

Red Dots

2. What do you think others in the Ipswich community value or identify as the key qualities that make AMC special or unique?

150 year old historic interior space

acceptance of all

Action

active in community

AMC's commitment to social justice

Architecture

Beacon of hope

beautiful (physically) church

beautiful and comforting stained glass

* beautiful church

beautiful sanctuary

beautiful wedding venue / Boone Hall

beauty of architecture

beloved community

Benevolence

* Boone Hall

* Brad

***** Brad

Brad's relationship with the town

care about community/others

caring

character

Charitable giving/events to/for community

christmas bazaar

Collaboration

Communication

Community

Community

community active

community connections

community driven

Community Engagement

Community event center

community events

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community outreach

community outreach (winter warm-up and hosting refugees)

community resources

Compassion

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concern for the wider community

connected

dedicated community

Dependable

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educational programs

engaged in community

Engaged with Community

events open to community, lent, movies, music

faithfulness to Christ's teaching

Fellowship

Fill needs / identify needs

for everyone

forward thinking programs

friendliness

Friendly

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friendly

fun

Generous

giving back

giving to the community

good church suppers

good rummage sales

gratitude

great location, no pope-driven restrictions established...ALIVE!

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gym/function

healthy church, busy and positive, smart, accepting, financially ok and good people

- helping others
- * High Quality Music Program
- * High Quality Sermons
- * Historic Beautiful Building
- * historic buildings
- historical congregation
- * Hospitable
- inclusion
- * Inclusive
- Inclusive
- * Inclusive and Diverse
- inclusiveness
- ** inclusivity
- integrity
- interior church architecture
- joy
- * Leaders in the community
- leadership
- Location
- Message of unconditional love
- * mission work
- * Music
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- * Music (at service and at open concerts)
- no idea
- not a member of Ipswich community
- not sure. some think it's a "rich man's" church
- * nursery school
- nursery school
- open-minded
- openness

openness to support

Our Rector

participation

perfect blend of traditional worship and contemporary/progressive viewpoints

pretty much the same as listed on question 1

programs we have (ex/ winter warm-up and fairs and music)

progressive

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public welcome

reaching out

Sacred space for prayer/worship

Safe haven for temporary housing

service, outreach

social issues

social justice programs

soul nourishing

spiritual direction

stability

stewardship of the sanctuary

support

support for nonprofits

* Supportive

the church's focus on outreach to the larger Ipswich community

the church's willingness to make its facilities available to the wider community

the many contributions to the community

** the Rector is special - compassionate, well spoken

thoughtful parishioners

Traditional

traditions

unique value of each individual

vibrant

Welcoming

welcoming

- * welcoming congregation
- ** working toward social justice
- Youth programs

competes well compared to other churches, also people know that all genders at Ascension are welcome - which is definitely not true at other churches!

have heard multiple visitors say "I was here for a funeral",
my kids went here for nursery school", "I always love the fair"

I do not think Ipswich in general thinks any church more or less than any others
I think that those who think about church view them all pretty much the same

I live in Tempe AZ! I am a member of St. Augustines campus ministry.
AMC is smaller but just as mighty in my opinion

the Ipswich community includes other town within Cape Ann and beyond.
Involvement and support within the communities like Open Door

turn positive questions into questions that identify weaknesses.
then eliminate weaknesses to spur dramatic growth and opportunity

This church actually does stuff. People in town see
Ascension attached to all kinds of valuable activities

many AMC events both at AMC and beyond --
lenten series, bazaar, golf tourney, trips to guatemala, navajo, etc

welcome to community with events (winter warm-up,
spring sales, pre-easter presentations, golf outing)

partnerships with community (fire dept, ReCreation + Culture,
Open Door, House of Peace, Library, etc)