



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community April 3, 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 19:14

...Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the realm of heaven."

WORDS OF HOPE

The Future

This Eastertide, I believe that we are beginning a blessed new adventure. It feels as though we have started it without even realizing it. The world is demanding honesty, integrity, and virtue from the citizens to the leaders of our nations. The Earth is saying, "Stop polluting my seas, land, and air."

The creatures are fighting for survival on every continent. Anyone who is listening can hear the cries for change, but we are already changing. The proof can be found in our children. Has there even been a generation like there is now with children who are so wise?

It took my whole life for me to learn to love myself, however, children now are learning to love their uniqueness. When one loves themselves, they can love one another because we reflect what is inside of us outside. Greater love is in the next generation, and for this reason, I realize that the future is full of wondrous possibilities.

All over the world children are fighting for equality, our planet, and for the lives herein. Where did they get this wisdom? I see now that we did not fail. Perhaps, it was through our many failures and struggles that we learned what better really was; however, it is our children who will show us what better looks like.

We must give our children everything we have. God bless the children! Not everything we leave for them will make their lives easier, but the challenges they face will give them the endurance to keep pressing forward and the gratitude to protect what they have.

We are not the most advanced civilization. It has not been born yet. Our job of teaching, protecting, and loving our children yet remains. Our most precious treasure is our children. Therefore, we must teach them that nothing is impossible for them and to never stop dreaming. Above all, we must demonstrate the power of love by believing in them as we believe in God.

PRAYER

Abba God,

Our children need a good teacher. You gave us the gift of our children. Help us to show your love so that they may know you. Without Your love, there is nothing to be gained in this world. Therefore, let every soul know You tenderly. Bless You Abba, because even when things are buried in darkness, your greater light is waiting to break through. Amen.



FREE BEAN LUNCH

Please join us on **Saturday, April 6, 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.



THANK YOU

A huge shoutout to all who helped in any way to make HSCC's first Children's Easter Party and Egg Hunt such a huge success. Great fun was enjoyed by all! This definitely will be a new annual tradition here at HSCC.



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

We are in need of 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!

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 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

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.

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

2024 EASTER CELEBRATIONS FOR HSCC

Starting off the Easter celebrations was a Children's Easter Party and Egg Hunt on Saturday and then on Easter morning starting with a moving sunrise service led by Rev. Greg Bridges-Music, to a full breakfast prepared by Andy, Don, Larry, Brad and Wally, through Pastor Gary's inspiring worship service supported by beautiful music and attended by 145+, through Lovern's gift of an amazing Coffee Hour, Hammond Street celebrated a joyous Easter morning.



Egg Coloring



Cookie Decorating



Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Sunday Sunrise Service



Easter Breakfast Crew



Easter Sunday Service



Coffee Hour

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

APRIL 7, 2024 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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