

# The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

*An Open and Affirming Community October 22, 2025*

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

### WHO IS GOD?

#### SCRIPTURE

God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky . . . and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

— Genesis 1:26-27

### WORDS OF HOPE

Around the world there are many different religions and many different views about who or what God is. Some people believe there is one God, some believe there are many gods, and some believe there is no god at all. Some people say that God is whoever or whatever you want God or it to be, so it doesn't matter what you believe.

The scripture shows us that there is one God who created the heavens and the earth. In the Christian world God has revealed Godself as God the Creator, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. And while the Creator is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, there are not three Gods but one God. This teaching is known to Christians as the Trinity. One God revealed to the world in three ways.

Some people argue that this is a human-made teaching, and it does come from human interpretation of Scripture. In Genesis God says, "Let us make mankind in our image," which some believe refers to a plurality in the Godhead. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus commanded his followers to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". The Scripture does reveal to us who God is and shows us a loving and caring God who seeks to be in a relationship with all of humanity.

So, who is God? God is our loving creator, redeemer, and sustainer who seeks to be in relationship with each of us, loving us, caring for us and walking with us.

### PRAYER

Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank you for your love and grace. Help us to truly know you, love you, and honor you. Amen

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



### **HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS**

**Christmas is less than 100 days away! EEKS!**

An easy way to provide gifts for your loved ones is to purchase gift cards through Hammond Street! Every purchase you make can put 2% - 16% of the card value back into our Operating Fund. I will be placing 2 orders this year.

- Order 1: place on November 9th and be ready for pickup/delivery on November 16th
- Order 2: place by December 7th and be ready for pickup/delivery by December 14th

Attached to your emailed Hammond Streeter is a list of all the vendors that are available for gift cards. If you would like to order gift cards, email me at [jonid@roadrunner.com](mailto:jonid@roadrunner.com) or call the church office at 942-4381. A reminder that we have Hannaford and Shaw's cards available all year round (in denominations of 25, 50 and 100). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [jonid@roadrunner.com](mailto:jonid@roadrunner.com).

Thanks, Joni Decato

### **WHAT ARE CHURCH DUES?**

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.

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.

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 Haskell.



### **JOIN THE CANDY CREW FOR TRUNK OR TREAT**

We need volunteers to make this year's Trunk or Treat a blast! Join us on October 25 from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. to hand out candy during Downtown Bangor Trick or Treat. We will line our vehicles up along Hammond Street. Just decorate your trunk with a spooky and fun theme, and bring plenty of candy for all the little ghouls and goblins who stop by. Help us make this a fun community outreach event together. Sign up today! Signup sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary on the table.

### **BRING THE KIDS TO TRUNK OR TREAT AT HAMMOND STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Make a sweet stop along your Downtown Bangor Trick or Treat route! Bring the family to our Annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. right here on Hammond Street. We'll have spooky trunks, friendly faces, and plenty of sweet treats for all the little trick-or-treaters.



### **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 cleanup. 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

## **JIMMY FUND WALK 2025 –TOGETHER AGAINST CANCER**

I believe in the mission and work of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute –groundbreaking research and treatment for children and adults with cancer. Progress is made every day to save lives and defy cancer. That's why I am participating in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk for the 9<sup>th</sup> time this fall.

Our shirts for the walk this year have the slogan "Together Against Cancer." I invite you to join me in being Together Against Cancer by donating to the Jimmy Fund.

Here's how to donate:

- Go to <http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/Tracy-Bigney> and make an online donation
- Write a check to the Jimmy Fund Walk, put my number 1012011 in the memo line, and mail to Jimmy Fund Walk, PO Box 3595, Boston, MA, 02241-3595.
- Write a check to the Jimmy Fund Boston Marathon Walk and give or send it to me to send in.
- Donations are accepted until October 31, 2025.

My family and friends have donated generously every year. Together Against Cancer, we make a difference.

Tracy B. Bigney (she, her) [bigney@maine.edu](mailto:bigney@maine.edu)  
207-356-7223

### **\*ALWAYS NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY\***

Egg Cartons, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Baked Beans, Soup, Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo and Salt-n-Pepper.  
Thank you very much

### **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).

### **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\*\***

NO MEETINGS 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](mailto:AVTECHHammondStreetChurch@Youtube.com)  
or use this QR Code:



## Homeless Shelter Meals

### Can You Help Us Out?

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, Hammond Streeters prepare and serve a hearty meal for guests at the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. While this program is coordinated by Your Outreach Committee, it takes the support of our entire congregation to sustain this effort throughout the year. We could use some additional involvement from the good folks at Hammond St. There are three options for you to ensure the success of this outreach program:

**Help prepare the meal**  
**Help serve the meal**  
**Provide food for the meal**

Meals are coordinated by a member of the outreach committee or another person who is familiar with the shelter and our process. Each lead person will need a different level of support for the meal they organize. To make supporting this meal easier, we have created a simple spreadsheet to list our needs for that month's meal. This spreadsheet will be emailed 1-2 weeks prior to the Monday meal. We will start by sending it to everyone who is on the Free Bean Lunch email list. It will also be posted on the HSCC PRIVATE Facebook page. If you would like to receive this email or if you would like access to the Private Facebook page, contact Andy Wood ([664awood@gmail.com](mailto:664awood@gmail.com) or 745-3428). To get more details about supporting this project with or without digital access, contact Andy.

**Thanks for considering involvement in this HSCC Outreach program – Your Outreach Committee**

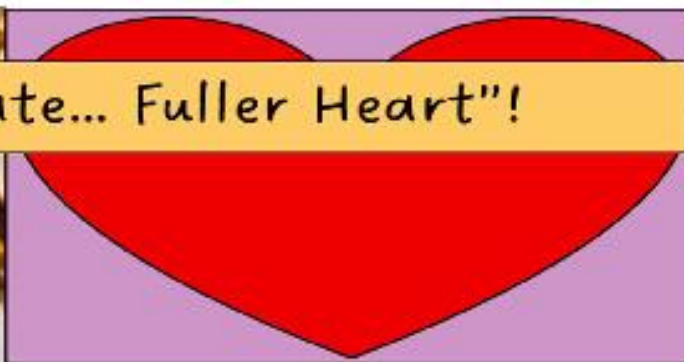


**If any of these belong to you, they are available for PU on Sundays or Monday thru Friday 9 AM to 3 PM.**





## Project: "Full Plate... Fuller Heart"!



**We have three opportunities to help our neighbors this Thanksgiving Season.  
For any questions, please contact Andy Wood or Joni Decato.**

### Thanksgiving Dinner at HSCC on November 27th at 1:00

Our resident turkey "Plucky" will be available with all the necessary fixings for our Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Pluck the items you would like to donate to this meal and bring them to the church by Sunday, November 23rd. Monetary donations are also accepted. Plucky will be available in church starting Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>!



#### Items Needed Include:

- Turkeys, Stuffing
- Pies
- Rolls & Breads
- Vegetables
- Fixin's
- Drinks

### Food and Medicine Thanksgiving Baskets



Hammond Street has agreed to contribute 125 **Pumpkin Breads** for Thanksgiving baskets, which are distributed throughout the Community, including our own Food Cupboard. The breads should be 5.72" x 3.31" and Andy will provide baking pans when you sign up. They must be delivered to the church on or before Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.



### Food Cupboard Baskets

HSCC is joining First United Methodists and St Pauls' Parish to create 60 baskets for our Food Cupboard patrons (20 from each church). Each full basket costs approx. \$40 at Walmart. If you are unable to shop for contents for a basket, you may make a monetary donation toward a basket. The baskets need be delivered to the Church on or before Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Each basket contains the following:

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| ♥ 1 - 26.7 oz Instant Potatoes       | ♥ 1 - 12 oz Stuffing            | ♥ 2 - 10 to 12 oz cans/jars Gravy |
| ♥ 4 - 15.4 oz can Green Beans        | ♥ 4 - 15.4 oz can Carrots       | ♥ 4 - 15.4 oz can Fruit           |
| ♥ 1 - 12 oz bags Fried Onion         | ♥ 2 - 14 oz can Cranberry Sauce | ♥ 2 - boxes Mac 'n Cheese         |
| ♥ 1 - Cake Mix                       | ♥ 1 - 16 oz Cake Frosting       | ♥ 1 - 8" Pumpkin or Apple Pie     |
| ♥ 4 - 10.5 oz Cream of Mushroom Soup |                                 |                                   |



# TRUNK OR TREAT



HAMMOND STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

OCTOBER 25TH



2 P.M. UNTIL 4 P.M.  
28 HIGH STREET, BANGOR

**Hammond Street  
Congregational Church, UCC  
P.O. Box 1106  
Bangor, ME 04402-1106**

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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**In Person Sunday Service**

**Pastor Gary Bagley**

**OCTOBER 26, 2025 at 10 AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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