



Helping Hands volunteers are dedicated to providing support to the local community through outreach, social events and engaging programming while at the same time re-imagining the 1853 iconic White Church into a Round Pond community meetinghouse through a five phase restoration program

Community Support Committee

The Community Support Committee carries on the work started in 1969 by the founding members of Helping Hands to support and engage the entire Round Pond community with a special focus on those experiencing hardships, our older neighbors and those new to our beloved community. This work is accomplished in 3 ways:

Community Events

Lincoln Theater Fundraisers 4th of July Hot Dog Sale
Collaborating on Holiday Events Annual Ice Cream Social

Social Engagement

Community Coffees at The Ro Holiday Cookie Deliveries
Card/Gift Deliveries Monthly Community Meetings

Village Improvement

Spring Roadside Clean Up Seasonal Flower Boxes
Hanging Holiday Wreaths New Village Welcome Signs

Save the Dates

Community Meeting: Please join us on Thursday, June 25th @ 6PM at the Brown Church in Round Pond for an update on Phase 3 of the Meetinghouse restoration. Please bring your ideas about how you would like to see the building used

Building Programming Survey: In June, we will roll out an online survey for feedback on how you would like to see the Meetinghouse used - All ideas are welcome and encouraged

4th of July Hot Dog Sale: Due to the Meetinghouse construction, we will be holding our Annual 4th of July Hot Dog Sale on the Round Pond Green's front lawn

Fundraising Event with Heather Cox Richardson: We are excited to present our third fundraiser with Heather on Tuesday, July 28th at the Lincoln Theater. Details and ticket information to follow

Ice Cream Social: We will be hosting our Annual Ice Cream Social on the Round Pond Green's front lawn in August. Date to follow

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Building Committee

Since the acquisition of the Meetinghouse in 2021, The Building Committee has worked to assess the building's needs, engage architects/structural engineers and hire contractors specializing in historic restoration in an effort to bring this quintessential building back to its previous glory.

The five-phased restoration program is as follows:

✓	Phase 1 Completed 2023	Chimney removed New roof Electric brought up to code New sconces installed Structural plans completed	
✓	Phase 2 Completed 2024	Palladian window restored Steeple restored Facade restored Steeple and facade Painted	
	Phase 3 Beginning June 2026 Cost: \$187K	Restoration of the building's structural underpinnings New flooring Moisture remediation Sill restoration	} Total Phase 3 Project Cost = \$244K
	Cost: \$37K	20% Cushion for cost overruns	
	Cost: \$20K	Additional Sill Repair and Electrical work	
	Grant Dependent Work Cost: \$50K	Installation of a gray water system including excavation and retaining wall	
	Phase 4 Start Date: TBD	Interior plaster restoration Interior painting Installation of heat pumps Installation of composting toilets	
	Phase 5 Start Date: TBD	Exterior painting of remaining three walls and trim Landscaping	

With your generosity, we have successfully completed Phases 1 & 2

The initial estimate for Phase 3 is \$187K. Given the estimate is a year old and material/service costs have increased, we feel it is prudent to add \$37K (20%) for cost overruns. Approximately \$20K in additional rotted sill replacement and electrical work has been identified for a **Total Phase 3 Project cost of \$244K**. To date with your donations, Helping Hands has raised \$200K for this phase of the project. With your support of our Annual Appeal and our July fundraising event featuring Heather Cox Richardson, we remain optimistic we will meet the project budget and welcome people into the Meetinghouse in 2027.

Helping Hands has applied for a \$50K grant from the T-Mobile Hometown Grants Program which would allow us to accelerate/expand the installation of a gray water system. We hope to hear by the middle of summer. We are waiting with fingers crossed!