



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community October 18, 2023

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

Jude, verses 20-21

But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

WORDS OF HOPE

Nestled in the New Testament between the book of 3 John and Revelation is the one-chapter Epistle of Jude. With only 25 verses, it's among the shortest books of the Bible. Widely believed to be a brother of Jesus, Jude didn't believe his brother to be the Son of God until after his death and resurrection.

Jude's words, like his epistle, are short and to the point: Build yourself up in the faith through prayer and stand up to the false teachers that oppose the teachings of Jesus. Be patient with those who have doubts and go after those who go on a wrong path.

In the middle of this epistle, Jude makes clear what a follower of Christ needs to do the work of being a disciple. If you're going to stand up to those who use Christianity as a weapon to exclude and harm, build yourself up with prayer and be at the center of God's love.

When you need loving patience to be a positive presence to those around you, keep your own arms wide open for the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ.

As you work with someone who is taking a path of destruction in their own life, remember that you are on your own error-prone journey to life with Christ.

Build yourself up with prayer. Keep your own arms wide open to the mercy of Christ. Remember your own journey to life with Christ, in this life and the life to come.

Sometimes, the message needs to be short, sweet, pithy, and clear. So, take 10 minutes to read this letter of Jude. Of course, you may need 5 minutes to find it in your Bible.

PRAYER

From verses 24-25 of the Book of Jude: And now to him who can keep you on your feet, standing tall in his bright presence, fresh and celebrating—to our one God, our only Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Master, be glory, majesty, strength, and rule before all time, and now, and to the end of all time.



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:

bangorfoodpantry@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.

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.

HOME COMMUNION

If you are home bound or know of someone who is home-bound 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.

SAVE THE DATE

HSCC'S Holiday Fair is on December 9th this year. More info coming soon.



FELLOWSHIP CONCERT

**This 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 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Food Pantry on 10/23/2023 at 4 PM—Sinnott Room

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 (High St side), were not installed together and hold a bit of intrigue & mystery. The left panel showing Jesus as the Good Shepherd was unveiled Sunday, June 16, 1912 & the memorial information is part of the window: "In Memoriam: 1812 Isaac Meigs Bragg 1891, Augusta Heywood (Taylor) Bragg 1823-1902." So, Isaac & Augusta (2nd wife) were honored by daughter Florence Eleanor "Ella" (Bragg) Buzzell (1852-1922) & her husband James Cushman Buzzell (1844-1930). The second panel with the Ascension Angel was dedicated on January 4, 1913 along with the double Coe window to its right. Now the intrigue & mystery. Had the Buzzells originally intended for just the single rather than double window -- if so, what caused them to add the right panel? Then there is the memorial in the second panel which would not have been there in 1913 since it reads: "In Memoriam Florence E Bragg Buzzell 1852-1922." At some point James decided to add this to remember his wife which is why they are correctly called the "Bragg-Buzzell" windows. When we had our stained-glass windows evaluated for condition by The Neeley Studio, the July 2004 report included information on Attribution & Signature for each panel. The Coe windows were attributed to Spence, Bell & Co. & included their signature but both categories were unknown for the Bragg-Buzzell set. Since our records show the Angel & Coe windows were installed at the same time (unknown to Neeley 19 years ago), it is enlightening to read in the report for Window #7 (Shepherd/Angel): "It is similar to Window #8 (Coe)...in glass, composition & detailing in the upper & lower panels. But without a signature or historical documentation, the artist or studio that made this window remains unknown." It would seem the attribution mystery has been solved. Part 2, regarding Isaac & Augusta, will bring more intrigue. **Part 1 of 2**



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.

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

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL OCTOBER 8, 2023

Tracy Bigney presented this Stewardship Testimonial on October 8 from her personal perspective and as Chair of the Trustees.

For Trustees, the congregation's pledging is at the center of our work. We focus on the facilities, operations, budget, and employees of the church. Pledging makes up the lion's share of our budget. What we can budget for 2024 hinges on the results of the stewardship campaign. Giving by pledging lets us know what income we can plan for. If you make a pledge and then cannot fulfill it due to a change in circumstances, we just ask that you let us know.

We could not be the church we are without the support we receive through the annual campaign.

By the way, being a Trustee is an important job and actually a lot of fun. As we prepare for next year's appointments to committees, step forward or be prepared to say yes, and consider the Trustees.

However, Trustees are notorious for telling people the wrong reasons to make a pledge. Trustees say things like "It takes a lot of oil to heat this building;" and "Do you know how old the boiler is?" and "The price of everything is going up." Those are all important facts, but not the reasons to make a financial commitment to Hammond St. Congregational Church.

When I come here on Sunday morning, it is not just to see if we have managed to keep the heat coming, the employees paid, and the parking lot plowed. I don't expect that is why you come either. We come because the church is a filling station. For adults and for our young disciples, the worship—the message, the prayer, the music, or the Sunday School class—and the fellowship fill us spiritually. Our tanks are filled, our tires are pumped up, our batteries are charged, and we are ready to begin a new week as better, happier people. And when we find ourselves and our families in times of illness, death, tragedy, loss, or great joy and celebration, our church pastor and family surround us with love and care. Hammond St. Congregational Church, UCC, changes all our lives.

And when I think of the lives our church changes because of you, I see people who come to the food cupboard to help feed their families. I see our friends who come to lunch on the first Saturday for a delicious meal, a warm greeting, music, and clothing. I see members of 12-step groups who come here for a safe place to find refuge to address serious challenges in their lives. I see those served at the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter who get a tasty meal on the 4th Monday prepared and served by smiling Hammond Streeters. I see people who have found a joyful Thanksgiving dinner. I see people who at last find an open and affirming church where they know they are loved and treasured by God and by our congregation. I see youth who have found a loving and supportive community at Pilgrim Lodge. I see a denomination that speaks out boldly on issues of social justice.

I see so many people whose lives are touched and enriched by Hammond St. I hope you will join me in financial support of our congregation. Because of you, our church changes lives.

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.

HSCC MOOSEHEAD LAKE KATAHDIN CRUISE 2023



Hammond Streeters and friends of HSCC enjoyed a delightful cruise on Moosehead Lake aboard the Katahdin "Kate" for their Fall Foliage Cruise this past Saturday. Mary, HSCC's Administrative Assistant even got to take over the Helm for a little while.

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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

October 22, 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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