

# The Hammond Streeter

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

*An Open and Affirming Community April 23, 2025*

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

#### SCRIPTURE

“Go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

— Mark 16:7

#### WORDS OF HOPE

We might not like to be singled out, but many of us know what that's like. It may be for a special honor, or it may be for doing something wrong. Either way, being singled out can be embarrassing and make us want to hide.

Peter was singled out by Jesus here. And while Peter may have gulped deeply when he heard about this, it wasn't a bad thing. Peter had denied Jesus three times, even after saying he would never leave Jesus' side. I can't imagine the guilt Peter must have felt. But Jesus needed Peter to know that he was still welcome among his followers. He was still invited to the reunion in Galilee that Jesus had mentioned. In fact, he was still part of the plan Jesus had for his disciples and the whole world.

We could all make a laundry list of the many things we do that should separate us from Jesus. There are times when we do what we shouldn't do and times when we don't do what we should do. But none of those things separates us from Jesus and his kingdom, because his death has covered all the sins of our lives—even the ones we haven't done yet. That's how vast the forgiveness of God is! And when Christ singles us out, we can be sure he is calling us to join with him.

Can you sense Christ calling you today?

#### PRAYER

Holy One, thank you for calling us to follow you, even though we have failed you in many ways. Help us to be faithful, we pray. Amen.

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



### **HSCC INDOOR YARD SALE – MAY 17th**

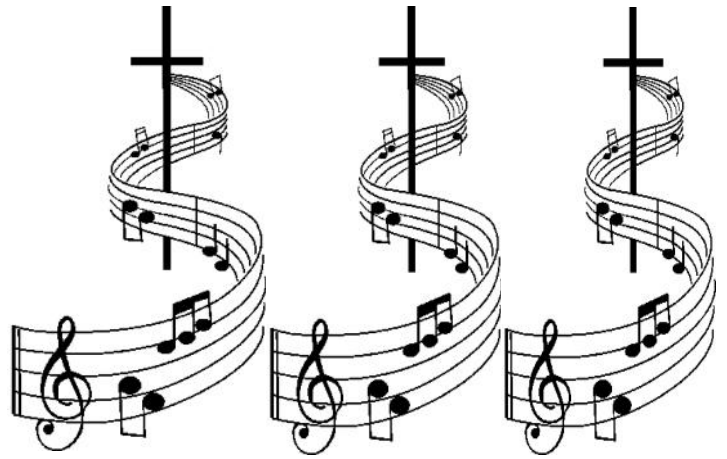
We need stuff and we need help.

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

Donation Time = Please hold **ALL** donations until after the Bean Lunch on Saturday, May 3rd. Items will be placed in the Fellowship Hall during office hours 9 AM-3 PM.

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



**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!



### **PLANTING POTS FOR THE YARD SALE**

Attention gardeners with plants for the yard sale May 17!

I have a good quantity of 3" and 4" plastic plant pots suitable for potting up seedlings or perennial plant divisions to be sold at the yard sale. Please let me know if you can put them to use! Jan Hill [jelhill@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jelhill@myfairpoint.net)



### **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**

## **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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\*\*\***

Stewardship Mtg. on 4/24 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 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](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.\***

### **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](mailto: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)**





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**



## HSCC Easter 2025



**Easter Cookie Decorating on Saturday**



**Egg Hunt for the children on Saturday**



**Pastor Greg's Sunrise Easter Service**



**Don, Wally, Larry, Brad & Andy cooking breakfast**



**Easter Flowers 2025**



**Pastor Gary Easter Sunday**



**Full Sanctuary for Easter Service**



**Lovern's Easter Coffee Hour**

**Hammond Street  
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P.O. Box 1106  
Bangor, ME 04402-1106**

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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

**In Person Sunday Service**

**Rev. Jim Scovil**

**April 27, 2025 at 10 AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME !!**

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