



The Hammond Streeter

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

An Open and Affirming Community
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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Children's Service Sunday

On June 4th if you would like to support the children's theme, please wear either yellow or blue any shade!

**See you Sunday,
Pastor Gary**

NEW MEMBER CLASS

On Saturday, June 3, Pastor Gary, and the Deacons will be hosting a New Member Class for those who are interested in learning more about Hammond Street Church and becoming a member of HSCC. The Class will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 11:00 a.m. Come Join us and become a member of an exciting and thriving congregation.

NAME TAGS

We would like to request that we all go back to wearing name tags? We noticed quite a few new faces at church and it seems appropriate to help them feel more comfortable and to aid us in learning who they are.

OUTREACH

CALLING ALL KNITTERS: Knitters keep knitting the Afghan squares! They can be any pattern you want to make. If you need any yarn, we have it available here at HSCC. Thank you so much, Outreach Committee

RIDES TO CHURCH

There are members of the church as well as some visitors who want to attend worship on Sunday morning but are unable to because they do not have transportation.

Most can not afford Uber or a Taxi either. We need volunteers who would be willing to pick up someone in their area and bring them to church and take them home after. If you feel that you could do this, please sign up on the list that you will find on the tables at the entrance of the church. Pastor Gary will then give you a call and if you could pick up persons close to you. Currently we have one member and one elderly non-member who need transportation to church. Be a transportation angel and help other be a part of worship. If you need a ride contact Pastor Gary and he will get you on the list.

WILL I SEE YOU AT PILGRIM LODGE THIS SUMMER?

Many of us know Pilgrim Lodge as a beautiful 100-acre summer camp for youth on Lake Cobbosseecontee. For many years Hammond Street youth have enjoyed camp at PL and grown in their faith in a wonderful accepting community. But, did you know that PL has programs for everyone? Check out their schedule for this year at pilgrim-lodge.org. There are events from one day to a week for all ages – grades 3 to high school grad, families, grandparents, women, Pride events, arts, women's groups, an island camping adventure, Hogwarts camp, and more. I will be at PL as a counselor for the Arts Alive camp at the end of June.

I'll be returning in August as a camper with my daughter and grandson for Family and Friends camp. Tracy Bigney

SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS

Your Outreach Committee is working to support the activities of social service organizations and housing providers in the Greater Bangor Area. Socks are one of the most requested items.

Can you help us out?

We will have a box in the Narthex for sock collection until July 1st. Socks must be brand new and any summer appropriate socks are fine. After July 1st, socks will be distributed between local organizations and HSCC for distribution to those in need. Thanks for your support—HSCC Outreach Committee

2023 SUMMER CONCERT

Sunday June 11, 3pm – Andre Chasse in Concert with Kathy Jellison

A free will offering will be taken at each concert to benefit HSCC's Instrument Maintenance Fund!

If you have any questions, contact Judy Fricke at: judysfricke@yahoo.com

PRIDE 2023

It's time to start making preparations for PRIDE weekend! HSCC will be, once again, participating in the festivities by marching in the parade and hosting a booth at the festival. Our Pride Sunday service will also be a featured event in the festival marketing and calendar of events. **The parade and festival are on Saturday, June 24th.**

The parade is from 11:00-12:00, and the festival is from 12:00-4:00.

If you are interested in helping plan our participation in PRIDE activities or you have questions, please contact Andre Chasse at: aechasse@yahoo.com, or 207-239-9358.

COFFEE HOURS

Would you like to help with Coffee Hours? There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Pick a date to bring snacks or host. Contact Susan Guare or talk with someone in the kitchen on Sundays. Thank you in advance for your help.

HOME COMMUNION

If you are interested in receiving Communion at home, please call the office and leave your name and phone number with Mary.

SUMMER WORSHIP

June will be a time of exciting services of worship as we begin the month with Children's Sunday.

On June 4th the children of Hammond Street Church will lead us in Worship. They will be in charge of the entire service even presenting the message. Make plans to be a part of this special service.

Then on Sunday, June 25th we will celebrate Pride Sunday. Saturday, June 24th will be a day of celebration as we march in the Pride parade and have a booth at the Pride Festival downtown. Our service on Sunday will focus on diversity and the acceptance of all people.

Beginning in July we will have a more relaxed time of worship. The choir will be on vacation, but worship will continue with more informal liturgy and the singing of your favorite hymns. To make all this happen we will need to hear from you. There will be forms on the tables at the entrance of the Sanctuary for you to pick up and in the Hammond Streeter as well. All you have to do is fill in the form with your favorite hymns and return them to the church and we will begin on July 2, singing those hymns. This will continue through August. We look forward to getting your list.

DID YOU KNOW

That the first Memorial Day, May 5, 1869, is the result of a group of Union army veterans who want to honor their fallen Civil War comrades & this involves decorating their graves with flowers, hence the first name for the day -- Decoration Day. This tradition evolves to include those military personnel killed in all wars & the day of recognition becomes the last Monday in May when graves are once more decorated-- now with flags & flowers as well as tears & 2023 marks 154 years of remembering & honoring. Our records show 19 members serve in the Civil War. Four never returned: Justin T Bourne, Capt. Eugene W Godfrey, Edward W Hanson, Maj William L Pitcher. In a book compiled by our Clerk, Carl E. Delano, for our 100th Anniversary, he lists 28 other men who serve & half do not survive. None are members but perhaps relatives of members. While no Honor Roll has been found for WW I, records show one member, James G Somers, dies in France. Our WW II Honor Roll hanging in the Narthex lists 115 individuals -- 5 with a gold star of which 2 are members -- Lawrence R Blethen, Claire F Dunphey; 2 have unknown connections & 1 is the son of members Fred G & Alice Easton, Sr. It is in memory of Capt. Harold G Eaton (who went to sea at age 16 in 1900) that the American flag in our sanctuary is given & a plaque on the pole tells the sad story. (Please let your humble Historian know if you have additional information or a correction(s) is in order--thank you. Peace & blessings.)

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Music --6/4/23 at Noon-- Throckmorton Room

Investment--6/6/23 at 6 PM-Sinnott Room

Diaconate--6/6/23 at 6:30 PM-Parlor



DEADLINES FOR PUBLICATIONS:

Hammond Streeter--Tuesdays at NOON

Sunday Bulletin--Thursdays at NOON

THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday--Friday 9:00 AM--3:00 PM. Please knock or call the office at 207-942-4381 for assistance.

Thank you.

EMAIL ADDRESS:

admin@hammondstreetchurch.net

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

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 and make sure your vehicle is locked.

VIDEO TAPING SUNDAY SERVICES We need volunteers to video tape the services on Sunday so that anyone can watch it on our Hammond Street Congregational Church Facebook page.

hammondstreetcongregationalchurch@hscucc

Please contact the office if you can help.



PILGRIM LODGE Summer 2023



April 28-29
**JUMP START
WEEKEND**
Grades 6 and up

May 5-6
**CONFIRMATION
RETREAT**
Currently in grades 8-12
w/ Sponsors

June 2 - June 4
**WOMEN'S
SPRING WKND**
Ages 19 and older

June 3 - June 4
CIT TRAINING
Ages 16-18



June 5 - June 7
CLERGY PRAYCATION
Adults



June 21 - June 24
FAITH FOUNDATIONS - HALF WEEK
Grades 3 - 5

June 25 - July 1
ARTS ALIVE / ELEM. ADVENTURES!
Grades 7 - Post Grad Grades 4 - 6



July 2 - July 5
**GRANDPARENTS I /
EXPEDITION EVERYONE**
All Ages



July 9 - July 15
CAMP PRIDE / MIDDLE ISLAND CAMP
Grades 7 - Post Grad Grades 7 - 9

July 16 - July 22
MIDDLE SPIRIT / SENIOR HIGH
Grades 7 - 9 Grades 10 - Post Grad

July 23 - July 29
DESTINATION HOGWARTS
Grades 4 - 10



July 29 - July 31
GRANDPARENTS II
Ages 5 and older



Aug 4 - Aug 6
PRIDE ACROSS THE AGES
All Ages

Aug 7 - Aug 11
ADULT LIGHTEN UP, LOOSEN UP
Ages 19 and older

Sept 1 - Sept 4
FAMILY CAMP
All Ages



Sept 15 - Sept 17
WOMEN'S FALL WEEKEND
Ages 19 and older

A limited number of scholarships are available here at HSCC for all sessions.

The family pays the deposit, and then HSCC will pay the balance.

Early registration is suggested to secure a spot.

Please contact Joni Decato at joni.decato@tylertech.com

for more scholarship information.

JOIN THE CONCERT PARKING FUNDRAISING

HSCC has a great opportunity (thanks to Susan Gildart) to raise funds by assisting with parking in the Shaw's lot for Waterfront Concerts. **Our first concert will be on Friday, July 7, when Chris Stapleton performs.** This will be one of the biggest concerts of the year.

Shaw's makes space available in their parking lot and allows non-profit groups to monitor the lot and share the proceeds from concert parking. We will be working with another non-profit group who have done this before; they will show us the ropes. We need 16 volunteers to each work a 4 ½ hour shift. Eight from noon to 4:30 and 8 from 4:30 to 9. The volunteers monitor the lot to be sure that people parking there are concert attendees and pay the fee. Only one person collects money; that will be someone from the other group we are working with.

If you can be on your feet, outdoors, for most of 4 ½ hours and be nice but firm with people about parking in the designated area, you are qualified! Wear comfy shoes and dress for the weather.

If you can volunteer for one of the shifts for July 7, please let Tracy Bigney know: 207-356-7223 or tbig@gwi.net. Indicate your preferred shift (noon to 4:30 or 4:30 to 9) or that you are willing to be assigned to either shift.



FREE BEAN LUNCH:

Join us on Saturday, June 3rd for our Free Bean Lunch from 12-1, we provide a **FREE** meal for the community. We serve homemade beans, hot dogs, casseroles, cole slaw and a dessert to 60-90 people. We also make bag lunches to go that include: Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches, an apple and a cookie. There are lots of volunteer opportunities to include set-up, serving and cleanup as well as making casseroles, cookies or dessert. We'd love your help. Please contact Lois Baxter at auntlolo49@gmail.com or 207-745-4117. if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.



PRIDE MONTH:

June is pride month and so at Hammond Street Congregational Church it means the rainbow doors go up and the flag is hung to let people know that we are supportive of the LGBTQ+ community. As an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ we want people to know that HSCC is a safe place to worship and a place where all are welcome.

Not only do we display the rainbow doors and flag, we also participate in the Pride Parade and Pride Festival on Saturday, June 24 and host Pride worship on Sunday, June 25. We need you to join us for the Parade and march with us to let people know that HSCC is here for all people, you can sign up to participate on Sunday at church. So, join us for the Parade and at the booth to lend you support to the LGBTQ+ Community and spread the message about HSCC.

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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

JUNE 4, 2023 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

PLEASE REMEMBER

Hammond Streeters at Home:

Sandy Farver, Eda & Hugh Morrison,
Valerie Montgomery

Silvia Ross Home:

Ronnie & Helga Kittredge

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