



Hancock Church: There Our Hearts Will Be... (Matthew 6:21)

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. Not just on Sundays: clergy, staff, and volunteers “made church” 365 days a year with pastoral care, memorial services, building work days, and all the other activities that make Hancock our home.
- Fueled by the generosity of the congregation, we completed construction in the sanctuary to make the chancel accessible and to refurbish our beautiful worship space.
- We welcomed Lauren Jacobi as our Andover-Newton Post-graduate Fellow who worked with us through the summer.
- Our services were enriched every week by wonderful music provided by our voice and handbell choirs, organists/pianists Ian and Michael, the River Rock Band, and many guest musicians. Highlights included selections from Handel's Messiah on Manger Sunday accompanied by chamber orchestra and our Easter service accompanied by members of the Bay Colony Brass.

Education and Faith Formation

- Church School was held on 48 Sundays. Under the leadership of our new Director for Youth and Outreach Harriet Lindeman, church school and youth programming have been growing. HYG and JYO activities included service trips, movie nights, and much more.
- Our ministers led more than 40 Pastor's Classes, sharing discussion and reflections with attendees while deepening friendships as well. Book groups and retreats provided opportunities for both spiritual exploration and fellowship.





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 13 volunteers from Hancock and many from other faith communities and the general public, grew and delivered almost 1,700 pounds of produce to the Lexington Food Pantry for distribution.
- In Hancock's third year of leadership of Coat Boston and the Holiday Shop, our team coordinated the donation and distribution of 2,700 coats and hundreds of toys and gifts for Boston children in need.
- Congregation members assembled 12,000 shelf-stable meals for children in need in the Philippines through the auspices of Rise Against Hunger.
- Our youth and adults participated in a number of service trips to Household Goods, City Reach, Triform Camphill Community, and others, and provided 40 homemade lunches twice each month for The Outdoor Church's mission to the homeless in Cambridge. We held our annual Mission Partners Fair in December to raise funds and connect members with many great organizations.
- Our ministers joined with other area clergy to lead "Prayers for Liberty" vigils and marches to protest the erosion of our democratic freedoms, and many members joined others at the weekly protests at the ICE facility in Burlington and the Minuteman Statue in Lexington.

Community

- Many in-person events, such as potlucks, Hancock Grills, Hancock Gathers Together dinners, Palm Sunday Brunch, an Easter Sunday egg hunt, and the senior picnic brought us together.
- Hancock offered 20 concerts to the community over the year, ranging from coffeehouse shows to bell concerts, classical noontime concerts, summer garden concerts, early music, and more.
- Staff provided leadership and support for a number of community programs and institutions, including the Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association, Lexington Unites Against Antisemitism, and Cary Library.



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.