



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community April 9, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech."

Mark 9:17

WORDS OF HOPE

I have two children, and I can't imagine them being sick with more than the flu. When I hear about kids who have cancer or other terrible diseases, my eyes tear up as I think about the burden of suffering in childhood and the load of concern weighing on parents in those situations.

I can't imagine what the father of the boy in Mark 9 was going through. Hearing about the healer named Jesus and what he and his disciples could do was probably that father's last hope. So, when Jesus' disciples couldn't cast out the impure spirit from his son, the man must have been devastated. And when Jesus asked him if he believed, the man's heartfelt confession was as raw and true as they come: "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

We often find ourselves in similar situations, even if they aren't as dire as this father's predicament. We want to believe. We know that we need to believe. And in the meantime, we keep fighting against nagging feelings of unbelief.

Jesus has come to help in the way we need it most. Though he might not help us in the same way he helped the anguished father and his son in today's story, Jesus showed, by laying down his life, that he truly loves us. And by his resurrection he made it possible for us to have new life in him forever!

PRAYER

Lord, I believe you are God above all and in control of all things. Help me overcome my unbelief in every area of life! Amen.

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



A huge Thank You to the very ambitious and generous Hammond Streeters (and their dogs) who supported the 2025 Hike for the Homeless. It was a great day to be on the Bangor Waterfront with your fellow Hammond Streeters for a little fresh air, exercise, and fellowship. This year's effort resulted in 45 hikers registering to participate in the hike and a sponsorship at the \$500 level. Our total contribution to the much-needed Bangor Area Homeless Shelter's services was \$1665. Very Well-Done Hammond Streeters. Thanks for your support – Your Outreach Committee.

TREK ACROSS MAINE-AMERICAN LUNG ASSOC.

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

CINDY MARIE ORCUTT

We wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Cindy Marie Orcutt. She will be deeply missed by her HSCC church family. Services to be held in June.

THANK YOU

To the loving members of my church family, I want to say thank you. Cindy and I began attending this church 60 years ago and this was always her church. My family loves this church very much. Geneva Duncan-Frost

MICHAEL C. HATCH

We wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Michael Hatch. He will be deeply missed by his HSCC family.



CANDY DONATIONS FOR THE HSCC ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025 here at HSCC. We need to fill eggs for 50 children. You can help by donating a bag of **small** sized candy to be used to fill the eggs. There will be a bin by the back table in the Sanctuary starting next week. Let's help make this a wonderful Easter for all the children!



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**



****EASTER FLOWERS****

Last chance for orders for Easter Flower dedications.

Prices are as follows: Lilies-\$20, Daffodils, Tulips, and Hyacinths-\$15. You can bring the completed form to the office. **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.**

SAVE THE DATE - MAY 17TH

For our Annual Indoor Yard Sale from 8-1. Clothes, books, household items, toys etc. No large furniture or appliances. Contact Lynda Ryder if you have questions.



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*****

Trustees Mtg. on 4/10/25 at 6:30 PM-Sinnott Room

Music Mtg. on 4/13/25 at noon-Throckmorton 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

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](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



**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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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

April 13, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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