



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community January 15, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

Know . . . that the Lord your God is God; the faithful God, keeping God's covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love God and keep God's commandments.

— Deuteronomy 7:9

WORDS OF HOPE

Our God is love, and God loves us. God cares, protects, and provides for us. God described Godself to Moses as "the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin" (Exodus 34:6-7). God's love is sure, extravagant, dynamic, radical, and eternal. Nothing is better than knowing we are loved by God.

It is lovely to start each day knowing we are loved by God and to think of God's love throughout the day, no matter what comes our way. Love anchors us. Experiencing God's love has an extraordinary effect on how we relate to others. Love gives us a testimony to share with others.

The way we treat one another comes from God's love in us. The Spirit of God guides us to be patient and kind, not boastful, not dishonoring others, not self-seeking, not easily angered, not keeping a list of wrongs. Love "rejoices with the truth . . . always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13).

God loves us even as God loves God's own Son. Love is forever. Where are you experiencing God's great love in your life?

PRAYER

Gracious God, thank you for your covenant of love and for sending Jesus to pay the penalty for our sins as a sacrifice of love. I desire to love and live for you. Amen.

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*

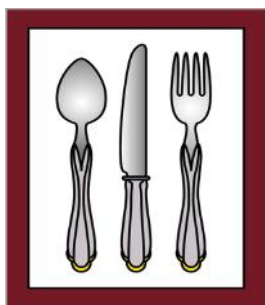
ANNUAL MEETING

The HSCC Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2025 right after the Sunday service and a light meal will be served. **ALL COMMITTEES PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING**, Thank you

WARRANT WAS POSTED (1-8-25)

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION

Make plans to attend the third annual Martin Luther King Day celebration hosted by Faith Linking in Action. The celebration will be held at First United Methodist Church at 703 Essex Street, Bangor, ME on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 3 PM.



SILVERWARE FOR BEAN LUNCHES

The Free Bean Lunch is in need of some silverware. If you can help us out, please bring it in and drop it off during office hours. **No plastic please.** If you have any questions, please contact Ruey at: ryehle2@gmail.com Thank you



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

There's a brand-new sign-up sheet for 2025 on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Help is needed to fill up those dates. If you have questions about what is involved in a coffee hour, please speak to Susan Guare or to anyone working in the kitchen on a Sunday morning.

SAVE THE DATE! Our 3rd Annual HSCC Live and Silent Auction is not far away! Mark your calendars for **March 15th**, 5pm to enjoy a potluck supper, silent and live auction! Last year we had an incredible assortment of unique items as well as yummy treats and baked goods. Proceeds to benefit HSCC and our Outreach programs. Just in case....snow date is the following weekend, March 22nd.

Contact Brad Ryder, 207-745-6850 or kayaker97@aol.com if you have an item(s), service, gift certificate to donate or have any other questions. See you there!



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 rapidly rising. We can help 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.

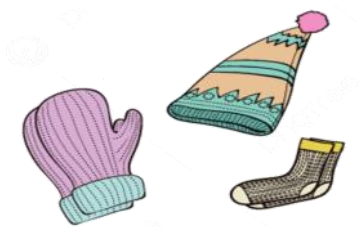
HSCC has free N-95 masks at the greeter's table in the narthex. Please help yourself if you would like a mask.



WINTER OUTERWEAR

Your Outreach Committee is collecting gently used winter outerwear. Any warm outerwear in good condition would be appreciated, especially larger adult sizes. We distribute this winter clothing to guests at our monthly community meal throughout the winter months. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a winter clothing upgrade, send them our way. Thanks for your support of folks in Bangor. Please place your donations in the basket in the Narthex.

Call Andy Wood with any questions at 745-3428.



WINTER WARMTH TREE

It's time once again to support a long-standing tradition here at HSCC. The **Winter Warmth Tree** is a program that will run from now into January. Your Outreach Committee is looking for **Hats, Gloves/Mittens, and Winter Socks ONLY**. These items will be distributed to folks in our community needing a winter-worthy upgrade. They will be offered to guests at our Free Community Meal and Food Pantry. These accessories will also be provided to area shelters for distribution to their clients. So, if you're out Holiday Shopping and you see some warm winter accessories, please consider purchasing an item for donation to this worthy program. The Winter Warmth Tree or a donation box will be in the narthex through January. **Thanks – Your Outreach Committee**



PILLOWS AND THROWS IN THE SANCTUARY

Have you noticed the throws and pillows in the sanctuary? They are there for anyone to use and to create a welcoming atmosphere. Please feel free to take one and put it behind your back or sit on it during the service or wrap yourself up in a comfy throw to keep warm.

HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2025

Annual Meeting on 1/19 at 11:30 AM-FH

Food Pantry Mtg. on 1/20 at 4 PM-Sinnott Room

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.

SERVICE STREAMING LIVE OR RECORDED

If you can't make the service, don't despair, find it live or at your convenience on the YouTube channel.

Avtech.com/hammondstreetchurch

You can also find the link to YouTube on our Facebook Page.

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

January 19, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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