

First Congregational Church Prospectus



Ellsworth with population of approximately 7,500 is considered the gateway to Downeast Maine. It is the political, social and economic seat of Hancock County. It is one of the two or three counties in Maine experiencing population growth. It is becoming more racially and culturally diverse. Hancock County's economy is rooted in agriculture, government & non-profit services, fishing/aquaculture, biomedical research, forestry, education, commerce, healthcare and tourism. Ellsworth is located on the Maine Coast near Acadia National Park, which provides for year-round outdoor activities, including boating, hiking, biking, cross country skiing, swimming, fishing, camping, bird watching, night sky watching, snowmobiling and ATVing on the Sunrise Trail. Cultural activities include mainstream and boutique shopping, diverse restaurants, active theater communities, art galleries, microbreweries, antique shops, the Ellsworth Rotary Club, Lions, Mason, Shriner and other fraternal & civic organizations.

The First Congregational Church of Ellsworth is a 190-year-old Greek revival building that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It stands visually prominent in the center of town across from the Ellsworth City Hall.



Our church family consists of 120 members plus a radio audience. It reflects the traditional Maine culture. Over the past several decades the median age of our congregation has risen, therefore there are fewer young families and children. We are an aging but energetic congregation that is passionately committed to seeing our church not just survive in the community but thrive in the world. We struggle with how this might happen, as we sometimes disagree, but strive to be engaged in an ongoing process of discernment about who and what God is calling us to be.

Our church family is strong and we endeavor to take care of one another and our local community. In addition to meeting each other's spiritual needs, we also sponsor The Welcome Table, a monthly church dinner, The Children's Group, AA meetings, volunteer at the Emmaus Center and the Loaves and Fishes food pantry. On a larger scale the church is involved with a bi-annual medical mission to the Dominican Republic.

Our highest priority is a strong faith-filled leader for our weekly Sunday worship service and someone who will help the church find its meaning and purpose in the world today. A pastor who will deliver meaningful sermons that are inspirational, motivational and have real life application. We are looking for someone who can and will enthusiastically encourage local outreach and mission work through active participation with our church community. Our new pastor will support and build on our strong musical tradition and exhibit strong leadership skills with enthusiasm. We are looking for leadership that can promote growth for our church and diversify our membership as expressed in our church's Statement of Purpose: "To strive to build on commonalities while seeking to understand, accept and celebrate our differences."

In conclusion, it is our hope that our congregation will partner with our new pastor to promote the Word of God and a sense of Love within ourselves and the greater community.

Look for us on Facebook or at the following websites

<http://ellsworthucc.org/>

<http://www.ellsworthmaine.gov/>

www.ellsworthchamber.org

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