



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community August 13, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother.

Luke 8:51

WORDS OF HOPE

The other day my daily-dictionary app sent me the word *coterie*. This word comes to us from the French language and refers to an “inner circle of friends.” Luke's story of healings in this passage introduces Jesus' *coterie*—his inner circle of disciples.

News had spread about Jesus' teaching and healings, so a crowd gathered as he and his disciples returned to Capernaum. Jairus, a local religious leader, came and pleaded with Jesus to heal his dying daughter. Then, on the way, Jesus was delayed by a woman who desperately needing healing from chronic bleeding. And by the time they reached Jairus's home, the young girl had died.

Undaunted, Jesus entered her room anyway, followed by her parents and Peter, John, and James.

Why does Jesus choose only Peter, John, and James to see him raise the little girl from death? Although Jesus' purpose isn't entirely clear, we see Peter, John, and James playing important roles later as they bear witness to the identity and power of Jesus, the risen Lord. Indeed, their testimony about Jesus in the New Testament helps to provide the foundations of the good-news message of God's love and salvation in Christ.

Jesus has chosen each of us too to share about his amazing love and power so that people everywhere can have new life in Christ.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, strengthen our faith so that we too can be your witnesses in the world. Amen.

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*

JOIN THE CONCERT PARKING CREW

Hammond Streeters will be directing parking at Shaw's for the Brit Floyd Concert on August 21. We still have openings for the first shift (noon - 4:30) and the second shift (4:30 - 9). This is a great fundraising opportunity for the church and a good time with church friends. We need 8 volunteers for each shift. Volunteers need to be able to stand much of the time. You can bring a chair for some sitting. Dress for the weather. There is space for volunteers' cars in the Shaw's parking lot.

If you can join us or have questions, contact Tracy Bigney, 207-356-7223 or bigney@maine.edu.

WHAT ARE CHURCH DUES?

You may have heard mention of "dues" and that the church requests that you pay dues in addition to you pledge and other contributions. What is that all about?

It would be more accurate to call dues "Conference and Association support." HSCC pays an amount each year (currently \$22) for each church member to support the Katahdin Association and the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC). Dues are paid by the church regardless of whether individuals pay them. We also budget an amount of income to offset the expense, assuming that many members will pay dues in addition to their pledge or other contributions.

The Katahdin Association is made up of the UCC churches in Penobscot and Aroostook Counties. Other Maine counties comprise other associations. The Association provides opportunities for connection and fellowship among the churches. The Association's Committee on Ministry plays a leading role in overseeing people entering the ministry and the ordination process.

The Conference is Maine's body of the national UCC. The Conference provides services to local churches such as assistance with the search and call process, consultation for churches that need support, education for pastors and laity, ministerial support and guidance, consultation to committees on ministry, coordination of communities of practice and interim ministers' support group, and represents us in social justice endeavors, such as our outreach efforts in Honduras and membership in the Maine Council of Churches. The Conference is also responsible for Outdoors Ministries/Pilgrim Lodge.

When churches pay dues, the Association keeps 10% and sends 90% to the Conference. The Maine Conference keeps 90% of that amount and sends 10% to the National Office. The Conference staff include the Conference Minister, Associate Conference Minister, Office Manager, and Treasury Coordinator.

HSCC elects delegates who are our representatives to the Association and Conference. Our current delegates are Ben and Betty Ann Haskell. They attend Association meetings and the Annual Meeting of the Conference. They may also participate in Association and Conference committees.

Pastor Gary is also active in the Association and Conference and currently serves on the Committee on Ministry. He previously served as moderator of the Association.

So, in a nutshell, that's what dues are and where they go. Please consider giving \$22 this year for each person in your household who is a member of the church to support the work of the Association and Conference. (Please put "dues" on the check memo line.) If you have questions about the Association and Conference, please contact Betty Ann and Ben. There are also brochures about the Maine Conference on the ushers' tables at the back of the sanctuary.

REMEMBER TO CLYNK

Hammond Street has a CLYNK account for recycling cans and bottles at Hannaford stores. Pick up a bag with our tag on the ushers' tables in the back of the sanctuary or in the office. When the bag is full, put it in the receptacle at a Hannaford location. The proceeds go to the church. It's a very easy way to help. If you have questions, contact Tracy Bigney at 207-356-7223 or bigney@maine.edu.

****HAMMOND STREETER****

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.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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



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 increased. 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 8/19 at 5:30 PM –Sinnott Room

Stewardship on 8/28 at 6:30 PM—Sinnott Room

Diaconate on 9/2 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

Westgate Manor

750 Union St.—Room 111, Bangor, ME 04401
Susan Davies

****DEADLINES FOR PUBLICATIONS****

HAMMOND STR. *TUESDAYS* at 11 AM

SUNDAY BULLETIN *WEDS.* at 12 PM

****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.

[@Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/AVTECHHammondStreetChurch)

or use this QR Code:



Singing the Community Whole for Peace and Power

A gathering to raise our voices;
Hold the power of community;
Share hope and joy.

We will not be silent in the face of cruelty;
We will sing for Justice



Join the voice of community;

Saturday August 16
4:00-6:00 pm

Music led by Women With
Wings, Bangor
Music Director: Linda Keohler

Location: Unitarian Universalist Church
120 Park St, Bangor

Sponsors: Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine
Women With Wings, Bangor

Collection will be taken to support the Peace and Justice fund
supporting folks traveling to demonstrations and rallies

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

August 17, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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