



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community May 7, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

“You are precious and honored in my sight, and . . . I love you. . . .”

— Isaiah 43:4

WORDS OF HOPE

God created you to love you and to share a loving relationship with you. That is why you exist—to be cherished by your Creator and to reciprocate that love to him and radiate that love to others. For each one of us, this is the greatest foundational truth we can learn about our existence, and it helps immensely to shape our identity and sense of purpose.

Like many of us, though, you may not always feel loved. Moments of feeling misunderstood, ignored, judged, or even rejected may overshadow your sense of worth. But the Bible reassures us of God's deep and passionate love for each one of us. This love is unconditional—no strings attached. You are God's beloved child—precious, esteemed, and honored in his sight. Go ahead and remind yourself of this truth as often as necessary.

God's love isn't based on our actions or achievements. It transcends our successes, failures, possessions, status, and everything else about us. There's nothing we can do to earn more of God's love or to diminish it. God's love is consistent, steadfast, and true.

Understanding that we are cherished, valued, and treasured by the Creator of the universe shifts our entire perspective. As we embrace this truth, fears and anxieties diminish. We can live with a new sense of peace and contentment, knowing we are beloved by him.

PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for cherishing us. Reassure us of your everlasting love for us each day. In Jesus, Amen.

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE OF INEZ GEORGE

Our deepest condolences goes out to the family of Inez George. Inez was a member of the HSCC Family. She will be missed deeply. On Thursday, May 8th visitation is at noon and her Celebration of Life service is scheduled at 1 PM with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.



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 or on Sundays at Fellowship Hour.

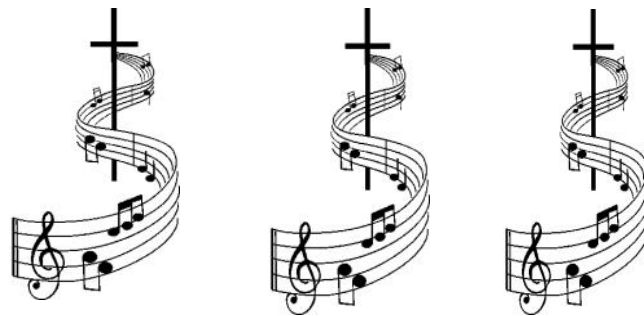
Contact Gail Zuck to volunteer. Contact the church office with any questions about drop-offs.



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



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.



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 & 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 5/8/ at 6:30 PM—Sinnott Room
Music Comm. Mtg. on 5/11 at Noon—Throck.

*****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)



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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

May 11, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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