



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community October 4, 2023

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 30:8 NIV

Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches but give me only my daily bread.

WORDS OF HOPE

Changing Views

An ant is small to a spider, but the spider is small to the bird. The bird is small to the cat, but the cat is small to the human. The human is small to the elephant, but the elephant is small to the whale. What is big and what is small? Ten dollars is a lot for one who has only pennies, but ten dollars is little for one who has hundreds of dollars. The one with thousands of dollars does not consider a hundred dollars as having much and the one with millions of dollars considers thousands of dollars to be little. Someone with a million dollars believes that they have much while someone with a billion dollars believes the same. What is having little and what is having much?

The reason that we are never satisfied is because we feel small when we are in fact big, and we think that we are poor when we are in fact rich. We believe that comparisons follow some logic; that we can identify what makes a thing similar or different from another thing. However, the view changes the further one gets up the mountain. The scenery changes from when one is looking out of their window to when one is standing outside. How we see the world changes from when we are young to when we are old. Yet even though everything in our universe is constantly changing, we try to simplify what cannot be simplified.

By looking we think we can see, by asking we think we can know, but we cannot determine by looking or asking and discover what is big and what is much. There is always something bigger and there is always something smaller. Less and more change depending on the count. In reality, true humility does not need to ask or look to know that she is equal to her brother. We may not be the same, but we are equally priceless in God's eyes. Therefore, do not seek to gain an advantage by comparing yourself to another, and do not think that you have fallen short.

PRAYER

Spirit of divine love, teach us how to accept ourselves and others. Help us to appreciate and to not be tempted to evaluate. Put us on the path to humility. Bless You for the opportunity to change how we view things and let this change lead us to wisdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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 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

HELP NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of Pasta, Sauce, Peanut Butter, Cereal 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 on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 AM to Noon. From now on clients will be able to come inside to pick out their food.



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 judyfricke@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 two stained glass windows, "Faith" & "Hope", were unveiled & dedicated during worship on August 4, 1901 in memory of Sprague Adams (Dec 11, 1828-Sep 4, 1899) & Hannah (Hayes) Adams (Feb 2, 1832-Aug 12, 1897) by their daughters, Harriet (Adams) Ayers of Duluth, Minnesota & Martha B (Adams) Webber of Boston, MA. Sprague & Hannah were born in Unity & Lincoln, respectively, & moved to Bangor in 1838 where they made their home & raised their children. Both were active & well-respected in the church & community. He served on standing church & parish committees, the search committee that brought Rev. Griffin to HSCC, & was our delegate to numerous denominational councils. In addition to being a local businessman, he contributed to the wider community through the city council & the water board. Hannah was described in the *Commercial* obituary as "...a woman of strong character...and has given generous support to many of (the areas) most worthy institutions." Although we no longer have the windows & there are no know pictures of them, our records show they were fashioned at the Tiffany Studios in New York & based on water-colors of Sir Edward Burne-Jones, a famous English painter. (The paintings were first shown in 1872 at London's Grosvenor Gallery.) During the 1901 dedication, Rev. Griffin noted the history of memorializing loved ones & pointed out that it is fitting to have these two windows coming after the ones depicting the Resurrection & the Ascension since Faith & Hope are built on both. The Adams windows were replaced by the full-length Pfaff windows &, although records indicate they were to be put in the upper third of the rear sanctuary windows in 1960, this did not happen. They remained in storage along with the two Woodhull windows taken out at the same time until all were discovered decades later. Then three of the four windows were given to the restorer of the Woodhull window now over the back door.

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Music at 12 PM—10/8/23-Throckmorton Room

Stewardship at 6:30 PM—10/10/23-Sinnott Room



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.

As I walk, I will be supporting, celebrating, and remembering many people affected by cancer.

Tracy Bigney



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 8TH.

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.

DOO—DEE-DOO DUETS AND DESSERTS CABARET

A big thank you to all who attended the Duets and Desserts Cabaret! It was a wonderful evening full of great music and great food! From classical music from our own cellist Ryan Murphy to a comic number by Lori and Don Spencer and the incredible Gershwin Medley by Kathy Jellison, attendees were given moments of awe, laughter, and even a chance to sing along. Thanks to all who performed and all who baked desserts. And a very special thanks to Kathy Jellison for her amazing talent and willingness to spend many extra hours rehearsing with the performers. The evening was a huge success raising over \$500 for HSCC's Instrument Maintenance Fund.



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

October 8, 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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