



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community May 14, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

— 2 Corinthians 5:20

WORDS OF HOPE

An ambassador is a government official who represents their country to another nation. This is often a pivotal role in bridging gaps between nations. An ambassador aims to promote goodwill and cooperation while minimizing outbreaks that could lead to hostility. The aim is to build understanding and tolerance between nations and cultures.

This means ambassadors need to listen and communicate effectively. They should express themselves with tact and diplomacy, demonstrating unwavering loyalty to their own nation while also caring for the people of their host nation. Rather than viewing the host nation as an adversary, competent ambassadors seek to build bridges, not walls. As a result, they are deeply invested in the outcomes of diplomatic negotiations.

What does it mean, then, for believers in Christ to be his ambassadors? As believers, we have been called to be official representatives of God and God's kingdom in this world. We serve as emissaries for our loving God, speaking and acting on God's behalf. This appointment carries honor as well as responsibility. We are entrusted with a message, becoming the voice of the God to a broken, hurting world. Under God's authority, our aim is to build bridges instead of barriers, seeking to share the good news of Jesus Christ so that people can come to know God as their Sovereign.

PRAYER

Holy One, what a privilege it is to be your ambassador! May we speak and act faithfully, that the world may know you are the Savior, the Prince of Peace. Amen

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



HSCC INDOOR YARD SALE – MAY 17th **We need stuff**

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.**

Donation Time = Items will be placed in the Throckmorton Room during office hours 9 AM-3 PM.

Contact 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



ALL CHURCH CLEANUP DAY

Join us for a morning of fun, fellowship and work on Saturday, May 31st from 8 AM to noon. Some of the fun events we have planned are the carpet cleaning contest, the window washing competition and the always popular raking, sweeping and trash picking up party.



There is Humming Happening at Hammond Street!

2025 Hammond Street Concert Series!

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.

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: SerenitySingers-Bangor@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.

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, and Mac n Cheese. 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 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 5/15/25 at 6:30 PM—Sinnott
Food Pantry Mtg. on 5/19/25 at 4 PM—Sinnott
Council/Exec. Mtg. on 5/20/25 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvTECHHammondStreetChurch)
or use this QR Code:



INDOOR YARD SALE



**Hammond Street
Congregational Church
28 High Street, Bangor**

Corner of Hammond and High Streets

Sat. May 17 8am-1pm

LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE

Hammond Streeters helped out with the Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive on May 10, 2025. Sorting goods into categories at the Hampden Postal Distribution Center and bringing it to HSCC. Church folks unloaded food at HSCC for the pantry here. A huge thank you to all who participated.—Out Reach Committee



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

May 18, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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