High Street Congregational Church Prospectus



High Street Congregational Church is located in the central Maine City of Auburn. Our community is economically and ethnically diverse.

High Street has been part of life in Auburn since 1826. The historic 1860 sanctuary was destroyed by fire in 1985 and rebuilt in 1987. The building is fully accessible and has offices, meeting rooms, classrooms and a commercial kitchen. Our building is the home to many community ministries. With two other churches High Street is the home of a food pantry serving sixty families a week. Our building is the home of the Auburn Community Band, an English as a second language class for new Mainers, a Tai Chi group, the sit and knit fellowship and family game nights. We hold monthly community suppers to feed our neighbors, and welcome all in our worship and fellowship. Our pastor conducts bi-monthly non-traditional worship on Sunday evenings. The entire building is handicap accessible.



Our open and affirming congregation has members from all walks of life. Some have been part of the High Street family for more than half a century, others are newly arrived in the United States. We have a small but vibrant ministry for children and youth with dedicated leaders.

Our church has 155 covenant members, although our active membership is smaller. Lay leaders work cooperatively to build consensus when big decisions must be made. We are committed to respectful and effective communication and treasure each member of our family.

Auburn, and its adjacent sister city Lewiston, form the second largest population area in Maine. Auburn is a forty-five minute drive from Portland, the coast and many hiking and skiing opportunities in Western Maine. There are local opportunities for outdoor recreation at lakes, parks and nature preserves in the Auburn/Lewiston area. We have a vibrant community theater, and a professional theater. Artists and scholars with a national reputation visit our community through sponsorship from Bates College. We have good schools and access to excellent health care facilities.





During the interim time we seek a pastor who will lead us in worship, assist us in planning our future as we work to discern our calling in a changing community and world. We wish to minister to those in our church family in need of a helping hand and pastoral care. We need to determine how best to use our human resources to do God's work in our community, and show God's love to our neighbors.

Additional information about High Street can be found at: <u>www.highstreet-ucc.org</u> or

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