

PRIDES CORNER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WESTBROOK, MAINE

Established 1909



Westbrook – A Dynamic Community

Our small city is a revitalized mill town with a new River Walk along the Presumpscot River that flows through the heart of the city, walking trails in the Prides Corner/Duck Pond area (near the church) and a great Little League complex. Westbrook is a diverse and vibrant community that is expanding and inclusive. The newest attraction currently under construction in Westbrook is Rock Row, which will include retail, restaurant, commercial and residential spaces. This site will feature The Maine Savings Pavilion, an amphitheater hosting 8,200. Our city borders Portland, Maine, named the “2018 Restaurant City of the Year” by Bon Appetit magazine and ranked “Best City in the Nation for Working Women” in 2019 by Business.org . We are minutes from the ocean, one hour from the mountains, and two hours from Boston, MA. We are a safe place for families and are welcoming to all.



Be the Church



The people of Prides Corner Church are some of the most welcoming and caring people in our community. Recent guest pastors have complimented us on how we operate as a family, extend a Christian welcome for all, and how they have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Children are an integral part of our church family. They participate regularly in our services and music ministry. On any given Sunday, you can expect to hear a multitude of joys and concerns shared with one another and genuine conversations during coffee hour as we offer support and share in celebrations. Being together to celebrate our faith and commitment to the church is a true joy. A seasoned guest pastor has said, "Prides Corner is one of the top 2 churches that I have served in during all the years of my ministry."

We have lived through several cycles of change in recent years, and in doing so have shown our ability to effectively communicate and work collaboratively to achieve desired outcomes and position ourselves for growth into the future. The members of our congregation are willing to share the work of ministry by conducting lay-led church services when the need arises. Over the first 5 months of this year, while we have been without a settled pastor, there have been 5 services led by members of our church, including a Good Friday service.

We often work on several outreach projects simultaneously. For instance, this spring, to support the food insecure within our community, we collected peanut butter and jelly for school children and their families during school vacations, and collected food items for the local food pantry. In addition, we collected personal items and Mothers' Day gifts for a local women's shelter.



Paul, our music director, is full of energy, enthusiasm and filled with the Holy Spirit. He is a true gift. Under his direction, the music ministry has expanded to include a choir, a string ensemble "The Prides Corner Pickers," guest musicians, and a newly formed bell choir. Engaging and collaborative, he works closely with pastoral leadership to select music that enhances the worship experience.



Welcome Home



Welcome home! Come hear the laughter, feel the spirit, see the joy, “taste the treats”! Join our family and work collaboratively with the congregation to extend our reach within the community and help us grow and thrive as children of God.

Experience the Holy Spirit in all the ways we seek to share God’s love, from worship participation and supporting our members to community outreach and volunteerism. We are moved to action. We hope you will be too. Our seeds are planted, come grow with us.

