



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community October 25, 2023

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5.1-5

Just as shepherds watch over their sheep, you must watch over all those God has entrusted to your care.

WORDS OF HOPE

Take a deep breath and let it out slowly, and again, a deep breath.

In this passage from Sacred Scripture, Peter reminds us that our experience was his experience and that our ministry is very much the same as his. We are to recognize the important value of those to whom and with whom we minister.

By extension, he reminds us that each person that crosses our path – either personally or professionally – has a message for us and we for them. Listen carefully to those in our circle to discern what God wants us to know from them. God speaks to us through the Scripture, through prayer, through the events in our lives, and especially through those with whom we have an association. Listen. We learn from everyone we meet.

We, in turn, must share the love of God with each of them by our general attitude by example of mercy and compassion. We must do so with humility because we know, from James 4:6, God does not favor those with a proud heart, but “blesses all who are humble with undeserved grace.”

PRAYER

O Holy One, thanks for visiting with us again today as we continue to listen to your word. Help us to listen in general, knowing that you are “still speaking” and in all sorts of ways that are simple and understandable. Let us hear what you have to say, not just to your Church, but to each of us personally. Our love must be pure and unsophisticated. We ask this through your many names, AMEN.



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

STEWARDSHIP COFFEE HOUR LUNCHEON

You are invited to Lunch

The Stewardship Committee is inviting the members of HSCC to a Luncheon on Sunday, October 29th.

The Luncheon will take place right after the Worship Service. It is our way of saying thank you for your support and commitment to continued support of HSCC and its ministries.

Join us in Fellowship Hall and help us celebrate the ministries that you help provide here at HSCC.

HELP NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of Pasta, Sauce, Canned Beans, 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 no later than **Thursday, November 2nd.**

CHURCH CLERK NEEDED

Hammond Street Church is looking for a Clerk. This is a three-year position, elected by the congregation at the Annual Meeting. The duties and responsibilities are laid down in the by-laws as follows.

The Clerk shall keep a record and oversee the distribution of minutes of all business meetings of the church, of the Church Council, and of the Executive Committee; keep on file all official reports, give legal notice of all corporation meetings, notify all officers, members of committees and delegates of their election; and keep an accurate register, with name, date, and classification of all member admissions, dismissions, deaths, and baptisms. The Clerk shall be legally sworn.

If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact Don Spenser or Pastor Gary. They will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

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.**

SAVE THE DATE

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

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.

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.



HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NO COMMITTEE MEETING THIS WEEK

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.

DID YOU KNOW

That in a family where there has been a second marriage, this can lead to some nice surprises regarding new relationships within our congregation. The Bragg-Buzzell family is a perfect example. While Part 1 dealt with the Good Shepherd & Angel stained-glass windows given by them, this part addresses the three members named in the gift -- Isaac Bragg (1812-1891) & 2nd wife, Augusta Heywood (Taylor) Bragg (1823-1902), & daughter, Florence Eleanor (Bragg) Buzzell (1852-1922) -- & their intriguing connections with original members. Isaac, born & educated in China, ME, went to Orono at 19, worked 5 years then came to Bangor where he found his way into the lumber commission business & was the first to ship lumber from Bangor to Europe in 1859. At HSCC he & Augusta, born in Bangor, were regulars at worship & always ready to give of their time & talents. Our records note he possessed sound judgment, excellent ability & was genial & kind. On the Parish Committee for years, he financially spearheaded the 1891 building repair & sanctuary redecoration projects. Community wise, Isaac served Bangor on the City Council & Bangor Theological Seminary as a Trustee (1874-1891). When he married Augusta Heywood (Taylor) she became the link to relationships with Bangor's "old" families & also founding members of HSCC. First, Augusta was the 9th of 12 children of a pioneer merchant in Bangor &, eventually, an original HSCC member, Abner Taylor & wife Anna (Hammond) & thus niece of three other original members/Hammond sisters (Harriet H. Taylor, Sophia H. Brown & Miranda H. Rice) & then through these sisters' marriages to other original members -- George Washington Brown & Charles Rice. No wonder daughter Florence Bragg-Buzzell's obituary said she was a descendent "... of Bangor's oldest families." She followed her parents example of participation at HSCC while cultivating her own "outside" interests in nature, especially birds, founding the Bird Conservation Club. The "Good Shepherd" continues to look over the HSCC flock that is related in love & service. **Part 2 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.

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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

October 29, 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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