



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community December 6, 2023

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

John 16.33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

WORDS OF HOPE

Inner Peace

Peace is quiet and not loud, still and not in a hurry, surrendered and not struggling, and simply is, without trying to be. Imagine a secret garden that grew without anyone ever helping it. The sun is shining on patches of daisies, lilies, and dandelions spread about the garden randomly in various colors. A small stream stretches the length of the garden flowing in the direction of a great mountain in the distance. Throughout the garden are many apple trees in season with both red and green apples. Finally, the grass is both soft and long, and bows as the wind dances through the garden.

Conversely, chaos is loud and not quiet, in a hurry and not still, struggling and not surrendered, and trying to be but is not there yet. Imagine a storm raging at sea and being caught trying to sail through it. Thunder is booming while lightning is striking. The wind is fighting against everything in its path. Water has become waves driven by the wind and is striking your boat. A tornado is forming in the sky while rain beats down heavily on your face, and you can see nothing.

Nature shows us what peace and chaos look like, however; it is our hearts that feel its effects. When our emotions guide us, our hearts become as changeable as the weather; but when we guide our emotions, we become immovable. There is peace even on cloudy days in a heart that is quiet, still, surrendered, and simply is, without trying to be. Grow a garden in the sanctuary of your heart and fill it with all the things that bring you joy. Take care of it and never neglect it. Your peace of mind depends on how well you maintain your garden. The storm that rages on the outside does not reach the peace that you keep on the inside. This is what the ancients called 'Inner Peace'.

PRAYER

Spirit of Peace,

Guide and guard our hearts so that we may find, keep, and be at peace. Amen.



HSCC'S HOLIDAY FAIR 12/9/23 AT 8AM to 1PM

After a three-year interruption, the Fish Chowder and Chili Luncheon is back. Grammie's Attic, the Christmas Booth, Jewelry and the Food Booth are ready to be shopped.

For the first time, Sharon Murphy will be offering massages during the Fair. A sign up sheet will be available on the back table after worship on Sunday and available slots can be filled during the Fair. Donations of items for the booths including books are welcome. **Please hold yard sale items including clothing until spring.** If you have questions about donations, contact Lynda Ryder 207-745-6851. Coffee & snacks starting at 8 AM and Chowder & Chili lunch starting at 11 AM.

POINSETTIAS

It's that time of year again. If you wish to purchase Poinsettias the order forms are available on the back table in the Sanctuary. Please fill out and attach payment and give it to the head usher on Sunday. If you can't make a payment today, you can bring them into the office. **The deadline for all orders is December 8th before noon. All orders will be called in to the florist at NOON on the 8th.**

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**). A great big thank you for all the Thanksgiving donations.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join us on 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.



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.

Place order 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

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.



DID YOU KNOW

That in 1827, while our first pastor, Rev. John Maltby, Jr. was serving his first parish in Sutton, MA, Margaret Graves (Jackson) (1797-1852) became his wife and, when they arrived in Bangor in July of 1834, they had 5 children -- John Rogers 6 yrs, Margaret Loraine 4 1/2, William Jackson 3, Susan Elizabeth 2 & Samuel Chauncey 1-month old. What an "active" household that must have been. But in 1860, when Rev. Enoch Pond writes about his deceased brother-in-law's time at Hammond Street Church he notes Rev. Maltby was tried by "...bereavements in his family..."¹ Indeed life took on a somber tone in a series of deaths: son Samuel in 1835, sister Julia A. (Maltby) Pond in 1838; their next child, Samuel Jackson 1839-1841; his father in 1842, in 1847, 3 grandchildren including 7-month old twins, his wife Margaret in 1852, & a son-in-law in 1855. On a cheerier note, the good Rev. had the support of & was survived by his children John R. (1828-1895), Margaret L. (Maltby) Crosby (1829-1913), William J. (1831-1860), Susan E. (Maltby) {Winn} Partridge (1832-1903) & Henrietta C. (Maltby) Cushman (1836-1921) plus numerous grandchildren. Rev. Pond also reminds us of the deceased's social & spiritual virtues --the former being a direct outgrowth of the later that is, a strong sense of honor, honesty & kind, just, courteous & sympathetic actions had their roots in the fruits of the spirit -- "love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness & faith."² So as a devoted shepherd of the flock he cared tenderly & worked tirelessly for all --old & young, rich poor, honored & less so-- & sought out & visited the sick & troubled & held them in power-filled prayers. Adding to this his gift of stirring preaching, is it any wonder that in 1883 when parishioners looked back over the first 50 years, they decided to give a window in his honor. Thanks be to God, as we celebrate our 190th year, for the strong social & spiritual legacy & foundation on which we continue to build! **Part 2 of 2**

¹In Commemoration of the Life and Services of Rev. John Maltby by Enoch Pond, published Bangor: E.F. Duren, 1860, pg 8.

²pg 10-11.

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Music Committee on 12/10/23 at Noon-Throckmorton

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

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.

BLACK BEAR MEN'S CHORUS

On Sunday, December 3, 2023 HSCC welcomed the beautiful music of the Black Bear Men's Chorus during the service. We have been blessed with their beautiful music for many years. Danny Williams is the Chorus Director.





Advent and Christmas Celebrations

At

Hammond Street Congregational Church

- December 10 Intergenerational Choir Cantata
And Tableau*
- December 17 Service of Lessons and Carol 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

December 10, 2023 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!!!

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