



# The Hammond Streeter

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

*An Open and Affirming Community May 21, 2025*

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

#### SCRIPTURE

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

#### WORDS OF HOPE

Before ascending to heaven, Jesus called each of his followers to be a witness for him. A witness is someone who can attest to what they have seen or experienced personally.

This calling applies to all of us who follow Jesus today as well. We are called to be reliable witnesses, sharing with others the grace of God that we have personally witnessed and experienced in our lives. This lies at the heart of our identity as followers of Christ.

The task that Jesus has entrusted to us is to carry his life-saving message wherever we go. This magnificent, global mission began with Jesus' first-century followers, and it continues with his 21st-century followers today.

Empowered by his Spirit, we have a story to tell and a life-altering encounter to share. While others may have doubts about the Bible's teaching or quibble about theology, they cannot refute our personal experience. They cannot change what we know to be true about God's work in our hearts and lives.

Jesus recognized that a transformed life becomes an unstoppable force for good and for God in this world. To the people around you, there is no one better positioned to testify to the life-changing power of God than you.

Think of a story you can share with someone about the Lord's work in your life. Whom will you tell today?

#### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, fill us with your Spirit. Empower us to be living testimonies of your grace and love, sharing with others our stories of your grace-filled work in us. Amen

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



### **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.



### **SUMMER WORSHIP**

Summer will soon be upon us and so will Summer Worship. Our Summer worship is more relaxed and laid-back. During July and August, we will enjoy our time together with a more relaxed liturgy and our favorite songs. To do this, you are invited to select your favorite hymns from either the New Century or Pilgrim hymnals.

All you need to do is pick up a Hymn list on the ushers tables take it home fill in your favorite hymns and bring it to church where there will be a basket on the ushers tables where you can leave your list or you can email them to Pastor Gary at [pastor@hammondstreetchurch.net](mailto:pastor@hammondstreetchurch.net) during the month of June. We look forward to hearing from you and singing the hymns that you love and enjoy.



### **CHARLIE HOWARD CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**

Bangor Pride is holding a Candlelight Vigil for Charlie Howard on June 8th at 6 PM. at his memorial site at the State Street bridge to pay tribute to Charlie's life by celebrating pride and acceptance in a way Charlie unfortunately did not get to experience in Bangor. We will have speakers from NH and ME, as Charlie was a Portsmouth, NH native. If you have any questions please contact Emma E. W., Bangor Pride at: [hello@bangorpride.com](mailto:hello@bangorpride.com)



### **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](mailto: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 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, 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 5/22 at 6:30 PM—Sinnott

### **\*\*\*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.

[AVTECHHammondStreetChurch@Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvTECHHammondStreetChurch)  
or use this QR Code:





The 2025 Indoor Yard Sale had many wonderful donations, an amazing group of volunteers, plus enthusiastic shoppers which resulted in raising \$1865 in support of the HSCC budget. Thank to everyone who made it such a success.





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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**In Person Sunday Service**

**Pastor Gary Bagley**

**May 25, 2025 at 10 AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME !!**

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