



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community April 24, 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Mind of Christ

When I was younger, I used to care a lot about people's motives. Truth be told, I often looked with a more suspicious eye upon others than was warranted and cast an unduly luminous glow upon my own. As I have matured, I have come to accept that we all have mixed motives for the things we do—even when it comes to the spiritual life.

A scripture from Philippians prompted my reflecting upon the complexity of the topic. Having expressed his love and gratitude for the community at Philippi and his confidence that God will bring to fruition the good work begun in them, Paul remarks that though he is imprisoned, the gospel is actually spreading. Other voices are raised on behalf of Christ. Some preach from good will, but others proclaim Christ from “envy and rivalry” or from “selfish ambition”—Phil 1:15-17. Though Paul could have voiced strenuous objection to those with sullied motives, he asserts: “What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way out of false motives or true, and in that I rejoice”(18). The impact, the effect is more important than the motivation. Christ's work is being done.

Later, setting an expectation for the Philippians to surpass those with distorted purposes, Paul encourages church members to shape their own lives around noble motives: to do “nothing from selfish ambition,” to “look not to [their] own interests but to the interests of others” (2:3-4). He images for them what it is to put on the “mind of Christ,” who emptied himself, humbled himself, becoming obedient even to the point of death on a cross (2:6-8)—our model still.

In our humanness, we operate from mixed motives—the noble and the selfish—and often aren't aware of the power of the subconscious. But we can continue to seek to imitate Jesus, to examine our motives, to confess before God, and, little by little, become more authentic in intention and action. Eric Hoffer reminds us too that “kindness can become its own motive,” that “we are made kind by being kind.”

Prayer

Holy God, Purify our hearts. Touch us with your cleansing fire that we may be more like you. Amen.



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.



HIKE FOR THE HOMELESS RESULTS

On behalf of your Outreach Committee, I'd once again like to thank everyone for your very generous support of this project. This event is the Shelter's largest fund raiser and the HSCC Congregation contributed in a big way. Our involvement in this community project generated \$760 from Hiker registrations and \$1065 in sponsorship, for a total contribution of \$1825.

Wow, that's Awesome – Thanks So Much.

For registered Hikers who have not received their T-shirts, they are in the church office. Please pick them up Monday thru Friday 9 am to 3 pm.

HSCC Outreach Committee



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Church Clean-up Day is on May 11th. More info to come soon.

HSCC ANNUAL INDOOR YARD SALE

Yard Sale - Saturday, May 18, 8-1



Clean reusable clothing, shoes, books, home goods, toys, games, plants, jewelry, small appliances in working order . . . are all welcome items for the sale. Please, no textbooks or electronics. If in doubt, just ask. Donations may be dropped off during church office hours and Sunday before/after worship through Thursday, May 16. **No donations the day before the fair, please.**

Email pondpaddle@msn.com, call 207-745-6851 or see me at church if you can help or have questions.

Lynda Ryder



ALWAYS NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

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



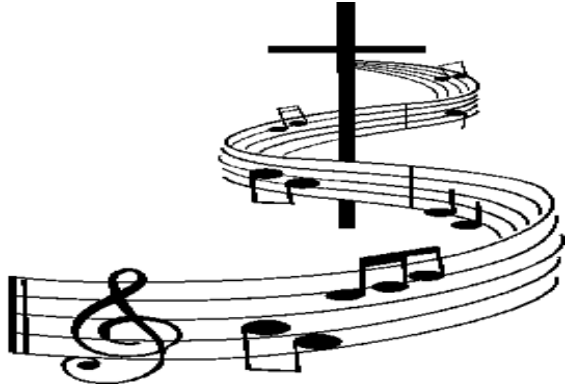
COVID GUIDELINES

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 would like a mask.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

It is with our deepest sympathy to announce that on April 14, 2024, Fern Ederie Stearns Crossland passed away at her home in Hallowell, ME. She was born on August 8, 1933 in Mexico, ME and was a former member who joined HSCC on September 8, 2002. She will be truly missed.



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 to register.

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

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024

NO MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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.

INDOOR YARD SALE



**Hammond Street
Congregational Church
28 High Street, Bangor**

Corner of Hammond and High Streets

Sat. May 18 8am-1pm



PIES ARE A BIG HIT FOR SHELTER GUESTS

Guests at the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter were delighted with the array of beautiful, delicious, homemade pies that were dessert for the HSCC shelter meal this month. We offered a colorful selection with flavors including cherry, blueberry, chocolate cream, Dutch apple, banana cream, and fudge pecan. Many guests expressed their appreciation for the pies. Thank you to all the bakers who stepped forward.



CLYNK --AN EASY WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH

HSCC now has a Clynk account for returnable bottles and cans. We have green Clynk bags with tags that will direct the money from the returnables to the church. Each Hannaford super market has a place to return Clynk bags. You fill the bag, take it to the store, scan the tag to open the door for returnables, and put the bag in.

If you would like to contribute your returnable proceeds to the church, see Tracy Bigney, Joni Decato or Mary Klemt in the office for the bags. You may get one or two bags, and then get more when those have been used.

This can be a great ongoing fundraiser for HSCC. The 5 cent and 15 cent redemption funds will add up when lots of people join together.

Thanks,

Tracy



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**

Hammond Street Concert Series
Presents

The Maine Steiners

Sunday May 5th, 7 pm

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, \$5.00 for Students

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Jim Scovil

APRIL 28, 2024 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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