

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**We welcome you as a prospective or new member of the Sanbornton Congregational Church, United Church of Christ!**

Membership in our church is open to any person who has been baptized or has been confirmed. If you have not been baptized, you may be baptized before or on the Sunday when you are received into Church membership. If you are a member of another church, we encourage you to request a letter of transfer from that church.

Prospective Member gatherings, led by our pastor and one deacon, are offered three times annually, following Fellowship Hour on Sunday mornings. Anyone may attend these meetings, where you have an opportunity to learn about our church and our denomination, as well as ask any questions you may have. Before joining our church, we ask that you attend two Prospective Member gatherings.

Reception of New Members. Persons may become members of the Church by confession (for those who have never joined a church) or reaffirmation of faith. New members are received into church membership during a regular Sunday Worship service.

Full members of the Church gain the privilege of voting at Congregational meetings and serving as officers of Church boards and delegates to the Merrimack Association or New Hampshire Conference of the UCC. Associate Membership is also available if you wish to maintain membership in another church. Associate Members have all the privileges of membership except voting on disposal of Church real property.

Responsibilities: Members are encouraged to attend regularly the Worship services of the Church; to contribute to its support through time, talent and treasure; to participate in its ministries and activities, to promote the well being of the Church community and the world. Members may attend any meeting of the Church Council of any of the Boards or Committees except for Nominating, Pastoral Relations, Personnel or Search Committee.

Information. There are UCC membership brochures available in our Narthex and Sanctuary. For further information about our denomination, the United Church of Christ, please go to [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org), and for the UCC New Hampshire Conference: [www.nhcucc.org](http://www.nhcucc.org). If you would like additional information or would like to attend an upcoming Prospective Members gathering, please contact our Pastor (286-3018).