



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community April 30, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

— Matthew 28:16

WORDS OF HOPE

When my kids were old enough to stay at home by themselves while their parents went out, there was always a list of instructions for them. Feed the dog, vacuum the living room, load the dishwasher, and be in bed by 10 p.m. In our absence we wanted things to get done, and we needed our kids to know they had to get them done.

In some ways, it seems, Christ had a similar plan when he was about to leave his disciples. He had spent years with them, training them and preparing them for this exact moment. He was about to return to the Father in heaven and leave them with the task of furthering God's kingdom on the earth. So, before he left, Christ gave them these tasks: "Make disciples of all nations." "Baptize people into my family." "Teach them everything I have commanded you." And he promised, "I will always be with you."

These were essential for the disciples, and they are essential for us today. We continue in this important work as Christ's followers even now. Christ's message to his disciples is his message to us.

We have our job description, and we have Jesus' promise of his eternal presence with us. And these are things we can be sure of.

PRAYER

Holy One, thank you for your promise to be with us always and for the tasks you have given us. Help us to fulfill your kingdom purposes on the earth every day. In your name, 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.



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



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!

HIKE FOR THE HOMELESS T-SHIRTS

All the t-shirts are available in the office during the week from 9 to 3 Monday-Friday. Andy will have them on Sunday at Fellowship Hour also. Thank you all for your participation/contributions for 2025.



FREE BEAN LUNCH

Please join us on **Saturday, May 3, 2025** for our next Free Bean Lunch from 12-1, we provide a **FREE** meal for the community. We serve homemade beans, hot dogs, casseroles, cole slaw and a dessert. We also provide a bag lunch to take out consisting of a Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich, an apple, and a cookie. There are lots of volunteer opportunities to include set-up, serving and cleanup as well as making casseroles, cookies or dessert.

You can sign up at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11NhgcVoxcrzYWd2i-Ottx5QEUBAeNucGb9FnG-J0Djg/edit?pli=1&gid=1057782017#gid=1057782017>

Contact Ruey Yehle with any questions.

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 & TROWS 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*****

NO MEETINGS THIS WEEK

*****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)

May 2025

May 2025							June 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
4	5	6	7	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
9:30am MONTHLY CALENDAR-BULLETTIN	12:00pm ACA MEETING (PFAFF ROOM)	8:00am WILLING WORKERS	11:00am HAMMOND STR.	9:00am TIME SHEETS - JONI	9:00am PAY DAY	9:30am SEADOGS BASEBALL TRIP PORTLAND
10:00am SUNDAY	5:15pm MONDAY MEDITATION GRP (PARLOR)		5:30pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR)	5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR)		
11:15am CHIME CHOIR			6:30pm CHOIR (FH)	6:30pm TRUSTEES MTG. (SINNOTT ROOM)		12:00pm FREE BEAN LUNCH (FH)
6:00pm STEINERS						
7:00pm STEINERS						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day (United States)	12:00pm ACA MEETING (PFAFF ROOM)	8:00am WILLING WORKERS	11:00am HAMMOND STR.	5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR)		8:00am ANNUAL YARD SALE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE	5:15pm MONDAY MEDITATION GRP (PARLOR)	6:30pm MTN ADULT SUPP. GRP (PARLOR)	5:30pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR)	6:30pm STEWARDSHIP MTG (SINNOTT ROOM)		
11:15am CHIME CHOIR			6:30pm CHOIR (FH)			
12:00pm MUSIC COMM.						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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11:15am CHIME CHOIR	4:00pm FOOD PANTRY MTG (SINNOTT)	6:30pm COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE MTG (PARLOR)	5:30pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR)	5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR)		
	5:15pm MONDAY MEDITATION GRP		6:30pm CHOIR (FH)			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE	Memorial Day (United States)	8:00am WILLING WORKERS	10:30am MONTHLY CALENDAR-HANM.	5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR)		ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY
11:15am CHIME CHOIR	12:00pm ACA MEETING (PFAFF ROOM)		11:00am HAMMOND STR.			
	5:00pm SHELTER MEAL		5:30pm LGBTQ-NA GRP			
	5:15pm MONDAY		6:30pm CHOIR (FH)			

Hammond Street Concert Series
Presents

The Maine Steiners

Sunday May 4th, 7 pm

Hammond Street Congregational Church

At the corner of Hammond and High Streets in Bangor



This concert series is a music outreach of Hammond Street
Congregational Church and benefits the
Instrument Maintenance Fund.

Suggested Donation \$10.00, \$5.00 for Students



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**



**Saturday, May 10th, is
National Association of
Letter Carriers Food Drive.**

Can you help us out?

Each May, local letter carriers and volunteers collect tons of food donated by our generous community. This food is returned to the USPS distribution center in Hampden. Here it will be sorted, boxed and divided up for delivery to local food pantries. The Food Cupboard here at HSCC receives a substantial amount of food from this effort. But we need to support the program for it to be successful. If you have any available time on Saturday, there's a job for you. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours. Follow this link for a schedule and to sign up:

<https://bit.ly/fooddrivevolunteersignup>

We could also use someone with a pickup, van, or a few SUVs to bring food back to HSCC at the end of the day. Call Andy Wood at 745-3428, for details.

Thanks – Your Outreach Committee

SERENITY SINGERS BANGOR

Hello, my name is Shaun Dowd and I would like to introduce our unique service which is a group of local singers from various choirs who offer hospice patients who are very sick and even on the threshold of dying our music and singing to introduce an atmosphere of God's presence to the patient. If asked, 3 people would come to the patient's bedside (home, hospital bed, or nursing home) and in 3-part harmony sing Christian hymns which are very familiar to most people. Our purpose is to bring comfort and tranquility to that special person as we pray that God abides with all of us in that sacred space. We are willing to sing for any patient you may know of, of any Faith, whom you feel may benefit from this experience. There is never any charge of any kind and we are willing to go to any location within the greater Bangor area. Our contact email is: SerenitySingersBangor@gmail.com, please include your phone number so we may call you to set up a time to meet and make arrangements.

If you have any questions about this, please contact me—Shaun Dowd at (207) 947-2097. I'm available to talk with you at any time. We would appreciate your prayers.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

May 4, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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