



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community October 9, 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

To each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

Ephesians 4:7

WORD OF HOPE

A story is told in Africa about a proud politician. This senior official had his own driver but did not treat him well. On a business trip he stopped at a restaurant and enjoyed a full meal, but he left his driver outside. On the way to a meeting afterward, the hungry driver decided to teach his boss a lesson. He turned off the car's engine and pretended the battery was dead. "I guess we'll have to push the car," the driver said. After they pushed the car a short distance, the driver said he would try to start the engine again, and it started. The sweaty politician learned that his driver was important too: he needed him to go places and to get there on time.

This story includes some important reminders for the church. No member is more important than the others, and each one has gifts from God that can bless others. In the church, there are often people who think they have not received any special gifts from God. They think they have little or nothing to contribute. But that is a mistake. Another mistake is for people to think they don't need others or the gifts they can share. But God has given us many gifts and abilities, and we depend on each other in many ways.

What gift have you received from God that you can share with others? And with what gifts from God have others blessed you?

PRAYER

Father, all that we have is a gift from you. Help us not to be proud of what we have or too proud to receive from others. Give us humble and gracious hearts. Amen.

See you on Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



FOR ALL WHO RESERVED TICKETS

Payment must be in for train tickets by October 15th.

You can drop a check or cash in an envelope with your name and train ride on it either at the office or in the Sunday Offering plate. If you have any questions? Tracy Bigney (207) 356-7223 or email her at tbig@gwi.net. We do have a waiting list in case of any cancelations.



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 14. 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

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.



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.



IMAGINE TOGETHER

Our Stewardship month is now off to a great start! Thank you to Don Spencer for kicking off our series of oral testimonials. Over the month of October, we will also hear from Kathy Frazier & Susan Gildart, Chuck Veeder, and Andre Chasse. Thank you all for taking your time to share your thoughts on stewardship. Imagine what we can do together in 2025!

Are you curious about how your pledge impacts what we do? As part of Stewardship month our treasurer, Joni Decato, will be stationed in the Sinnott Room, after service on 10/13, for questions about how we use your financial pledges to support the ministry of HSCC.



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!

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

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024

Trustees Mtg. on 10/10/24 at 6:30 PM-Sinnott Room

Outreach Mtg. on 10/13/24 at 9 AM-FH

Music Committee Mtg. on 10/13/24 at noon-Throck.

Council/Exec. Mtg. on 10/15/24 at 6:30 PM-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

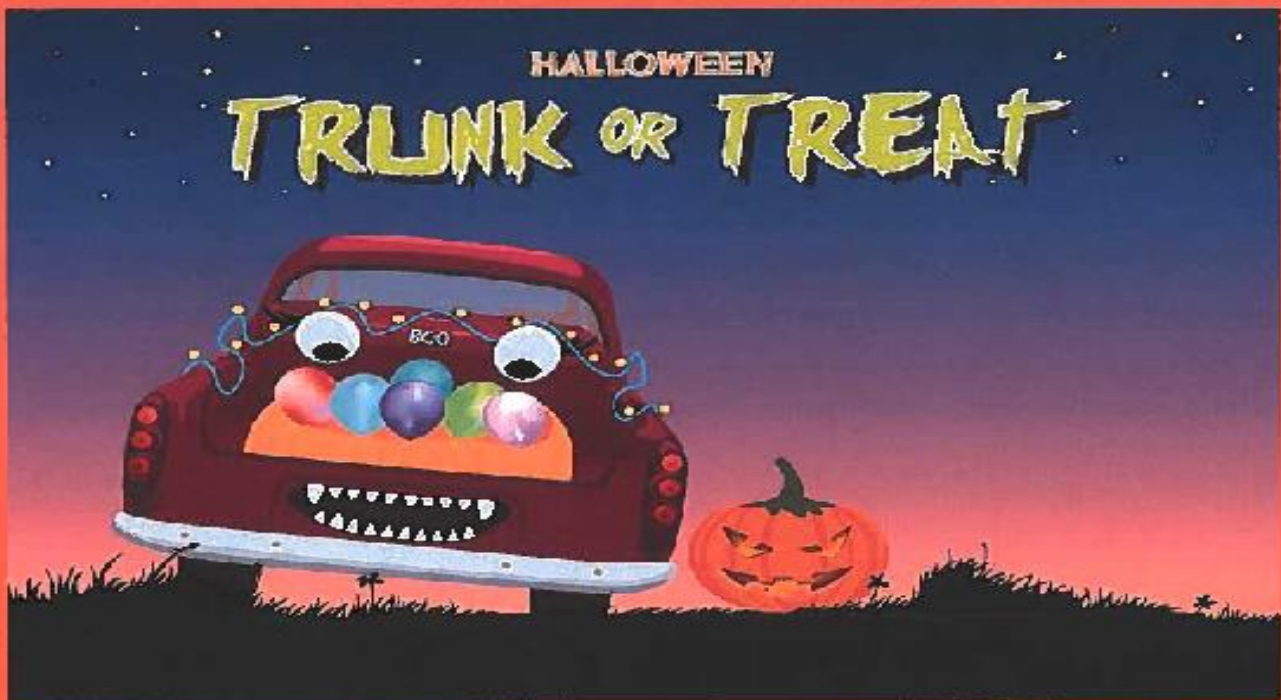
Please make sure the backdoor is locked when you leave. Lock it and give it a tug to make sure it is secure and make sure your vehicle is locked.

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.



**Saturday, October 26
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Hammond Street Church
28 High Street
Bangor**

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, 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 ghost and goblins to show up. Let's make this a fun and safe way for Trick or Treaters to enjoy Halloween.

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

October 13, 2024 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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