

The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community March 19, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

“Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

WORDS OF HOPE

In moments of uncertainty and chaos, finding peace in the assurance of God's sovereignty is a source of strength and comfort. Whatever our life circumstances may be, God is in control, guiding our paths and working out God's perfect plans.

In Psalm 46:10, we are reminded to be still and to acknowledge that the Lord is God. God's authority transcends all challenges. God is exalted above every situation. And in this we can find peace.

I have experienced the calming presence of God's sovereignty even amid brokenness, addictions, and sorrow in my own family. In times of turmoil or when facing the unknown, trusting in God's ultimate control brings a deep sense of peace. Knowing that God's purposes prevail and God's promises endure gives hope and reassurance.

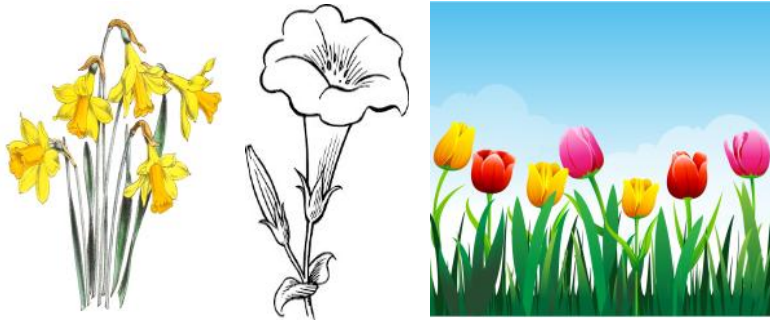
Drawing peace from God's sovereignty means surrendering our worries, fears, and desires into God's capable hands. In faith we can rest in the truth that God works all things together for our good (Romans 8:28).

As we navigate life's uncertainties, let's anchor our hearts in God's sovereignty. May God's peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7).

PRAYER

Holy One, thank you for your sovereignty over all things. Give us peace in knowing you are exalted in every situation. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. Amen.

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



****EASTER FLOWERS****

It's time to put in your orders for Easter Flower dedications. **Prices are as follows: Lilies-\$20, Daffodils, Tulips, and Hyacinths-\$15.** Order forms will be in this Hammond Streeter and Sunday's bulletin. You can bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the offering plate on Sundays. **All orders must be received no later than Friday, April 11th before 2:00 P.M. because ALL orders will be called into Bangor Floral at 2:00 P.M.**



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**



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 have decreased . 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.**



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*****

Stewardship Mtg. on 3/20 at 6:30 PM-Sinnott Rm.

*****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.

AVTECHHammondStreetChurch@Youtube.com

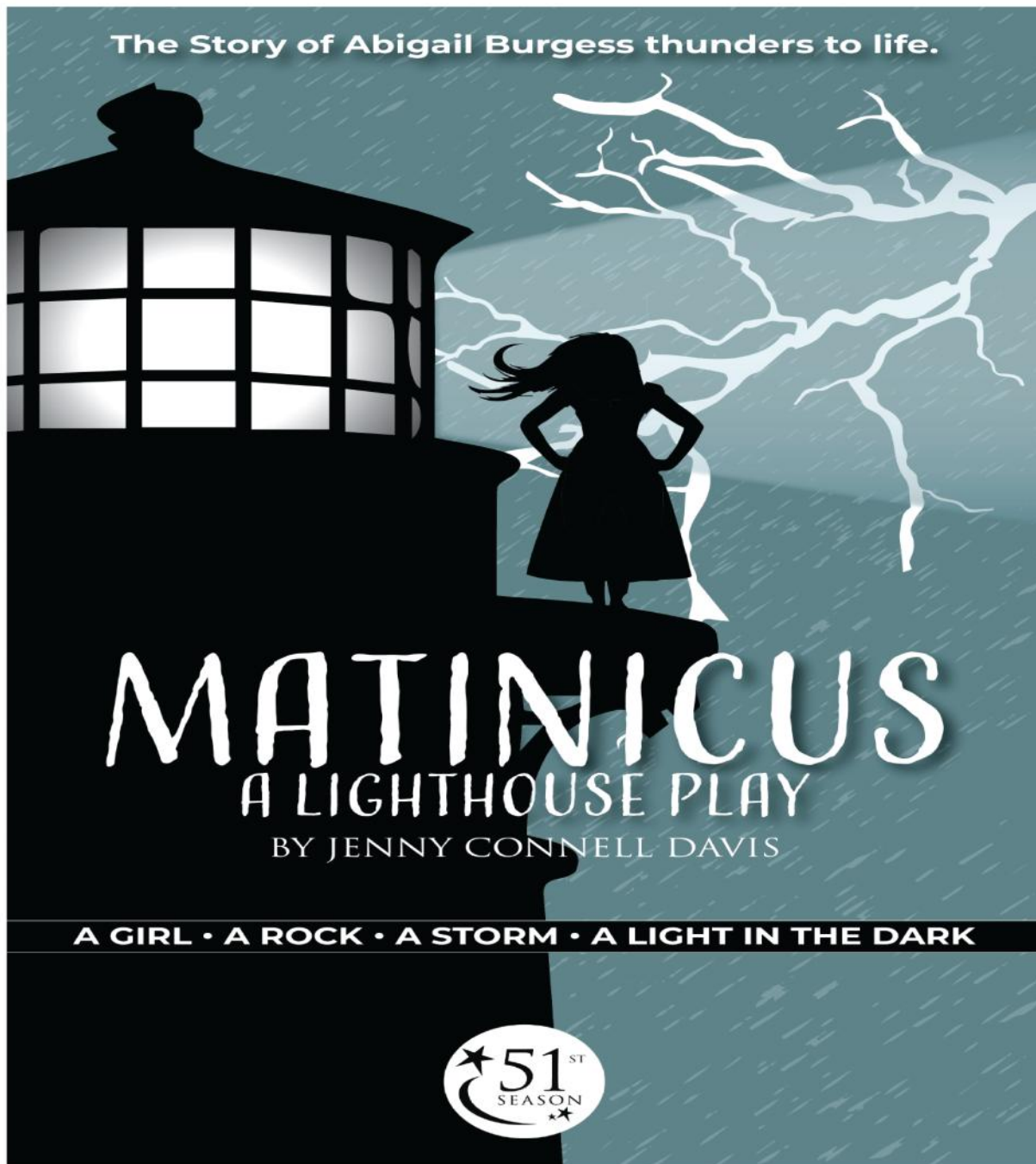
You can also find the link to YouTube on our Facebook Page.

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HSCC LIVE/SILENT AUCTION 2025

Thanks to everyone who participated in making our third Cabin Fever Reliever Auctions and Potluck such a fun and successful event. You raised \$4567 supporting HSCC and its programs and outreach.





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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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

March 23, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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