



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community February 19, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

This is the blessing that Moses the man of God pronounced on the Israelites before his death. 2 He said: "The Lord came from Sinai and dawned over them from Seir; he shone forth from Mount Paran. He came with myriads of holy ones from the south, from his mountain slopes. Surely it is you who love the people; all the holy ones are in your hand. At your feet they all bow down, and from you receive instruction, the law that Moses gave us, the possession of the assembly of Jacob. He was king over Jeshurun when the leaders of the people assembled, along with the tribes of Israel.

Deuteronomy 33:1-5

WORDS OF HOPE

In Moses' blessing to Israel, he reveals his desires, observations, and beliefs about what God would do for his people. We can imagine the sincerity and boldness in Moses' voice. He would soon die, and they would soon enter the promised land.

The church is a royal priesthood, called to be a community of blessings (1 Peter 2:9). We are recipients and givers of God's blessings. A blessing can be formal or informal, giving comfort, encouragement, peace, and hope for the present going into the future. Our informal blessings can include our possessions, family members, friends, neighbors, home, job, neighborhood, community, and more. A formal blessing can be delivered in a worship service, as I do each Sunday at the close of our service when I offer the benediction.

We can give sincere, informal blessings to our brothers and sisters. These may be inspired by what we desire for a person's good; what we have observed about their life, work, and spiritual gifts; and what we believe God can do in their life.

Our brothers and sisters need our blessings, and we do well to give them. God will and does guide us in offering blessings that are needed and that encourage others. God's Spirit blesses and encourages us as well as guiding us in our blessing of others.

PRAYER

Gracious God, thank you for your many blessings. Use us to bless others by extending your love, joy, peace, and hope to others. In Christ, Amen.

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



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!



ALWAYS NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Baked Beans, Soup, Canned Vegetables. Thank you very much



PILLOWS & THROWS 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.

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.

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**



CABIN FEVER RELIEVER 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!



WILLING WORKERS

HSCC Willing Workers take great pride in their work and always have fun while doing it. There is always something to keep the Willing Workers busy every Tuesday from 8 to noon. All are welcome to join us. Many hands make light work.



*****HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2025*****
Stewardship on 2/20/25 at 6:30 PM—Sinnott Room

*****PLEASE REMEMBER*****

Hammond Streeters at Home

Eda & Hugh Morrison, Glen & Ann Rea, Sandy Farver

Sylvia Ross Home

758 Broadway, Apt. 37, Bangor, ME 04401
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 10 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

You can find our services live or at your convenience on our YouTube channel.

AVTECH Hammond Street Church

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

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

February 23, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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