



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community September 27, 2023

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13.4-7

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

WORDS OF HOPE

In today's Bible verse, we read the Apostle Paul's famous definition of love. He very articulately tells us what love is, as if love itself is a person. Jesus challenged us even further when he said to his followers: "This is my commandment [to you who follow me] that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12) As they were to learn later, Jesus' love was even inclusive of laying down his own life for the sake of others. How should such a dynamic display of the ultimate love effect those of us who follow Jesus today? How do we impart to them both the love and the peace of Jesus?

If we are to carry a blessing of God's peace to others, we must enter that interaction in a spirit of love for them. It's easier to love those who are like us, but holy peace requires love even for those who differ from us. How do we love those who have different habits, ideas, and actions? Well, at least the first step to love others requires that we have respect for them.

This type of respect acknowledges that we are both humans, frail and fallible creatures. Both of us are loved by God, even if we fail to realize it. And God wants the divine love and peace to be experienced by both of us. If we want to carry God's peace into every human interaction, we should focus our mind on this silent salutation.

"My human sister and brother whom God loves, I come to you with the peace of God." Now, go forth into your day's interactions and carry God's love and peace with you!

PRAYER

May we love our sisters and brothers, no matter who, no matter where they are, as Jesus loved and continues to love each of us. Amen

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Fall Study is on the Gospel of Mark and begins on Monday, Oct. 2nd. **Classes are at 1 PM and 6:30 PM.** Walk through the Bible's earliest source for the life of Jesus with scholar Amy-Jill Levine as she examines John the Baptizer, the Little Apocalypse, the Transfiguration, and several of Jesus's most notable stories and parables. The Good News of the gospel message comes alive in this book as readers see Jesus as divine and human, powerful and weak, approachable yet mysterious. The book features an in-depth study of select passages and illuminates the Gospel in its historical context and as a source for the other gospels. Books will be available on Monday, Oct. 2nd.

The second Study is for Advent, *The Journey*, by Adam Hamilton. Travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Hamilton approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.

The Advent Study begins November 27 through December 18. Classes are at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. I hope that you will sign up for both of these studies. **Sign up sheets are on the back table in the Sanctuary.**



WINTER OUTERWEAR

Your Outreach Committee is looking for gently worn winter outerwear. Can you help us out?

During the winter months, HSCC offers gently used winter clothing to guests at our Free Bean Lunch and visitors to our Food Pantry. We offer the clothing from the first week in November through March. Any winter outerwear in good condition, sweaters, sweatshirts and fleece would be appreciated. Donations can be placed in the box in the Narthex or given to any outreach committee member. Contact the HSCC office or Andy Wood (207-745-3428) with questions.

Thanks for helping our neighbors in need –
Your Outreach Committee



FELLOWSHIP CONCERT

THERE'S HUMMING HAPPENING AT HAMMOND STREET! SAVE THESE DATES!
Saturday September 30th, 7pm in the Fellowship Hall Doo, Dee, Doo, Duets and Desserts!

A Home-Grown Cabaret featuring HSCC talent and homemade desserts!

Sunday October 22nd, 7pm in the Sanctuary

Singer/songwriter Andrew McKnight returns to Hammond Street!

Award-winning folk and Americana artist Andrew McKnight's musical journey has traced nearly a million miles of blue highways and earned him a wealth of critical acclaim and enthusiastic fans for his captivating performances.

Both concerts are Fundraisers for HSCC's Instrument Maintenance Fund!

Come join the fun! Questions? Contact Judy Fricke at judysfricke@yahoo.com!



HELP NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of Pasta, Sauce, Peanut Butter, Cereal and Re-useable Shopping Bags (NO PAPER). The Food Pantry is now in a time of transition and their new Director, Maina Fernald needs individuals who can give of their time to help pack and distribute the food at the window to those in need. Workers are needed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Help make a difference in the lives of others by giving of your time and self at the Food Pantry. ***Please note that our email address has changed: bangorfoodpantry@gmail.com is our new email.***
Without the help of needed volunteers, the Bangor Food Pantry cannot open. The Bangor Food Pantry will be closed on September 29th and starting on October 3rd will only be open to the public (Bangor Residents Only with ID) on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 AM to Noon. From now on clients will be able to come inside to pick out their food.



HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Diaconate at 6:30 PM—Parlor

HSCC TRUNK OR TREAT

On Sunday, October, 29 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

we will be hosting Trunk or Treat for the Children of our Community. We need you to join us and be a part of the line-up for that afternoon. All you need to do is, sign-up on the sign-up sheet that will be located on the table at the back of the Sanctuary so that we know you will be in the line-up. Then just show up around 3 p.m. and find a parking place on High Street and decorate your trunk with fall or Halloween decorations. Then wait for the ghost and goblins to show up.

If you can't bring your car, could you donate some candy to be distributed by those who will be here. There will be a box by the table for candy donations.

DID YOU KNOW

that the middle set of stained-glass windows on the Hammond Street side of the sanctuary are named "The Beloved Disciple (John)" and "The Teacher (Christ)" & were given in memory of members Miriam (McDonald) Dole (1814-1879) and Albert Dole (1809-1865) respectively, by son James Albert Dole (1843-1927) & daughter Olive McDonald (Dole) Blood (1849-1920). A different verse(s) from John's Gospel is on each window: "For God so loved the world he gave his only begotten son that whoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16" & "Verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. John 6:47-48." Miriam & Albert were natives of Limerick, ME, married in 1834 & moved to Bangor & joined HSCC that same year. They had two other children, Sarah Frances Dole who died at 18 & John Henry who died at 45. Albert & Miriam were devoted members of the congregation in spite of John's years of poor health & suffering. At the time of Miriam's death, it was noted by our clerk that she "...was of more than ordinary intellectual ability & energy; but it was her social, moral & religious nature that was most prominently manifested. As a wife & mother...constant, wise in council, loving & cheerful; as a neighbor & friend, kind & generous, prompt & self-sacrificing in seasons of sickness...; as a disciple of the Master, worthy to be ranked among those women commended as ministering to Him in the person of others; evidencing constantly, & without any faltering, her love to this church, His ministers & people, & her devotion to His cause & service." Thank you to the Dole family for the beauty of their lives & the gift of these beautiful memorial windows.



DEADLINES FOR PUBLICATIONS:

Hammond Streeter—Tuesdays at NOON

Sunday Bulletin—Thursdays at NOON

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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.

A FUN DAY WAS HAD BY ALL AT HSCC'S SNACK PACK SATURDAY IN HAYFORD PARK



FALL LAKE TOUR ON THE STEAMBOAT KATAHDIN

Come enjoy the fall foliage of Moosehead Lake from the Steamboat Katahdin, fondly known as the “Kate.” We will gather for a two-hour, narrated cruise around Moose Island on Saturday, October 14. Bring your family and friends to have a great time with your HSCC family in a beautiful area of Maine. The tour departs from the dock in the center of Greenville. The address is 12 Lily Bay Road. Just take Route 15 from Bangor to Greenville, and you can’t miss the large steamboat on the lake. The cruise includes lunch onboard and free admission to the Moosehead Marine Museum. Arrive at 11:30 for preboarding and lunch. The cruise departs at 12:30. Museum hours are 9 am to 5 pm. Lunch will be sandwiches, pasta salad, cookies, and beverages.

Ticket prices include lunch and are based on age:

Adult (18 to 64) \$67.50

Senior (65+) \$62.50

Youth (11 – 17) \$47.50

Child (10 – 16) \$37.50

Under 3 \$27.50

To reserve your seats, call Mary in the church office, 942-4381.

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PAID BY OCTOBER 8.

Transportation to Greenville is on your own (just over an hour and a half from Bangor). If you would like to offer to take riders or would like to be a rider in a carpool, let Mary know, and she will give you names of potential drivers and riders.



HELP DEFY CANCER

On Sunday, October 1, I will lace up my sneakers to walk 13.1 miles in the **Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk** for the seventh time. I've pledged to raise funds that will support critical cancer research and innovative pediatric and adult patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Cancer affects every family, every group of friends, every town. I have loved ones who have cancer, and I suspect you do as well. I believe that with research we can do a much better job of preventing, treating, curing, and supporting people who live with cancer. I believe that supporting Dana-Farber is my best opportunity to be involved in this work.

Please consider donating to my fundraising efforts. Any amount helps.

It's easy to have an impact on this important cause. You can:

- Donate online: give directly through my fundraising page: <http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/Tracy-Bigney>

- Send in a check: Write a check payable to "Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk" with my name and participant ID 1012011 in the memo line and send it to the address below:

Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk
P.O. Box 3595
Boston, MA 02241-3595

-Send a check made out to Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk to me, and I will send it in.

As I walk, I would be honored to carry names of people you would like to honor, support, and remember. Whether you decide to donate or not, please send me names to carry.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for supporting me as I take steps to defy cancer.

Tracy Bigney

GIFT CARDS

An easy way to provide gifts for your loved ones is to purchase gift cards through Hammond Street! Every purchase you make can put 2% - 16% of the card value back into our Operating Fund. I will be placing 2 orders this year.

Order 1: place on November 13th and be ready for pickup/delivery on November 19th

Order 2: place by December 11th and be ready for pickup/delivery by December 17th

Attached to your electronic Hammond Streeter is a list of all the vendors that are available for gift cards. If you would like to order gift cards, email me at jonid@roadrunner.com. A reminder that we have Hannaford and Shaw's cards available all year round (in denominations of 25, 50 and 100). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at jonid@roadrunner.com. **Printed lists are available in the church office and on the back table in the Sanctuary.**

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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

October 1, 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

Brewer Rehab
Ansley Throckmorton

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