

Hancock Church: Together in Faith, Community and Action

The staff and congregation put your gifts to work over the past year, changing the world through love, compassion, and courage. Here are just a few examples:

Worship and Music

- Hancock offered nearly 80 worship services throughout the year, from Sunday morning worship to Worship at the Well to special services like Blue Christmas and Ash Wednesday.
- Our ministers led a number of memorial services providing families and friends with the opportunity to grieve, pray, and remember, together.
- Fueled by the generosity of the congregation, we began construction in the sanctuary to make the chancel accessible and to refurbish our beautiful worship space.
- We welcomed Anine de Grood as pastor to fill in while David Clark took a well-deserved sabbatical.
- We also celebrated a number of baptisms, welcoming many little ones into the Hancock family.
- Our two handbell choirs, totaling more than 30 ringers, provided music every month for worship, while in June the choir treated the congregation to a “Moravian Love Feast” of hymns and anthems in the tradition of the communal meals of the early church.



Education and Faith Formation

- Church School was held on 36 Sundays, with ten children actively participating. Child care was also provided for four younger children so their parents could attend worship.
- A generous gift allowed us to hire Harriet Lindeman as our Director of Youth Programs and Outreach, a much needed and welcomed new permanent position.
- Our ministers led more than 40 Pastor’s Classes, sharing questions, discussion, and reflections with attendees, while deepening friendships as well. Book groups during the year examined thoughtful topics, and during Lent David Clark led a group through a reading and examination of the New Testament.
- We teamed with UCC Burlington, led by our former seminarian Andrew Harris, to offer a joint confirmation class, including a fall retreat in Charlton, Mass.





Mission and Justice

- The congregation, through its weekly plate offerings and operating budget, provided over \$70,000 to more than 20 mission partner organizations doing God's work in the world.
- The Interfaith Garden, tended by volunteers from Hancock and other faith communities, grew and delivered more than 1,600 pounds of produce to the Lexington Food Pantry for distribution.
- In Hancock's second year of leadership of Coat Boston and the Holiday Shop, our team coordinated the donation and distribution of 1,700 coats and hundreds of toys and other gifts for Boston children in need.
- Congregation members assembled 20 "Backpacks for Babies" full of essential baby supplies for young refugee parents for distribution by the Brazilian Worker Center in Allston.
- Our ministers joined with other area clergy to initiate "Prayers for Liberty", launched with a public letter on April 18 and followed by marches from Lexington to Boston in June and September, to protest the erosion of our democratic freedoms. A number of church members also stood outside the church on April 19 to bear witness to our values during the 250th celebration.
- We celebrated the "graduation" of families in La Concepcion in Honduras who have completed Sustainable Harvest International's 5-year training in sustainable farming methods, made possible by Hancock's financial commitment.

Community

- Many in-person events, such as potlucks, Hancock Grills, Hancock Gathers Together dinners, Palm Sunday Brunch, an Easter Sunday egg hunt, Senior Tea, women's retreat, and mission and justice trips brought us together.
- Hancock offered 18 concerts to the community over the year--ranging from coffeehouse shows to bell concerts, classical noontime concerts, summer garden concerts, early music, and more.
- We renewed our long-term relationship with Scouting America so we could continue to proudly host Troop 119, Cub Pack 37, and Venturing Crew 1775.



Your gifts support all of this and more. Thank you for your support of Hancock Church, serving its congregation and community and working every day for a just and peaceful world.