



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community July 17, 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

John 14:6

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

WORDS OF HOPE

This famous (or infamous) passage from John's Gospel has been a sticking point for many. I do not know what was meant by these words. I can only tell you what they mean to me. Hopefully my feeling about this will resonate with you.

I think Jesus here means that his way of being and his way of living reflect a true relationship with God. Jesus was humble. Jesus was passionate. Jesus was empathetic and sympathetic. Jesus was a leader, but first he was a servant. His was and is a true way, a life lived in the truth of God and God's love. A life truly lived the best way, if you will.

Jesus said this when he was answering Thomas who asked how to know the way Jesus was going. Jesus uses his life example to show the true way. Life, truth and the way to God are synonymous. They are one thing. It is life as it is meant to be. When Jesus said “I am the way” I believe he meant more than who he was. He meant how he was.

Among all the varied designated daily holidays is “Tell the truth day”. When we think about telling the truth we start rationalizing. Do we always tell every truth? Truthfully answering the question “does this outfit make me look fat?” may not be the way to a long life. We sometimes slip past truth. And I'm not sure that is always bad.

But when we think of Jesus' life as an example, a true way to live, we realize that how we express our being must be in the truth of God's love. It is being a servant leader. That is the way of Jesus. That is the truth of life; the way to God. We cannot slip past this. As Jesus was, so we should be. Our way, our life, our truth must be one thing.

PRAYER

God of Truth, God of Love, we struggle to live the life You want, the life Jesus exemplified as a way for us. Through Your Holy Spirit, mold us into what we should be so that our lives will be lived in truth and be truth. Amen,

See you on Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



SUMMER WORSHIP

During July and August, we will enjoy our time together with a more relaxed liturgy and our favorite songs.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

July 1st until August 23rd HSCC office hours will be 9 AM to NOON Monday thru Friday.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED

My program, SEARCH, helps older people by matching them with a volunteer. Recently, I met a lady on Cedar Street who needs help with grocery shopping.

She says your church is her preferred place of worship, so I am wondering if you might post or announce a need for a shopper for her? The interested volunteer could call me at 207-245-8042

We do the background check and orientation for volunteer, as well as evaluate the person requesting help, there is never a cost for the program.

I know of your fine community work through the Ecumenical Food Pantry, our parish does food campaign every third Sunday of the month for the cupboard.

Might you help me find a volunteer for Sandra? (Sandy Farver)

Thank you for consideration,

Jane French
SEARCH at Catholic Charities
436 S Main St
Brewer 04412
207.245.8042
jfrench@ccmaine.org



ALWAYS NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

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



COVID GUIDELINES

We 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.

HELGA KITTREDGE

Our deepest condolences go out to Ron and Thomas Kittredge on the passing of Helga. The memorial service for Helga Kittredge will be held at Brookings-Smith, Center Street, Bangor at noon on July 22, 2024. Pastor Gary will be presiding and a time to gather will take place in the Family Reception Center immediately following the service. Please keep Ron and Thomas in your prayers in this time of Loss.



FREE BEAN LUNCH DONATIONS NEEDED

Free Bean Lunch is in need of the following items:

Squeeze bottles of Ketchup and Mustard.

Thank you for helping us serve the needy, Ruey

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024

NO MEETINGS THIS WEEK

PLEASE REMEMBER

Hammond Streeters at Home:

Sandy Farver, Eda & Hugh Morrison

Sylvia Ross Home-Bangor

Ronnie 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 11 AM

SUNDAY BULLETIN-THURSDAYS at 11 AM

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9 to NOON. 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 on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

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.



2024 HAMMOND STREET CONCERTS

Sunday September 22nd, 3 PM

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.

CHARLIE HOWARD MEMORIAL SERVICE JULY 7, 2024

Hammond Street was well represented at the Charlie Howard Memorial Service. Hammond Streeters, Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor members, Equality Maine and other supportive people in the community met on the State Street Bridge to remember that his murder sparked the fight for LGBTQ+ equality in Maine. We all threw flowers into the Penobscot River at the sight of Charlie's memorial in remembrance of him on that tragic day. This year marked the 40th anniversary of his murder.





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.

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.

The 5 cent and 15 cent redemption funds will add up when lots of people join together. Thanks, Tracy

Great time at the End of Year party for the Choir, Chime Choir, and Music Committee!



Think about joining these fun groups in the fall!

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

July 21, 2024 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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