

# *Celebrations of Life*

(Memorial Service)

When a beloved one dies, whether it be a sudden unexpected death, or a lengthy illness that leads to death, the grief and sorrow that accompany can be so difficult. The United Church of Christ in North Hampton desires to be a community in which the lives of the saints might be honored and released to the loving care of God.

When a loved one dies, the pastor is available to families in grief. He is honored to meet with families to pray and plan Memorial Services, Celebrations of Life, and Graveside Committal Ceremonies. Most often, funeral homes will contact the church and communicate on behalf of a family who has lost a loved one about the details of a service or ceremony. The pastor then contacts the family to meet, pray, and plan.

*God is close to the brokenhearted  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit. -Psalm 34:18*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Do I have to be a member of North Hampton UCC to hold my loved one's service here?**

You do not need to be a member to have your celebration of life at UCC North Hampton.

### **What is needed to prepare for a celebration of life?**

The Pastor will arrange a meeting to sit with you to discuss the various questions about your desires for a service, including date, number of people expected, scripture preferences, hymn preferences, special music, readers, bulletin information, internment, etc.

### **What is the cost to hold a celebration of life at North Hampton UCC?**

There is a fee for the use of the sanctuary for non members (\$200).

Additional honorariums are required for the musician (\$200), the Pastor (\$300) and a cleaning fee (\$50)

### **Can I hold a bereavement reception after the service?**

Our vestry is available for use after a memorial service, which does include use of the kitchen and our tables and chairs. There are fees associated with using the vestry for non-members.

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd;*

I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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I DO NOT GIVE TO YOU  
===== AS THE =====  
**WORLD GIVES**  
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LET YOUR  
HEARTS BE TROUBLED  
&  
DO NOT BE AFRAID

JOHN 14:27

To schedule an appointment with our Pastor,  
Rev. Michael Gelsomini,

Please call 603-964-8687 x2

He will be happy to discuss your loved one's  
Celebration of Life.

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