



The Hammond Streeter

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

An Open and Affirming Community
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Scripture

Philippians 1:3-11

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. 8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure

and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

A Word from the Pastor

Paul's words to the church at Philippi expressed his love for the members of that church. He was expressing his thankfulness and joy for their partnership in ministry. Since becoming the pastor at Hammond Street I have experienced that same love and partnership in ministry. Like the apostle Paul I too am grateful for the work that God has begun in you and know that that work will continue. In the past two weeks Paul (my husband) and I have felt the love and support that this congregation offers to all who enter its doors. Your support in the loss of my dad was an expression of God's love, the same love that shines through in all that you do. For that, I give thanks to God for bringing us to this congregation and for the opportunity to serve as you pastor.

God has begun a great work in you and together we will continue that work. Thank you for the love and support you have shone us.

May God continue to bless and strengthen each of you.

Prayer

Holy One, you have brought us together for the purpose of serving you. Fill us with your Spirit that we may continue the work you have called us too. Amen

Second Sunday of Easter
In person Sunday Service
Pastor Gary
April 24, 2022
10 AM
All Are Welcome!!!!

PLEASE REMEMBER

Westgate: Roberta Seavey

Hammond Streeters at Home: Sandy Farver, Ronnie & Helga Kittredge, Del Reidt, Eda & Hugh Morrison, Valerie Montgomery, Judy Bean is with Emily.

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

SHARPENING BUSINESS:

How many of you knew that Carl Nickerson has a sharpening business. He does scissors, cutlery, mower blades etc. If you have anything that needs sharpening, call Carl at 207-944-8792.

MEETINGS:

Council Meeting—4/21/22 at 6:30 PM—FH
Music Comm. Meeting—5/1/22 at 12 PM
Diaconate Meeting—5/2/22 at 6:30 PM—FH

ALL CHURCH CLEANUP DAY:

Cleanup day will be on May 14th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 pm. If you love to wash windows or are passionate about yardwork and dusting, you won't want to miss this exciting day. Don Spencer, our master carpet cleaner, will need an army of furniture movers and vacuumers to stay ahead of him. There will be a spider web hunt, a fingerprint finding challenge, and a wastebasket washing event! Join us for a fun morning of work and fellowship. Lunch will be provided.



NEW MEMBER CLASS—APRIL 30, 2022

On Saturday, April 30 a New Member class will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor.

The Class is for those who are interested in becoming members of Hammond Street Church, or those who want to learn more about the church and how you can become an active part of the church and its ministries. If you fit either of these categories come join us as we explore what it means to be a member and an active part of the work of God at Hammond Street Church.

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

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

LIVE STREAMING:

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

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.

THE MAINE STEINERS:

The Maine Steiners, a men's a cappella group was founded in 1958 as a subgroup of the larger choir, the University Singers at The University of Maine. Since then, subsequent groups of talented young men have spent their time learning songs of all different genres to perform on the UMaine campus, at schools, and at churches throughout New England.

Hammond Street Congregational Church will welcome The Maine Steiners for a wonderful evening of music, humor, and audience engagement! Bring the whole family to celebrate all mothers and the beautiful Maine spring!

Join us for a Mother's Day Concert Sunday, May 8th at 7 pm at Hammond Street Congregational Church on the corner of Hammond and High Streets in Bangor.

A free will offering will be taken at the door. Proceeds will go to the E. & G.G. Hook Pipe Organ maintenance fund at Hammond Street Congregational Church.

Questions? Email judyfricke@yahoo.com



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Bring Mom & join the fun!



CONRAD W. GRIFFIN:

A memorial service for Conrad W. Griffin will be held at Brookings-Smith, Center Street, Bangor, on Friday, April 29, 2022. There will be time for visiting with the family from 10 AM to 11 AM and a service conducted by Pastor Kim Livingstone at 11 AM

SMOKE DETECTORS:

The American Red Cross is installing free smoke detectors & providing home fire safety education on Saturday, April 30th. If interested please contact Caroline King, Executive Director at 207-272-9561 or email at caroline.king3@redcross.org.

HSCC YARD & BAKE SALE:

May 21, 2022 - **WE NEED HELP** to make this happen - set-up, clean-up and during the sale from 8-1. We especially need someone to lead the bake sale. Please contact Lynda Ryder at 207-745-6851 or email at pondpaddle@msn.com if you can help or have questions. No donations please until May 15.



PILGRIM LODGE SUMMER CAMP:

Pilgrim Lodge summer camp registration is open. The Maine Conference United Church of Christ summer camp located on Lake Cobbosseecontee in West Gardiner has a new director, Liz Charles McGough, and is ready for an activity-filled summer. Here is a link to the website for more information. <https://www.pilgrimlodge.org/> HSCC has some funds available to help with the cost of a Pilgrim Lodge camping experience. If you are interested in a PL campership, contact Lynda Ryder at pondpaddle@msn.com.



Pilgrim Lodge
Maine Conference, United Church of Christ

LENTEN JOURNEY:

For 6 weeks seven HSCC women journeyed through Lent using Amy-Jill Levine's book *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*. Kathy Frazier organized and guided individuals through their personal reflections and group discussions centered around the risks we are challenged to take in living fully as Christians. Final reflections revealed we all found new insights into the elements of Holy Week and of Christian love. Left to right: Ruey, Kathy, Gail B., Gail Z., Lov-ern, Judy, and Lynda.



EASTER FLOWERS:

Lilies, tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths brought the promise of Easter and spring to the sanctuary.



EASTER BREAKFAST:

The in-person Easter Breakfast returned after a 2-year interruption. All proceeds will benefit Ukraine.



CHIME CHOIR EASTER SUNDAY:

A beautiful Easter prelude "The Day of Resurrection" was provided by the Chime Choir from left to right: Sam Hess, Paul Pfrang, Carolyn Dorfman, Jan Hill, Karen Champeon, Sharon Murphy, Gail Zuck, Addie Hess, Kathy Jellison, and Linda Gagnon with Judy Fricke, conducting.



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