



The Hammond Streeter

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

*An Open and Affirming Community
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This Sunday, March 13, 2022 we are welcoming our new pastor, Reverend Gary Bagley to the pulpit with Reverend Kim Livingstone assisting. A coffee hour with beverages only will follow the worship. Please join us for this celebration of new beginnings.

From the Pastor

New Beginnings

Not many of us like change. In fact, the thought of change scares many of us. Over the years I have experienced change moving to new communities and to new churches and just this week Paul and I made another change with our move to Bangor. Although we have been anxious about the move and the unknown that comes with moving to a new community, we have been excited about the new possibilities and opportunities that await us here in our new home and church.

We often look at change with fear and fail to see the possibilities and opportunities that are before us. Moses led the Hebrew people from slavery to freedom but there was fear of the unknown rather than joy over their deliverance.

We at Hammond Street Church have been and are in the midst of change as we move forward as a faith community. As we deal with the change that has occurred, let us give thanks to God for bringing us through these challenging times. May we see the possibilities and opportunities that lay before us as we continue our journey as the people of God.

**Second Sunday of Lent
In person Sunday Service
Pastor Gary Bagley &
Pastor Kim Livingstone
March 13, 2022
10 AM
All Are Welcome!!!!**

PLEASE REMEMBER

Westgate: Roberta Seavey

Woodlands : Elaine Magee

Hammond Streeters at Home: Sandy Farver, Ronnie & Helga
Kittredge, Del Reidt, Eda & Hugh Morrison, Valerie Montgomery

One of my favorite hymns is, “This is a Day of New Beginnings” by Brian Wren. The first verse says it best, “This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that’s gone.

So, it is for us a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on. God has brought us together so that we may continue the work that was begun through this congregation long ago. May we see the possibilities and opportunities to continue the work and ministry of Christ in a new day and a new way.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Gary



FOOD CUPBOARD:

The Food Cupboard is in need of soups and mac & cheese. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Rita

GET WELL:

Tim Furrow is at Stillwater Health Care following emergency surgery for a broken leg. His rehab is estimated to be 10 or more weeks. He is unable to take phone calls but cards would be welcome. The address is: 33 Stillwater Ave., Bangor, ME 04401 Please pray for his well being and improvement. Peace, Fran Griffin

FLORAL VASES:

Do you have empty vases lying around? Florists can re-use them. If you leave them in the kitchenette, I will take them to Bangor Floral. Thank you, Lynda Ryder



CHRISTIAN OUTREACH:

Christian Outreach members Heidi Crahen and Andy Wood prepared and delivered the Shelter meal on Sunday, February 27th. The committee continued that ministry throughout the pandemic.



THANK YOU:

To our HSCC family, what a wonderful surprise to receive the flowers that graced our communion table. It was such an unexpected blessing. They are truly beautiful and give us such joy. Thank you ever so much, Ray & Donna Wheaton.

EGG BANKS:

The children will be collecting change from folks in the egg banks to buy eggs for the food cupboard.



OFFICE HOURS: 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.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

Please make a note of our new email address and update your contact list:

admin@hammondstreetchurch.net

LIVE STREAMING:

You can watch our worship services live on the public Hammond Street Congregational Church Facebook page.
hammondstreetcongregationalchurch@hscucc

Please sign up to read scripture and dedicate flowers in the notebooks in the back of the sanctuary on the table.

SECURITY REMINDER: Please make sure the backdoor is locked when you leave. Lock it and give it a tug to make sure it is secure.

VIDEO TAPING SUNDAY SERVICES:

We need folks to stream the services on Sunday. Please contact the church office if you can help.

THANK YOU:

Dear church folks, Thank you so much for the generous donation of \$150.00 to My Friend's Place Adult Day Center. We so appreciate your generosity allowing us to provide affordable dementia care in our adult care for folks in our community. With gratitude, Jo Ann Gallant—Director

OUTREACH:

Thank you, thank you to all the knitters who have kept up with the knitting out-reach project during this pandemic time. We have given away 27 afghans so far and have 8 more all set to go. There is a new display in the Fellowship Hall for everyone to see. Please feel free to take an afghan to someone in need. Remember that it does not have to be a member of the church. Check with me if you want to give to a church member as they may already have been given an afghan. Reach out in the community to a neighbor or friend in need. There is plenty of yarn at the church for you to have for free. Thank you, Nancy Smith



COMING SOON:

This is just a reminder that it's almost time to place your orders for Easter Flowers. Available for purchase will be : Lilies, Daffodils, Tulips and Hyacinths. More information to come as we get closer to an ordering date.



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