



# The Hammond Streeter

## Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

*An Open and Affirming Community December 13, 2023*

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

#### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40.1-6

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"

#### WORDS OF HOPE

Take a Deep Breath and let it out slowly, and again, a Deep Breath.

Let us pause and recall that we are in the holy presence of God.

Of all the passages in Hebrew Scripture, this one is among the more upbeat or positive. It is full of joy and rejoicing. Your slavery is over; your punishment is done. Shout to God from the highest mountain. Tell the villages of Judah that God is Here. Don't be afraid to shout.

While shouting is not one of our hallmarks at Hammond Street Church, we do we sing gusto. They will know we are Christians by our Love - the love of how we treat each other and those we call brothers and sisters in our world. We ought not be shy as we proclaim the Word of God in all that we are and do.

#### PRAYER

O Holy One, thanks for visiting with us once 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 us personally. Our love must be pure and unsophisticated. Our love is manifested through our interest and concern and action toward those who are less fortunate economically and otherwise. We ask this through your many names, O God, Amen.



### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Join us this Saturday, December 16th at 28 High Street in the HSCC Fellowship Hall from 9 AM to 11 AM. Enjoy a continental breakfast, crafts, cookie decorating and a visit with Santa. Fun for the whole family!



### **LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Please join us this Sunday Dec. 17th as the Congregation, Choir, and Chime Choir offer traditional Carols to accompany the Christmas Story told through scripture. The scriptures will be read by a variety of readers, young and old. Don't miss this beautiful Christmas service!



### **HOLIDAY CARD BOX IS IN THE NARTHEX**

Christmas Cards for Your Church Family

The elves have set up the HSCC Christmas mailbox in the Narthex and it is ready for business. If you want to share Christmas cards with your church family, just deposit the cards in the box. There are slots for the letters of the alphabet to keep them sorted. **The mailbox will be there through January 7, 2024.**

Remember to check the box for greetings sent to you.

Merry Christmas to All!



### **HELP NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY**

We are in need of Pasta, Sauce, Cereal, Canned Beans, Canned Fruit, non-refrigerated Milk and Re-useable Shopping Bags (**NO PAPER**).



### **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



### **SAVE THE DATE**

This year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will be hosted by HSCC on January 14, 2024. Keynote Speaker is Dr. Harold Dorrell Briscoe author of "There's a Storm Comin': How the American Church Can Lead Through Times of Racial Crisis". For more info contact: [info@faithlinkinginaction.org](mailto:info@faithlinkinginaction.org)



## **DID YOU KNOW**

That while all of our stained-glass windows have biblical themes, two are also associated with holy holidays. The Woodhull window over the back entry shows the Angel of Compassion at the empty tomb evoking an Easter theme (DYK 4/26/2023), while the Coe windows in the sanctuary (High St. side, 3rd set from pulpit) depict "The Adoration of the Magi" with Joseph, Mary & baby Jesus in her arms (left panel) & the 3 magi with their gifts (right panel) bear the Christmas theme. These latter windows installed in 1913 by Spence, Bell Co. of Boston were given in memory of Ebenezer (1785-1862) & his second wife, Mary (Upham) {Barker} (1802-1893) Coe by son Dr. Thomas Upham (1837-1920) & wife Sadie L. (Harthorn) (1849-1926) Coe. Ebenezer, son of a prominent minister, born in Durham, NH, became a successful businessman, settling in Northwood, NH where with his first wife, Mehitable (Smith) Coe (1794-1833) had two son, Eben Smith (1814-1899) & Henry Willard (1820-1896) & later, son Thomas. Suffice it to say, a father's influence should never be underestimated. This father took great care & interest in the education of his sons & provided sound counsel to help them find both their passion & life's work as well as to become benevolent human beings. He married Mary in 1835, then in 1946 sold everything & moved the family to Bangor where he, his wife & Eben's wife, Mary (Barker) Coe (1826-1849) joined HSCC. The parents became dedicated member &, in the record of his death, Deacon Duren writes of Ebenezer: "Very quiet, peaceful, trustful was he -- deeply interested in the prosperity of the church & society."<sup>1</sup> Regarding Mary, it is written: "Mrs. Coe was an unusually devoted Christian, strong in faith...constant at the female prayer meeting, & went about doing good."<sup>2</sup> Dr. Thomas Coe who joined HSCC in 1853 (#527) & half-brother Eben undoubtedly knew the depth of their parents faith & commitment to bringing about God's kingdom here on earth. This ethos "rubbed off" on them as evidenced in their generous financial support of HSCC, a shared passion to serve people in multiple ways, making significant philanthropic gifts to institutions & then the gift to honor Thomas's parents -- beautiful stained glass windows celebrating God's gift to the world, the Christ Child.

May your gift this holy holiday be the deep, quiet peace that comes from trusting in God's gift. **Part 1 of 2**

<sup>1</sup>HSCC Record Vol. 2, pg. 541; <sup>2</sup>HSCC Record Vol. 4, pg. 424.

## **HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2023**

Trustees Meeting on 12/14 at 6:30 PM –Sinnott Room

Food Pantry Meeting on 12/18 at 4 PM-Sinnott Room

Council/Executive Mtg. on 12/19 at 6:30 PM-Parlor

## **PLEASE REMEMBER**

### **Hammond Streeters at Home:**

Sandy Farver, Eda & Hugh Morrison

### **Sylvia Ross Home-Bangor**

Ronnie & Helga Kittredge

### **Brewer Rehab**

74 Parkway S.—Room 109, Brewer, ME 04412  
Ansley Throckmorton

### **Westgate Manor**

750 Union St.—Room 111, Bangor, ME 04401  
Susan Davies

## **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](mailto: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**

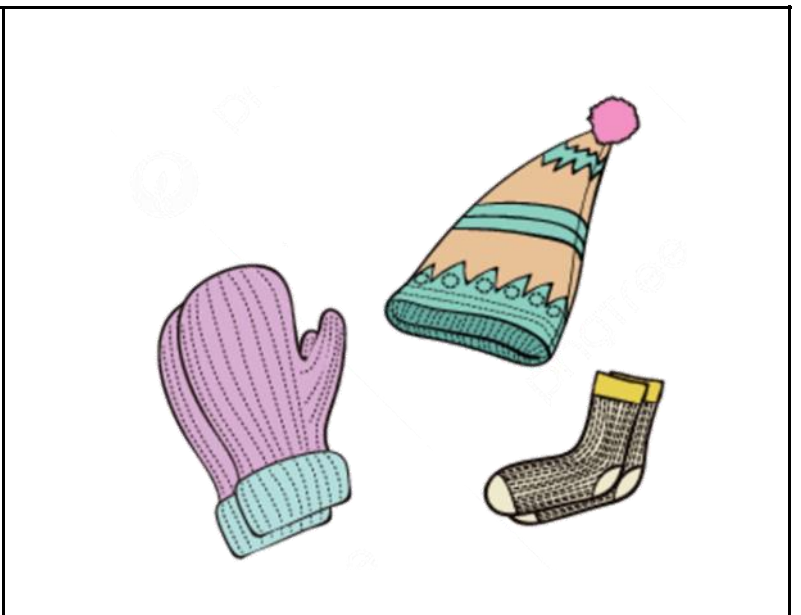
We need volunteers to video tape the services on Sunday so that anyone can watch it on our Hammond Street Congregational Church Facebook page.

[hammondstreetcongregationalchurch@hscucc](mailto:hammondstreetcongregationalchurch@hscucc)

Please contact the office if you can help.

**It's Time Once Again for HSCC's**

# **Winter Warmth Tree**



It's time once again to support a long-standing tradition here at HSCC. The **Winter Warmth Tree** is a program that will run from now, into January. Your Outreach Committee is looking for **Hats, Gloves/Mittens, and Winter Socks ONLY**. These items will be distributed to folks in our community needing a winter-worthy upgrade. They will be offered to guests at our Free Community Meal, Food Pantry or anyone who comes to the office. These accessories will also be provided to area shelters for distribution to their clients. So, if you're out Holiday Shopping and you see some warm winter accessories, please consider purchasing an item for donation to this worthy program. The Winter Warmth Tree or a donation box will be in the narthex through January. **Thanks – Your Outreach Committee**

## **HSCC HOLIDAY FAIR 2023**

Thank you to everyone who came together to make the 2023 Fair a success. Special thanks to Kathy Frazier and Susan Gildart who provided Hammond Street welcomes at the door and to Pastor Gary for extending that welcome as he connected with folks throughout the day. It was such a joy to see so many familiar faces at the Fair. **Together we raised over \$3,000. Well done!**



## **INTERGENERATIONAL LIVE NATIVITY 2023**





*Advent and Christmas Celebrations*

*At*

*Hammond Street Congregational Church*

*December 17 Service of Lessons and Carols with musical  
Presentations by the Sanctuary Choir  
and the Chime Choir*

*December 24 Morning Worship—10:00 a. m.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
7:00 p. m. in the Sanctuary*

*All Sunday Services are at 10:00 a. m. in the Sanctuary.*

*Please join us as we celebrate and prepare for the birth of our  
Savior, Jesus Christ.*

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
In Person Sunday Service  
Pastor Gary Bagley  
December 17, 2023 at 10 AM  
ALL ARE WELCOME !!!!**

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