



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community July 16, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

“When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

WORDS OF HOPE

Ms. Watts bakes hot water cornbread. Ms. Sabrina brings sweet tea. Mrs. Johnson cooks a pot of greens. Mr. Bennett prepares spaghetti. David Walker's mom bakes pies. One of the beautiful things about the Perritte Memorial faith community was how each person had their signature dish, and you'd better not try to compete! When you bring all that food together around the table, it became a feast.

What I loved even more is that everyone ate. Whether you attended church that morning or were just passing by, everyone was welcomed to the meal. There was even a city bus driver who would stop his bus at the corner so he could run in and grab a plate. (His passengers didn't seem to mind.) It's a reminder of the abundance and inclusivity found in community meals.

Jesus often gathered around meals with people. And in Luke 14 he talks about inviting people with disabilities, who are usually overlooked, ignored, or even outcast. A shared meal isn't just about food, it's about hospitality, inclusion, and breaking down barriers. When we gather to eat, we follow Jesus' example of welcoming all to the table.

Here at Hammond Street, we do that with the Free Bean Lunch once a month and even weekly with Coffee Hour or for that matter any meal we have here at the church. All are welcome at our table.

Whom can you welcome to your table this week? What will you prepare? Will you let them give to you as well?

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for the beauty of shared meals where everyone is welcome. May we embrace hospitality and receive others freely. Amen

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



****FOOD PANTRY DRIVER NEEDED****

The Bangor Food Pantry is in need of a volunteer driver for the U-Haul truck on Monday mornings at 7AM for the summer months for the Walmart PU. Heaving lifting ability is a major plus. Please contact Maina Fernald at: bangorfoodpantry@gmail.com or 207-974-6630 if you can help. Thank you, Bangor Food Pantry



HAMMOND STREETER FOR THE SUMMER

In August there will only be 1. **Deadline for all articles for August 13th's issue is Tuesday, August 12th at 9 AM.** We will be back to our normal weekly schedule on September 3rd with a deadline for all articles on Tuesday, September 2nd at 11 AM. Have a great summer everyone!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer hours are 9 AM to noon Monday through Friday until August 25th.



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. We look forward to 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



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!



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 9 AM

SUNDAY BULLETIN *WEDS.* at 10 AM

****CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS****

Monday—Friday 9 to **NOON**. 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/AVTECHHammondStreetChurch)

or use this QR Code:



**REMEMBERING HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI
80TH ANNIVERSARY**



**AUGUST 6, 2025 1:30 - 3:00 PM
DAVENPORT PARK IN BANGOR**

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BREAD NOT BOMBS

Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki – 80th Anniversary of U.S. Bombing

Wednesday August 6, 2025 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Davenport Park corner of Cedar St. and Main St. in Bangor

Pax Christi Maine and the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine invite you and your community to gather as people of faith and conscience to share prayers, reflections, music and periods of silence to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the horrific atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the United States.

Our grave concern about the use of nuclear weapons continues today. Given the recent bombings in Iran and Israel, the genocide in Gaza and so many other atrocities, the threat of nuclear war currently weighs heavily on our hearts and minds. The times in which we live, call us to raise our collective voices for peace, for justice and for the implementation of nonviolent strategies that build a culture of life and a sustainable environment in which all living beings may flourish.

Archbishop John C. Wester of New Mexico, the birthplace of the bomb, has become a tireless spokesperson for the abolition of nuclear weapons. In a recent homily offered in NYC, Wester stated, "Nuclear weapons are deeply immoral because of their indiscriminate killing of women, children, noncombatants, the old, the newborn and the infirm. In peacetime they rob resources from the needy and the poor." His pastoral letter on this subject may be of interest. <https://archdiocf.org/living-in-the-light-of-christs-peace>

As faith leaders and persons wholeheartedly committed to peace and justice, we bring an important voice to our community. Let us come together to call for the abolition of nuclear weapons, to pray for peace, to act for peace and to further the creation of a life-giving world committed to nonviolence.

Please join us on Wednesday August 6th at 1:30 p.m. in Davenport Park. We will be inviting speakers from diverse faith traditions and social justice perspectives. Please share with your communities and congregations. Also, a media graphic attached for your use. Don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

Blessings of peace & hope in these challenging times,

Mary Ellen Quinn, Co-Coordinator
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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

July 20, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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