



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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2019 LENT-EASTER SCHEDULE

It seems hard to believe that Lent is almost here! Here is the schedule for this year's observance:

March 3: "Shrove Tuesday" themed treats and games during Fellowship Hour

March 6: Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 PM

March 10: First Sunday in Lent, Daylight Savings Time Begins, Book Study, 6:00-7:30 PM at Emily Beans' home, Franklin Place 112 Franklin St, Apt B3, Bangor

March 17: Second Sunday in Lent, Book Study, 6:00-7:30 PM at Beans'

March 24: Third Sunday in Lent, Book Study, 6:00-7:30 PM at Beans'

March 31: Fourth Sunday in Lent, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Book Study, 6:00-7:30 PM at Beans'

April 7: Fifth Sunday in Lent, Book Study, 6:00-7:30 PM at Beans'

April 13: Bold Riley Concert, 7:00 PM

April 14: Palm Sunday, New Member Orientation, 3:00-5:00 PM
Potluck and Hymn Sing, 5:00 PM

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 PM

April 19: Good Friday Service, 7:00 PM

April 21: Easter, Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM, Waterfront
Breakfast, 8:00 AM, Fellowship Hall
Morning Worship, 10:00 AM, Sanctuary

More details will be forthcoming. We look forward to joining the members of the Hammond Street family in our pilgrimage to the cross.

THIS SUNDAY AT HAMMOND STREET CHURCH
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 24, 2019

PREACHING: Rev. Dr. Mark Allen Doty
SCRIPTURE: Luke 6:27-38
SERMON: "LOVE YOUR ENEMIES"

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

PLEASE REMEMBER

EMMC: 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

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

“What is Love?”

Dear Friends,

With Valentine's Day being celebrated each year on February 14th, February is often called the “Love Month”. A friend recently passed on a piece called “What Is Love?”. A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8-year-olds, “What does love mean?”. The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined?

When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.

Rebecca, age 8

Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day.

Noelle, age 7

Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.

Danny, age 8

Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen.

Bobby, age 7

The winner was a 4-year-old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said,

Nothing. I just helped him cry.

We Hammond Streeters believe it's all about love. Bless these little wise ones among us for shining the love light among us. See you Sunday!

Blessings,

Mark Allen Doty, Senior Pastor

FLIA PROGRESSIVE DINNER, MARCH 3rd:

HSCC is a dues-paying member of FLIA, Faith Linking in Action. This interfaith group is comprised of six faith communities in the area. These groups are banding together to put together a Progressive Dinner fundraiser on Sunday, March 3rd. Tickets are \$20.00 each and will be available soon in the Church Office. Cooking volunteers will be reimbursed for their ingredients!

THANKYOU! I want to thank my church family for all the cards, flowers, visits and most of all the prayers and love shown to me at the recent loss of my son. Thanks for the closeness of our church. Florence Conley

LOST AND FOUND: On Sunday, February 17th one of our HSCC family found a Global Cash Card (Debit card) in the parking lot. I called the company trying to find out who it belonged to. They can not release that information. They did disable the card so it can not be used. If anyone has lost the card, it can be picked up in the church office and you will need to have your balance transferred to a new card. The church office is open Monday through Friday 9AM to 3PM.

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)

FLOWERS: Flower dedications are needed. 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.

PALMS Please bring in your palms to be used for Ash Wednesday. Please have them in to the church by Sunday March 3rd. Thank you.

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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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.

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

SAVVY CAREGIVER TRAINING: Caring for a family member or friend with dementia? The SAVVY Caregiver training can help. 12 hour/six week education/training program for family and friends caring for individuals with dementia living in the community. The Maine Savvy Caregiver Program Builds: **ATTITUDE:** Develop a sense of confidence in caregiving and learn how to care for yourself. **SKILLS:** Learn tips and strategies for interacting and communicating with the person and how to understand and manage challenging behaviors. **KNOWLEDGE:** Learn what dementia is and how it affects the person and his/her behavior. **When:** March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24 **Time:** 4:00—6:00 PM **Where:** Dirigo Pines, 9 Alumni Drive, Orono The program is Free and is sponsored by Office of Aging and Disability Service, Department of Health and Human Services, with funding from U.S. Administration on Community Living, Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP). Registration is required: Please call Eastern Area Agency on Aging at 941-2865.

BOLD RILEY BAND COMING TO HSCC,
APRIL 13

Last summer at Ferry Beach, Pastor Mark was introduced to the joyful, acoustic folk music of Bold Riley, a 5-piece band who has entertained audiences around Maine and beyond. Mark greatly enjoyed the concert and was absolutely astonished when Dennis Boyd, one of the players, spoke to him afterwards. It turns out that Mark and Dennis sang together in the Black Bear Men's Chorus years ago, and Dennis remembered him!

When Pastor Mark spoke about the possibility of bringing Bold Riley to Hammond Street, a FB couple who live locally volunteered to pay the band's performance fee so that the concert could be a benefit for the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter! This win-win has resulted in the setting up of a concert date at HSCC on Saturday, April 13, at 7:00 PM. Tickets for the two-hour event will be \$20.00 per person.

More details and ticket information will be available soon. In the meantime, please mark the date and time!!!