



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community September 25, 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.”

Isaiah 42:1-4

WORD OF HOPE

Think about our world for a moment. Who could possibly bring justice to the nations?

Isaiah 42 speaks of this person but doesn't say who it is. Matthew 12:15-21, though, shows that Jesus is the one described here. He is the one who brings justice. In the Bible, seeking justice is the same as peacemaking. Shalom, the state in which everything in life goes the way that God intends, is a state of total justice.

Seeking justice is central to understanding Jesus. In his teaching and healing work, Jesus ministered to people who were sick, poor, foreigners, and outcasts. He overturned unjust social structures—between the rich and the poor, the powerful and the weak, the healthy and the sick, and more.

Micah puts it this way: “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

The early followers of Jesus did the same. Roman rulers observed Christians feeding the hungry and caring for the sick during epidemics, and declared, “See how they love one another!” Through the centuries, communities of Jesus' followers have built schools and hospitals, abolished slavery, improved health care, reformed criminal-justice systems, and much, much more.

Justice means dying to “just us” so that everyone may live more fully.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to serve you faithfully today, bringing justice in your world—at home, in our communities, and beyond. Amen.

See you on Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



FALL FOLIAGE TRAIN RIDE OCTOBER 19

Woo-woo chugga chugga choo choo! Hear that train? Join your church friends for a fall foliage train ride and day of seeing the sights in Unity.

We will take a ride on the Belfast and Moosehead Railroad on the afternoon of Saturday, October 19th. The ride is approximately 1 1/2 hours long. Specific time and ticket cost will be set in the next few days and publicized in the next Hammond Streeter.

There is also much more to see in Unity. Other optional activities include visiting the Amish Community Market and Charcuterie (the source of many wonderful smoked meats and cheeses that we enjoy when Lovern hosts Fellowship Hour). All this, and there is an alpaca farm, too! If there is interest, we'll try to arrange a farm tour.

And since we'll get hungry, there is Mammie's Country Kitchen for lunch.

Save the date; more info coming soon.

What better way to see the beautiful foliage than from the train with church friends?

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are having trouble with emails going through, so whoever requested an updated directory they are in the office for PU during office hours or on Sundays after the service. **They are by request only.**

LARGE LAUNDRY DETERGENT CONTAINERS

This is an immediate need for Hope House. The large trashcan will again be placed in the Narthex for these containers. Hammond Streeters always step up to a challenge and thank you for doing it again!
Tim Rogers (HEAL Board Member, Volunteer)

CLYNK RECYCLING BAGS

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.

Bags are on the back table in the Sanctuary or see Mary Klemt in the office. The 5¢ and 15¢ redemption funds will add up when lots of people join together. Thanks, Tracy



FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers on Tuesdays & Thursdays (8 am to noon) who can lift up to 45 lbs. Please contact Maina Fernald at bangorfoodpantry@gmail.com or Carolyn Dorfman at cdorfman@ymail.com if you can help us.



FREE BEAN LUNCH NEEDS

Strawberry Jam and Pickles are desperately needed for our Free Bean Lunches. We have plenty of PB but only 1 jar of jam and pickles. They would greatly appreciate your help.



ALWAYS NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

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

COVID GUIDELINES

Covid levels are sharply increasing. 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.

**INTERACTING WITH WABANAKI -
MAINE HISTORY**

Saturday, September 28, 2024, 9 A.M.

A program offered over a zoom link.

The Executive Committee is continuing an emphasis at the Association level of working toward a better understanding of our sisters and brothers of the Wabanaki peoples here in Maine. We have engaged with Wabanaki Reach (wabanakireach.org for you to explore) to offer the "Interacting with Wabanaki - Maine History" program on the last Saturday in September. A couple of the committee have experienced it before and could speak personally to the value it offers in a 2 hour session. We will stay on for a 1/2 hour after the program to help attendees process what they have seen and heard. This highly engaging experience requires our full participation in order to genuinely increase our understanding of colonization and what it means for current descendants and future generations; to reflect on what story we are writing for our grandchildren."

The program is interactive with attendees being given simple tasks to help increase awareness in small ways of what tribal members have experienced since Europeans first came to these shores of what is called "Dawnland" by those native to this place. I expect that the link will open 15 minutes before the program. We are limited to 50 participants using the link via Zoom. Should there be more than 50 wanting to attend I will be limiting each church to 2 or 3 participants.

Be sure to offer your name and the email address at which you expect an answer. There is no cost for this as it will be covered by our Association.

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ASSOCIATION



2024 HAMMOND STREET CONCERTS

Sunday November 10th, 3pm - The Winds of the Bejeweled Diadem, a Woodwind Quartet

Something for everyone! All to benefit our Instrument Maintenance Fund!

Please email Judy Fricke at judysfricke@yahoo.com for any questions.

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024

Diaconate Mtg. on 10/1/24 at 6:30-Parlor

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

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 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.



MT. HOPE CEMETERY WALKING TOUR

DID YOU KNOW that there will be a themed walking tour of Mt Hope Cemetery based on HSCC'S stained glass windows? **On Friday, Sept 27 starting at 1:00 p.m.**, you can visit the gravesites and learn about those who have been memorialized through our beautiful windows and those who so generously made it possible. **Please let your Historian (Connie Insley) know if you will be attending so she can get more information to you before that date.** If you need assistance walking, let Connie know so you can be accommodated and enjoy a beautiful afternoon in a gorgeous setting with your friends.

THE MUSIC COMMITTEE is looking for new members. Our main task is coordinating the Hammond Street Concert Series as fundraisers for the Organ and Piano Maintenance Fund. If interested, you could help out some this fall and then jump on the committee in January!

If you have questions about any group, please contact Judy Fricke, judysfricke@yahoo.com.

JIMMY FUND WALK TO DEFY CANCER ALMOST HERE-TRACY BIGNEY

Thank you to the many people who have contributed so far. **Contributions are accepted until October 31.**

It's easy to support this important and universal cause.

- Donate online: give directly through my fundraising page:

<http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/Tracy-Bigney>

- Send in a check: Write a check payable to "Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk" with my name and participant ID 1012011 in the memo line and send it directly to the address below:

Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk
P.O. Box 3595
Boston, MA 02241-3595

-Or send a check made out to Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk to me, and I will send it in.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Tracy Bigney

Hammond Street Concert Series Presents

*An Offering of
Organ Music*

by

Margaret Katherine Jellison

Sunday, September 29th at 3:00

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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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

September 29, 2024 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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