



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community April 16, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"
John 13:6

WORDS OF HOPE

Have you ever had your feet washed by someone else? Or have you ever washed someone else's feet? Years ago, I was involved in a training program for licensed local Pastors. At the end of the training there was a foot washing ceremony and one of the lead Pastors would wash the feet of the students. I was always uneasy doing it, but it was always meaningful for me and the students.

When Jesus knelt to wash his disciples' feet, I'm sure the room fell silent. This wasn't something that a teacher and master would do. But as he moved from person to person, I'm sure the disciples knew something meaningful was happening. And Peter's response is what all of us would say: "Not my feet, Jesus!" But then after Jesus explained that he had to do this, Peter went all in: "Then wash my hands and my head too!"

Jesus needed Peter and the rest of the disciples to know what it meant to be a servant to others. He needed them to know that no matter what position they held, no matter how important they were, they were still called to be servants to others.

The same is true for us. It doesn't matter what position you hold in life or how important you are. What matters is whether or not you will be a servant to others.

Are you willing to humble yourself for someone else in the name of Jesus?

PRAYER

Holy One, humble me in the presence of the people I meet today. Show me whom I need to serve in your name.
Amen

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*

HSCC CHIME CHOIR FOR PALM SUNDAY

An expanded Chime Choir provided the Benediction Reflection on Sunday. Linda Gagnon, a very committed Chimer, now lives in Madawaska but made arrangements, including practicing by phone, to play with the Chime Choir on Palm Sunday and Easter. It is wonderful to have you here. Thank you to all this Sunday's Chimers: Mason, Sam, Jan, Carolyn, Tricia, Karen, Gail, Sharon, Addie, Sarah Kate, Kathy, Linda, Andre, Larry, and Director Judy Fricke.



CANDY DONATIONS FOR THE HSCC ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

A huge thank you to all who donated candy for the Easter eggs and to all the volunteers who stuffed the eggs during Fellowship Hour on Sunday.



There is Humming Happening at Hammond Street!

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**



INDOOR YARD SALE – MAY 17th

We need stuff and we need help.

Stuff = clean out your closets and storage spaces for clothes, books, toys, household items, plants, gadgets, relics, and collectibles. Items should be clean and in working order. **Please no old electronics or large appliances or furniture.**

Help = we need folks for set up on Thursday, May 15th from 1-4 and Friday from 9-?. AND we need one or two greeters, two cashiers and two assistants, and three to straighten and assist shoppers during the sale (7:30-1). PLUS we need four to six folks from 1-3 to re-set for Sunday.

Donation Time = Please hold **ALL** donations during church office hours until after the Bean Lunch on Saturday, May 3rd. All items will be put in the Fellowship Hall after the Bean Lunch.

Contact Lynda Ryder or Gail Zuck to help and the church office with any questions about drop-offs.

TREK ACROSS MAINE-AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

Spring greetings! I wanted to let my church family know that I'll be participating in the Trek Across Maine this year, the first time since 2015. The Trek is a 3-day bicycle ride (not race, thankfully) that serves as the American Lung Association's major fundraiser. I'll be joining hundreds of other folks pedaling from New Gloucester to Lewiston to Standish and back to New Gloucester over Father's Day weekend. Having lost my father to lung cancer at the young age of 66 back in 1993 when I was pregnant with my first child (Will), the important work done by the Lung Association is near and dear to my heart. If you are interested in supporting me in this endeavor, you could write a check to the ALA and send it to me at 34 13th St. in Bangor. You can also donate online via my personal fundraising webpage: <https://trekacrossmaine.donordrive.com/participant/Heather>. I have set a healthy fundraising goal and I will appreciate any and all help toward meeting it! Of course, your prayers are always welcome, especially over Father's Day weekend. Thank you. Yours in Christ, Heather M. Houston



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*****

Council/Executive on 4/22/25 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.

AVTECHHammondStreetChurch@Youtube.com

You can also find the link to YouTube on our

Facebook page at:

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



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**



**HAMMOND STREET
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**



CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY



**EGG HUNTING
CANDY PRIZES
CRAFT CORNER
COOKIE DECORATING
AND MORE!**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025
START 10:00 AM**

28 HIGH ST, BANGOR

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EASTER SUNDAY

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

April 20, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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