



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

An Open and Affirming Community December 24, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful cards and thoughts in this Holy Season.



Pastor Gary

****SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING****

Our Offering on Christmas Eve will be for the Christmas Fund. As I shared last week the Christmas Fund is the fifth of the five special offerings the UCC asks each of its congregations to receive throughout the year. Our Congregation has been a Five for Five Church every year and our hope is to continue long into the future.

The Christmas Fund is a special offering by the United Church of Christ (UCC) that provides financial assistance to active and retired clergy and church workers in need.

It has been supporting UCC ministers, church workers, and their families for over 100 years. It provides emergency grants, supplements small annuities, and covers health premiums. Each December, the fund also distributes Christmas "Thank You" gift checks to lower-income retirees, ensuring they receive support during the holiday season.

I hope that you will join me in supporting the Christmas Fund and help to make this Holy Season and the coming year a little brighter for those who have given their lives in service to Christ through the United Church of Christ.

Pastor Gary

A HUGE THANK YOU TO

1. All the cooks and bakers who provided the luncheon for the Black Bear Men's Chorus!
2. All the bakers who provided food for the Holiday Fair!
3. All the wonderful participants in the Intergenerational Tableau!

You all contributed to an amazing advent Season!

Thank you!

Judy Fricke

****COVID AND FLU UPDATE****

Here in the Bangor region, covid and influenza have greatly increased recently. We can reduce illness by wearing a mask and staying up-to-date with the latest vaccines (free for most folks). Free masks are always available at the greeter's table in the church lobby—please help yourself if you'd like a mask. Hand sanitizer is also available.

We wish for all a healthy and happy holiday and winter season.



WINTER WARMTH TREE

The Outreach Committee is hoping to decorate the Winter Warmth Tree with warm socks (**new only please**) and gloves. These items along with hats we already have will provide a warmer winter for our neighbors in need.

HOMELESS SHELTER MEAL VOLUNTEERS

On the 4th 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. contact Andy Wood (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



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 and my phone number is: 207-478-9122. Thank you, Ruey



WINTER CLOTHING

Your Outreach Committee is looking for gently worn winter outerwear. Can you help us out?

During the winter months, HSCC offers gently used winter clothing to guests at our Free Bean Lunch. We offer the clothing from the first week in November through March. Any winter outerwear in good condition and sweaters, sweatshirts and fleece would be appreciated, especially larger adult sizes. Donations can be placed in the basket in the Narthex or brought to the office. Contact Andy Wood (745-3428) with questions. Thanks for helping our neighbors in need in the greater Bangor area – Your Outreach Committee

*****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

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
or use this QR Code:



ALWAYS NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

Spaghetti O's, Canned Ravioli, Pasta Sauce, Shelf-Stable Milk, Cereal, Baked Beans, Soup, Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo and Salt-n-Pepper. Thank you, BFP

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.

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



2025 Advent Calendar

First Sunday of Advent, November 30

10:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens Service

Second Sunday of Advent, December 7

10:00 a.m.

Black Bear Men's Chorus

Third Sunday of Advent, December 14

10:00 a.m.

Choir Cantata and Intergenerational Tableau

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21

10:00 a.m.

Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve, December 24

7:00 p.m.

Communion and Candlelight Service

During the month of December there is no Sunday School so that the children and Youth can be a part of our special service.

There are crayons and coloring books available for the younger children on the Tables as you enter the Sanctuary.

There will be crafts for the children in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour.



LESSONS AND CAROLS SUNDAY SERVICE 2025



CELEBRATING KATHY JELLISON'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH HSCC



LOVERN'S SPECIAL HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR/COFFEE HOUR



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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Jim Scovil

December 28, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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