



# The Hammond Streeter

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

*An Open and Affirming Community June 25, 2025*

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Choose to Be Accepting

#### SCRIPTURE

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.  
—Romans 15:7

#### WORDS OF HOPE

We long for acceptance in our relationships. From childhood, we seek our parents' approval even as we wish for independence. As adults, some of us may still hear a parent's criticism ringing in our ears. We search for unconditional love in various relationships or continually strive to achieve yet more. We want somehow to earn love and acceptance.

We all delight in affirmation from others. Everyone wants to know that even with all our differences, we are still appreciated, loved, and valued. We want others to accept us as we are without trying to change us.

Yet only God loves us unconditionally all the time. We are loved, warts and all. God created us to love and be loved. We are each wonderfully and uniquely made.

God calls us to see others through the Spirit's eyes. God calls us to accept others the way God does—as dearly loved children who are created in God's own image. God loves us as we are and challenges us to live into a life worthy of our calling.

Accepting each other and loving each other despite our difference will benefit one another, but, more important, it will bring praise to God. When we care for one another, God is glorified. Are you ready to praise God by seeing others the way God does?

#### PRAYER

Lord, give us your eyes to see one another as your precious children. Keep making us more like Christ, we pray. Amen.

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



**\*PRIDE PARADE HSCC PARTICIPATION 6/28/25\***

For those participating in the parade on Saturday, we will be lining up on Main Street across from May Street in front of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust at 10:30 AM. Our parade participation number is group 2. The parade is from 11 to 12 and then the festival is from 12 till 4. Our HSCC PRIDE booth is in the Key Bank parking lot across from the parking garage. Rain or Shine! See you there!



**There is Humming Happening at Hammond Street!**  
2025 Hammond Street Concert Series!

**\*\*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**

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](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.



**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](mailto:ryehle2@gmail.com) and my phone number is: 207-478-9122. Ruey



**THE HSCC SUMMER SOCK DRIVE 2025**

Once again, your Outreach Committee is working to fill an ongoing need in our community – Clean Socks. Especially during a rainy, wet spring like this one, keeping clean, dry socks is a challenge. To meet this need we are collecting new socks for distribution from HSCC and area shelters. If you come across a sock bargain, please pick us up a few pair. We have a collection basket in the Narthex where you can drop them off. We'll see that they make it to folks who will appreciate them. Our collection will run until the end of June. Thanks – Your Outreach Committee



### **WELCOME TO HOUSING THANK YOU**

On behalf of our volunteers and more importantly the people we serve, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the continued generosity and support of Welcome To Housing from HSCC. Your generous \$200 donation is well timed and very appreciated. To give you an idea of our updated stats, we now serve over 1,500 people annually, and over 800 families. We also started keeping track of tonnage and for the first 6 months of 2024, we estimated we kept nearly 26 tons of furniture and other useful items from going into the waste stream prematurely. We now serve clients from more than 70 agencies and organizations. Again, thank you for your continued caring and support. Christopher K. Olsen, Founder and Board President.



### **\*ALWAYS NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY\***

Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Baked Beans, Soup, and Mac n Cheese. Thank you very much

### **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\*\***

NONE THIS WEEK

### **\*\*\*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

#### **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. 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/AVTECHHammondStreetChurch)  
or use this QR Code:





## **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.



**The HSCC Music Committee provided a wonderful evening of folk music and desserts on Friday night. Larry and Leslie Latour plus drummer Judd were delightful.**



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**PRIDE SUNDAY**

**In Person Sunday Service**

**Pastor Ben Bigney**

**June 29, 2025 at 10 AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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