

# UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HANCOCK, MAINE

## PROSPECTUS

for a Full-Time Ministry



Hancock UCC

**Our community:** The Hancock community consists of coastal villages, a quaint town center, and several small businesses and restaurants. Our church community is made up of people who live within a 30 minute radius. The town of Hancock has a population of 2394 which increases markedly in the summer.

Hancock is located within 10 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. Other local amenities include the YMCA, a large library, Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary, two museums, the Woodlawn Museum, Gardens & Park and the Telephone Museum. Ellsworth and Hancock are only 20-30 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.



Ellsworth Main Street



Ellsworth Town Hall



Town Office, Hancock



Tidal Falls Preserve

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.



Lupine Field



Mount Desert Island from Schoodic Point

The people of our community 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.

Our congregation benefits from attendees who travel from dozens of area communities.

**Our congregation:** Our church has a long history, founded in 1940 and stable in recent 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 our church family. We are an open and affirming congregation, with a wide variety of backgrounds and religious histories in our members. We value the Sunday worship experience but also the church family and interaction with our greater community 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 congregation have been involved in numerous service organizations and activities in Hancock County and the wider community.

Music is a significant part of worship for our church, with active adult choirs, and a seasonal bell choir.

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



Hancock Parsonage

**Our Pastoral Needs:**

It is our hope that the next minister will partner with us to not only stabilize but grow our congregation and increase our positive impact on our community. 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)

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

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