



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community November 1, 2023

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:10

"I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O God, according to your word."

WORDS OF HOPE

Are there days when the news reports or the complaints and discord on social media become too much to bear? We live in a very troubled world, a time of constant crisis, change and fear. Recognizing that fact, I'm old enough to know that almost every generation of humanity, sooner or later, comes face-to-face with tragedy and deep uncertainty.

How did we deal with troubling situations then? How do individuals cope today? To whom do they turn for solace and help? What do the words of the Lord say about this matter; do they offer promises of help to assure us during difficult times?

Let's turn back to a generation a few thousand years ago. The Psalmists were not strangers to stress, pressure, and discord in generous proportions. Consider the wisdom of some of their thoughts, words to incorporate in our own daily prayers:

"For God alone my soul in silence waits... God alone is my rock and my salvation... my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken... In God is my safety and my honor... my refuge." (Psalm 62:1-2, 7-8)

"In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me... incline your ear to me and save me... for you, O Lord, are my hope and my trust... upon you, I have leaned throughout my life... I know you will not cast me off in my old age or forsake me when my strength is spent." (Psalm 71:1-2, 5-6, 9)

Many of us have committed the 23rd Psalm to heart. Consider and meditate on these verses from that familiar ancient prayer: "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me... You will anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and your mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." (Psalm 23:4-6)

So, you see that God has many words which offer a promise of assurance for those who choose to walk through life together with the Divine. Hang onto that divine hand and these promises each day!

PRAYER

May we take solace in knowing that we will dwell in the House of the Lord forever. AMEN



HSCC'S HOLIDAY FAIR

Our annual HSCC Holiday Fair returns this year on Saturday, December 9 from 8-1. Organization is under way for a fair where you can find gifts, goodies, and delicious food. Please contact Lynda Ryder at 745-6851 or pondpaddle@msn.com if you have questions, can help or have donations.

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 Andy Wood (207-745-3428) with questions. Thanks for helping our neighbors in need – Your Outreach Committee

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 **TOMORROW BY NOON**.

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.

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, dismissals, 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.**

BRUCE A. MORRISON

HSCC would like to offer our deepest condolences to the family of Bruce A. Morrison on his passing on 8/16/2023. Bruce was the brother of Hugh Morrison.

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.

DID YOU KNOW

That November 11th, Veteran's Day, is set aside to honor all men and women who have ever or now serve in all branches of our military. Originally called Armistice Day in 1919, it celebrated the 1st Anniversary of the end of WW I &, with legislative action through the years, it has evolved to its current state. HSCC has created honor rolls for the major conflicts in which our folks have been involved starting with the Civil War. In our 100th Year Memorial book, 42 men are listed & there is a framed honor roll naming 115 WW II participants hanging in the Narthex (front entrance). Our scrapbook from 1916-1920 contains a number of interesting Daily Commercial articles with information regarding WW I, one of which is a review of our 1918 Annual Meeting listing the names of 46 men who served. It also reports that Judge Warren, leader of the young men's class at HSCC, shares at a meeting that one of their group, James Gordon Somers, "...was killed instantly in France while attending the wounded on the field of battle ...(and) cited for gallantry on the field;" in addition, two others from the Warren Class, Henry W. Kelley & Foster Tuell had been injured. Other clippings on WW I were written by or about our former Pastor, Rev. Christopher W. Collier & relate his first-hand experiences & stories because he took a leave from the church in Lexington, MA to served in France for 6 months with the Ambulance Corp. This November 11th, once again, let us remember & honor all members of the military, past & present, as well as their loved ones & their various communities, & express our gratitude for their loyal & faithful service & sacrifices of many types.

HISTORIAN'S REQUEST

To honor this, our 190th year as Hammond Street Church, you have received "C.I." generated material on a weekly basis regarding all things historical in the form of "Did You Know..." articles appearing in the bulletin and newsletter and, at Easter, a booklet of highlights from the past 15 years (copies still available--just ask.) Now "C.I." wants to know what you want to know that could be one of the next "Did You Know..." celebration pieces AND also to thank you for your positive responses and some "gentle" words regarding a date error --so, for the record our parsonage at 30 High St was demolished in 1970 not 1960 as noted back in March. Looking forward to the challenge of researching your questions in our records. Peace & blessings from your Historian, "C.I."

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Diaconate—11/7/23 at 6:30 PM in the 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.

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.

2023 HSCC TRUNK OR TREAT

Both HSCC Family and children from the Bangor Community enjoyed our first Trunk or Treat on Sunday 10/29/23. We had approximately 15 –20 Trick or Treaters show up. Not bad for our first time. It was a big hit and definitely will become an annual tradition at HSCC. A huge thank you to all who participated and to all who donated candy.



It was such a blessing to have Betty Ann and Ben Haskell participate in the ADELLA Project. Thank you for sharing your love of, enthusiasm for and commitment to PILGRIM LODGE. We really enjoyed getting to know you!

Thanks so much,
Kathy



FREE BEAN LUNCH THIS SATURDAY!

Join us on Saturday, November 4th for our next Free Bean Lunch from 12-1, we provide a FREE meal for the community. We serve homemade beans, hot dogs, casseroles, cole slaw and a dessert. There are lots of volunteer opportunities to include set-up, serving and cleanup as well as making casseroles, cookies or dessert. We'd love your help. If you would like to volunteer contact Ruey Yehle at ryehle2@gmail.com

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

November 5, 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

Westgate Rehab—Bangor
Susan Davies

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