

Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in our congregation. We'd like to share a little bit about Milford and the surrounding area, to help you become more familiar with the community where we live, work and worship.

Our meetinghouse is built from local granite. Years ago Milford was an active granite quarrying area. Many experienced granite workers came from Finland and Italy to find work here. Milford granite was sent far and wide and can be seen as paving stones on the streets of NYC and on the Treasury Building in Washington, DC (look on the back of a \$10 bill to see 30 columns from Milford). Only one quarry remains active, but our history gives Milford its nickname, "The Granite Town of the Granite State".

Our members come from Milford and the surrounding towns. Our public school system is joined by smaller private and charter schools and community colleges. The town has several well-designed and maintained parks for residents of all ages, with activities for all seasons, and a municipal dog park is in the planning stages. Milford also has plenty of farm and forest land within its borders, providing us with a wide variety of locally-raised and produced foods, extensive hiking and biking trails, and open space. Our congregation is located near the center of downtown Milford, nicknamed "The Oval". We have a small, but busy and popular public library and an assortment of unique breakfast and lunch spots, as well as some great restaurants for dinner.

We have a very good medical center in town, which includes an urgent care center, and a variety of excellent health care facilities are nearby, including two hospitals in Nashua. Many community organizations keep our members busy outside the church, forming a network of people dedicated to helping others, and we are interested in finding ways to do that work as a congregation as well. We have recently formed a partnership with Wilton Peace Action, and have been co-hosting climate change visibility actions in front of UUCM each week this fall. We will be co-hosting a vigil for the Sandy Hook anniversary in December.

We are close to Nashua and Manchester, the homes of two other UU congregations, and the largest cities in the state. We are just over one hour from Boston, one hour from the ocean, and one hour from the White Mountains (including the highest mountain in the northeast, Mt. Washington), making the Milford area a beautiful and convenient place to live and connect with nature, art, history, culture, and the wider Unitarian Universalist community.

We wish you the best in your search!

Many Blessings,

The Board of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Milford, NH