
WISHEK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Mission Statement

We, the members of Wishek United Church of Christ,
proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and encourage discipleship by:

- involving people fully in worship and engaging their talents,
- reaching out to and welcoming newcomers to our community,
- and praying for one another and the world.

The Wishek United Church of Christ is a unique union of several churches of Congregational and Reformed traditions which came together in 1979. Our congregation provided leadership and resources to develop the Wishek Retirement and Nursing Home in the 1960's, a relationship which continues to have close ties as our pastors lead worship services and our members volunteer to help with activities at the Home. Our Adult and Children's Choirs sing for worship services and our Sunday School children present programs for the residents. Our Friendship Circle offers evening craft activities a couple times a year. These have become a big hit among the residents. Our Martha Ladies Aid helps with the craft activities and supports the resident's Annual Christmas Party.

Our ministry with children is an important ministry of our church. Vacation Bible School, held each summer, offers a wide outreach in our community. Dozens of children from the community participate in the week-long activities. Our Sunday School children sing in a choir and have been involved in several mission projects. Their mission projects have included Heifer International, Operation Christmas Shoeboxes, Church World Service school and health kits, coins for Tsunami victims, and the East Timor Education Fund. This past Christmas, our children packed big boxes with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items to give to needy families within our own community.

Our Youth traveled in June 2006 to Grand Bahamas Island for a week-long mission trip. 12 youth and 5 adults spent the week scraping and painting a church and homes which were damaged by Hurricane Wilma. In the afternoon, we led a Bible School program for the neighborhood children. We fell in love with the children and discovered that there is much poverty hidden away from the tourists who flock to the sandy beaches and brilliant blue oceans of this island.

Ecumenical relations are a priority for our congregation. Our pastors work with the other pastors in our community to provide services and programs to benefit all. In 2000, a Community Food pantry was started with monthly distribution of food boxes to needy families. The community's churches rotate delivering Meals-on-Wheels from our Senior Center to the homes of shut-ins and elderly. We have several community worship services during the year in which our pastors and Adult Choir participate. Our Choir is popular with its mix of gospel favorites and contemporary anthems.

In May 2003, our church dedicated a building addition onto the front of our existing facility. The addition included a larger fellowship space, bathrooms, elevator, and a Sunday School room. With the building addition and the installation of hearing assistant devises, our facility is becoming more handicaps accessible.



Worshipping, Welcoming & Working in Wishek.