



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community April 10, 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 16.1-2

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to God, you are my Lord". All that I have which is good is provided by you.

WORDS OF HOPE

The Lectionary during Eastertide, as in all church seasons, consists of daily Scripture readings and today's Psalm quote is a short one. It is always helpful to read the passage specified for the day several times, reflect on what you have read, and then take time for personal prayer to God. Remember to take time and be quiet and seek to hear the voice of God as a part of your reflection.

Consider the fact in reflecting on today's reading that the Disciples had become accustomed to seeking refuge in Jesus. For three years, Jesus had been present to teach and comfort his followers. Now the bottom had dropped out of their lives. He had died, been buried, resurrected, and two of them had told of his reappearance to them on the road to Emmaus.

Confused and in fear, they met together in a room with a locked door. Then suddenly, the resurrected Jesus appeared to them in that locked space and said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Reflect on Jesus' words, "I do not give to you as the world gives". What is the usual rhythm of giving or supplying which is common in our world? It is a give and take, a time of contentment and then sooner or later a time of uncertainty or fear.

In sharp contrast, God's loving peace is constant! That peace referred to by Jesus is an anchor which always holds us. It is our shalom at all times. It is not the world's give-and-take system. It is the peace of Jesus, now, tomorrow, and forever.

PRAYER

Morning by morning, my God, may I seek your will in my life. With your divine presence and guidance, help me to recognize the needs of others and extend my hand and heart to bless their lives. And in all that I am and do, may you be glorified. Amen.

THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out to Tracy Bigney for playing during worship last Sunday in Kathy Jellison's absence.

HSCC YOUTH CLASS 2024

Our class had the most amazing time with educator extraordinaire and cheerleader of all children, Don Spencer! He shared his favorite Bible verse with us: Faith can move mountains. Matthew 17:20

And the best advice he has ever received: "Always do what is best for kids." Anyone who knows Don, knows that he took this advice to heart and put it into ACTION. Thank you Don for spending time with us and for the super fun Red Sox memorabilia gifts! ~ HSCC Youth Class '24



PEW RESTORATION PROJECT

On Thursday, April 25, from 1-3, we hope to gather a team of 4-6 people in the sanctuary who are interested in learning how to touch up the nicks and scratches on our Pews. Ginger Graham, Sexton Paul Graham's sister, will share her skills for restoring finishes.

HSCC ANNUAL INDOOR YARD SALE

Save the Date - May 18th - More details coming soon!



ALWAYS NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

Pasta, Sauce, Cereal, Baked Beans, Canned Fruit, Non-Refrigerated Milk. Thank You



COVID GUIDELINES

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!

HAMMOND STREET CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

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 Cobbosseecontee 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

Trustees on 4/11/24 at 6:30 PM-Sinnott Room

Council/Exec on 4/16/24 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.



All 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**

HSCC ANNUAL HIKE FOR THE HOMELESS APRIL 6, 2024

Our Annual Hike For The Homeless was a success again this year. We had approximately 36 hikers and 4 dogs on Team Hammond Street Congregational Church and we were also one of the sponsors of the hike again this year. Altogether we raised \$1,785.00 for the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter this year. A huge thank you to all who participated and/or donated to this very worthy cause.



THE APRIL HSCC FREE BEAN LUNCH HAD VERY SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS

We had the pleasure of listening to the prolific Singer and Songwriting duo of Larry and Leslie Latour. They are contemporary folk/pop singers from the heart of Maine. They were spectacular and over 60 guests enjoyed their music while dining. Thank you so Larry & Leslie for making our monthly Free Bean Lunch something truly memorable.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

APRIL 14, 2024 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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