



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community March 27, 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

John 12: 34-36

The crowd spoke up, “We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, ‘The Son of Humanity must be lifted up’? Who is this ‘Son of Humanity’?” Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.” When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

WORDS OF HOPE

The first three Gospels present highly abridged outlines of the chronological life of Jesus, from his birth through highlights of his ministry and leading to the events of what we now call Holy Week, climaxing with his death and resurrection. John, however, spends the majority of his narrative on Holy Week.

Today’s reading from John’s Gospel is a typical example of Jesus’ interaction with seemingly countless groups of the people who had come to Jerusalem that week for the Passover celebration. They were a diverse group made up of devout Jews from many provinces, curious gentiles, jealous religious leaders, disciples, critics, friends, and enemies. Each had lists of questions to either honestly gain information or trick him into revealing he was an imposter. Jesus was centerstage of the spotlight.

The last sentence of today’s passage gives us what I’m sure is an accurate description of the way most of us would react under that kind of pressure. (Jesus left and hid himself from them.) Wouldn’t you?

The Holy Week lessons continually reveal Jesus’ fully human nature. He is compassionate. He is frustrated. He is angry. He is exhausted. Even John, whose Gospel usually emphasizes the “signs” that establish the Messiah’s divinity, now writes about the Jesus who lives next door. It is a message that we each need to remember as we prepare ourselves for the gravity of the events of Good Friday. The agony he is about to experience solidifies his union with humanity. He is one of us about to die for all of us.

PRAYER

Remind us that we no longer walk in the darkness but are children of your light. As we study and meditate on the events of this holiest of weeks, may we never lose sight of the source of that light. Amen.



CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

Come join us this Saturday, March 30th from 9 AM to 11 AM for an Easter Party for the children and youth of our church and community. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, Cookie Decorating and Easter Egg Decorating for the children and youth. It will be a fun filled morning for all!



FOOD NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of Pasta, Sauce, Cereal, Baked Beans, Canned Fruit, non-refrigerated Milk. Thank You



**Hammond Street
Congregational Church
Lenten Worship**

HOLY WEEK CONTINUES

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, WITH THE
CELEBRATION OF THE LAST SUPPER
AT 7 P.M.**

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, WILL CONTINUE
OUR LENTEN JOURNEY AS WE JOIN IN THE
SERVICE OF SHADOWS. THIS YEAR WE WILL
FOCUS ON THE "WAY OF THE CROSS"
AT 7 P.M.**

**LENT CONCLUDES WITH
OUR EASTER SERVICES ON EASTER
SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

**SUNRISE SERVICE WILL BE AT WATER-
FRONT PARK ON FRONT ST AT 6:30 A.M.**

**EASTER BREAKFAST IS AT 8:30 A.M.
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION
WILL BE AT 10:00 A.M.
IN THE SANCTUARY**

**MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US AS WE MAKE OUR
2024 LENTEN JOURNEY TO THE CROSS
AND THE EMPTY TOMB**



COVID GUIDELINES

Covid 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.



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

Maine Conference, United Church of Christ

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 Cobbooseecontee 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@gwi.net about scholarships).

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024

Diaconate on 4/2 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.

Hammond Street Concert Series Presents

WINDHAM Chamber Singers.

Friday April 5th, 7pm

Hammond Street Congregational Church

At the corner of Hammond and High Streets in Bangor



This concert series is a music outreach of Hammond Street Congregational Church and benefits the Instrument Maintenance Fund.

Suggested donation \$10.00, Students \$5.00

PALM SUNDAY 2024

The Chime Choir and Choir joined for the Palm Sunday Introit.
The cross anonymously gifted on Easter 2023 is placed for Holy Week.



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EASTER SUNDAY

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

March 31, 2024 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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