



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

God's Transforming Work in Us

SCRIPTURE

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

WORDS OF HOPE

When we set out on a new journey or season, it can be easy to feel discouraged, as if the process of change is taking too long or the work isn't happening quickly enough. Sometimes we wonder if the growth we desire in our lives will ever truly take place.

I've been there—often questioning if I would ever truly grow past certain struggles. But Philippians 1:6 is a reminder that God is not finished with us. God began a good work in us, and God is faithful to complete it.

This reminds me of a time in my life when I was overwhelmed by all the changes that I felt were needed in my life. I tried to rush things, but the harder I pushed, the more frustrated I became. It was during those moments of struggle that God gently reminded me that God is the one doing the work, not me. God's timing is perfect, and God works in ways that I can't always see or understand.

Take comfort in knowing that God is working in you. Your transformation might not happen overnight, but God will complete the good work God has started in you. Trust in God's process and know that, as you walk with God, you will become the person God created you to be.

PRAYER

Holy One, thank you for the work you are doing in me. Help me to trust your timing and to believe that you are faithful to complete what you have started. 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.

MAINE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY - MESOM FEBRUARY 8, 2026 COLLECTION

On February 8, 2026 HSCC will have an extra collection to support the Maine School of Ministry – MESOM. This entity is a collective effort of Maine UCC congregations to support local church leaders and faithful practitioners by providing lifelong learning experiences and leadership development. They provide affordable courses and theological exploration alongside skillful scholars and faithful practitioners. Examples of upcoming courses/workshops include “Intergenerational Spiritual Care and Nurture” and “Organizing for Relationships and Repair (led by Wabanaki REACH). Please contact Rev. Gary Bagley for more information or see a flyer on the back table at church or at <https://www.maineucc.org/mesom/>

****HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2026****

Diaconate on 2/3 at 6:30 PM—Parlor

NEW CARPET RUNNERS

Willing Workers recently put down new runners in Fellowship Hall and other areas around the church. Old ones have been repurposed in various places. These floor and carpet savers are much appreciated this winter.



****MISSING JACKET ON 1/25/26****

A member of our congregation put his jacket on the bench in the front hallway downstairs (outside the kitchen) on Sunday. When he went to leave, his jacket was not there. Someone else may have taken it by mistake.

If anyone took a jacket by mistake, please return it to the church office. It is L.L.Bean, black with reflective on sleeves, has a hood, and is a long jacket.

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

****FREE BEAN LUNCH DONATIONS****

We are in need of bread & butter pickles and hamburger dill pickle chips for this coming Free Bean Lunch on Saturday, 1/7/26. If you can help, please bring them to the office during work hours or this Sunday after the service. Thank you, Ruey



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



*****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

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.

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

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/FLU GUIDELINES

Covid/Flu levels have increased. We can help reduce the risk of getting or spreading them by wearing a mask. Getting the latest vaccinations will also reduce the risk of serious illness. **HSCC has free N-95 masks and hand sanitizer at the greeter's table in the narthex.**

*****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:



HSCC – Fresh Start Food Box Contents, 10-2025

- _____ Canned Fruit – 2 cans
- _____ Crackers – 1 box
- _____ Canned Veggies – 2 cans
- _____ Mac & Cheese – 2 boxes
- _____ Canned Beef Stew or Chili – 1 can
- _____ Canned Tuna, Chicken or other – 2 cans
- _____ Canned Soup – 2 cans
- _____ Box of Cereal or Instant Oatmeal – 1 box
- _____ Peanut Butter – 1 jar
- _____ Jelly – 1 jar
- _____ Mayonnaise – 15 oz jar
- _____ Self-Stable Liquid Milk – 1 box
- _____ Cookies – 1 package
- _____ Baked Beans – 1 can
- _____ Spaghetti – 1 box
- _____ Spaghetti Sauce – 1 jar
- _____ Ramen – 2 packages
- _____ Rice a Roni - 1 box
- _____ Pop Tarts - 1, 8 pack



**Fresh Start Sober
Living of Maine**

FRESH START FOOD BOXES

Along with the interdenominational church group "Moving in Faith & Hope," your Outreach Committee is committed to supporting the ***Fresh Start Sober Living*** program in the Bangor area. Our part is to **supply a box of food for one person for about 5 days**, as they move into a new home. Just enough for a person to get acquainted with their new neighborhood and find the local food pantry & bus routes.

We are aiming to provide 3 boxes per month. We need your help to reach this goal.

There are three options to help:

1. Fill a box with all the items on the list (attached)
2. Contribute any individual items on the list (attached), and we'll fill the box collectively
3. Donate cash and we'll do the shopping for you

You can pick up a standardized box at church—On Sunday (ask Andy Wood or Outreach committee member) or from the office during weekdays Monday thru Friday 9 to 3 (knock on the back door or call 207-942-4381 or email admin@hammondstreetchurch.net) to get the box to be filled.

To participate, please either let Julie or Andy know, or sign up at the google link and enter your first name (and last initial only, please) under the month you wish. (Please make a note on which of Options 1-3 above you'll do.)

Please **bring the filled box back to church at the latest by the Sunday before the third Thursday of your selected month**. Filled boxes (or items) should be brought to the Throckmorton Room (next to Fellowship Hall/the kitchen, downstairs). Please place filled boxes onto the long table on the outside wall of the Throckmorton Room.

If you'd like help bringing a filled box in (they are heavy when full!), please let us know, we can help.

Thanks so much for your support! – Outreach Committee



WARM HEARTS SATURDAY TOILETRY COLLECTION

**Help our youth build care kits for our
neighbors in need.**

Warm Hearts Saturday will be a special service project at Hammond Street Church for kids and their families to team up on February 28 to serve the Bangor community in a practical way.

We'll be packing care kits for our unhoused neighbors in need.

Please consider donating the following items:

New, unscented, unopened items only. Travel size preferred when available.

Core Kit Items

Toothbrush
Toothpaste (travel size)
Deodorant (unscented solid stick)
Shampoo/body wash (travel size)
Body wipes (travel pack, unscented)
Lotion (travel size)
Tissues (travel pack)

Helpful Extras

Disposable razors
Pads

Donations can be placed in the labeled bins in Fellowship Hall until February 27. Thank you for helping our youth turn kindness into something practical and real.

For any questions, contact Adrienne at adriennejknight13@gmail.com.

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

February 1, 2026 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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