



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community January 8, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

“Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God will fight for you.”

— Deuteronomy 3:22

WORDS OF HOPE

I do not know of anyone who has not been afraid of something or someone at some time in their life. Have you experienced the fear of a medical diagnosis, or of being harmed, or of being threatened by someone in authority, or of moving from a place of comfort and safety to a place that could be unwelcoming or even dangerous? Have you feared growing old, or being alone in old age, or perhaps losing your abilities or something you have worked for? Have you been afraid of losing loved ones or even your own life?

When we are afraid, it can be helpful to recall times when God demonstrated God's love, care, and power. We can trust God, who is faithful. We do not have to be afraid.

Moses faced his own fears when hostile kings and their armies threatened the people of Israel (see Deuteronomy 2:24-3:11). But God told him not to be afraid because God would defeat their enemies. God told Moses to encourage and strengthen Joshua so that he too would trust God and not rely on his own abilities or be afraid of other nations as they crossed the Jordan River.

We can face our fears on our own, or we can listen to God. We should obey when the Spirit nudges or tells us to be still. God has our back. God will give us strength and courage to stand. God is always with us and will always take care of us.

PRAYER

Thank you, Holy One, that I do not have to face my fears alone. I will trust you to give me strength and courage to stand. In Your Holy name, Amen.

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*

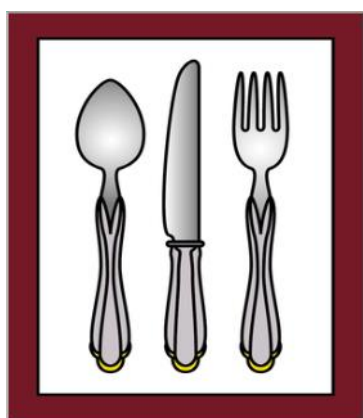
*****CALENDAR RETREAT*****

SATURDAY, January 11, 2025 from 9 AM to 11AM all council and committee members must attend. We will be planning out the 2025 meetings, activities and events. Everything will go on the LARGE church calendar that day. Get the dates that you want for your event before they are gone.

*****SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 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 (1-7-25)



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.



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 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

Trustees Mtg. on 1/9 at 6:30 PM—Sinnott Room
Music Committee Mtg. on 1/12 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.

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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

January 12, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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