

The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community October 23, 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.

— Ephesians 5:8-10

Word of Hope

Every year at Christmastime we celebrate the birth of the Savior with many lights. These lights illuminate our streets, trees, and houses. In some places people light special decorations as well.

Why do we celebrate Christmas with so many lights? Because Jesus was himself the light. When Jesus came to earth, he became a light for people who were walking in darkness. And we are part of that group of people. Just as the light of the sun literally illuminates us, Christ—the Son of God—illuminates the world so that the darkness is dispelled.

In Christ we also become light, called to shine. The fruits of light are all kinds of goodness, justice, and truth. And the absence of these things is what makes our world so sad and dark in many places. To shine the light ourselves—and not just at Christmastime! —all we have to do is walk in the light of Christ, following Christ. Christ then shines through us.

As you think about shining in the world around you, consider this question: How much light is needed in your schools, workplaces, communities? How do you, as a follower of Christ, provide good influence to people around you because you walk in the light?

Prayer

Light of life, thank you for coming into the darkness of our world. By your Spirit, help me to walk in the light so that others may see you in me. In your name, Amen.

See you on Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



WARMING THE SANCTUARY

Many of us have experienced discomfort during a church service from back pain, a chill, or illness recovery. We have a few pillows scattered around the church which are mostly “taken.” Let’s soften our hard pews and create a more welcoming environment for all. Everyone is invited to bring in small, comfortable pillows, afghans, or shawls for your own use or others.



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.



HSCC ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

Attention: Crafters and Makers

We need your help in expanding our inventory of handmade items for the HSCC Church Fair on December 14th. From ornaments to aprons, we need a variety of your creations to sell. Contact Lynda Ryder if you can help or have any questions at 207-745-6851 or pondpaddle@msn.com.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are having trouble with emails going through, updated directories 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. Tim Rogers (HEAL Board Member, Volunteer)

CLYNK RECYCLING BAGS

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



ALWAYS NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

Stuffing, Gravy, 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.



IMAGINE TOGETHER SUNDAY 10/27/24

The last testimonial is by Andre Chasse. Thank you all for taking your time to share your thoughts on stewardship. Imagine what we can do together in 2025!

THANK YOU

A great big thank you to all those on the Unity train ride. The help I got from everyone made it possible for me to enjoy everything, especially the new baby Alpaca, Lucy Lui. Thank you so much Lovern for hosting this wonderful adventure. I am truly blessed to have such a caring church family. Florence Conley

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024

Diaconate Mtg on 10/29/24 at 6:30 PM—Parlor

Trustees Mtg. on 10/29/24 at 6:30 PM—Sinnott

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.



2024 HAMMOND STREET CONCERT

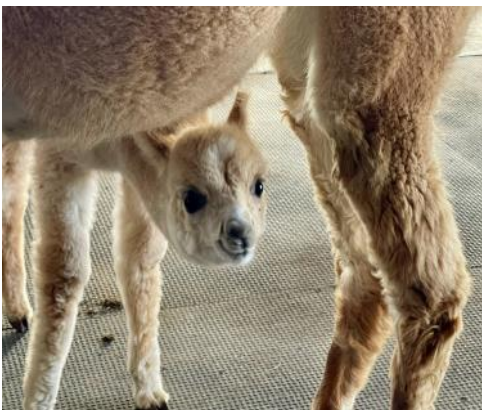
Sunday November 10th, 3pm - The Winds of the Bejeweled Diadem, a Woodwind Quartet

Something for everyone! All to benefit our Instrument Maintenance Fund! Suggested donation is \$10 and \$5 for students.

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

HSCC MOOSEHEAD LAKE/BELFAST FALL FOLIAGE TRAIN RIDE 2024

A wonderful time was enjoyed by all on Saturday 10/19/24 in Unity. First we all met at the Amish Country Market to buy some wonderful things and then we headed out to the Charcuterie Store for some fresh cheeses and meats. Next up we had a delicious lunch at Mammie's Kitchen and then we boarded the train and went to the pumpkin patch and all got a free pumpkin and saw some beautiful foliage at Unity Lake. Last but not least, we headed to the Alpaca Farm to learn about and meet all the Alpacas. They just had a baby a couple of weeks ago and she is so precious. Her name is Lucy Liu. A huge thank you to Lovern Stockwell for arranging this wonderful excursion for us. She did a fabulous job and it wouldn't have been possible without her!



HSCC ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

On Saturday, October, 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. we will be hosting Trunk or Treat for the Children of our Community. We need you to join us and be a part of the line-up for that afternoon. All you need to do is, sign-up on the sign-up sheet that will be located on the table at the back of the Sanctuary so that we know you will be in the line-up. **If you are signing up, please bring your own candy or treats to hand out.** We will not be asking for donations of candy or treats from the congregation anymore, only those who bring their vehicles or sign up, as we had an abundance of leftover candy last year after the event. Then just show up around 3 p.m. and find a parking place on High Street and decorate your trunk with fall or Halloween decorations. Then wait for the ghosts and goblins to show up. **Let's make this a fun and safe way for Trick or Treaters to enjoy Halloween.**



Many thanks to our guest organist and choir member Judy Mullally who offered her musical gifts on Sunday.



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

October 27, 2024 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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