

# Local Church Profile



## Weld Congregational Church

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## Job Description

We are currently looking for a part-time Pastor. The duties of this position include preaching and evangelism, visitations (elderly, nursing home, non-attending members, non-members), sit on the Diaconate and the Church council, lead Bible study and be willing to work with our youth.

We would prefer an ordained pastor but would consider a spirit-filled Lay Pastor willing to work toward ordination. Special skills required are knowledge and belief in the Bible as God's Word., leadership ability, self-secure and dynamic preaching. Counseling skills are helpful. Singing ability is very much appreciated!

### Salary and Compensation:

Salary: \$15,886.00 (Quarter-time \$ 305.50 per Sunday)

### Additional Allocations:

Travel to Conference meetings  
Mileage  
Retirement  
Other items may be negotiated

## Statement of Covenant

Recognizing the duty and the privilege of uniting ourselves for Christian fellowship, the public worship of God, and the advancement of his Kingdom, we solemnly covenant and agree with one another to associate ourselves to be a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We devoutly acknowledge our dependance upon God the Father Almighty and hereby confess our faith in Him and His Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We promise to follow Christ, to labor together for the coming of His Kingdom, and to walk in love with one another and all men.

The Congregational Church of Weld was first organized on August 1, 1809, with eighteen members. In November, 1826 the sum of \$ 920.00 was subscribed in addition to materials necessary for the building of the church on Center Hill. The Church was then moved from Center Hill to its present location on Church Street.

## Buildings

Our beautiful old Church was built in 1828. The Church seats approximately 150 people. It consists of a large Sanctuary and Narthex on the first floor. Downstairs is a Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Bathroom and Furnace Room. The chair lifts are available to take those who need assistance between floors. The upper level is the bell room and storage with stairs to the Steeple to access the bell.

## Weld Village

Weld is a small but ever-growing community located on the shores of beautiful Webb Lake, surrounded by several well-known mountains, including Mt. Blue and Tumbledown. The small close-knit community that more than doubles in numbers during the summer reaching over 2,000 people. Unlike many Maine Communities, the influx of summer residents and visitors, many who own property in town, is accompanied by a closeness between sectors. The people of Weld have varied cultural backgrounds, ranging from natives to out-of-staters to international. The blending of backgrounds results in a more well-rounded adaptable community. The sons and daughters of Weld, although they leave for education or more exciting places, invariably they return to Weld so that the Town remains widespread as to age.

Weld is home to one of Maine's well-known state parks, Mt. Blue State Park, which draws people to Weld from every part of the nation to camp and enjoy the outdoors. Majestic Mt. Blue is a scene of beauty with year-round hiking in winter and summer. People come from near and far to hike Tumbledown Mountain year after year! A very active recreation organization provides activities corresponding to the season for the children and adults to enjoy. Skating, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing prosper in times of snow and ice while swimming, baseball, tennis rule, as well as many other activities in the summer. Dummer's Beach Campground has hosted many summer vacationers, camping on the shores of Webb Lake.

## Summer Camps

Camp Kawanhee for boys, a private boys' camp, has a tremendous impact on the Town in July and August. Besides the camp, Kawanhee Inn provides good food. Camp Lawroweld, located on the west shore of Webb Lake is the host camp for the blind each summer.

## Organizations

Weld has many active groups and organizations to keep you busy throughout the year!

Weld Recreation  
The Weld Winter Wildcats Snowmobile Club  
Weld Historical Society  
Webb Lake Association

Weld Congregational Church Aide  
Masonic Lodge  
Volunteer Fire Department

## Work Opportunity

Most of the people of Weld must travel to other communities for work since Weld is so small. However, the job opportunities in the surrounding communities are excellent as well as being quite varied. Weld is within a short travel distance, approximately twenty miles of Rumford, Wilton, Jay, Farmington and Livermore. With a bit more traveling, Rangeley, Waterville, Skowhegan, Augusta, Auburn or Lewiston may be reached. For those who like to travel, Portland and Bangor are approximately two hours away by car.

## Education

The educational opportunities available are extensive with Weld being part of the regional educational system. Children from Pre-K through grade six attend school in Wilton. Children in grades seven through twelve attend school in Farmington. Adults can also participate in a diploma program or special interest night courses offered through the Adult Education Program. The University of Maine at Farmington offers day and evening classes.

## Library

Weld residents and visitors also have a wide resource of books made available to them through the various libraries in the area. Weld has its own well-stocked library which when established in 1905 gave Weld the distinction of being the smallest Maine community to have its own public library. Farmington, Wilton and Rumford also have libraries open to Weld people, as well as the University of Maine at Farmington.

## Fire Department

Weld has a very well-organized Volunteer Fire Department and EMS unit. We rely on their expertise to put out all kinds of fires and help when first aid is needed.

## Medical

Although Weld has no medical facilities of its own, we do have our own First Responders to respond to your emergency while waiting for the ambulance to arrive. Fast, expert care can be received in Farmington or Rumford when necessary. MaineHealth Franklin Hospital is located in the Town of Farmington and Rumford Hospital is located in the Town of Rumford.

Weld is a very privileged town to have so much scenic splendor accompanied by an inner beauty found within the people of Weld. This beauty is often expressed through varying talents and skills such as painting, writing, landscaping, woodworking and other crafts. Violinists, organists, guitarists, singers and musical knowledge of other types also abound in Weld, making a truly harmonious town in which to live.

