



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community January 29, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

God made him ride on the heights of the land and fed him with the fruit of the fields.
God nourished him with honey from the rock, and with oil from the flinty crag,

— Deuteronomy 32:13

WORDS OF HOPE

We will never be satisfied with anything in life unless we have God, the Rock, who provides for all our needs.

In many ways, life is like a wilderness, especially when we are dealing with loss, sickness, unmet dreams, and other kinds of challenging circumstances. We are hungry, afraid, lonely, empty, and without hope in the wilderness. We search in vain for ways to satisfy our needs. Some people think their situation would be better if they were single, or married; if they had children, or no children; or if they had a different career, went to a better school, lived in a different place, and so on. We look for provisions and satisfaction in the wrong places.

Though life has its challenges, God reveals Godself and gives us what we need to endure. The honey we receive from the Rock is sweet to the soul. It heals, sustains, and comforts. Sometimes it works beyond our understanding. Even when things fall apart all around us, we can say, "It is well with my soul." We can keep saying, "God is good. All the time."

We know we cannot make it in life without the Rock. We know where our help comes from (see Psalm 121). When we "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8), we are always blessed in the wilderness of life. God is right there with us.

PRAYER

Help me, Lord, to remember that honey from the Rock keeps my soul alive and well. You are the Rock in the weary land of life. Thank you for always being there. Amen.

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



FREE BEAN LUNCH

Please join us on **Saturday, February 1, 2025** 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&qid=1057782017#qid=1057782017>

Contact Ruey Yehle with any questions.



REUSEABLE BAGS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

The Bangor Food Pantry is in need of reusable bags to hand out to their clients on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the Food Pantry is open. If you can help them out it would be much appreciated. **NO PAPER BAGS PLEASE**



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.



There is Humming Happening at Hammond Street!
Please save these dates for the 2025 Hammond Street Concert Series!

Sunday May 11th, 7pm

A Mother's Day Concert with The Maine Steiners

Friday June 20th, 7pm

A coffee house setting with local folk singers Larry and Leslie Latour

Saturday September 6th, 7pm

Duets and Desserts HSCC Choir presents homegrown talent and homemade desserts

Friday October 3rd, 7pm

An evening of Gospel and more with New York Artist Roosevelt Credit

All funds raised go to the maintenance of our beautiful pipe organ and pianos. Please plan on joining us and bringing friends!



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.



PILLOWS AND TROWS 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

Diaconate on 2/4 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.

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 Hammond Street Church

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

February 2, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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