

The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community March 26, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

— Proverbs 15:22

WORDS OF HOPE

When I was younger, I often thought I could handle everything on my own. It wasn't until I met a man with a wealth of experience that I began to understand the value of having a mentor. He took me under his wing, offering guidance and wisdom that helped me navigate some of my life's most challenging situations. His counsel saved me from many pitfalls and set me on a path of growth and success.

Having a mentor or guide is invaluable in our faith and life. The Bible points out the value of seeking wise counsel, as it provides perspective, experience, and support that we might lack on our own. A mentor helps us to see beyond our immediate circumstances, offering insights that can only come from years of walking a similar path.

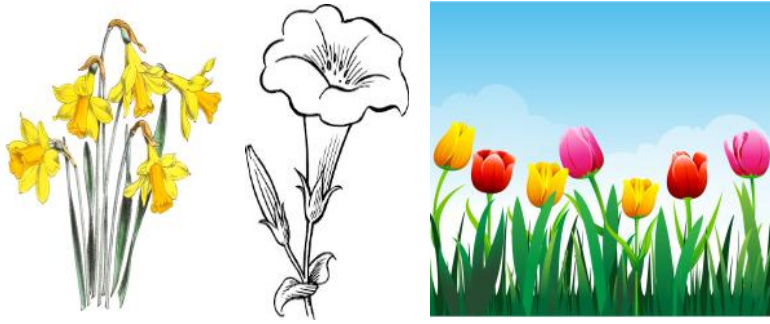
Mentors offer more than just advice; they provide encouragement, accountability, and spiritual nourishment. They help us identify our strengths and weaknesses, encouraging us to grow and develop our God-given gifts. In times of doubt or struggle, a mentor's wisdom can be a source of strength and direction.

In my life the guidance of mentors has been a compass, helping me stay on course and make wise decisions. If you don't have a mentor, seek out someone whose qualities you admire and whose faith inspires you. And as you grow, be willing to mentor others, passing on the wisdom you have received.

PRAYER

Thank you, Holy One, for the mentors in my life. May I also be a source of wisdom and support to others. In Jesus, 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 the Hammond Streeter. 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.**



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"

April 5th join fellow Hammond Streeters at 9:45 AM 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>



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!



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**

THANK YOU

The Maine Conference, UCC would like to thank HSCC for its generous gift of \$500. Your gift helps us in so many ways—from the development of new programs, to the recruitment of talented and knowledgeable teachers.

Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Malcolm Himschoot
Dean, The Maine School of Ministry



Eyes on the Pies --Larry and Gillian Pile with a sampling of the pies that Hammond Streeters provided for the March meal at the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. Shelter guests were delighted with the wonderful variety of flavors of homemade pies. Thank you to our bakers.



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 COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2025*****

Diaconate Mtg. on 4/1/25 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 STR. *TUESDAYS* at 11 AM

SUNDAY BULLETIN *THURSDAYS* at 9 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 your 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

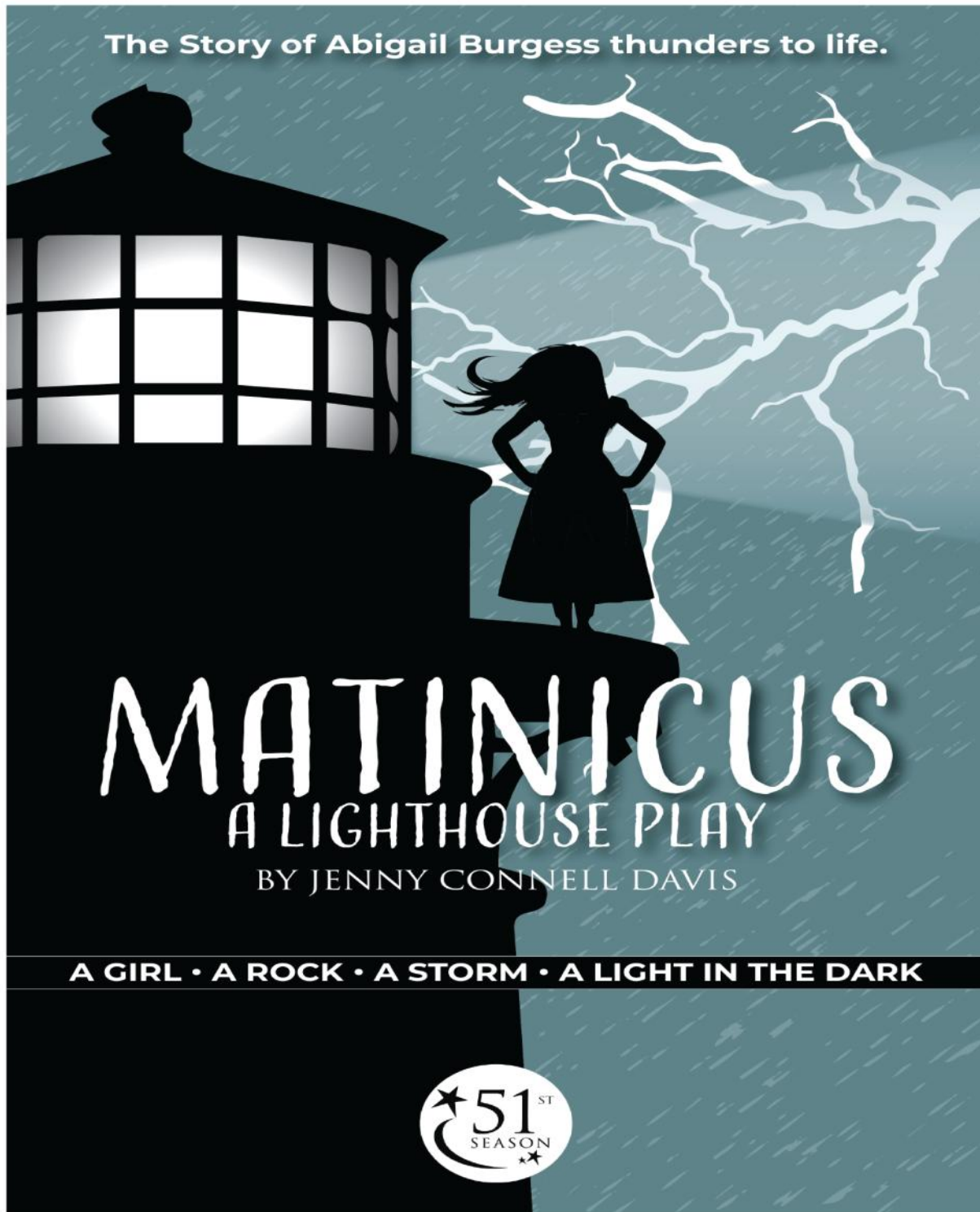
You can find our services live or at your convenience on our YouTube channel.

[@Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvTECHHammondStreetChurch)

You can also find the link to YouTube on our

Facebook page at:

[hammondstreetcongregationalchurch@hscucc](https://www.facebook.com/hammondstreetcongregationalchurch@hscucc)



THEATER NIGHT FUNDRAISER THIS FRIDAY

Join us for another play at the Penobscot Theatre on Friday, March 28th. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 PM 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 PM. *"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. You can call the church office by Thursday, March 27th at 2 PM with your reservation. We will collect your payment on the evening of the show, or you can leave a check/cash in 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.



All aboard Cyr Bus Motor Coach to Portland to
enjoy an afternoon of Baseball with the
Sea Dogs at Hadlock Field Home of The
Boston Red Sox's Double A Baseball
Team!



Your Ticket Includes:

A \$20.00 Gift Card For Food at the
Concession Stands!
Seats Are Conveniently Located on the
3rd base side of the Ballpark Where you
can see all the Action!



Saturday, May 10, 2025
1PM Game Time
LEAVE: Bangor 9:30AM
Hammond Street Congregational
Church is Located on Hammond & High
Streets Bangor.

Cost:
\$100 per ticket
Contact Church Office
942-4381
or
Susan Gildart
susan.gildart1215@gmail.com
Limited Tickets Available



TAKE ME OUT TO THE
BALL GAME

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

March 30, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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