

The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community March 12, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

Though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.
Proverbs 24:16

WORDS OF HOPE

I've come to appreciate the value of learning from mistakes and of reframing failures as opportunities for growth. The insights shared by mentors, friends, and even strangers have profoundly shaped my understanding of resilience and perseverance.

When I was younger, I viewed failure as a reflection of my inadequacy. But a mentor once told me, "Failure is not the opposite of success; it's part of it." That helped me to see mistakes not as dead ends but as steppingstones toward improvement and wisdom.

A memorable example was a project I led that did not go as planned. I felt defeated, but a wise colleague encouraged me to analyze what went wrong and what could be done differently the next time. That helped me to see the experience as a learning opportunity.

I also recall a colleague sharing a story of his own failure in ministry. His transparency and humility taught me that even the people we look up to experience setbacks. This encouraged me to view failure as a shared human experience.

Learning from our mistakes means acknowledging them, seeking feedback, and making necessary adjustments. It involves humility and a willingness to change. By reframing failure, we can grow in resilience, deepen our trust in God's guidance, and continue moving forward with hope.

PRAYER

Holy One, teach us to learn from our mistakes and to see failures as opportunities for growth. Help us to be resilient and trust in you for guidance. Amen.

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



CABIN FEVER RELIEVER 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 if you have any other questions. See you there!



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**



With an invitation to observe Lenten discipline and the imposition of ashes we began the journey to Easter during the Ash Wednesday service.



There is Humming Happening at Hammond Street!

Please save these dates for the 2025 Hammond Street Concert Series!

Sunday May 4th, 7pm
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.



HSCC ANNUAL HIKE FOR THE HOMELESS

Please join your friends & neighbors in support of the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter at the 30th annual

"Hike for the Homeless"

Mark your calendars for April 5th and join fellow Hammond Streeters on the Bangor Waterfront.

HSCC is offering two options for you to be involved with this very essential community service. You can register as a hiker or make a cash donation in support of our sponsorship. **Contact Andy Wood (745-3428) to register or for more information about either option.** Follow the link below for event details. Thanks for your support – your Outreach Committee

<https://www.bangorareashelter.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/30th-Hike-for-the-Homeless-Flyer.pdf>

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

Trustees on 3/13/25 at 6:30 PM-Sinnott Room

Food Pantry on 3/17 at 4 PM-Sinnott Room

Council/Exec. on 3/18/25 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

Please sign up to read scripture and dedicate flowers in the notebooks on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

PRAYER CIRCLE

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Willing to lend you prayer power for others? If so, join the HSCC Circle. The only requirements are that you have an email address and will maintain confidentiality when requested. Interested? Have a prayer request? Contact Fran at frandg31@gmail.com

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 always 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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CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

MARCH 15, 2025 - 5 o'clock

Potluck Supper (dessert provided)

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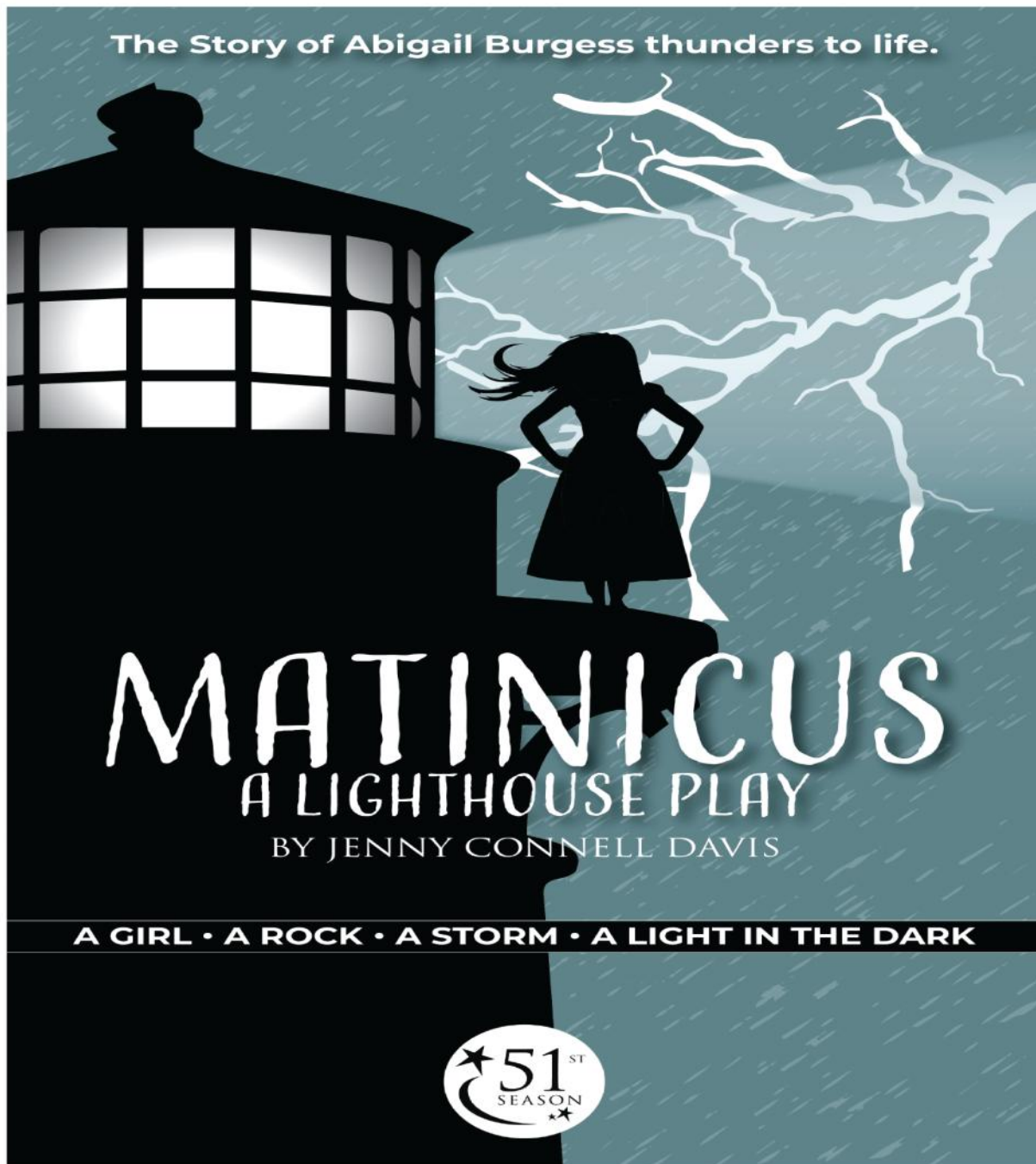
Live and Silent Auctions



Photo from Auction 2024

Lots of great items and gift certificates

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



THEATER NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Join us for another play at the Penobscot Theatre on Friday, March 28th. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 for a pre-show mixer with snacks, beverages and friendly conversation. We will then walk (or drive) down to the theater for **Matinicus: A Lighthouse Play** at 7:00. *"Inspired by the true story of Maine folk heroine Abigail Burgess, this is a story of community, isolation, and resilience in the face of forces far greater than ourselves"*. The cost is \$60 per ticket and includes the pre-show mixer. There will be a signup sheet on the back table of the church, or you can call the church office with your reservation. We will collect your payment on the evening of the show, or you can leave a check/cash in the offering plate or the church office. Just put "theater tickets" on your envelope or note it on your check. If you are already a season subscriber and would like to join the group, you can call the theater to exchange your tickets for March 28th and join us for the mixer. Donation for the mixer only is \$15. If you have any questions, email André at aechasse@yahoo.com.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

March 16, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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