



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community September 4, 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

It is hard to believe that summer has drawn to a close. Although summer does not end officially until September 22, summer is officially over for those who have to return to school and those who are closing up camp and returning to their regular schedules. For those of us who work in the church it means that the church schedule is getting busier after a slow summer schedule.

We will begin our regular fall schedule with Rally Sunday this week, September 8. Sunday School for our youth and children will begin and we will celebrate Rally Day during our Fellowship Time. Don Spencer and Brad Ryder will be grilling hot dogs and Cynthia Reid will be providing goodies too. We will have hot dogs and the fixings for everyone.

This will not only be a time of food and fellowship. You will be able to see this year's curriculum for the children and youth as well as our Fall Bible Study curriculum. Along with that will be an opportunity to serve. We will have all the donated snacks and the backpacks to fill for the Snack Pack in the Park Event on Saturday, September 14th. You can be of service by helping to put the snacks in the backpacks. Thank you to everyone who donated snacks and if you have not had the opportunity to donate snacks it is not too late. You can still donate snacks by bringing them to the church office or bringing them this Sunday. We can always use more snacks.

Then on Saturday, September 14, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. we will gather at Hayford Park in front of the Swimming Pool for Snack Pack in the Park. It will be a fun packed day with the inflatable bounce house and obstacle course. We will also have face painting, a large match four game, as well as popcorn and snow cones.

I hope you can join us for fun, fellowship and service on Rally Day, September 8 and then at Hayford Park for the fun and fellowship at Snack Pack in the Park. It will be great to be with our church family at both events and to see new faces as we gather at Hayford Park.

Christ calls us to go out and to meet people where they are. Saturday, September 14 will be one of several opportunities that we will have to go out and let others see the loving face of Christ through Hammond Street Congregational Church.

See you on Sunday, *Pastor Gary*

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.**



HSCC RALLY DAY

Please join us on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 11 AM after the service in Fellowship Hall.

FALL BIBLE STUDY - SEPTEMBER 23RD TO OCTOBER 28TH

The Gospel of John by Amy-Jill Levine

With her characteristic wit and charm, Amy-Jill Levine introduces readers to the world of the Gospel of John by unpacking the stories in their original context, along with examining how the text is read today. This book considers the Gospel of John in its entirety, moving through the Gospel and exploring the prologue, the wedding at Cana, the Samaritan woman at the well and the woman caught in adultery, the healing of the man at the pool and the man born blind, foot washing, Mary Magdalene and Doubting Thomas, and the Lamb of God.

Sign-up sheets for the Study are on the back table. There are two classes on Mondays: 1 PM and 6:30 PM.

LARGE DETERGENT CONTAINERS The workers at Hope House Encampment are asking for us to collect large, empty, laundry detergent containers. This is an immediate need. 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! Peace and love,

Tim Rogers (HEAL Board Member, Volunteer)

CLYNK --AN EASY WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH

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.

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



FREE BEAN LUNCH

Please join us on **Saturday, September 7, 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.

You can sign up at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11NhgcVoxcrzYWd2i-Ottx5QEUBAeNucGb9FnG-J0Djg/edit?pli=1&gid=1057782017#gid=1057782017>

Contact Ruey Yehle with any questions.



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.

SNACK PACK SATURDAY IN THE PARK 2024

It's time for our annual Snack Pack Saturday in the Hayford Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on September 14th. It is an event to help introduce children and youth as well as parents to Hammond Street Church. We will have a bounce house, a large yard game, snow cones, popcorn, facepainting and other activities for the children. We will also have information available for the parents.

We need everyone to help make this a success. Along with the activities we will also have cloth backpacks for each of the youth and children who visit us. We have approximately 100 backpacks to fill. Our goal is to fill each backpack with snacks for the kids. This is where you can help. We need donations of snacks for the backpacks. There is a box in the Sanctuary where you can place the snacks on Sundays or bring them into the office during office hours. You are welcome to buy whatever you feel a child would like as a snack. Please help us with your donation and make plans to be a part of the fun on Saturday, September 14th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Hayford Park.



2024 HAMMOND STREET CONCERTS

Sunday September 29th, 3 PM

Kathy Jellison, An Organ Recital

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

Outreach Mtg. on 9/8/24 at 9 AM-FH

Music Committee Mtg. on 9/8/24 at noon—Throck.

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.

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**

DEDICATION OF THE NEW USHER CHAIRS IN MEMORY OF NINA HANSEN



THE SANCTUARY CHOIR will begin rehearsals on Wednesday September 4th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. They will be singing in worship starting on Sunday September 8th.



THE CHIME CHOIR Regular rehearsals will begin on Sunday September 22nd immediately after service. Chime Choir is open to all 5th graders to 100-year-olds!

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!

Please mark your calendars and consider joining these active ministries in our church!

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

Hammond Street Congregational Church

Invites you to

Snack Pack Saturday

In Hayford Park

(Union St. at 13th Street in Bangor)

Saturday Sept. 14

10am-1pm

Free Bounce House, Yard Games, Face Painting, Snacks



First 100 kids will receive a string backpack
filled with yummy after-school snacks!

HELP DEFY CANCER WITH THE JIMMY FUND WALK

On Saturday, September 21, I will lace up my sneakers for the 8th time to walk 13.1 miles **in the 2024 Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk**. I've pledged to raise funds that will fuel research breakthroughs and advance pediatric and adult patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. My goal is to raise \$2,000.00 which I have achieved in the past with the help of many friends and family. Donations are accepted until October 31.

Researchers, doctors and care providers have made enormous strides in understanding, preventing, and treating cancer, but there is much more to do to reduce the deadly toll cancer takes on our families and communities. Raising money for Dana-Farber is my way to help.

Maine patients and families benefit through a collaboration of Dana-Farber with Northern Light Health that makes more options and innovative therapies available closer to home.

Please join me in defying cancer by considering a contribution of any amount toward my fundraising efforts.

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.

As I walk, I would be honored to carry names of people you would like to honor, support, and remember. Whether you decide to donate or not, please send me names to carry by September 20, (tbig@gwi.net) or call me at 207-356-7223. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Tracy Bigney



NEW INSULATION UNDERNEATH THE NARTHEX

Last week blown-in insulation was added to the narthex floor by New England Spray On Insulation. The combined efforts of willing workers to insulate the walls will help improve our heating costs.



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 is the description of the program from their website: "This program is an interactive experience in which we engage in a story of particular events in the history of 400 years of colonization of Wabanaki people by Europeans in this territory now called the state of Maine. 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 or 4 participants.

Please consider registering by Sunday, September 15th if you want to participate. You may do so by sending me an email at katahdin.me.ucc@gmail.com, and putting "Interacting..." in the subject line will help. 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.

A reminder email will come out a week before the registration deadline.

I will be providing a link to a list of those in our association who will offer pulpit supply and/or interim work in this reminder email. If your congregation is in need of pulpit supply before then, you can contact the Rev. Sarah Pringle-Lewis at sarahpringlelewis@gmail.com.

Blessings on you and yours for these last "official" days of the summer season.

Bruce Burnham (the Rev. Dr.)

Scribe to the Katahdin Association, Maine Conference

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On Facebook at KATAHDIN - MAINE UCC - ASSOCIATION

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

September 8, 2024 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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