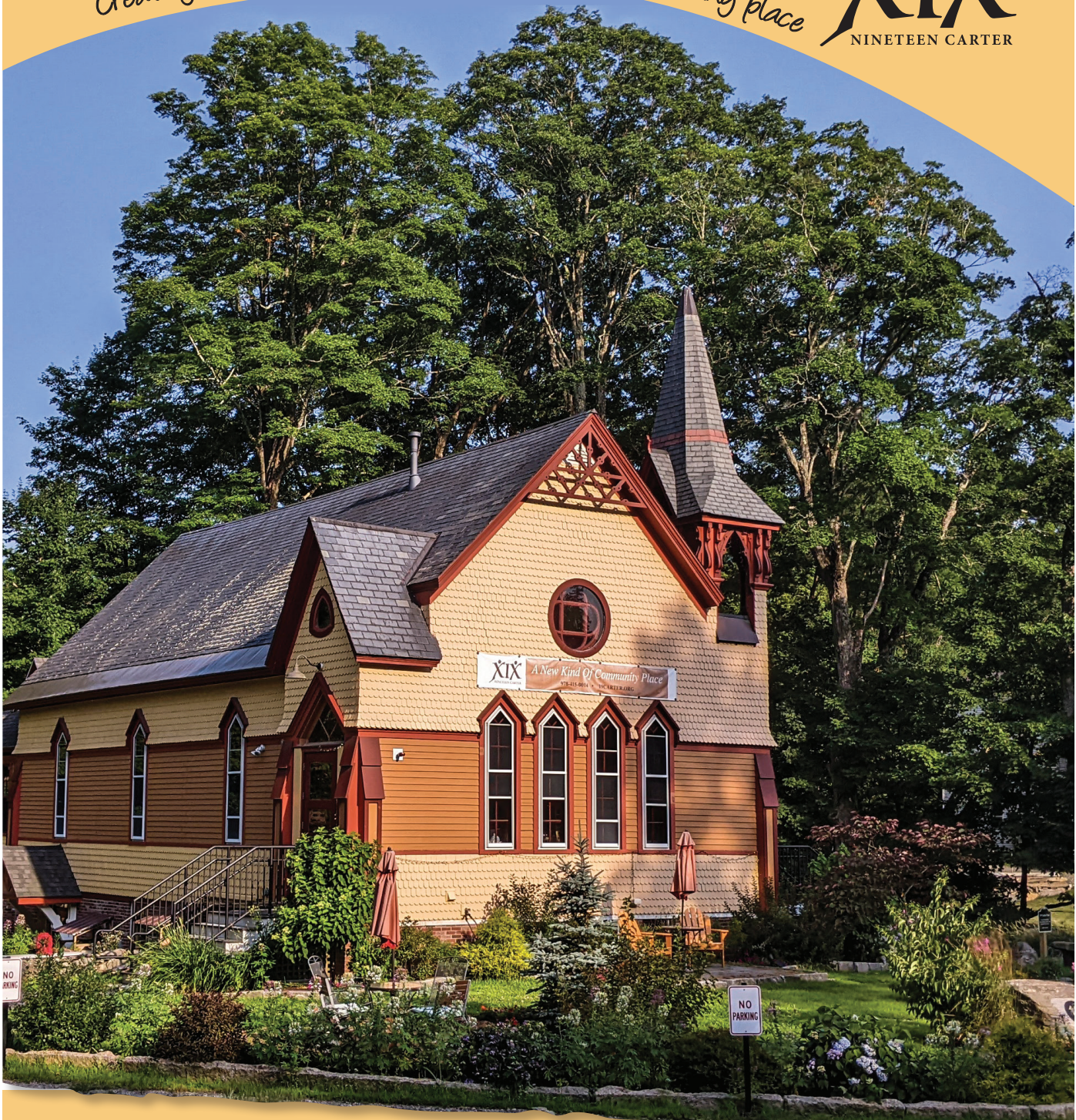


*Creating Conditions for Connecting: a unique gathering place*



**2025 ANNUAL REPORT**



## Dear Friends,

There are many beautiful stories behind the data and pictures you see in the following pages. And while the numbers are important, the stories of connection are the true measure of how we are meeting our mission to “create conditions for connecting.”

Our success has inspired community leaders in other towns to explore the reuse of historic buildings for arts and cultural gathering spaces. With support from The Greater Worcester Community Foundation, we hosted our 4th annual workshop for a dozen organizations in Massachusetts looking to learn from our model.

We were delighted to make the cover story in **Worcester Living Magazine’s** spring 2025 issue. And we were honored to

receive the “Good Neighbor Award” at the 38th Annual Champions of Arts Awards Ceremony in Boston this year. Dr. Tom Reynolds praised 19 Carter for its innovative approach to community engagement through the arts.



We are grateful to be doing this work of creating a warm, welcoming space for everyone. We hope that you will enjoy reading about the myriad of ways folks near and far connected with us this year at 19 Carter.

With good cheer,

**Evy Dueck**  
*Executive Director*

*It's an incredible community resource. It's what everyone needs.*





## We welcomed the public...

Mondays-Fridays from 9am-5pm  
& Saturdays from 10am-1pm

In all of **2025** there were only **21 days** when the building was not in use. We were open a total of **3,245 hours** — that works out to an average of about **62 hours** per week!

**Let's take a look at  
the year in review...**



## DAYTIME AT XIX CARTER

Daytime visits account for **9,907** of our total **16,516** visits for the year – just over **60%**.





### DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

**OPEN**  
M-F 9am-5pm SAT 10am-1pm  
**SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>A Politics-Free Tea Time</b> 2-4pm <i>Turn off your TV and stop by for 2 hours of pleasant tea, pleasantries, and no politics!</i>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Armchair Meditation</b> 8-8:30am	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b> 9am-12pm <b>Office Hours</b> with Melissa, 10-11am <i>Berlin Council on Aging Director</i> 1st & 3rd Wednesday	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Old Time Music Jam</b> 11am-1pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday <b>Irish Session</b> 7-10pm	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Afternoon Games</b> 2-4pm <b>Coffee Hour</b> 9am-12pm <b>Open Art Studio</b> 9am-12pm <b>Fiber Arts Group</b> 2-4pm	  
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Saturday Social</b> 10am-1pm <i>Stop by for baked goods and a friendly chat!</i>	

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“19 Carter changed my life! It’s my social outlet, a magnet to connect with people.”



## DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

- **Coffee Hours**
- **Tea Time**
- **Afternoon Games**
- **Armchair Meditation** led by Lisa Mair
- **Book Club** led by Ann Ribbens
- **Fiber Arts Group** led by Laura Busky
- **Veg Group** led by Dr. Michele Ricard
- **Open Art Studio** led by Ann Marie Hershberger
- The Carter Street **Hand Stitchers Club** led by Karen Pessia
- **Office Hours** with Senator Robyn Kennedy's Team
- **Office Hours** with Melissa Sargent, Berlin's Council on Aging Director



## EVENING & WEEKEND EVENTS

Evening and weekend visits accounted for **6,609** of our total **16,516** visits for the year – about **40%**. There were a total of **275** evening and weekend events, averaging **23** events each month. We hosted a variety of exciting events including...

- **7 Movie nights** sponsored by *Cordelia's Farm and Berlin's Council on Aging*
  - The Princess Bride
  - Chocolat
  - Bruce Almighty
  - Much Ado About Nothing
  - North by Northwest
  - A Complete Unknown
  - Shrek
- **The Manhattan Film Festival** - a screening of 10 short films
- **9 Open Mic for Comics** led by Mike Koutrobis and Anthony Eugenio
- **6 Sound Baths** led by Gina Cranford
- **4 History Matters** events
  - Berlin Here and There in the 1800s led by June Miller
  - The Birth of the Modern led by Dr. Matt McConeghy
  - Antique Wooden Clocks led by Ed Sterling
  - Telling Family History with Photographs led by June Miller
- **4 Armchair Traveler** presentations
  - Costa Rica with Bob McTague
  - Saskatchewan with Dave Curran
  - Appalachian Trail with George Brenckle
  - Thailand and Cambodia with Julie DeBenedictis
- **6 Series of workshops**
  - **6** Digital Literacy workshops in partnership with the Berlin Public Library, *sponsored by The Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs*
  - **5** Braver Angels workshops led by Lisa Mair and George Brenckle
  - **3** Nature Journaling sessions led by Ann Marie Hershberger
  - **1** Crystal Chime workshop led by Mary Cody
  - **19** Hands on Nature classes taught by Heather Simpson
  - 3-day Pendergast Science Camp



People connected over common interests - laughed, learned and celebrated during a variety of different gatherings including book talks, community events and more!

- Community **Crokinole** Party
- **Harvey Leonard's** talk on Climate Change
- **Book launches** and talks by Varla Ventura, Tony Beadle and John Hanson Mitchell
- **Dan Candell's** mind-reading show "*Going Mental*" and a conversation with him, "The Anxiety Relief Guy"
- **Jane Austen's** 250th birthday celebration - afternoon tea, music and a movie screening of the gothic tale *Northanger Abbey*

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Meet and Greet** with Melissa Sargent - Berlin's COA Director
- **A class visit** from students at Tahanto Regional Middle/High School
- **Berlin Lions** Senior Citizen Luncheon
- **A visit** from 3rd graders at Berlin Memorial School
- **4th Annual Workshop** for the Unique Gathering Places Cohort
- **Juneteenth Celebration** with presentation by award-winning author Dr. Barbara Paul-Emile
- **What's New** at Berlin's Council on Aging presentation
- **What's New in Berlin** by Berlin's Town Administrator Kristen Rubin
- A conversation led by June Miller honoring **Indigenous Peoples' Day**



- **Community Health Focus Group** led by the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health
- **Trick or Treat** on Halloween!
- **Managing Caregiver Burnout** presentation by Pamela Dussault
- 19 Carter tabled at **Tahanto Regional Middle/High School's Career Fair** and 8th Grade Transition to High School Evening
- **Private rentals** by community members for various uses such as birthday parties, album release parties, baby showers, life celebrations, and other gatherings

# MUSIC AT XIX CARTER

**SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES** Concerts were held Saturday evenings on the 19 Carter grounds **June 21 - August 16** (rain drove just 1 concert indoors!)

Sponsored by Northbrook Alpaca Farm, Golden Skep Flower Farm, Cordelia's Farm, RE/MAX Executive Realty, and the Berlin and Bolton Cultural Councils (local agencies funded by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency).

## INDOOR CONCERTS

- Guitarist **Carlos Odria**
- **St. Patrick's Day** Celebration

- Singer/songwriters **Mark Mandeville** and **Raianne Richards**
- **Boston Flute Academy**
- **Nolan Slate Jazz Ensemble**
- Singer **Bill Reidy**
- **Mark Russell Trio**
- **Blackstone Muleskinners**
- **Tall Travis** in memory of Tim Wohlhueter
- **Cameron Campbell Jazz Trio**
- **Dashing Rock Trio**
- **A Carter Street Christmas**
- **Worcester Men of Song**

**5th Summer of Outdoor Music**  
June 21 - August 16, 2025  
Saturdays 7-9PM  
- at -  
19 Carter  
Berlin, MA

**SOUTHERN RAIL - June 21**  
Southern Rail's concerts are high octane exuberant fun with stunning harmonies, irreplaceable good humor and sparkling banjo, guitar and mandolin. "First rate bluegrass, precise harmonies, sharp instrumental work soaring and lush." - Boston Herald **ONSITE VENDOR Clover Road Brewing**

**SMACK DABS - June 28**  
A group that brings the best of vintage 1930s blues back to the mainstream with jubilant fervor. "Joyous...danceable jazz" - The ArtsFuse **ONSITE VENDOR IEMMALLO WINE**

**440 JAZZ - July 12**  
440 expands the groovy jazz tradition of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli with swinging sounds of the 1930s and 40s. Their snappy, hot jazz will make you tap your feet and start dancing in no time! **ONSITE VENDOR Lost Shoe Brewing and Roasting Company**

**ROLAND & HIS ALL-STARS - July 19**  
All-star musicians led by Roland Cocabain deliver blues, swing and jazz featuring special guest, New Orleans trumpeter Doyle Cooper **ONSITE VENDOR Dingle Brewing Company**

**NEAL MCCARTHY & FRIENDS - July 26**  
Neal McCarthy, Seth Asker, Mark Russell and Kyle Spink return to the 2025 Summer Series. Their music covers folk, blues, country, weaves classic Dylan and Americana with backing instruments fiddle, mandolin and harmonica of Mark and Seth. **ONSITE VENDOR Clover Road Brewing**

**THE JIVE HEROES - August 2**  
Bringing together three talented Bay State musicians blending Delta, Country Blues, Americana, Funk, Soul and Rhythm & Blues. Aaron Fleming on guitar and vocals, Nicole Siska on bass, and David Nelson on drums. **ONSITE VENDOR Sterling Street Brewery**

**THE DUKES OF WINSOR'S - August 9**  
Featuring the best of Dixieland and Classic Jazz in the tradition of Dixie, Louis and the Duke played by a lively band on banjo, cornet, clarinet, guitar, trombone and tuba. **ONSITE VENDOR Dingle Brewing Company**

**LORI DIAMOND AND FRED ABATELLI - August 16**  
"Storytellers at heart, (Diamond and Abatelli) combine a beautiful classical piano and a warm-toned guitar to make music that seeps into the soul and permeates the senses." - Pulse Magazine [latimes.com](http://latimes.com) **ONSITE VENDOR IEMMALLO WINE**

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## ONGOING MUSIC EVENTS

- Wednesday night **Irish Sessions** with the Groton Session musicians
- Bi-monthly **Old Time Music Jams** run by Matt McConeghy
- Monthly **Jazz Jams** run by Ken Parrish
- Monthly **Open Mics** run by Lori Diamond and Fred Abatelli
- **Social Singing with Music Includes** run by Lori Diamond
- **Jazz and 'Not Just the Blues' Ensemble Workshops** run by Ken Parrish
- Monthly **Jazz Clubs**



## ART AT XIX CARTER

19 Carter supported local artists with a staffed space where they could display and sell their work. In **2025**, artists received **\$6,584** for work sold at 19 Carter. Stone carver Mark Smith added **2** more sculptures to the stunning **12** already there.

- **Holiday Show & Sale** by the Bolton Artisans Guild & Friends
- **Upstairs on the walls** - Art by Cheryl Sanders, Gautam Bhuva, Linda Brown, and Frank Drake
- **Downstairs on the walls** - Art by students from Tahanto Regional Middle/High School
- **Art for sale** by:
  - Judy Dempewolf, *pottery*
  - John Barrett, *silverware jewelry*
  - McKayla Carville, *hand-blown glass*
  - Acacia Way, *hand-blown glass*
  - Jeanne Kowal, *stained glass*
  - AJ Moses, *handcrafted woodwork*
  - Mary Cody, *jewelry*
  - Cheryl LaRobadiere, *fiber pieces and jewelry*
  - Cheryl Sanders, *art cards*
  - Joe Iandiorio, *art cards*



## VOLUNTEERS

We could not manage without our volunteers and program providers! There are **69** active volunteers that take care of a myriad of tasks including event and concert assistance, flyer distribution, building and grounds maintenance, front desk support, tea and coffee service, bookkeeping, copy editing, indoor plant care, hospitality, graphic design, repairs, lawn mowing, snow removal, trash and recycling, tech help, dish washing, cleaning, organizing closets, and more!

Of the volunteers listed below, **14** are program providers - people who run and organize ongoing programs at 19 Carter as volunteers. We are grateful to them as they allow us to keep the costs of attending programs accessible to all!

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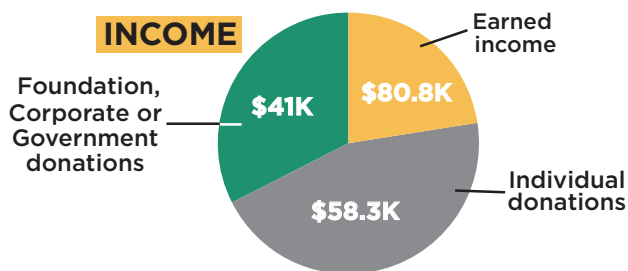
**“Volunteers and staff were so kind and gracious and helpful.”**





**T**HANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! The **cost** of running 19 Carter in 2025 was **\$180,200**. We covered the cost with **income** as follows:

- **\$80,800** in **Earned Income** - tickets sales, “pay what you can” donations for activities/programs, and space rentals
- **\$58,300** in **Individual Donations** - from 173 donors in 2025
- **\$41,100** in **Foundation, Corporate or Government Donations** - from 29 organizations in 2025 (*see next page*)



In **2008**, we were granted nonprofit 501(c)(3) status by the IRS under the name Old Methodist Episcopal Church of Berlin, Inc. and, since **2015**, have been doing business as - d/b/a 19 Carter. Tax ID #30-0515317

## PRO BONO SERVICES AND MATERIALS

We are grateful to the many individuals and companies that also support us with professional services and donated materials. We estimate the value of these donations in **2025** was **\$125,000**.

## Committed to keeping 19 Carter financially accessible to all

Our mission to “create conditions for connecting” relies on the support of those who can contribute monetarily and with services or goods. This generosity allows us to welcome everyone with our “pay what you can” policy, offer many free events and keep ticket prices low.

## ENDOWMENT FUND

19 Carter holds its endowment fund at the **Greater Worcester Community Foundation** in order to benefit from



the successful and secure management of their experienced financial investment team.

A gift to the Endowment Fund will help to ensure the long-term future of 19 Carter. We deeply appreciate those able to support 19 Carter in this way.

Visit **19Carter.org** to learn more.



**T**hank you to all of the people and businesses who connected with us in 2025! We appreciate the generosity of time and money from everyone who was able to contribute in 2025 to help keep this very unique gathering place going.

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