a small (32 members ranging in age from 50 to 89), committed Christian Church, worshipping God and ministering to the needs of the underserved in Colchester, surrounding communities and the world.

We welcome all who seek to strengthen their faith through worship, prayer, and service. Whether or not church life has been a part of your journey, you will be warmly received here. We long to make our family larger, and we strive to be more inviting. We wholeheartedly welcome families with children.

We celebrate our diverse gifts and seek God's guidance in our individual ministries. Here at MBCCUCC you find a loving family who loves God and loves people. We are committed to the UCC value of inclusiveness. We are an Open and Affirming Congregation.

We like to meet to be near God and each other, to sing Gods praises, to listen and learn God's word, We love to laugh and cry with each other and we support each other in times of need. We look forward to our time together every Sunday and linger over coffee and cake to truly enjoy each other's company.

We believe in the power of prayer. We pray for each other and the world, we want to know and share joys and sorrows. We take inspiration from the pastors' sermons and each other. We often feel the Spirit especially with music. We have heard visitors say there is a "good", "loving", "spiritual", "welcoming" feeling in the sanctuary and we feel it too.

Our faithful choir members sing anthems every fourth Sunday as well as throughout Lent and Advent. Our music team and guests provide accompaniment for hymns and often offer special music.

Our memorial garden offers a beautiful space for personal reflection and remembrance.

Our "Open Cupboard" food shelf is open every Saturday morning from 9:00 – 10:30 A.M. serving the local and surrounding communities, Holy Cross Housing Community and the Congolese congregation (who worships in our sanctuary Saturdays and Sundays). Open Cupboard is available to worshipers Sunday morning. The parents and staff of "ONE Arts Community School (who rent our lower level) can access the food shelf as often as they wish during the school week. Open Cupboard Food Shelf has expanded and has its own space in the back of the sanctuary. Community volunteers help with the food shelf.

OUR SANCTUARY AND MEMBERSHIP HAVE POTENTIAL

The sanctuary has been filled with community events and celebrations. Music performed in this space makes the sanctuary feel “alive” and “spirit filled”.

We share the sanctuary space frequently with ONE Arts Community School and are open to share the space with other groups. We could partner with other churches or non-profits. We want the church building to be a place of purpose and activity.

Major Capital projects have been completed – new carpeting, roof and interior painting, new furnaces and water heater within the last 6 years. The mortgage has been paid off. We have revised our by-laws and operate as Teams. Our 2026 budget was approved at our last Annual Meeting in January, and we are operating “in the black”.

WHAT QUALITIES DO WE WANT IN A PASTOR?

We would like a pastor who loves God and people, is involved in pastoral care, is good at initiating conversation with members and friends, is warm, friendly, fun, a good listener, and caring.

We would like their prayers and sermons to be relevant and heartfelt. They should be knowledgeable of helping agencies and willing to find resources and make community contacts.

This pastor would be able to work with technology to communicate and inspire and become known in the community. We would like a pastor who is willing to lead but also will encourage peoples’ use of their own gifts and talents.

We would like a pastor who is organized, willing to participate in congregational activities and who budgets time efficiently according to the hours given.

One member wrote, “I would like a new pastor who can center and ready the congregation for putting away the distractions of daily living and be open and calm for what God has in store for us in the upcoming worship service. I would like them to employ breathing and creative ways for leading people to be in the spirit of prayer and worship.

