## Fellowship and community activities.



The pandemic caused significant changes to what could be done in the community. The church has operated the town food bank for many years and has continued to do so through the pandemic as needs increased. In late 2021 the Hartford food pantry joined with us and we now operate as a single site



pantry for both towns. There is always an opportunity for volunteers to help with this effort.

Church suppers, the annual church picnic, beanhole suppers, and semi annual outdoor sales provide more opportunities for fellowship within the congregation and for outreach to the community.





## **Schedule and Activities**

Sunday worship 9AM Sunday night Bible study not yet resumed Monthly Community Suppers not yet resumed



And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with

your God. Micah 6:8



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## Congregational Church of East Sumner



We are a welcoming family of faith who proclaims God's love and grace in words and deeds, in covenant with each other and in service to the community.



All are welcome here!

## Who is the Congregational Church of East Sumner?

Thank you for joining us today! We are a community church that believes in the foundational principles of the Reformation – Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Christ Alone, Scripture Alone and All Glory to God Alone. One of our principles is that we welcome all to join us in worship and fellowship. This church is a safe and good place where all can find their church and community home.

**History.** The Congregational Church of East Sumner was established in 1802,



holding its first meetings in the Increase Robinson house when Sumner was a young town. The present building was built in 1883 when the congregation moved from Sumner Hill to the East Sumner village. As a congregational church, the church has been community focused and led while being part of the wider Congregational Movement and, today, the National Association of Christian Congrega-

tional Churches (NACCC).



For over 200 years this church has sought to proclaim the Gospel and witness to God in our midst. Congregational churches have a rich tradition dating to the Reformation and played a critical role in the development of the New England colonies.



While many years have passed since then, the Congregational Church of East Sumner continues to be a place where the community gathers for worship, fellowship and other activities. We seek to worship and glorify God while also lifting up each other and our community.



Today the congregation is comprised not

only of long time Congregationalists, but others from many other traditions. While each of us has his or her own relationship with God, corporate worship in church is important as we seek to continue on those individual faith journeys. We join together to continue the former traditions and to start new ones as the church continues in its third century of service to God and the community.



As the country recovers from the pandemic the church continues to offer worship, fellowship and service opportunities. Each Sunday following worship we have a period of fellowship in the Vestry. All Sunday worship materials are posted on our website. We hope to resume the adult Bible study program during 2022. Each year the church has an annual pie sale, annual Harvest Day and Spring Sales, summer beanhole suppers, and many other community and church activities.

