

# The Hammond Streeter

## Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

***An Open and Affirming Community February 26, 2025***

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### **FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE**

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you.

Deuteronomy 32:7

#### **WORDS OF HOPE**

Whether we are young or old, new to faith in God or lifelong believers, we can be inspired by the trails of God's faithfulness in long-past generations. Those generations may include our families, churches, communities, and various peoples around the world. They can reach back to our spiritual ancestors in the Bible. Evidence of God's faithfulness has always been with us. We may recall past stories of joy and pain, gain and loss, light and darkness. We may also write books and articles, set up memorials, make movies, have family reunions, and celebrate anniversaries to mark our history. All of these can help us grow to know God, ourselves, and others.

God wants us to keep our long past in view so that we can understand our present. Learning about our history helps us to acknowledge what God has done for us and to look ahead in hope, trusting that God's goodness will follow us always.

With God's help, we will remember, tell, and explain our story to others who have not heard about the Lord. May the Spirit unite us for intergenerational conversations with our family members, neighbors, friends, and others in our church, school, and other community settings. May we have the humility to listen and share so that we can see and tell of God's faithfulness to all generations.

#### **PRAYER**

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come," help us share and learn about your loving care always. Amen.

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 5th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. We will observe the beginning of Lent with a Service of Ashes on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Join us and participate in the service as we begin our Lenten Journey.



### 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 **March 15th** at 5pm. It will include a potluck supper, silent and live auction! We have 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](mailto:kayaker97@aol.com) if you have an item(s), service, gift certificate to donate or have any other questions. See you there!



### **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.

**\*\*\*LENTEN BIBLE STUDY\*\*\***

March 10 – April 14  
At 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

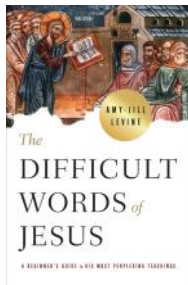
The Difficult Words of Jesus  
By Amy-Jill Levine

Examine the most difficult teachings of Jesus with Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.

Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God's word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil's children (John 8:44).

In The Difficult Words of Jesus, Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how have they been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation. You can sign up today. Signup sheets are on the table on the High Street side of the Sanctuary.

**Books are available in the office for \$14.00.**



**FREE BEAN LUNCH**

Please join us on **Saturday, March 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&gid=1057782017#gid=1057782017>

**Contact Ruey Yehle with any questions.**

**\*\*\*HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2025\*\*\***

Diaconate Mtg. on 3/4 at 6:30 PM—Parlor

**\*\*\*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](mailto: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.

[hammondstreetcongregationalchurch@hscucc](mailto:hammondstreetcongregationalchurch@hscucc)

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## *CABIN FEVER RELIEVER*

*MARCH 15, 2025 - 5 o'clock*

*Potluck Supper (dessert provided)*

*and*

*Live and Silent Auctions*



*Photo from Auction 2024*

*Lots of great items and gift certificates*

*Bring a friend and  
come for an evening of fun*



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**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**In Person Sunday Service**

**Pastor Gary Bagley**

**March 2, 2025 at 10 AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME !!**

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