



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community July 2, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

Love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. . . . Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace. . . .

1 Peter 4:8-10

WORDS OF HOPE

In the beginning, God created human beings in God's image. This foundational truth shapes how we view all of humanity. Unlike other creation stories, where only kings or rulers bear the divine image, the Scripture teaches that every person carries God's likeness.

This truth underpins the entire biblical social ethic: Do we truly recognize the image of God in all people, regardless of their status, background, or differences?

We need to see people correctly. In other words, if we fail to see someone as made in God's image, we reduce them to something lesser, even less than human. And if we dehumanize people, that can easily lead to mistreatment, marginalization, inequality, and injustice.

In contrast, when we learn to view all people, our neighbors, strangers, and even our enemies—with love and justice, we begin to recognize their inherent worth and dignity.

As believers in God, we need to see people as God does. May God's Spirit work in us to see correctly all the people we are in community with, wherever we are.

PRAYER

Loving God, open our hearts to recognize the dignity and worth in each person. May we treat everyone with love, justice, and the honor they deserve. 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

This will be the last weekly Hammond Streeter for the Summer. In July and August there will only be 1 per month. **Deadline for all articles for July 16th's issue is Tuesday, July 15th at 9 AM. 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 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.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting on Monday, July 7th the office will be transitioning to summer hours until August 25th. **Summer hours are 9 AM to noon Monday through Friday.**

HIKE FOR THE HOMELESS T-SHIRTS

If you have not yet picked up your t-shirt they are still in the office.



FREE BEAN LUNCH

Please join us on **Saturday, July 5, 2025** for our next Free Bean Lunch from 12-1, we provide a **FREE** meal for the community. We serve homemade beans, hot dogs, casseroles, cole slaw and a dessert. We also provide a bag lunch to take out consisting of a Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich, an apple, and a cookie.

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/AVTECHHammondStreetChurch)

or use this QR Code:



PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL 2025



Thanks to all who participated in another uplifting Pride weekend at HSCC

PRIDE SUNDAY SERVICE 2025 We were blessed by not one but three extraordinary pastors leading the service today, Rev. Gary Bagley, Rev. Greg Bridges-Music and Rev. Ben Bigney. With a profound and thought-provoking sermon by Rev. Ben Bigney. The Chime Choir started the service off with “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”.



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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Jim Scovil

July 6, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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