



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community June 11, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

THE HOLY SPIRIT AS FIRE

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

— Acts 2:3

WORDS OF HOPE

The New Testament uses several unique images to represent the person and work of the Holy Spirit. One image shows the Holy Spirit as fire. On Pentecost, following the sound of rushing wind filling the house where the apostles were staying, what appeared to be tongues of flame rested on each of them. They were immediately filled with the Holy Spirit, and their lives were changed forever.

A number of Old Testament passages help us understand the Holy Spirit as fire in the New Testament. Primarily fire represents the presence of God, as when Moses encountered God at the burning bush, and later when God appeared in a pillar of fire to lead his people in the wilderness (Exodus 3:2; 13:21).

In Acts, the tongues of fire represent the presence of God the Holy Spirit. This fulfills John the Baptist's prophecy that the Messiah would baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11-12). This also means that the purifying work of the Holy Spirit carries on in our lives today. The Spirit comes into our lives to transform us, cleansing and purifying us to become more like Christ in our daily living.

The thought of being purified by fire can be terrifying, but we can be assured that the same holy God who gave his only Son and poured out his Spirit at Pentecost wants to make us holy, just as he is holy.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, enter our lives today as you did with the believers at Pentecost. Cleanse and purify us so that we can radiate the glory of Jesus in our world. Amen

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*

CHILDREN RECEIVING BIBLES 2025

On June 8th we had a special children's service and they received their Bibles.



**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!



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 usher's table and take it home and fill in your favorite hymns and bring it to church and put it in the basket on the usher's table or you can email the list to Pastor Gary at: pastor@hammondstreetchurch.net during the month of June. We look forward to hearing from you and singing the hymns that you love and enjoy.



MONTHLY FREE BEAN LUNCHES

On the first Saturday of every month HSCC's Free Bean Lunch provides a free meal and a bag lunch to all who attend. Over the past few months we have been averaging around 65 guests at each meal. We have an email list of those who wish to help by providing needed supplies, casseroles, salads, and help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. If you are interested in being added to that email list please contact me. The sign-up sheet is emailed the weekend before the FB Lunch. My email address is: ryehle2@gmail.com and my phone number is: 207-478-9122. Ruey



CWS TOOLS SPECIAL OFFERING

This Sunday is our special Tools offering for Father's Day. The small envelopes will be in the bulletins and you can just place them in the offering basket. Please see the attached poster about this special offering.



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****

Trustees on 6/12 at 6:30 PM—Sinnott Room
Council/Exec. on 6/17 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., Brewer, ME 04412
Ansley Throckmorton-Rm. 109
Becky Amsden-Rm. 210

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. 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:



CWS TOOLS | You Make Hope Possible

UNITED STATES



Thanks to CWS donors through their local CROP Hunger Walk, community gardens in the U.S. receive the seeds and tools they need to grow fresh food and nourish their neighborhoods.

Scan this QR code to watch the video.



HONDURAS

With tools provided by CWS donors, Oscar now grows bananas, corn, chili peppers, cassava, papaya, and pineapple - diversifying his crops and creating a more stable future for his family.

Scan this QR code to read the full story.



UNITED STATES



With the help of our dedicated donors and volunteers, CWS Kits and Blankets are shared with our neighbors in need at just the right time.

Scan this QR code to see how your donations help deliver CWS Kits and Blankets to families across the U.S.



TANZANIA



Since joining CWS Vegetation program, Penda has grown a beautiful garden to feed her family. She also helps her neighbors grow their own food.

Scan this QR code for the full story.



GEORGIA



For years, CWS Inc.'s donors have supported bee programs in Georgia and beyond. Thanks to you, families are buzzing with opportunity - growing hives, harvesting honey, and building a sweeter, more sustainable future.

Scan this QR code to watch a sweet video that shows the incredible impact of your support - you're helping families thrive in ways that are truly un-bee-lievable!



BANGOR PRIDE



God loves me
just as I am.

Bangor Pride will be on June 28th, 2025, with a parade and festival taking place in West Market Square and Norumbega Park. The parade will take place from 11am - 12pm, and the festival portion of the day will take place from 12pm - 4pm.

Hammond Street Church will be represented once again in the Pride Parade and Festival. We need you to join us in celebrating Pride and representing Hammond Street Church in the Parade and Festival.

We will be marching in the Parade and have a booth at the festival. We need volunteers to sign up for this exciting event. Sign up sheet will be on the back table in the Sanctuary starting on Sunday, June 1st. We need persons in the Parade and to help man the booth. Join us and let Bangor experience our extravagant welcome for all people.



Hammond Street Concert Series
Presents
Folksongs, Coffee, and Desserts
With
Larry and Leslie Latour

Friday June 20th, 7 pm

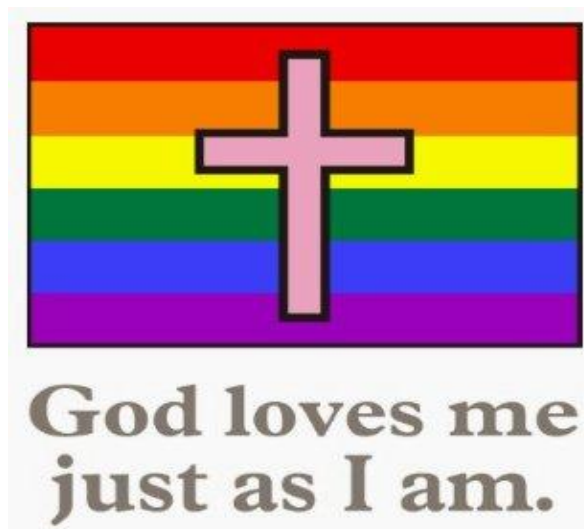
Hammond Street Congregational Church

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



June's Social Justice Topic

LGBTQIA+

In 2003, Hammond Street Congregational Church became an Open and Affirming (ONA) Congregation. Our ONA statement is,

"We welcome all people regardless of backgrounds, circumstances, ethnicity, family configuration, gender identity, or sexual orientation into our faith community, and affirm the worth of all persons and acknowledge God's love for all people."

equalitymaine.org

Equality Maine is a resource for information and suggested actions that will help us all support their work of "creating an inclusive and intersectional movement through political action, community building, education, engagement and collaboration."

mainecouncilofchurches.org

Another resource for information is Maine Council of Churches.. There one can find a stated Moral Agenda under the Public Policy Advocacy as well as legislative information and a variety of topics.

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TRINITY SUNDAY

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Jim Scovil

June 15, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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