



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

John 15:15

I have called you my friends, because I've made known to you everything that I've heard from my Abba God.

WORDS OF HOPE

A major question for early Christian leaders revolved around the influence that the Jesus event had on their belief in one God. Thinking about this matter, they concentrated their understanding of what Jesus' life and ministry meant to their spiritual lives.

From the beginning of Jesus' ministry, he became famous among the villagers for his wise and holy words which told of God's love, forgiveness, and divine welcome. He also spoke words of correction and encouragement for their lives. By these words and the manner in which he related to others, Jesus revealed much about his Abba God.

Jesus revealed God's loving nature as he encountered everyone - rich or poor, powerful, or outcast. He revealed God's patience and understanding of human frailty as he gently, led his disciples into greater appreciation of his divine ministry. Jesus revealed God's offer, that believers could enter the Kingdom of God on earth and live under divine sovereignty, which would be reflected in their current tangible lifestyles.

Jesus revealed the tender, healing care of God as he reached out to heal all manner of illness. He revealed the Almighty power of God when he raised Lazarus from the dead. Before the life of Jesus, it seemed that God was very distant from the common person, but now the Divine's presence seemed to walk with them, talk to them, and eat meals with them. Jesus' life revealed the opportunity to have an intimate relationship with God. Earlier the Temple curtain had separated the Holy One from all worshipers but the High Priest. Now with the revelation of Jesus, all those who sought a true relationship with God could find divine presence available in their daily life. These are several aspects of the Holy One which Jesus revealed to his followers.

All of us have experienced strong unexplained feelings that guide us when we have made certain choices in our lives. What aspects of God do you feel within yourself? What other characteristics of God are better revealed to you because of the life and ministry of Jesus?

PRAYER

Creator, Counselor, and Guide, thank you for the aspects of you that the life of Jesus has revealed to us, that these attributes may live within us, and we can share your love with others. Amen



FREE BEAN LUNCH

Please join us on **Saturday, February 3, 2024** 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. We also provide a bag lunch to take out consisting of a Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich, an apple, and a cookie. There are lots of volunteer opportunities to include set-up, serving and cleanup as well as making casseroles, cookies or dessert.

Please contact Ruey Yehle at ryehle2@gmail.com for more information.

PALMS

The Diaconate is in need of palms from last year's Palm Sunday Service in order to make the ashes needed for Ash Wednesday, February 14. **Please bring in your palms by Sunday, February 11, 2024.** They can be placed on the back tables in the Sanctuary . Thank you.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Beginning on Monday, February 19th, Pastor Gary will be hosting a Lenten Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The study will continue every Monday through Lent and will conclude on Monday, March 25th. Sign up sheets are on the table on the High Street entrance to the Sanctuary. The Study is, "Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross", By Susan Robb.

God's covenants throughout the Old Testament show the character of God's promises to the people of Israel. In this book, Susan Robb leads readers through the covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, followed by the new covenant established on Maundy Thursday. The Lenten story culminates with an examination of the cross as another example of God's promise for a new world.

Susan Robb teaches readers the basic lessons of the covenants through a mixture of biblical history and personal stories. Her pastoral character and warm tone provide a basis for understanding God's promises through history and the role of Jesus's passion and crucifixion in the history of the covenants. **Each student's book cost \$14.00**



FOOD 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**). Thank You

FRESH START FOOD BOXES

As part of our involvement with the interdenominational church group "Moving in Faith & Hope", your Outreach Committee is committed to supporting the Fresh Start Sober Living program in the greater Bangor area. Our part is to supply a box of food for one person for about 5 days. Just enough for a person to get acquainted with their new neighborhood and find the local food pantry & bus routes. In 2023 we provided one box per month. In 2024 we would like to increase that to two per month as the Fresh Start Program now has thirteen homes and may use 15 boxes a month. We need your help to reach this goal. Standardized boxes are available at church. The list of items needed to fill each box is below. Contact Andy Wood (745-3428) for a box or any questions.

Thanks for your support – Outreach Committee

**Canned Fruit-2 cans
Crackers-1 box
Canned Veggies-2 cans
Mac & Cheese-3 boxes
Canned Stew, Chili-1 can
Canned Tuna, Chicken-2
Canned Soup-2 cans
Cereal or Instant Oats-1
Pop Tarts-1 8-pk box**

**Jelly-1 jar
Shelf Stable Milk-1
Cookies-1 package
Spaghetti-1 box
Spaghetti Sauce-1 jar
Rice-A-Roni-2 boxes
Pasta Other-1 box
Peanut Butter-1 jar**

COVID GUIDELINES

Covid levels in wastewater in Penobscot County are as high now as they were in the Omicron era (Jan-Feb 2022). Fortunately, people can reduce the risk of getting or spreading Covid by wearing a mask. Getting the latest Covid vaccination will also reduce the risk of serious illness.

HSCC has free N-95 masks at the greeter's table in the narthex. Please help yourself if you need a mask.



PFAFF ROOM MAKEOVER

The Sunday School room aka PFAFF Room has just gotten a long overdue makeover. This room was being used by the Food Pantry during the Pandemic.

Volunteers from our Willing Workers cleaned, sanded and put on a fresh coat of paint top to bottom. Ten Hammond Streeters under the direction of Paul Graham worked some eighty man hours for over two days on this project.

If you would like to be a part of any of HSCC's upcoming projects like this one come join the Willing Workers on Tuesday mornings from 8-12 or any part thereof for our regular work bee. It is true, many hands make light work.



THANK YOU

Dear HSCC, Many thanks for the gorgeous bouquet which Kathy Frazier delivered on Sunday. The gesture and the beautiful arrangement brought a ray of sunshine.

Peace, Fran Griffin

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024

Stewardship on 2/5/24 at 6:30 pm in the Sinnott Room

Diaconate on 2/6/24 at 6:30 pm in the 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 to 3. 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.

THE ADELLA PROJECT



A big thank you to Keith Yates for letting us get to know you. We think your message to “Get in the Word” (read your Bible each day) is great advice!



We are so grateful to Rita Bigelow for spending a Sunday morning with our class!

Hearing about your favorite Bible verse, your parents and how they inspired you to follow the Golden Rule was very meaningful to all of us! Thank you Rita!

PATRICK'S 35TH BIRTHDAY



SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, 3/16/24 AT 5PM HSCC LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION

Last year we had a lively and entertaining live and silent auction. We enjoyed a delicious potluck supper and held a FUN raiser for the benefit of HSCC. The Auction is back this year on March 16th. Bring a casserole, salad or bread and we provide the drink and dessert.

Contact Brad Ryder at kavaker97@aol.com if you have silent or live auction items and/or questions.

PS. Bring a friend! Show them what HSCC is all about and the fun we have!



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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

February 4, 2024 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!!!

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