



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community October 11, 2023

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:16 Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.

WORDS OF HOPE

Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday in the United States that celebrates and honors indigenous American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. It is celebrated across the United States on the second Monday in October and is an official city and state holiday in various localities. It began as a counter-celebration held on the same day as the U.S. federal holiday of Columbus Day, which honors Italian explorer Christopher Columbus. Some people reject celebrating him, saying that he represents "the violent history of the colonization in the Western Hemisphere".

Berkley, California symbolically renamed Columbus Day as "Indigenous Peoples Day" beginning in 1992 to protest the historical conquest of North America by Europeans, and to call attention to the losses suffered by the Native American peoples and their cultures through diseases, warfare, massacres, and forced assimilation. *Get Lost (Again) Columbus*, an opera by a Native American composer, White Cloud Wolfhawk, was produced that day. Berkeley has celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day ever since. Beginning in 1993, Berkeley has also held an annual pow wow and festival on Indigenous Peoples Day.

What a sad history it is the way indigenous people have been treated in America. It seems the people who settled in America started out feeling entitled to this country from the time they landed on the shores. We have made heroes of the people who came here and pushed out the original Americans. In the movies, the cowboys are depicted as the heroes and the Indians are the villains. But the Indian's side of the story is not told. From what I have learned about their culture and traditions, they tried hard to be in unity with nature and not try to destroy it but cultivate things in harmony with nature in a way that left the Earth in good shape for years to come.

But the people who came to colonize had ideas of conquest of the continent and those who had lived here before them. Their concerns were not for replenishment of the land or sharing the riches. Their plan was only to make themselves rich without regard for who they hurt or the future of the Earth.

God commanded the first created people to care for the Earth. I cannot believe that means to use up all the natural resources and deplete the Earth's natural ecology. I cannot believe God's plan includes people shoving people off their land and then demonizing them for fighting to try to keep their home.

The God I understand is a God of love of all people. No one should be minimized or treated badly or run off their land. We should honor those who have been mistreated and try to make up for mistreatments of the past. So let us not honor the ones who mistreated indigenous people. Let us give the indigenous people some respect on this holiday.

PRAYER

God who is creator of all people, help us honor ALL people and try to help make amends for wrongs and hurts caused.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Advent Study is called, "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. **Signup 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. 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

HELP NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of Pasta, Sauce, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Tuna, Crackers, Powdered or non-refrigerated Milk and Re-useable Shopping Bags (NO PAPER). *Please note that our email address has changed: bangorfood-pantry@gmail.com is our new email.* * The Bangor Food Pantry is only open to Bangor Residents with ID on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 AM to Noon. From now on clients are able to come inside to pick out their food.

SAVE THE DATE

HSCC'S Holiday Fair is on December 9th this year. More info to come in mid-October.



FELLOWSHIP CONCERT

THERE'S HUMMING HAPPENING AT HAMMOND STREET! SAVE THIS DATE!

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.

Many may remember Andrew from 5 years ago when he came here to perform as a friend of Mark Doty. We are so excited about him coming back! More later.

This concert is a fundraiser for HSCC's Instrument Maintenance Fund!

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

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.**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 16th at 28 High Street in the HSCC Fellowship Hall from 9 AM to 11 AM. Enjoy a continental breakfast, talk to Santa and enjoy family crafts.



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 when Hammond Streeters perceive a need in the community outside of our walls, they gear up for action to address the issue. What happens, however, if there is something that needs attention on the "inside." In January of 1949, it appears that the Sunday School was undergoing growing pains & more classroom space was high on the agenda so the Men's Club, under the leadership of Harry Bartlett, swung into action. According to a note in the January 9th bulletin, "work on remodeling the basement into simple & useable classrooms has already begun...(by) a crew of men with shovels & pickaxes (who) worked yesterday afternoon." Although the labor was free, there would be need for building materials so, in the January 16th bulletin, a special concert by the Bangor Male Chorus plus others was announced & it was calculated that 600 people at \$1.00/head would cover the costs. This building project became a regular commitment sponsored by the Men's Club &, throughout February & March, the bulletins noted under the heading Saturday, 1:00 PM: "Men to continue work in the basement. Everyone with willingness, and if possible, hammer & saw, is welcome." The concert fell short of its goal by \$100, so in late March a note appeared in the bulletin for help & by the following Sunday, thanks to the Tri-U Class & the Men's Club treasury, all but \$15 was covered. It appears the room was completed the week before Easter (Apr 17). Thank you to these dedicated & faithful predecessors of our current "willing workers," who saw a need, had a vision & stepped up to make a new room in our "inn" where young minds & hearts could learn about & find God in their lives.

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Trustees on 10/12/23 at 6:30 PM-Sinnott Room

Food Pantry on 10/16/23 at 4 PM-Sinnott Room

Council/Executive on 10/17/23 at 6:30 PM-Parlor



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.

ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, November 5 we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. During the service that day we will read the names of the faithfully departed and light a candle in their memory. If you are aware of any members or family members who have died since November 2022 and wish to have their names listed in the Faithfully Departed, please call the church office and give the name/s to Mary.

TOGETHER WE DEFY CANCER

Thank you for your donations, prayers, and support for my 13.1-mile walk. My family and friends – especially Hammond Streeters—have so far raised \$1,534 this year. I am closing in on my goal of \$2,000.

Donations are accepted until October 31.

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.

Thank you so much for supporting this essential cause, Tracy Bigney



FALL LAKE TOUR ON THE STEAMBOAT KATAHDIN

For those of you that have signed up, we will gather for a two-hour, narrated cruise around Moose Island this Saturday, October 14. 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.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Pastoral Relations Committee met early this Fall to discuss Pastor Gary Bagley's status as our Full-time Designated-Term Pastor. A Designated Term Pastor is a "temporary" position for up to three years, and prior to the three years expiring the congregation must vote on whether or not to advance the pastor to the position of Settled Pastor. As a team we reviewed the feedback that we received from church committees and feel confident that Pastor Bagley has been an asset to HSCC and are recommending that he advance to be our Settled Pastor. Moderator Don Spencer, Kathy Frazier, and Ruey Yehle met with Pastor Bagley near the beginning of October to review the feedback and discuss the process that was needed to make this move. A "call" will be posted for a meeting of the members of HSCC as required in our by-laws. This meeting will be held immediately after the worship service on Sunday, November 12, 2023 where congregants will be given the opportunity to ask questions followed by a vote by ballot. Anyone with a question about this recommendation and/or process is encouraged to speak with Pastor Gary Bagley, Don Spencer, Kathy Frazier, or Ruey Yehle. A formal posting for the November 12, 2023 meeting will occur within the timeline required by our by-laws.

RICHARD ENGLAND

Our sincere condolences to Heather Houston on the death of her step-father Richard England who passed away at his home on October 3, 2023.

HOME COMMUNION

If you are home bound or know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion each month, please call the church office and let us know. You will then be put on the list for Home Communion each month.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

October 15, 2023 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!!!

PLEASE REMEMBER

Hammond Streeters at Home:

Sandy Farver, Eda & Hugh Morrison,
Valerie Montgomery

Sylvia Ross Home

Ronnie & Helga Kittredge

Brewer Rehab

Ansley Throckmorton

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