



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community November 8, 2023

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 28:1-2

And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you obey the voice of the Lord your God.

WORDS OF HOPE

In the past years' picnics and birthday parties, we always enjoyed a lot of outdoor activities, events that some still practice and others that have been lost to history. Have you ever been in a potato sack race?

At the childhood parties I remember the most, there often was a "potato sack and usually exhausting race" in which children (and occasionally some adults) played this lively and usually exhausting game. Racing from the start point to the finish, each team of two individuals skip and hop along. Each individual keeps one of their legs securely inside the same cotton bag. The teams hop and skip in all directions, on course to finish outside the boundaries of the course.

If a team falls, it takes the cooperation of both players to get back on their feet and continue the race. Each player must trust the other one to try to stay in a coordinated movement of hop, hop, hop. They must hang onto each other for dear life and keep constant communication. But, most importantly, only one of the two players must be the leader and set the pace for the path! The other player must faithfully hop at that leader's pace.

In these times of uncertainty, do you feel that you are in a potato sack race? Do you trust that you can find the path and win the race by yourself? If that is your plan, you'll have both feet in the sack and get all tangled up (good luck)!

On the other hand, do you choose to let God set the pace, set the path, and speak encouragement along the race? I know this is an anthropomorphic view of God and life is not exactly a sack race, but you can truly hang onto God for dear life, by spending time in quiet prayer and listening to advice from God.

How is your race currently going? It may be a good time to reflect on how you want to run the race of daily life. Will you let God lead in your race or will you go it alone?

PRAYER

May I listen to your voice as I seek to walk in the steps of Jesus. Amen

HSCC VOTE REGARDING PASTOR GARY BAGLEY

This coming Sunday, November 12, we will have an all church meeting to vote to change Pastor Gary Bagley's status with HSCC from our designated term pastor to our settled pastor, meaning HSCC and Pastor Gary will agree to a long-term commitment to each other. For those members who can not attend in person we offer the opportunity to call and vote over the phone. Just call HSCC's phone number, 942-4381 and an HSCC member will get your information and your vote. We will take phone calls from 11:15 to 11:45, so keep trying if the line is busy. If you have any questions about this please contact Ruey Yehle either at ryehle2@gmail.com or 207-478-9122.



HSCC'S HOLIDAY FAIR

Our annual HSCC Holiday Fair returns this year on Saturday, December 9 from 8-1. All the favorites will be there plus the return of the Chowder and Chili Lunch. Pre-orders for takeout chili and chowder as well as sweets and treats will be taken after Thanksgiving. Hold on to your donations for Grammie's Attic (Gail Zuck), The Christmas Booth (Nancy Smith), The Food Booth (Judy Fricke) jewelry, books, etc., until the week of the Fair. Please contact Lynda Ryder at 745-6851 or email at pondpaddle@msn.com if you have questions, can help with set up, day of and clean-up activities, or have donations.

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 this study.

Signup sheets are 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.

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.**

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 outerwear 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 is 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

DID YOU KNOW

That the Newbery Medal recipient for 1923 was Charles Boardman Hawes (Jan 24, 1889-Jul 19, 1923.) He was the 3rd such winner, but first American so honored. The Medal, given "for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children" was for his third book, The Dark Frigate published in 1923. It was accepted posthumously in 1924 by his wife, Dorothea (Cable) Hawes. Born in Clifton Springs, NY, his parents moved to Bangor shortly thereafter. He attended Bangor schools then Bowdoin College, class of 1911, followed by graduate work at Harvard. Sometime in his youth he developed a love for both writing & the sea. His first published & celebrated writings were short stories that started after leaving Bowdoin where he was Editor of the "Quill;" he continued writing at Harvard on the staff of "The Youth's Companion" & finally, for "The Open Road" magazine as its Editor until his death. After his first two adventure books came out (The Mutineers & The Great Quest) Charles had the literary world's close attention, culminating in The Newbery Metal; unfortunately, he did not live long enough to see the book published & so honored. Before contracting a fatal case of pneumonia meningitis in July 1923, he had also finished a 4th book, Gloucester By Land and Sea, & started a 5th book entitled Whaling, subsequently released under his & his wife's names. A memorial tablet hanging in the Bowdoin library reads in part: "...Writer of distinction & promise...'On the threshold of a remarkable career'" Charles joined HSCC at the age of 15, March 6, 1904; his parents, Rev. Charles Taylor & Martha Tibbetts (Boardman) Hawes joined in 1892 & 1876 respectively & his maternal grandparents, Benjamin Hill Boardman & Flavilla (Tibbetts) Boardman joined in 1876. The 1910 Census shows the Hawes family living at 41 James Street in Bangor -- interestingly, home of another creative HSCC couple, Rev. Greg & Mark Bridges-Music.

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

Trustees-11/9/23-6:30 PM -Sinnott Room
Stewardship-11/9/23-6:30 PM-Small Office
Pastoral Relations Committee.-11/12/23-11:30 PM
Music Committee-11/12/23-Noon-Throckmorton Rm.



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.

HSCC WILLING WORKERS

Who? What? Why? When?

Who are the Willing Workers? Members and friends of Hammond Street Church.

What do they do? Everything. From cleaning, to painting, to changing light bulbs and batteries, to minor and more involved repairs and improvements guided by Sexton Paul Graham.

Why do they do it? Because the care and maintenance of the church building supports the missions of the church. Plus it's gratifying and fun.

When: **Tuesdays from 8 - noon.** Just come. Or stop in any Tuesday at 10 for the coffee break and find out more about how you can be involved.



STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY BY RACHEL HUTCHINS

Growing up as a pastor's kid, I don't have a specific memory of a start to the practice of stewardship in my life. The closest I can recall is a memory of my father opening his blue, squeezable, coin purse to give me a quarter for the offering on Sundays. He often gave me a winter green lifesaver at the same time. I'd honestly forgotten about this practice until I started helping Amelia gather her Sunday offerings. As a parent, I know now, the intention and habit necessary to not only add it to my list of parenting practices but to also instill the habit in another. When I participated, last year, with the youth ADELLA project, I was asked for a favorite bible verse. I want to share it here as well.

Isaiah 43 1-5a

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. **3** For I am the
LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia^a and Seba in exchange for you.
4 Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. **5** Do not fear, for I am with you;

The reason this is a favorite is that it was marked, with a simple post-it note, in the Bible given to me by my childhood pastor, upon my confirmation. She had chosen a unique verse for each youth in our class. Knowing the many duties and responsibilities of a pastor, this was a simple and small act of Stewardship and yet this Bible and post-it note have journeyed along with me for the last 25 years. Providing me a reminder of both the promises in the verse and the love behind Rev Donna's intention in choosing the verse to mark in my bible.

Here at Hammond Street, by acts small and large, we have great opportunities to invest in the ministry of this church; and we can do this through intentional acts of generosity. Whether it's the service of a community meal or collection of warm clothing, careful consideration of our financial resources and the ways our church building itself serves as ministry, the worship and mediation found through our experience with music, the ways we nurture a life of faith across all ages and all stages of life. Truly, our acts of intentional generosity change lives.

A special thank you to all members of the Stewardship Committee and to what I'd like to call "F.O.S. " or "Friends of Stewardship". You have answered the S.O.S. in many ways and leaned into the challenge before us. It has been a year of reflection, planning, and service. Thank you all for the many ways you have given generously to this year's work. And a thank you to each member of this church community for the ways you have given over the years and for what you plan to give in the year to come. Please join us for a thank you luncheon after the service today. Today you are invited to pledge your giving intentions for the coming year. Please do so prayerfully and with the knowledge that because of YOU our church changes lives. Thank you.

**Our Church is preparing a
Thanksgiving Feast for our
congregation and our
community.**

We could use your help.



On Thanksgiving Day, HSCC will host a Thanksgiving Feast for anyone in our extended community to enjoy. This Community Outreach will require involvement from a lot of folks to be successful. In the season of Stewardship highlighting our “Time & Talents” this project offers many opportunities to contribute. We need kitchen help (Wednesday & Thursday), pie bakers, turkey bakers, all the ingredients for our feast and everyone to spread the word. The two links below take you to spreadsheets which list our remaining needs. Click on the link, then fill your name in for the item / time you can contribute. For questions, call Mary in the office or Andy Wood.

Thanks for your support. Please join us on Thanksgiving Day.

Mary K: 942-4381

Andy W: 745-3428

Ingredients list: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tcu9-IBd3uhnGdleBKdea9zav1FpTLIH/edit#gid=261685464>

Volunteer help: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NDg_1SlGte-ShtQDzja0i_tgL7PRiogb/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111952070446478495078&rtpof=true&sd=true

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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

November 12, 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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