

ON-LINE SURVEY

Q2: What ideas do you have for HCC that will help us to be more like the church you want us to be?

- 1. Would like to see a very capable, hospitable, friendly receptionist/office manager who can use the latest technology and social media effectively. Someone who is proactive rather than reactive to office problems. 2. Our Sexton should also be proactive, not reactive to church facility issues. 3. We could use an associate minister now that we're a growing church. 4. Would like to see a vibrant and dynamic church school program. 5. Handicapped ramp. 6. Fix the sign out front to reflect our O&A commitment. 7. Re-landscape, cut down the large old scrappy trees along Main Street. Freshen up. 8. Put up a stone wall around the spot-light, or at least fix the falling down lattice. 9. Add a small outdoor play structure for the kids. 10. Add a French door or some other way to access/flow to the outside from the vestry and perhaps add a small patio or small garden. Modernize. 11. Dedicated youth space. 12. Coffee bar – open up the vestry to the kitchen for better flow. Modernize here too. 13. The bulletin boards need improvement. 14. A lost and found so that gloves, coats, hats, etc. aren't forever just sitting on top of the piano in the vestry, hanging on the racks or sitting on shelves. 15. Spruce up the kitchen and vestry area. Modernize this as well. 16. Renew our commitment to our O&A policy, (change our sign, get more involved in the LGBT community, offer our space to meetings, etc.)
- Adopt a struggling church. Visits to and from other churches to learn. Reach out for more inclusion. A section in the Bulletin/Horizons about community events. Tie ourselves to a Hingham need/issue. Discussion session on controversial topics. Collaborate with other Hingham institutions on an issue – justice for example. Mentoring of new members. Big strides in hospitality. Help the unemployed – how about funding expenses for the first two weeks of a new job or funding expenses for interviews? Improvements in technology – PA system in church, admin support, acoustics for music, (fund a study). Music from other faiths during the year. Pete needs a strong 2nd pastor.
- Already gave them at feedback session
- Atmosphere where we can know each other better. Called to care program.
- Bingo BBQ after church
- Communicating – greeting old and new folks
- Continual improvement in youth programs
- Continue to increase focus on young family activities
- Continue with fellowship activities
- Create a culture of unconditional love, the moment one enters and feels surrounded by it.
- Don't let the agenda be co-opted by a loud minority. Engage others so that there is a better feeling that it is everyone's church.
- Everyone is friendly and personally welcoming when members or visitors walk in the door, (as many are now).

- Focus on spiritual development limit fundraising
- Have speakers come after church services to tell us about their way of life, religion, or meaningful experiences. Not for groups that receive funds from us.
- I have an interest in the Sunday School program at HCC. There have been some great changes and improvements in recent years and I would like to see this continue. Specifically the classroom facilities and class teachers are areas that have improved in a positive direction, however there is even more room for growth/change as the population of children we serve increases.
 1. Update and renovate specific classroom areas. It would be nice to be able to invest in this area so that classrooms are conducive to learning. Consider asking a HHS art student to volunteer their time to paint a decorative mural in each of the classroom areas.
 2. It has been great having a consistent teacher like Brandon teach throughout the school year, hopefully this or something similar can continue. Maybe try to involve the “assistant” in the class weekly preparation ahead of time in order to help with planning of the craft or activity. This could involve gathering materials or props to help augment the lesson being taught.
 3. Consult with parents of varied grade levels and try to get feedback about what is working or not working. Also get their input/suggestions regarding what they think might help to “capture” their child’s interest more (ie:craft, games, food, skits, etc.,)
 4. Intermittently communicate with parents regarding “highs” and “lows” of the class so that improvements can be ongoing, the goal being happy and productive “Sunday Schoolers”.
- I see our church in harmony now and to build on that, we need do no more than continue what we are doing, including a strong inreach as well as outreach.
- I think HCC is on a good track
- I think we are there now!
- I would like a way for members to share their personal stories of spiritual growth. Sort of like testifying. Our church members have amazing experiences that can teach and help others.
- I would like to see a group organized to provide hospitality at /after funerals. Also, I saw a lot of good ideas written in purple pen; to implement them effectively will require careful prioritizing and planning.
- Ideally I would love to see more children in the 3-5th grade age range.
- Identify community problems that active volunteers can address and improve
- It would be great if announcements could be moved to the end of the service or just printed in the bulletin. It is difficult with young kids to sit through 10 minutes of announcements
- More compelling K-12 events to draw the children in – fun events where they want to invite non-HCC friends because they are so much fun
- More family centered activities
- More giving and supportive to the community
- More needs to be done to let the community know we are ONA
- More opportunities for intergenerational gatherings like Oktoberfest, Progressive Dinner, the cookout for Tracy and Pete, and Men’s group holiday gathering at the Minister’s home. Move passing of the peace to the beginning of worship after announcements. Currently, it disrupts the flow of worship. Retreat opportunities that

aren't separated by gender. Better acknowledgement and marketing of opportunities for Christian service. An awareness of all members whether they are present and especially when they are not.

- More time for kids in church would be awesome!...My kids love whenever someone brings out a guitar. A happy inspirational message that they (and we) can take with us for the rest of the day.
- No announcements, (they're in Horizons and usually the church bulletin) no concerns, (they can be addressed from the written ones prior to the service), no clapping and more preaching the Bible
- Offer a variety of worship experiences, like the Wed. evening services, to help us keep the juices flowing from Sunday...maybe just quiet prayer sessions, a brief early Sunday service (as an option)... I know this is asking a lot given our current level of staffing.
- See#3 and thank you for all the work you are doing. I do feel a renewal of energy in the Congregation.
- See below
- Sunday school for adults/all ages/high school; A paid business manager managing the church as a non-profit. Adult Bible study in the evening that is welcoming to all; Book club that is church run; a Women's Group for women that work, (not a Mom's group) with guest speakers like the Men's group.
- Support Pete in every possible way
- The greeters on Sunday are so important to members and non members. It is a sign of friendliness and caring.
- There are so many cliques within the HCC community, resulting in members sensing they may be vulnerable to exclusion by our group. How can we address this: First, let's find a way to practice love and forgiveness across and within our congregation. Second, let's be pleasantly persistent to enjoin all in our community.
- To continue on this fresh course of action led so well by Rev. Pete. To encourage as many people in the congregation to try something new within the church
- To use our asset to help fund our growth. Improve the kitchen and fellowship hall so that we may rent it out. Use the money we collect from renting it out to hire a associate pastor or bring Brandon on full-time. Once we bring an associate pastor on, we can improve the communication we have with the "at large" part of the community. Encourage the associate pastor to work on "EVENT PLANNING" where we work with the committees to bring in Outreach speakers, and Educational speakers, and the music group to have performances. I think this will grow our family and grow our outreach message and bring the community closer.
- Updated facilities
- Varied opportunities for growing my faith in large and small group settings. We already do a great job at that, but we should be open to new ideas.
- We already have it. Rev. Pete and Brandon
- You do a great job of this already.