



# The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Gospel – Goodnews

### SCRIPTURE

Jesus went through all the towns and villages . . . proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

Matthew 9:35

### WORD OF HOPE

The first word we want to focus on as we think about God's mission is gospel. Here is a definition of the gospel that I think captures just how amazing this good news is: "The gospel is the good news of God's reign, grace, and love in and through Christ for the redemption and renewal of all things." This definition should shape everything we do. Take a moment and read it again if that helps.

We see this definition at work in Matthew 9. Jesus announces and proclaims the good news that God's kingdom has arrived—God reigns! This good news is not just an announcement; it comes with a powerful demonstration of this life-changing message. Filled with compassion and love, Jesus heals people of "every disease and sickness." What's more, Jesus longs to see his team multiply and bring this good news to a world that is desperate for hope and love.

How is God inviting you to respond to this message of good news in a fresh way and to join in God's mission? There is no better news than the good news of Jesus Christ. There is no better calling than to share this good news with others. "The harvest is plentiful" (Matthew 9:37).

### PRAYER

Lord, I pray that my life will ring out with your good news. Continue to raise up people around the world to bring your message of life to the ends of the earth. Amen.

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*

## **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.



## **\*\*RALLY WEEKEND\*\***

### **1. FREE BEAN LUNCH—9/6/25 AT NOON—FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**They need dill pickles and relish before the next bean lunch on 9/6/25.** Thank you so much for contributing to this very worthy cause of feeding the community. 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. Thank you, Ruey

### **2. DUETS AND DESSERTS HSCC CHOIR PRESENTS HOMEGROWN TALENT AND HOME MADE DESSERTS**

Come join us on 9/6/25 at 7PM for an unforgettable concert here at HSCC in the Fellowship Hall. All funds raised go to the maintenance of our beautiful pipe organ and pianos.

### **3. HSCC RALLY DAY/MINISTRY FAIR**

On Sunday, September 7th, everyone is invited to join us for lunch in Fellowship Hall after the worship service. We will have hot dogs with all the fixings and ice cream sundaes for dessert. You can take a look at the ministries that are a part of our work as a faith community. You will have the opportunity to join us in the work of Jesus Christ by signing up for the ministry where your gifts can be used.

## **MONTHLY FREE BEAN LUNCHES**

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### **SOLIDARITY HARVEST**

Oh yes! It is time to think about Solidarity Harvest at Food and Medicine. They distribute food baskets to about 1,675 households each year. St. Patrick's has a reputation of baking the most pumpkin breads for this outreach, making more than 150 loaves last year! SO!! Please let Mary Ann Perry know an estimate of how many breads your congregation could make. Food and Medicine requests the small loaves (5 3/4" x 3 1/2" pans) and please freeze and keep the breads in the tins. The sooner Food and Medicine has a commitment, the better they can plan. Mary Ann Perry has to send Food and Medicine the pumpkin bread estimate by Sept. 25, 2025. Again, this is an estimate and there is plenty of time to bake especially since they have to be frozen anyway. Send your pumpkin bread estimates to Mary Ann at [maryann\\_perry@hotmail.com](mailto:maryann_perry@hotmail.com) by September 25, 2025!

### **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](mailto:bigney@maine.edu).

### **THANK YOU**

I want to express our heartfelt thanks for your recent gift of \$200. Your generous gift supports Habitat's mission of helping us to create safe, stable, and affordable housing at a very critical time for families in the Bangor region. Sincerely, Melissa Huston, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity.

### **There is Humming Happening at Hammond Street!**

**\*\*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\*\***

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 \*WEDS.\* at 10 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/UCvTECHHammondStreetChurch)  
or use this QR Code:





Hammond Street Concert Series Presents

**AN EVENING OF  
DUETS AND DESSERTS!**

A Home-grown Cabaret with Home-made Desserts!

**SATURDAY SEPT. 6TH**

**7:00PM**

**In the Fellowship Hall of Hammond St. Church**

(At the corner of Hammond and High Streets in Bangor)

This concert is a music outreach of Hammond Street Church and benefits the Instrument Maintenance Fund.

**Desserts and Beverages will be available at intermission!**

**Suggested Donations: \$10.00 at door, \$2 for Desserts**





# September 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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10:00am RALLY DAY SUNDAY SERVICE	11:00am ACA MEETING (PEAFE ROOM) 5:15pm AA MEDITATION GRP (PARLOR)	8:00am WILLING WORKERS 6:30pm DIACONATE MTG (PARLOR)	6:00pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR) 6:30pm CHOR. (FH)	5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR)		12:00pm FREE BEAN LUNCH (FH) 7:00pm CONCERT - DUETS & DESSERTS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (RALLY DAY/MINISTRY FAIR)**

**In Person Sunday Service**

**Pastor Gary Bagley**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 at 10 AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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