



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Letting Go of the Old

SCRIPTURE

You were taught . . . to put off your old self . . . and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

— Ephesians 4:22-24

WORDS OF HOPE

There comes a time when carrying the baggage of our old life just weighs too much. I remember a season when I kept rehearsing past failures, clinging to shame like a heavy coat in summer. I knew God was calling me to move forward, but it felt safer to stay in the familiar—even if it was painful.

Ephesians 4:22-24 hits home here. Paul reminds us that the old self—the habits, thought patterns, and lies we've believed—must be put off. Like clothing that doesn't fit anymore, we're meant to take it off so that we can live in the freedom God offers.

Letting go isn't always a dramatic moment. Sometimes it's just quiet and deliberate. It includes choosing not to respond the way we used to. It means surrendering a mindset that has held us captive. It involves refusing to let guilt define us when grace is freely offered. We can't fully embrace the new if we are still clinging to the old.

What is God inviting you to release today? Whatever it is, trust that his grace is enough to carry you forward.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me to release what no longer serves your purpose in my life. Give me strength to let go of the old and to step into the new with you. Amen.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Gary



****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

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

HOMELESS SHELTER MEALVOLUNTEERS

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



*****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 2026****

Music on 1/11 at NOON—Throck.

January 2026

January 2026							February 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Dec 28 29 30 31 Jan 1, 26 2 3

12:00pm FREE BEAN LUNCH (FH)

New Year's Day (United States)
5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR)

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10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE
11:15am CHIME CHOIR
5:15pm AA MEDITATION GRP (PARLOR)
8:00am WILLING WORKERS
6:00pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR)
6:30pm CHOR. (FH)
5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR)
6:30pm TRUSTEES MTG. (SINNOTT ROOM)

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10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE
11:15am CHIME CHOIR
12:00pm MUSIC COMM. MTG. (THROCK)
5:15pm AA MEDITATION GRP (PARLOR)
8:00am WILLING WORKERS
6:00pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR)
6:30pm CHOR. (FH)
5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR)
6:30pm STEWARDSHIP MTG (SINNOTT ROOM)

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10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE
11:15am CHIME CHOIR
Martin Luther King Day (United States)
5:15pm AA MEDITATION GRP (PARLOR)
8:00am WILLING WORKERS
6:00pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR)
6:30pm CHOR. (FH)
5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR)

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10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE
11:15am CHIME CHOIR
11:30am ANNUAL MEETING - FH
5:00pm BHS SHELTER MEAL
5:15pm AA MEDITATION GRP (PARLOR)
8:00am WILLING WORKERS
6:00pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR)
6:30pm CHOR. (FH)
5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR)

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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY
In Person Sunday Service
Pastor Gary Bagley
January 11, 2026 at 10 AM
ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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