



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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A FAMILY FOR ME

November is National Adoption Month

A Family for ME is asking for your assistance in promoting this and helping us generate awareness and interest in our program. For the month of November, we have developed prayer cards that we hope you will share with your congregation.

ABOUT US:

A Family for ME is a partnership between the Department of Health and Human Services and Spruick Services. Our objective is to increase awareness about the urgent need for foster and adoptive families in Maine. We do this by working in coordination with various organizations to educate, provide literature and ask for assistance in disseminating information.

A Family for ME has a strong, successful history of collaborating with many different faith-based groups, and we are asking you to assist if you are able.

I would like to send some of our program materials with the hope that you would be able to find a way to share them with your congregation. There are many ways to help, including:

Praying daily for Maine's children who are in foster care

Sharing our prayer cards with your congregation

Inviting staff to address attendees at a service or prayer meeting

Sharing our slide show or print material

Placing rack cards or other print material in pews, hymnals, or other common areas

Hosting an electronic Heart Gallery display of children waiting to meet their forever families

Please visit our website, www.afamilyformemaine.org for additional information and to view a digital display of Maine's Heart Gallery.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, or if you are interested in participating. I believe that the ongoing support of our faith communities is critical to finding safe, welcoming, and affirming homes for Maine children in out of home care.

Amy Bergeron - abergeron@spruick.org 207-572-0950

**Twenty-First after Pentecost
In person Sunday Service
Pastor Nick & Mary Angela Davis
October 17, 2021
10 AM
All Are Welcome!!!!**

PLEASE REMEMBER

St. Joes: Valerie Montgomery

Westgate: Roberta Seavey

Northern Light: Gene Carter

Woodlands : Elaine Magee

Bangor Rehab & Nursing: Dot Simmons

Hammond Streeters at Home: Sandy Farver, Ronnie & Helga Kirtledge, Del Reidt , Eda & Hugh Morrison, Rev. Alice Lester

JIMMY FUND THANK YOU AND THERE IS STILL TIME

Dear Hammond Streeters,

Thanks to your wonderful support, I raised over \$1,100.00 for Jimmy Fund research and care for children and adults. Final fundraising results are not available, because donations are accepted until October 31. With more than 6,000 walkers, it is bound to be a large amount for increased capacity for lifesaving research and treatment, including care for people from Maine through a collaboration with Northern Light Health.

The walk was not in Boston this year due to the pandemic. My friend Joanne and I walked our 13 miles around Back Cove in Portland and Frye Island in Sebago Lake. We had comfortable temperatures and only a little light rain. I was pleased to carry names of loved ones that many of you wanted to honor, remember, support, and celebrate.

If you would still like to donate to the Jimmy Fund Walk, you can do so until October 31. Here's how:

-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

Thank you for your help in defying cancer.

Tracy Bigney

FALL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The meeting that was originally scheduled for this Saturday morning is being postponed to November 20th - we hope to hold an ecclesiastical council that day as part of our meeting, so please be sure to place the morning on your calendar.

Thank you everyone!

Genise Stern, Clerk

OFFICE COVERAGE: I would like to Thank **Lois Baxter** for covering the office while I was away. She did an awesome job. Very lucky to have her help.

Rita

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

FOOD CUPBOARD: Is in need of peanut butter and pasta and plastic bags. We are still looking for one more able bodied person to help unload trucks. Please see Rita. Thank you.

VENTILATION AND SAFETY

The heat may be on, but windows, inside doors and outside doors may be open during service and meetings to enhance air flow and reduce the chance of spreading viruses. Dress accordingly.

We also continue with the masking and social distancing practices currently in place.

PRAYERS:

Prayers for **Valerie Montgomery** who is in St. Joes for 6-8 weeks. She would love cards and letters. St. Joseph's Hospital 360 Broadway Room 610 Bangor, Maine 04402.

Council meeting Oct. 21, 2021 (All are welcome)

Agenda Items: Reports from all committees, updates on searches and Request for Proposals, Start discussion if time on Budget 2022.



THE MUSIC COMMITTEE meet Sunday, October 17th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

VIDEOTAPING SERVICES If you would like to help videotape the services, please see Rita. We are trying to get a pool of a few to take turns. Please check your Spam folder because it may go in there if it is not someone you routinely get emails from.

UPDATE ON SUPPLY PASTORS

During this period between Rev Schulte leaving the interim position and the Search Committee finding a designated-term pastor we are fortunate to have access in this area to a variety of pulpit supply pastors. For three weeks this fall we enjoyed the ministry and sermons of Rev. Jim Scovil. He reminded us of our roots with the Bangor Homeless Shelter, the Ecumenical Food Cupboard, and our commitment to giving to the wider church. For multiple Sundays in October and November we will have the services of the Reverends Mary Angela Davis and Nick Davis. This husband and wife team from Ellsworth, Maine blessed us with their first appearance last Sunday. There are still some Sundays in October and November where we need to acquire the services of a supply pastor. Maine Conference staff is assisting us in this endeavor.

The Search Committee's hope is to have a designated-term pastor start at some point during the Advent season. We have a nearly complete Church Profile, we are working with information from the Vision group, and we are actively considering several candidates.

Please pray for our committee's progress that God will guide us through this so important journey.

INTERACTING WITH WABANAKI-MAINE HISTORY - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST AT 6PM ON ZOOM

This program, hosted by the Maine UCC, is a two hour interactive experience in which we engage in a story of particular events in the history of 400-years of colonization of Wabanaki people by Europeans in this territory now called the state of Maine.

This highly engaging experience requires our full participation in order to genuinely increase our understanding of colonization and what it means for current descendants and future generations; to reflect on what story we are writing for our grandchildren. We ask participants to participate with their cameras on throughout the presentation in order to experience the program to its fullest.

Upon recommendation from Wabanaki REACH, given the subject matter we will be discussing and the length of time we will be gathered together on zoom, we will need at least 20 participants to run the workshop and will need to cap attendance at 50. Should we get 50 registrations quickly and, when you sign up, you find that this program is full, that will be a sign to us that we should organize a second workshop with this information. We will have a sign up sheet available for those who wish to register for a future workshop. Please contact Rev. Chrissy Cataldo (pastorchrissywcc@gmail.com) if we've hit capacity for this workshop and you would like to attend the next one. We'll have a waiting list.

To sign up for the workshop, go to: <https://www.maineucc.org/minis.../resourceteams/anti-racism/>

You can learn more about Wabanaki REACH by visiting their website www.maine-wabanakireach.org

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FLOWERS: Please sign up to dedicate flowers on the calendar in the Narthex or by seeing or calling Rita

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.

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Larry Blethen, one of HSCC's Willing Workers does just about everything and anything! Thank you Larry!

