

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HANCOCK, MAINE AND  
UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ELLSWORTH FALLS, UCC

PROSPECTUS

for a Full-Time, Shared Ministry



Hancock UCC



Ellsworth Falls UCC

**Our communities:** Ellsworth Falls and Hancock are communities located within 10-15 minutes of Ellsworth, Maine, one of the fastest growing cities in the state. With a population of over 7500, it is home to many restaurants, antique shops, eclectic stores, theater, galleries, along with staples such as groceries and building suppliers, a hospital with emergency services and a dynamic combination of higher education and community extension services. Ellsworth is only 30 minutes from Acadia National Park, one of the most visited national parks in the country. The surrounding region abounds with natural beauty and opportunities for hiking, swimming, fishing, hunting, biking, and much more. The local economy has a rich history of fishing, lobstering, forestry, granite quarrying, blueberry harvesting, and wreath making.



City of Ellsworth



The Town of Hancock is the home of the Monteux School of Conducting. It harbors a highly regarded grammar school, many unique businesses and restaurants as well as a thriving summer community and a working/recreational harbor.

Ellsworth Falls is a village located within the city of Ellsworth and is named for the nearby falls of the Union River. The village is rooted in Ellsworth's logging and hydro-power history and yet lies within the city, near all the local amenities including the YMCA, library, Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary and two museums; the Woodlawn Museum, Gardens & Park and Telephone Museum.



Lupine Field



Prospect Harbor Lighthouse



Prospect Harbor



Schoodic Point from Mount Desert Island

The people of our communities are a unique blend of economic, educational, and employment diversity. Hardworking families, a multi-generational heritage, and retirees all serve a community passionate about volunteerism, supporting one another and offering care and compassion to strengthen close-knit relationships.

Both congregations benefit from attendees who travel from dozens of area communities.



**Our congregations:** Both congregations have long histories. UCC of Hancock was founded in 1940. The Ellsworth Falls congregation was founded in 1874. Both congregations are stable in membership, with a gradually increasing percentage of retirees and a seasonal influx of summer members and attendees. Younger families are a small but slowly growing portion of both congregations. Both are open and affirming congregations, with a wide variety of backgrounds and religious histories in our members. Both congregations value the Sunday worship experience but also the church family and interaction with our greater communities during the week. We have a history of potluck dinners, bean suppers (a New England tradition) and involvement with area agencies such as food pantries, weekend food programs for school children, and Habitat for Humanity. Individual members of our congregations have been involved in numerous service organizations and activities in Hancock County and the wider community.

Music is a significant part of worship for both churches, with active adult choirs, and a seasonal bell choir at the Hancock church.

The Hancock church owns a parsonage, located across the street from the sanctuary, which has 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. The parsonage is available to a new minister and family if desired.



Hancock Parsonage

**Our Pastoral Needs:** Both congregations recently decided to join forces in seeking a full-time minister to serve both churches, and in fact are currently sharing the same minister as an Interim Pastor in Ellsworth Falls, and Designated Pastor in Hancock.

It is our hope that the next minister will partner with us to not only stabilize but grow our congregations and increase our positive impact on our communities. We value inspirational preaching, skills in working with and developing lay leadership, and involvement in the greater community.

**Resources:**

Hancock UCC website: [www.hancockucc.org](http://www.hancockucc.org)

Ellsworth Falls UCC website:

Maine Conference, United Church of Christ – [www.maineucc.org](http://www.maineucc.org)

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