

**THE RUTHERFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**MISSION STATEMENT**

*As God's people we see our mission to be:*

**KEEPING FAITH** as expressed in....

Our reliance on the scripture and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The service of worship and the sacraments as held throughout the existence of the church –

Baptism and Holy Communion.

Keeping a healthy covenantal relationship with our denomination, the United Church of Christ.

Encouraging sound stewardship of our traditions, our people, our resources.

Providing Christian Education and nurture for people in all stages of their faith journeys.

Taking risks for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**REACHING OUT** as expressed in....

The support of community involvement through volunteerism.

Proclaiming God's presence by sharing our building and other resources with the Rutherford Community.

Involvement in interfaith ministries.

Awareness and involvement in our Church's wider ministry in the United States and around the world.

**WELCOMING ALL** as expressed in....

A nurturing fellowship that strives to be inclusive.

Pastoral care for the struggling.

The sharing of joys and concerns.

Actively bringing new people into the life of the church and saying good-bye to old friends.

Celebrating ourselves as God's children.