



The Hammond Streeter

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Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community
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FROM THE PASTOR

SCRIPTURE

John 12:24 NIV

Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

WORDS OF HOPE

Blessed

Could it be that within the death and resurrection of Christ, was one final parable being left behind for His people to discover? Jesus often used Earthly stories to teach Heaven's wisdom. As Jesus predicts his own destiny in John 12.24, the earthly depiction of the lifecycle of wheat was meant to explain God's purpose for Christ's death – that by dying, Jesus would indeed bring us all from death to life. But that is not the end of the parable, for the life of Jesus tells a story of its own – one of Earth and one of Heaven.

So great is the story of Jesus that all the books of this world could not contain it; however, we know that He was buried in sorrow and rose in joy. It is the glory of God to raise up those who are brought low. Christ revealed to us that we all would share in both His sufferings and glory. The sorrows of Jesus were many and great, but His joy is everlasting. He who died, now lives. There was pain in the night, but joy did come. The life of Jesus is a story within a story of a man who suffered, died, and now, lives. We who drink from His cup His blood, and eat from His table His flesh, do share the same meal. Therefore, God is glorified; because though we lie down in sorrow, we shall rise in even greater joy. Do not distress but celebrate, for your present sufferings are a sign of what is to come. Praise, honor, and glory to God!

Fourth Sunday of Lent
In person Sunday Service
Pastor Gary Bagley
March 27, 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

PRAYER

Bless You Heavenly Creator,

For though we weep, soon shall we laugh. Though we are heavily burdened, soon we shall lift our hands with Heavenly praise. And though we are buried under the weight of loss, disappointment, and adversity, we shall yet rise. For Your sorrows are our sorrows and Your joy is our joy. Let the sounds of Your praises, the song of Your victory, bless and be blessed. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

2022 Lenten Schedule

Join us as we journey with Christ through the last week of his life

And for the Celebration of the Christ Resurrection

Palm Sunday, April 10 Triumphal Entry Celebration

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Holy (Maundy) Thursday, April 14 Observance of the Last Supper 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 15

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Celebration of the Resurrection April 17

Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. on the water front

Celebration of the Resurrection in the Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Our Sympathy

On Tuesday, March 22, a faithful member of Hammond Street Church, Elaine Magee, passed away. We offer our sincere condolences to her son Bob Magee and the family. Please lift up the family during this time of loss.

We Need Egg Money

During the Lenten Season the children of the church have been collecting Egg Money that will go to the Food Cupboard to purchase eggs for those in need. There are four eggs on the back tables in Sanctuary that the children have decorated for the collection of the change. We need your help to fill the eggs by Easter. There is a competition to see which eggs will have the most donations.

You can make a difference in the lives of others and encourage the children in their mission endeavors by filling the eggs with your donations. Coins, bills and checks will all be accepted.



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 has been moved recently. The address is: Bangor MVH, 44 Hogan Rd., Room # 31, Bangor, ME 04401. He is able to take calls now at 207-942-2333 they will transfer to him. Cards are always welcome. 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



PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Taken from Sunday's dedication of our gifts:
For the wondrous ways this offering will
bless this community,
For the ways it'll help us nurture caring relationships with our neighbors,
Let this offering, and the works of our hands
and feet, be good fruit in the world. Amen.



THANK YOU:

A big thank you to our congregation for their continued support of the Ecumenical Food Cupboard. Feeding the hungry. Gratefully, EFC Advisory Board

The Highlands Classical Trio 2022 Concert Series



*Pictured: Ruth Fogg, Margery Aumann, Susan Ramsey
Works of: Beethoven, Massenet, Arensky, Camero, Piazzolla*

**Sunday, April 10, 3:00 PM
Hampden Congregational Church
101 Main Road North Hampden, Maine**

Admission by donation. For information, please call 564-0043.

This concert will also be performed at the following locations:

Sunday, March 13, 3:00 PM First Universalist Church of Bangorville and DE
Corner of Church Street and Rt. 23 Bangorville, ME

Saturday, March 19, 4:00 PM
152 East Main Street

Central Hall Commons
Dover-Foxcroft, ME

Sunday, April 3, 3:00 PM
824 West Main Street

Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church
Dover-Foxcroft, ME

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.

COFFEE HOUR:

The first Coffee Hour in two years was celebrated on March 13 and it was wonderful to see Susan Guare back in the kitchen.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Executive Council Meeting: 3/24/22,
6:30 pm—Fellowship Hall
Music Committee Meeting: 4/3/22,
12 pm—
Diaconate Meeting: 4/5/22,
6:30 pm—Parlor

CHURCH DIRECTORIES:

The updated church directory is now available at the office or by email only upon request.

EASTER FLOWERS:

This is just a reminder that it's time to place your orders for Easter Flowers. The deadline to order is April 8th at 3:00 pm. Available for purchase are: Lilies, Daffodils, Tulips and Hyacinths. Order forms are on the tables in back of the sanctuary or by email. Please put completed order forms in the collection plate on Sundays.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:

This Sunday is One Great Hour of Sharing. Please join us for this special day of giving. Envelopes are will be available on the back table of the sanctuary on Sunday.



Save the Date - Saturday April 9, 2022

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM on Zoom

MESOM Workshop on The Small Church Story Project: A Workshop for Clergy and Laity

For church members from any size church!

The Maine Small Church Story Project: What Is Your Story Now?

Heartening Stories Before and During the Time of COVID

Vibrant Worship, Spirited Fellowship, Faithful Service: Small Congregations in the Maine Conference Create New Ways of Being Church

Workshop Presenters:

The Rev. Susie Craig

Susie Craig is a retired minister in the United Church of Christ, previously having served as Associate Conference Minister for the Maine Conference and as Interim Minister for the Wiscasset Church. Currently, she serves as part of the Pastoral Team for the Sheepscott Community Church. Susie lives with her husband, Brad, on a small farm in Jefferson with their black lab, Thacker. It is her joy to work with Doug Dunlap as they uncover and discover the wonderful stories of our small churches.

The Rev. Doug Dunlap

Doug Dunlap is a retired minister, ordained in the United Church of Christ. Doug and his wife, Mary, a Nurse Practitioner, have lived in Aroostook, Penobscot, and Franklin counties. Currently they reside on their farm, north of Farmington, in the settlement of Fairbanks. Doug is a member of the New Sharon UCC Church. He is a member of the Earth Care and Spirituality Resource Team of the Maine Conference, and Vice-Moderator of the Living Water Association.

About this Workshop: "A common narrative of our time is that churches are dying as membership drops, and church income becomes insufficient to retain full time pastors and to maintain church facilities. But there is a counter-narrative, that of churches, some quite small, and some following a time of brokenness, who are creating new ways of being church. In vibrant ways they celebrate their faith, care for one another, and reach beyond themselves to minister to the wider world in out-sized ways. We regard that vibrancy as coming not in spite of small size, but rather as a result of congregations taking advantage of their small size." -The Rev. Doug Dunlap

Cost of the Workshop is \$10.00 due at the time of Registration. Scholarships are easily available by contacting the Rev. Dr. Ron Baard, Dean of MESOM at rbaard@maineucc.org

For more Information and to Register go to the Maine School of Ministry website:

www.maineucc.org/ministries/mesom

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