



The Hammond Streeter

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

An Open and Affirming Community
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March Notes from Council/Executive Committee

- A Communication covenant was accepted and our thanks to Judy Fricke & Lori Spencer for putting a condensed version together from everyone's input from our past meetings. We shall be sharing it with the congregation in the near future.
- Judy and the music committee have been busy arranging for concerts over the next few months. (May & June) More information will be coming soon.
- We shall look at setting up a "virtual" date to connect again with Rev. Paul Nickerson to look at our next steps in our healing conversations and a service. Paul will work closely with Rev. Bagley in moving forward.
- Changes coming out of our Safety Committee starting April 1st, 2022
 1. Masks will be recommended, but not required, during worship service, and particularly recommended during singing of hymns.
 2. Return to distributing the elements to people in pews during communion. Bread will only be in cubes and no one taking a piece from the loaf.
 3. All verses of hymns may be sung, with masks recommended.
 4. We will begin to offer "modest" snacks during coffee hour.
 5. Sunday School will meet in classroom and fellowship hall once teachers are found.

We will continue with the following protocols:

- Hand sanitizers and masks available throughout the building
- Continue practices to increase ventilation and monitor CO2 levels
- Choir will continue to wear masks until Penobscot County level is low
- Continue social distancing, sitting in every other pew (ones with hymnals and Bible in them)

Moderator
Don Spencer

Palm Sunday
In person Sunday Service
Pastor Greg
April 10, 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.

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

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



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.

HOLY WEEK IN A BAG:

Will be available next Saturday from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm and on Palm Sunday at the service.

MEETINGS:

Trustees Meeting—April 12, 2022 6:30 pm
Food Cupboard Meeting—April 18, 2022 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Stewardship Meeting—April 7, 2022 6:30 pm.

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 vaccumers to stay ahead of him. There will be a spider web hunt, a fingerprint finding challenge, and a waste-basket washing event! Join us for a fun morning of work and fellowship. Lunch will be provided.



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.

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

EASTER FLOWERS:

Last chance 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 available at the office or by email.



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.

ESTHER COLBY-HILLMAN:

FALMOUTH - Esther C. Hillman, 95, died March 23, 2022, at Falmouth by the Sea in Falmouth, ME, after a long period of declining health. She was born September 3, 1926, in Bangor, ME, the only daughter of Harold Henry and Hildred Mary (Oliver) Colby.

Esther was a long-time member of Hammond Street Congregational Church in Bangor, ME, starting with Sunday school as a child and continuing with her wedding in 1949, and the christening of her children there. She generously donated a family grand piano to the church which is still used during services to this day.

A private service for the family at Pine Grove Cemetery, Bangor, will be held in the spring. To express condolences and to participate in Esther's online tribute, please visit DolbyBlaisSegee.com or brookingsmith.com.



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7 pm

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Bring Mom & join the fun!



Please join us for Easter Breakfast!

After a two-year drought, Easter Breakfast is back at Hammond St's Fellowship Hall and we would love to share the morning with you. After the Sunrise Service or on your way to Easter service, join your friends for a hearty meal and great fellowship. What a great way to start the day. In order to ensure an adequate food supply and plan for social distancing, we need to know how many hungry souls will be joining us. Please contact Mary (947-4381) or email (admin@hammondstreetchurch.net) to let us know you'll be attending. We'll be serving from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.

Thanks – we look forward to seeing you. **Happy Easter!**

Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, muffins and drinks.



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