

The Hammond Streeter

The Newsletter of the
Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

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An Open and Affirming Community

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FLIA PROGRESSIVE DINNER, MARCH 3: HSCC MENU ANNOUNCED

Hammond Street Church is a dues-paying member of FLIA, Faith Linking in Action, an interfaith group comprised of six faith communities in the area. These groups are banding together to put together a Progressive Dinner fund-raiser on Sunday, March 3rd. Three congregations are going to be responsible for the Progressive Dinner: the Unitarian Universality Society of Bangor, located at 120 Park Street, Hammond Street and Redeemer Lutheran Church, 540 Essex Street. Bangor. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available in the Church Office and from Pastor Mark and Linda Murch, both of whom are FLIA Board members. Only 100 tickets are available for the dinner from the various churches.

The Outreach Committee at HSCC is spearheading the effort. Lois Baxter is serving as Head Cook, assisted by Jennie Woodward. The entree will be meat and vegetarian lasagna, salad and garlic knots. Andy Wood is distributing a list of ingredients that are needed by the cooks. All Hammond Streeters are asked to assist in this endeavor!

The schedule will be as follows:

5:00 PM: Appetizer at the UUSB

6:00 PM: Entree at HSCC

7:00 PM: Dessert at Redeemer Lutheran

Pastors will be available for brief tours of each facility. Plan to get your tickets soon!

THIS SUNDAY AT HAMMOND STREET CHURCH
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 17, 2019

PREACHING: Rev. Dr. Mark Allen Doty
SCRIPTURE: Luke 6:17-26
SERMON: "SURPRISING TEACHING"

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School
10:00 AM : Sanctuary Worship
11:30 AM : Fellowship Hour

PLEASE REMEMBER

Ross Manor: Lloyd George
Bangor Rehab & Nursing : Dot Simmons
Eastside Rehab & Nursing: Steven Preble

Hammond Streeters at Home:
Barbara Brown, Sandy Farver,
Bob Young, Del Reidt, Rev. Dave Follansbee

PASTORS PERSPECTIVE

Our “Wisdom Road” Journey Begins!

Dear Friends,

A genuine highlight for me yesterday was attending Madonna Arsenault's Second Hour presentation on newly-created Wisdom Road Center for Spiritual Direction out of Hammond Street Church. It was gratifying to see the many folks who gathered round to learn more from Madonna, who is not only a seminary graduate, a Certified Spiritual Director, a Spiritual Care Chaplain, and Residential Counselor, but more importantly, she is a wonderfully kind and gentle person who always focuses on others.

When I attended the Unitarian Universality ordination of my friend in Hingham recently, I met a gentleman as we were robing for the service. The Rev. Dr. Mikel Satcher had been the Director of Student Life and Dean of Students at Andover Newton Seminary before it closed. When I asked if he knew well a former student at the school, he said no. But then he said, “The student I remember best who transferred to Andover Newton was Madonna Arsenault. She was so wonderful!” I exclaimed, “Madonna is in ,my church!” Then it was Dr. Satcher's turn to get excited! Without any prompting, he then told me some glorious things about this woman whom we have grown to love in a short time.

Madonna Arsenault's idea of creating the Wisdom Road Center for Spiritual Direction is a genuine gift. As she explained to the Second Hour group, it is not pastoral counseling and it is not therapy. As Madonna speaks of it, Spiritual Direction is talking to God. Her brochure states, “I invite you to enter into Holy Listening to be together in the Sacred Presence and experience the Inner Mystery of who you are in a gentle, safe and accepting space.” She is available for individual Spiritual Direction based on a sliding fee scale. There is no charge for those experiencing homelessness or vulnerable life situations. I hope you will be open to learning more about this winsome new ministry at HSCC! See you in church, my friends.

Blessings,

Mark Allen Doty, Senior Pastor

HAMMOND STREETERS AT HOME: Tim Furrow, Ben Haskell and Roberta Burbank are all at their homes recuperating after surgeries. Cards are welcome.

MEAL TRAIN: Please consider providing a meal for the Haskell family while Ben Haskell recovers at home. You can register to bring a meal through the website <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/k7692d?intro=true> or you can contact Megan Bridges at (207) 570-6903. Let's bless these beloved members of our church with love, support, and FOOD! Thank you.

MEAL TRAIN: Tim Furrow is homebound for the next 3-4 weeks recovering from surgery. He could really use help with a couple meals per week. It was difficult for Tim to ask for help—I know he could really use it! If you can make a meal for him, please try to stick to low salt and low carb options. He is restricted to those two categories. Thank you, Hammond Streeters so much. I know you can come through for Tim at this time! <https://mealtrain.com/8de4y5> or contact Megan Bridges at (207) 570-6903.

FLOWERS: Flower dedications are needed for February. Please see Donna Wheaton or sign up on the calendar in the Narthex. Please contact Donna if you put flowers on the calendar. Thank you.

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PARKING: Many church members, friends, and visitors are finding this winter's slippery conditions even more challenging. We've added a few more mobility challenged spaces but are still asking all of us to think "do I need to be this close?" before we park. (Trustees)

NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN: Food donations should be marked with the date and the event. Containers, plates, etc., with or without names that are left for more than a few weeks will be boxed for the next yard sale. (Women's Fellowship and Hospitality)

WISDOM ROAD CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

Madonna Arsenault, M.Div., CSD, Director of Spiritual Care at HSCC, UCC, is grateful to our congregation for their support and loving engagement during the 2nd Hour presentation introducing our new ministry of Spiritual Direction at HSCC.

"Wisdom Road Morning Meditation" has begun at Hammond Street Congregational Church! We meet on Monday mornings at 10:00am in The Center located in the HSCC Office. All are welcome to join us.

"The Gathering" will come together again this Sunday, February 17th during coffee hour. Remember that we bring a copy of music to share if you want others to join in. We take turns going round the circle encouraging one another, sharing in soulful musical fellowship! For more information contact Madonna by cell phone at 603/475-5994, or at the office 207-942-4381, or email at Madonna.arsenault1@gmail.com

ECUMENICAL FOOD CUPBOARD: Is in need of some items. If you can help donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated. Pasta, Macaroni and cheese, condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, BBQ sauce) Thankyou

LENTEN BOOK STUDY ANNOUNCED

The 2019 Book Study group will meet during the six Sunday evenings of Lent. *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community* is by John Pavlovitz, a pastor and writer from Wake Forest, North Carolina. Emily Bean has graciously invited us to meet at her lovely home in Franklin Place. Our first gathering will be on Sunday, March 10, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. The book is available online or through local bookstores. More details will follow. Join us!



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CONGRATULATIONS! Dan Ryder is 1 of 5 teachers to receive the NEA Foundation's Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence. The Awards Ceremony was February 8th in Washington D.C. Dan's parents are Lynda and Brad Ryder. Congratulations on a job well done!



**FUN RIDE TO FENWAY
SATURDAY, MAY 11TH**

All aboard The Bus to Boston to see the Boston Red Sox vs The Seattle Mariners at Famous Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts on Cyr Deluxe Motor

Coach.

Leave: Bangor 6:30 AM Hammond Street Church

Rest Stop: Kennebunk Burger King Rest Stop

Arrival: Yawkey Way at 11 AM (approximate time)

Right Field Roof Box Seats!

Seat/Ticket: \$155 per person.

Game Time: 1:05 PM

Depart: After Game

Rest Stop: Kennebunk Rest Stop 30 minutes

Arrival: 10 PM (Approximate time)

Call: Susan & Michael Gildart 947-8899

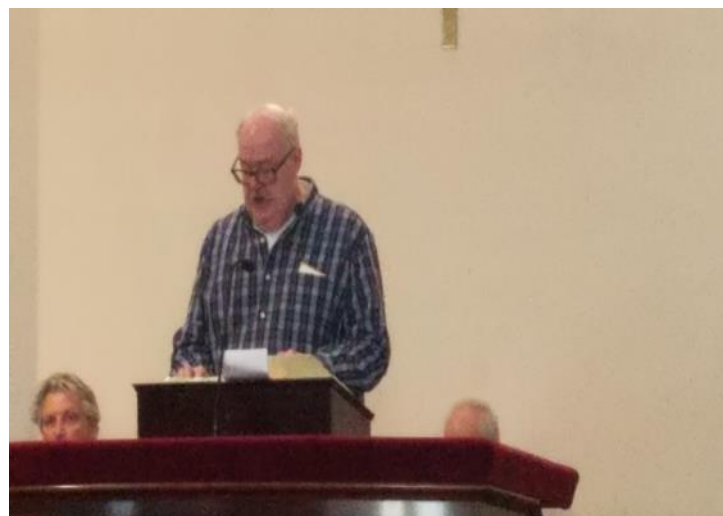
CONDOLENCES: Our condolences and prayers go out to the Duncan family on the passing of Eric's dad's fiancé to cancer.

PRAYERS: Our thoughts and prayers go out to Erin Murphy, she is having a C-section on Friday.

Prayers also for Lloyd George, and hoping he gets to go home from Rehab this week as planned.



Our HSCC Choir on Sunday, February 10, 2019



Don Spencer—Lector