



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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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT BY ANDRE CHASSE

When I moved back to Bangor in 2015, I needed to find a new church home. As a gay man, it was important to me that I find a worship environment where I would feel comfortable and accepted for who I am, without conditions. I visited HSCC because it was listed as an open and affirming congregation.

I stayed at HSCC for three reasons:

Because of the warm and genuine welcome I received as a stranger walking into the church for the first time;

Because of the quality and thoughtful spirituality of the music, led by Kathy Jellison; and

Because of the compassion, intellect and humor of the pastor, Mark Doty.

Julie already provided a wonderful summary of what HSCC does to deserve our financial support. Other churches may focus on who is “worthy” of receiving communion, or filing lawsuits against the government to preserve “religious freedom”. HSCC is focused on love and service. Service to one another, and service to the community. We don’t just give lip service to the beatitudes. We actually do the work of feeding and clothing the poor, and helping the marginalized in our community. This is why I pledge my financial support.

As a member of the trustees, I can assure you that every penny you give is carefully and thoughtfully spent. This community needs Hammond Street Church. Please pledge what you can of your talent and treasure. Thank you!

**Nineteenth after Pentecost
In person Sunday Service
Pastor Jim Scovil
October 3, 2021
10 AM
All Are Welcome!!!!**

PLEASE REMEMBER

Westgate: Roberta Seavey

Northern Light: Gene Carter

Woodlands : Elaine Magee

Bangor Rehab & Nursing: Dot Simmons

Hammond Streeters at Home: Sandy Farver, Ronnie & Helga Kittedge, Del Reidt , Eda & Hugh Morrison, Tim Furrow, Inez George
Lois Baxter, Rev. Alice Lester

DEFY CANCER WITH THE JIMMY FUND WALK

“Defy cancer” is a rallying cry for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. I am doing a small part to defy cancer by participating in the 2021 Jimmy Fund Walk on October 3. You can play a big role by donating to Dana-Farber. Gifts support Dana-Farber Cancer Institute’s cutting-edge science and compassionate care for pediatric and adult patients and their families, including many Maine families.

Who would you like to honor? Whether you contribute or not, I would be grateful to carry the name of someone who is important to you as I walk. Let me know who you would like to honor, support, or remember, and I will take their name with me on October 3. Contact me at bigney@maine.edu or 207-356-7223.

Make a gift online: give directly through my fundraising page:

<http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/Tracy-Bigney>

Send in a check: Write a check payable to "Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk" with my name and participant ID -- Tracy Bigney 1012011 -- in the memo line and send it directly to the Jimmy Fund Walk at:

Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

P.O. Box 3595

Boston, MA 02241-3595

Donations will be processed until October 31.

Thank you for supporting my Jimmy Fund Walk fundraising efforts. Together, we defy cancer!

Tracy

OFFICE COVERAGE: Coverage in the office September 29-October 8th will be Lois Baxter. She will only be in for a time in the mornings. She is only doing messages and getting the mail, etc

NURSERY AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP: Parents/guardians are welcome to use the nursery during worship for their little ones.

LAY READER Please remember if you want to be a Lay Reader for services on Sunday, to sign up in the book on the back table in the Sanctuary. Thank you.

SAFETY AND SECURITY REMINDER

As we move into the fall, we continue with the masking and social distancing practices we've been using. Ventilation is another component. Windows, inside doors and outside doors (safety and weather permitting) will be open during service and meetings to enhance air flow. If you are last to leave the building, please make sure the windows are closed and doors locked when you leave. Thank you.

VIDEOTAPING SERVICES For the next couple of weeks there will be different people taping the Sunday services. Please have some patience. They will send out the link after they get home. Please check your Spam folder because it may go in there if it is not someone you routinely get emails from.

News from the Executive Committee

The committee had a chance to review a Request for Proposal (RFP) that Andre and I have been collaborating on over the last the week. We are searching for an individual/group that can guide us through the issues of this past summer and Mark's visit to Maine. This event seemed to have brought to light several concerns within Hammond Street that we need to "talk" with all interested members about and the steps we need to take to move forward. It is my hope to complete the final draft and send it out to prospective candidates by the end of next week. I shall keep everyone updated as to where we are at in the process and know you will be given the opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings as we start the process of healing and reconciliation.

God's blessings,

Don Spencer

UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee continues its work in finding an individual who will become our "**designated-term**" pastor. There are four types of pastoral leadership in the UCC:

Supply Pastor – The goal of a supply pastorate is to focus on the maintenance of pastoral care and regular worship for a relatively short period of time. Typically, the church and the supply pastor come to an agreement on a period of time (such as six weeks) and then extend the time as needed. **We took advantage of pulpit supply ministers after Pastor Mark left and before Pastor Joe began. And we are currently having services provided by supply pastors.**

Interim Pastor – The goal of an intentional interim pastorate is a successful transitional season, with specific tasks that prepare the congregation for its next settled pastor. An interim minister can not be considered for the settled pastor position. **Pastor Joe had been in this position since October 2020.**

Designated-Term Pastor – "The goal of a designated-term pastorate is to work toward the church's declared purpose for a specific timeframe usually 2.5 to 3 years. The pastor's skills match the congregation's specified goals. A designated-term minister can be considered for the settled pastor position.

Settled Pastor – The goal of a settled pastorate is carrying out the church's stated ministry in a partnership with the congregation over a long period of time.

We have started reviewing profiles from interested pastors and have held some interviews. While the profiles and information from interviews are confidential I can provide information about process if people have questions. We will keep you posted. Please keep us in your prayers.

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PRAYERS:

Prayers for **Roberta Seavey** who is at Westgate Center for Health & Rehab 750 Union St. Bangor—Room 402. .

Prayers for **Dot Simmons**— Bangor Nursing & Rehab. At this time they are not allowing visits. Cards and letters can be sent to: Bangor Rehab & Nursing 103 Texas Ave. Rm 224 Bangor, Maine 04401

Prayers for **Elaine Magee** who is at Woodlands Senior Living—Memory Care Unit Room 104, 53 Colonial Ctr. Brewer, Maine 04412. Elaine does have her cell phone. Please call the office if you would like the number.

Prayers for **Gene Carter** who is at Northern Light Hospital Room 320. I am sure cards and letters would be much appreciated.

Prayers for **Rev. Alice Lester** who just was released from St. Joseph's Hospital and is now at home with family. Cards would be welcome.

Prayers for **Eda Morrison** who fell recently. She is doing well but back in the wheel chair pending some tests. And **Hugh** is recovering from being in the hospital. Cards and phone calls are welcomed

All the long term care facilities and hospitals are no longer allowing visitors. So let's be sure to send cards to our folks to help them pass the days until they can have visitors again

FOOD CUPBOARD: Is in need of peanut butter and pasta.

FLOWERS: Please sign up for Sunday flowers on the calendar in the Narthex or see Rita. Thank you.