

Pastoral Search

Who is Casco Village Church?

Casco Village Church UCC is a community-based church found in a small, rural town along Rte. 121 in Casco, Maine. We are located in Western Cumberland County, a mile from Oxford County, and our neighboring towns are Raymond, Poland, Otisfield, Naples, and Harrison. Our friends, guests, and members travel from all directions to support and be a part of our services, fundraising events, and traditional activities. Our great hall and sanctuary offer views of Pleasant Lake, Parker Pond, and Mt. Quito. A large part of who we are is our community outreach and support. We have a finely tuned food pantry that operates under our sanctuary and great hall.

We hold community events and fundraisers including our Saturday night suppers once a month and host annual July Open Air Fairs held in partnership with our famous Casco Days! We conduct blood drives in our great hall and clothing giveaways from our clothing closet for anyone to use. Our prayer shawls are handmade, blessed, and given out in emergencies when healing and caring is essential. Christmas in the Village is another seasonal event and fundraiser that sparks community joy with all its vendors, special gifts, Christmas/wreath decor, and scrumptious goodies! New in 2023, is a yoking agreement with our cherished East Raymond Chapel, making our partnership official after over 20 years of pastoral care. This sacred Sanctuary building is on the National Historical Registry and has recently been updated and repaired with extreme love and dedication. It has taken substantial time and financial investment but our beloved building is finally done!

Casco Village Church United Church of Christ Mission Statement

As an open and affirming church, we welcome all people.

We are called together to celebrate God's presence in our lives.

Guided by the life and teachings of Jesus, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to build a world of peace and justice for everyone.

Open and Affirming Statement

We the members of Casco Village Church United Church of Christ believe that God calls us to love our neighbors as we would want to be loved. Jesus teaches us to welcome all God's children into God's covenantal community. The Casco Village Church, United Church of Christ embraces diversity and affirms the dignity and worth of every person, all created in the image of God. We honor the principal that discrimination is compatible with Christ's Gospel of unconditional love. We welcome into our membership and participation in the Body of Christ persons of every race, gender, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, economic, status family structure, and faith background. We welcome all to share in the worship, life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, mission, and stewardship of our congregation. We therefore proclaim the Casco Village Church United Church of Christ to be an Open and Affirming church inviting all to join fully in celebrating the Glory of God.

(Approved by vote of the congregation June 15, 2008).

What type of work do we want to accomplish during the designated period?

During this period, we wish to accomplish a few things. One is to help assist with the grieving process of our long-term and beloved pastor who is currently retiring, so that we can move ahead with renewed confidence and dignity. Another goal is to maintain and expand our engagement with church members as well as our community involvement with our suppers, fairs, and youth. We plan on reinstating our Sunday school classes to their full capacity along with filling our church pews back to where they were before the pandemic. We also hope to find our permanent Pastor and continue Live-Streaming our church services.

What attributes would make someone a good candidate for the congregation?

We are looking for a lively and energetic pastor that can help us grow our church back. A person who is committed to building relationships within the church and the community would be ideal. This congregation would enthusiastically welcome someone who is warm, caring, and compassionate! We are hoping to find a pastor who not only enjoys leading our church services but also likes being involved in multiple aspects of our church life. Someone with natural social abilities and social skills would be an asset as well. Our congregation would benefit and appreciate a leader that can capture their attention with their open, playful, and/or young at heart type of spirit. We need someone who is able to cover both of our church services for a period of 13 weeks in the summertime.

Thank you so much for considering our fun and loving church and we look forward to meeting you!

Interim Minister and/or Designated Minister budget for a full year

Salary	\$48,000.00
Housing	30,000.00
Health, Dental, Life and Disability	7,000.00
Retirement	3,000.00
Mileage	1,500.00
Professional costs	1,000.00
	\$90,500.00

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Christmas in the Village



East Raymond Chapel



Open Air Fair



Hunger Walkers



Christmas Concert



Casco Days



Saturday Supper

