



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community June 4, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Who is My Family?

SCRIPTURE

“Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”
— Matthew 12:50

WORDS OF HOPE

When you hear the word family, what usually comes to mind? Where I grew up, a family was generally made up of a husband and wife and their biological children. Some families also had adopted children. Some couples did not have children, and some parents were divorced. But the most common family in that time was the nuclear family.

Our definition of family in this day and time has expanded. Families today are made up not only of a husband and wife and their biological children but also a husband and husband and their children, a wife and wife and their children, or couples who have chosen to not have children or a single parent who has chosen to have children, or an unmarried couple and their children. A family can be those we have invited into our lives and chosen to love.

When Jesus' family tried to get a message to him as crowds gathered around him, he saw an opportunity for a teaching moment and said, “Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

Jesus was helping his followers to describe a new kind of family, a community bound by something more powerful than the blood in our veins. This is not a rejection of the biological family. It's an invitation to a bigger, richer family—the family of God, with whom we live in the kingdom of God.

This month is Pride month, and you are invited to meet family members in the Bangor Community and the HSCC family. May God's Spirit work in us all to recognize the beautiful gift of God's family in the relationships and communities we are a part of—no matter how different or diverse they might be.

PRAYER

Holy One, thank you for the gift of our broader family in Christ. May we keep growing together in faith and grace. Amen

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



PENTECOST SUNDAY/CHILDREN'S SERVICE

On June 8th, 2025 we will be having our annual Children's Service. It is also Pentecost Sunday, so we ask that everyone please wear red in honor of Pentecost.



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 them 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.



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



**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!



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



CINDY MARIE LANGWAY-ORCUTT FUNERAL

Cindy was the sister of Geneva Duncan Frost. Her funeral will be held here at HSCC on Saturday, June 7th at 1 PM with a reception following in the Parlor. Our deepest condolences go out to her family.



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 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*****

Music on 6/8 at NOON—Throckmorton Room

*****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

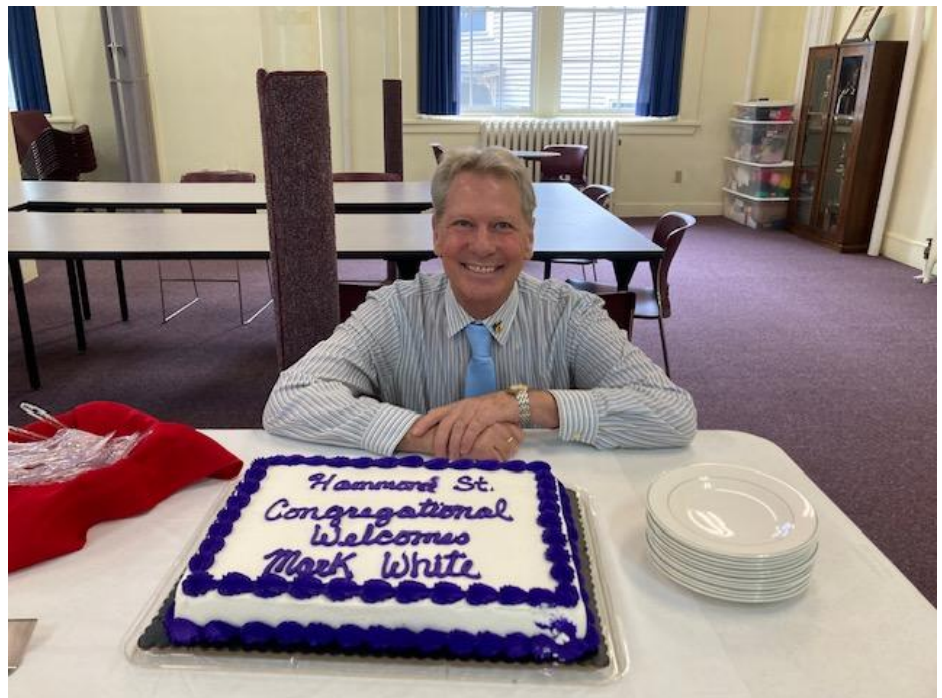
You can find our services live or at your convenience on our YouTube channel.
[AVTECHHammondStreetChurch@Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvTECHHammondStreetChurch)
or use this QR Code:



**Thank you to all the volunteers who helped during the church clean-up day.
Here are a few we caught in action.**



**HSCC welcomed Mark White as a new member.
We are looking forward to getting to know you.**



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

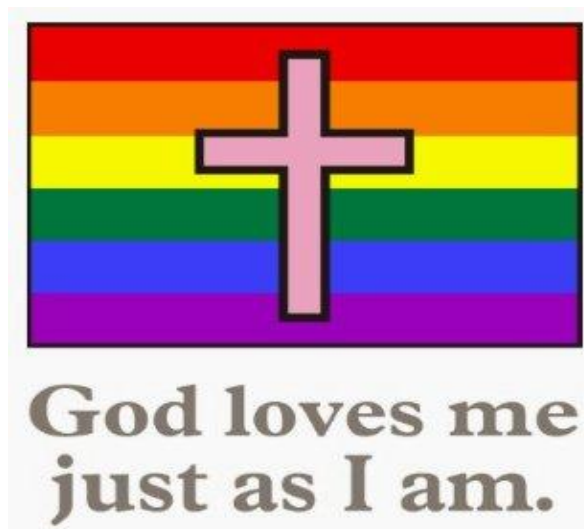
Hammond Street Congregational Church

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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CHILDREN'S/PENTECOST SUNDAY

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

June 8, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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