



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community February 28, 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4.20

If someone says, "I love God," and hates a sister or brother, that person is a liar; for the ones who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

WORDS OF HOPE

The Weapon of Love

Many of us are hurting, and the cries for justice are being heard from every corner, from every home, and around the world. In our pursuit of justice, the words of Martin Luther King ring in a pitch so clear, and so pure that they must be remembered. In honor of his memory, and in all of the lives that we have lost to senseless violence, I want to offer a small quote from Martin Luther King.

He says, "As you press on for justice, be sure to move with dignity and discipline using only the weapon of love. Let no man pull you so low as to hate him. Always avoid violence. If you succumb to the temptation of using violence in your struggle, unborn generations will be the recipients of a long and desolate night of bitterness. And your chief legacy, to the future, will be an endless reign of meaningless chaos."

Let's do our best. Let's stand together with dignity and discipline to preserve the legacy of the great Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and this great nation.

PRAYER

Great Spirit,

We are a world turning in our beds, never finding comfort. Our pain comes from wounds too deep to reach. For countless nights we have cried ourselves to sleep, but never finding rest. How long will the wicked be allowed to oppress us? How long will we look for justice, and find only disappointment in her place? There is nothing new under the sun. Therefore, we will praise You. Our God is a God of justice, equity, and righteousness. By Your word You created the Earth and all that dwell therein. You established the oceans and told them how far they could go. Wisdom is in Your right hand and understanding is in Your left.

Let every voice praise the Lord! We do not call on one who does not hear, does not see, or does not feel. You are righteous, and Your love endures forever. Praise You God, for Your blessing is for the righteous. May we honor You by never doubting You. May we be faithful to You as You have been faithful to us. Amen.



FREE BEAN LUNCH

Please join us on **Saturday, March 2, 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.

HSCC LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH AT 5PM. 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!

EASTER FLOWERS

It's time to put in your orders for Easter Flower dedications. **Prices are as follows: Lilies-\$20, Daffodils, Tulips, and Hyacinths-\$15.** Order forms will be on the table in the back of the Sanctuary and emailed. You can bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the offering plate. **All orders must be received no later than Friday, March 22nd before 2:30 P.M. because all orders will be called into Bangor Floral at 2:30 P.M.**



FOOD NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of Pasta, Sauce, Cereal, Baked 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, thankfully, have now come down about 2/3's from the peak of this winter. However, levels are still higher than during most of the pandemic years. 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.

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

This year, on Saturday, March 30 the Faith formation team is hosting an Easter Party for the children and Youth of our church and community. We need your help to get ready for the fun. We need Easter candy to fill the eggs and cookies for the children and adults to decorate. Candy donations can be left at the table in the Sanctuary and Cookies can be brought to the Fellowship Hall the day of the celebration. Thank you for your help. "It takes a village to raise a child" and what a wonderful village of faith we have at HSCC.



2024 THERE'S HUMMING HAPPENING AT HAMMOND STREET!

Save these dates:

Friday April 5th, 7pm - Windham High Chamber Singers

Sunday May 5th, 7pm - The Maine Steiners

Saturday June 8th, 7pm - Jessi Mallory, An Elvis Tribute

Sunday September 22nd, 3pm - Kathy Jellison, An Organ Recital

Sunday October 20th, 3pm - The Winds of the Bejeweled Diadem

Something for everyone! All to benefit our Instrument Maintenance Fund!

Please email Judy Fricke at judysfricke@yahoo.com for any questions.

PILGRIM LODGE 2024 PROGRAMS FOR ALL

Pilgrim Lodge registration is open for the coming summer. There are programs and wonderful friends to meet for all ages at beautiful Cobboosecontee Lake. You will be amazed at the variety of things to do at Pilgrim Lodge. See pilgrimlodge.org.

Scholarships will be available. Please check with Tracy Bigney (207-356-7223 or tbig@zwi.net about scholarships).

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024

Diaconate on 3/5/24 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 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.



..ll aboard Cyr Bus Motor Coach to Portland to enjoy an
afternoon of Baseball with the Sea Dogs at
Hadlock Field Home of The Boston Red Sox's
Double A Baseball Team!



Your Ticket Includes:

All-You-Can-Eat ballpark style picnic
buffet at the The Park Avenue Plaza
Picnic Area!

Conveniently located on the first
base side of the ballpark, this area is
exclusive to our group where you'll
enjoy your ballpark picnic and move
to your seats in the stadium for the
game.



Saturday, May 4, 2024

1PM Game Time

LEAVE: Bangor 9:30AM

**Hammond Street Congregational
Church is Located on Hammond & High
Streets Bangor.**

Cost

\$100 per ticket

Contact Church Office

942-4381

or

Susan Gildart

susan.gildart1215@gmail.com

Limited Tickets Available



**TAKE ME OUT TO THE
BALL GAME**

Hike for the Homeless

Please join us on April 6th



With the 29th Annual Hike for the Homeless only months away, Bangor Area Homeless Shelter needs YOUR help making our largest fundraiser of the year a success. With many vulnerable community members still needing our services, BAHS needs to raise \$30,500 for our programs.

HSCC will be supporting this event in two ways:

1. **Hike with us!!** Raise community awareness and funds. Register as a hiker with the HSCC Team. Team registration is \$20, good dogs are welcome at \$10. Registration includes a very stylish event T-Shirt. **See Andy Wood (745-3428) to register.** Make checks payable to Hammond Street Church. Last year, HSCC had the largest team with 30 people registered. Grab your friends, family & neighbors and let's improve on that this year.
2. **Event Sponsorship** – Your outreach committee is sponsoring this year's event at the \$250 level – or more if funds allow. We'll need to raise these funds from generous folks like you. If you won't be able to join us on the hike, please consider supporting the Homeless Shelter with a cash donation (make checks out to Hammond Street Church).

Hikers assemble at 9:30 at the Waterfront Compass

The hike begins at 10:00 am.

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
In Person Sunday Service
Pastor Gary Bagley
March 3, 2024 at 10 AM
ALL ARE WELCOME !!**

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