

The Hammond Streeter

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

An Open and Affirming Community

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HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT CHRISTMAS GIFTS YET?

An easy way to provide gifts for your loved ones is to purchase gift cards through Hammond Street! Every purchase you make can put 2% - 16% of the card value back into our Operating Fund. I will be placing 2 orders this year.

The first order will be placed on November 17th and be ready for pickup/delivery on November 24th

The second order will be placed on December 10th and be ready for pickup/delivery by December 17th

Attached to your Hammond Streeter is a list of all the vendors that are available for gift cards. If you would like to order gift cards, email me at jonid@roadrunner.com or call the church office at 942-4381. A reminder that we have Hannaford and Shaw's cards available all year round (in denominations of 25, 50 and 100). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at jonid@roadrunner.com.

Thanks, Joni Decato

Order Dates:

Order By	Receive By
November 17th	November 24th
December 10th	December 17th

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after
Pentecost
In person Sunday Service
Pastor Nick & Mary Angela Davis
November 14, 2021
10 AM**

PLEASE REMEMBER

Westgate: Roberta Seavey

Woodlands : Elaine Magee

Hammond Streeters at Home: Sandy Farver, Ronnie & Helga Kit-tredge, Del Reidt , Eda & Hugh Morrison, Valerie Montgomery, Gene Carter



Busy October Council Meeting

A few notes from October meeting:

Music Committee under Judy Fricke's leadership have been and will continue to be busy over the next few months. (Black Bear Men's Chorus, Mt. View Singers, etc..) So happy to see this committee off and going in 2021 and beyond.

Brad, Andy, Tracy and crew have been reviewing and changing "COVID" protocols as we move into the season of advent at safety committee meetings.

A big kudos to Ruey and her search committee for lining up "guest" pastors over the next few months. The committee also received approval to bring two possible "designated term" pastors to Bangor for in person Round II interviews as soon as possible.

Nancy Smith has also been busy preparing packets for our little ones as we wait awhile (possible COVID vaccines for this age group) before we have classes at HSCC. Nancy is still looking for someone willing to work with our middle/high school young adults. Please contact her if you are interested.

Outreach busy and will work with food cupboard for Thanksgiving baskets.

We also agreed to move forward with "Nickerson Coaching" as the consultant to work with HSCC through some concerns/conflicts that occurred in late spring with Mark's visit back to the Bangor area. Andre and I will "Zoom" with Paul and start to set up our next steps on this reconciliation journey. A few members present (G.Fricke. L.Blethen, E.Bean) shared their concerns and look forward to more open conversations as we move forward.

Stewardship will be informing Joni and the trustees with the latest numbers they have for 2022 pledges. The number is low at this point and there are concerns moving forward before the end of this fiscal year.

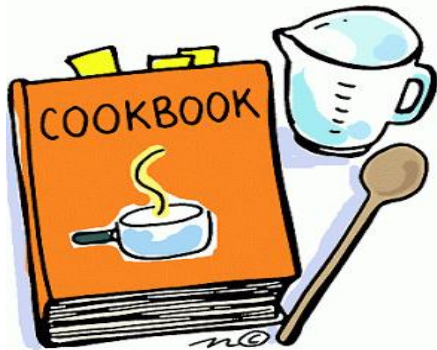
Joni did report that 2021 is looking favorable in her treasurer's report. Pledges are a little ahead and expenses on track as well. Pray for no snow until late December at best. (None at all until March would be even better)

We ended the meeting on a sad note as we "accepted" with much regret the resignation of Rita as our administrative assistant at the end of the year. She will stay on as director of food cupboard, a member of HSCC and working on events she feels passionate about. You will be missed. Best wishes Rita and thanks for all you have done at HSCC.

Sincerely,
Don Spencer
Moderator

HSCC COOKBOOK

-Carolyn Dorfman is assembling an HSCC cookbook. Please send in appetizer and dessert recipes. We would like to include member stories about these recipes if you have them. Email recipes to cdorfman@ymail.com, or dorfmanc@husson.com, or mail with a stamp to Carolyn Dorfman, 108 Fowlers Landing Rd, Hampden ME 04444. Thanks for your contributions.



PRAYERS: Please lift up Tim Furrow in your prayers he is struggling. I am sure cards would be very uplifting for him. He is at home. If you need the address please contact the office.

Also lift up Gene and Judy Carter in prayer. Gene was able to go home with some great help. Cards can be sent to their home.

HOLIDAY FAIR

We are planning the Annual Holiday Fair for Saturday, **December 11**. This will be a pre-order event with a drive by pick up. A lot like last year. **We are looking for people to sign up to make some goodies or other items for us to sell.** Please call or email the office to let us know what you can make. The guys will be making their chili and chowder to sell too!!



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE: The Church Office will be closed on **Thursday, November 11th** in observance of **Veteran's Day**.



The church office hours are Monday—Friday 9:00 AM—3:00 PM. When the Administrative Assistant is in the building alone the church door will be locked. Please call the office and she will let you in. 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.

HOW TO FIND OUR ON LINE SERVICES Go to our website (hammondstreetchurch.org) Click on the **About Us** tab.. Scroll down to the bottom right. Click on **News**. The 4th paragraph down, click on **On Line Services**. The services are all listed by date with the links.

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VETERANS DAY 2021

Change is inevitable. So, yes, as many of you know, Veterans Day started out as "Armistice Day" on Nov 11, 1919 which marked the first anniversary of the end of World War I. It continued to be an important marker in the hearts and minds of citizens so Congress made it an annual observance by a resolution passed in 1926 and in 1938 it gained more status when it became a national holiday. Finally, President Eisenhower changed the name to "Veterans Day" in 1954.

Today Veterans Day commemorates men and women, living and dead, who have been involved in every war since the founding of our country.

At Hammond Street Congregational Church, we have a rich history of involvement in the various branches of the U.S. Military and have Honor Rolls for WW1 and WW2 displayed in the Narthex.

Recently while reading through our wonderful old record books starting in 1833, I became aware of at least 14 men who were veterans of our country's Civil War. At the time of their enlistment, two were former members serving in Regiments from Massachusetts and Illinois while all the rest served in a number of Maine Regiments. Sadly, four died as a result of wounds or disease (see* below) and at least six (Capt. Anson, Lt. Duren, H.F. Hanson, Gen. Hodsdon, Maj. Pitcher, Maj. Webster) are buried at Mt Hope Cemetery in Bangor.

Here is the Honor Roll of our Civil War Veterans:

Capt. George Hammond Anson, *Justin Turner Bourne, Sgt. James Albert Dole, Lt. Charles Maltby Duren (MA), *Capt. Eugene Wallace Godfrey (IL), Dr. Horace Franklin Hanson, *Edward Warren Hanson, Capt. Levi Lindley Hawes, Adj. Gen. of ME John Littlefield Hodsdon, Daniel Holman, Jr., *Maj. William Leonard Pitcher, Elijah Rogers, Capt. Francis Willard Webster, Maj. George Webster.

This November 11, once again, we remember all members of the military, past and present, as well as their loved ones, and express our gratitude for their loyal and faithful service and sacrifice.

Peace & blessings,

Connie Insley HSCC Historian