



# The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

*An Open and Affirming Community January 21, 2026*

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Renewing our Strength

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

— Isaiah 40:31

### WORDS OF HOPE

The challenges of life can feel overwhelming at times. I remember when I was faced with a difficult decision that required more energy and wisdom than I felt I had within me. I tried to rely on my own strength and resources, but it quickly became apparent that I was running on empty.

This is where God's promise of renewal comes in. It's not about having strength to do it all on our own; it's about trusting in God, whose strength is limitless. In the same way that an eagle soars with ease, we have the strength to rise above our struggles when we hope in God. We don't have to fight through our challenges on our own power. God equips us with what we need for the journey ahead.

As we step into the newness of each day, let's remember that we don't need to face life's challenges alone. The God's strength is made perfect in our weakness, and God promises that when we place our trust in God, God will renew our strength and empower us to face whatever comes our way.

### PRAYER

Lord, thank you for renewing my strength when I feel weak. Help me to trust in your provision and power as I face the challenges ahead each day. Amen.

See you Sunday,

*Pastor Gary*

## SAVE THE DATE!

HSCC'S 3rd annual Cabin Fever Reliever live/silent auction and pot luck supper will be on March 14, 2026 at 5 PM.

**NOTE:** Organizing meeting for auction items will be on February 8, 2026 at 11:45 following the Sunday service.



## **\*\*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.



## WINTER CLOTHING

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 **men's** winter clothing in good condition including sweaters, sweatshirts, pants and fleece would be appreciated, especially large, XL and XXL sizes. Donations can be placed in the basket in the Narthex. Contact Andy Wood (745-3428) with questions. Thanks for helping our neighbors in need in the greater Bangor area – Your Outreach Committee



## WINTER WARMTH TREE

Winter Warmth Tree is available till the end of January with warm socks and gloves (**new only please**). These items will provide a warmer winter for our neighbors in need.

## HOMELESS SHELTER MEAL VOLUNTEERS

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. 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.

**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](mailto:ryehle2@gmail.com) and my phone number is: 207-478-9122. Thank you, Ruey

## THANK YOU

Dear Hammond Street Congregation and Rev. Gary,  
Thank you all for all the generous dinners you donate to our shelter guests here at the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. Each year, your dinners feed about 2,000 people! Thank you so much for sharing your faith with the homeless community in such a beautiful way.  
Gretchen Fennelly, Donation Manager



## 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](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 2026\*\*

Stewardship on 1/22 at 6:30 PM—Sinnott  
Annual Meeting on 1/25 at 11:30 AM—FH

## \*\*\*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:



HSCC WELCOMES ALL THE NEW MEMBERS 2026



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Marilyn Voisine



Angel McKennon



Freddy Sterling

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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**In Person Sunday Service**

**Pastor Gary Bagley**

**January 25, 2026 at 10 AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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