



# The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

*An Open and Affirming Community February 18, 2026*

Website: [www.hammondstreetchurch.org](http://www.hammondstreetchurch.org)

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

### Generous Hospitality

#### SCRIPTURE

Publius . . . welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days.  
Acts 28:7

#### WORDS OF HOPE

Paul was on a ship with 275 other men riding out a storm that they could have avoided. Nevertheless, God had a plan. They were shipwrecked on an island where people needed to hear the gospel story. When the travelers arrived, ragged and wet but all safe, the islanders showed kindness and generosity. They provided food and a warm fire for everyone.

Then Publius, the chief official, welcomed Paul and his companions into his home. And with God's power Paul was able to heal Publius's father.

The door to the gospel was now opened to many more people. As the island residents heard of this healing, their hope increased, and they began to bring all the other sick people to Paul, who healed them.

A new chapter began for the people of the island of Malta. They were so thankful that they continued in their hospitality and provided the travelers with the supplies they needed when they were ready to sail again. What had looked like a disastrous situation became a God moment.

Sometimes God calls us out of our safety and comfort for the sake of sharing God's good news.

Are you ready for what God may have in store for you?

#### PRAYER

Lord, thank you for your protection and faithfulness, even in the midst of storms. Lead us in the direction of people you are preparing to hear about you. Help us to become more like you. Amen

See you Sunday,

*Pastor Gary*

### LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18, Pastor Gary will begin a Sermon Series entitled "At the Cross Roads." The series will go through Lent and conclude on Easter Sunday. Join us as we Journey through Lent and find ourselves "At the Cross Roads."

### WARM HEARTS SATURDAY

Join us for Warm Hearts Saturday on **February 28 from 10:00–11:30 a.m.** in the fellowship hall. Bring your kids and help us create toiletry bags for our neighbors in need. We'll have cookies, cocoa, and ice cream to make it a sweet morning of service. Don't miss this opportunity to give our youth a hands-on way to make a real difference in our community. Our Faith Formation Team will deliver the kits to the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter.



### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

February 23 – March 30

At 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Entering the Passion of Jesus

In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience. Sign up sheet is on the back table in the Sanctuary. Books are \$15 a piece.



### 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.

### \*\*HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2026\*\*

Stewardship on 2/19 at 6:30 PM—Sinnott Room

### WABANAKI REACH WORKSHOP

"De-colonizing and the Role of Faith Communities"

Zoom: Feb 28 and Mar 7 (9:00-12:00)

Sponsored by Maine School of Ministry. All adult learners welcome!

Register: <https://www.maineucc.org/mesom/>

Maine School of Ministry (MESOM) - Maine Conference United Church of Christ MESOM is a regional theological education catalyst within the United Church of Christ, devoted to the call to ministry in this place. Learn more about our courses for students discovering a path to...  
The registration Fee is \$50



### \*\*FREE BEAN LUNCH DONATIONS\*\*

We are in need of bread & butter pickles and hamburger dill pickle chips. 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](mailto: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 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**

**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/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](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:



# Lenten & Holy Week Services

Come experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Liturgy.

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28 High Street, Bangor

**Shrove Tuesday, celebrated Sunday, February 15**  
Following worship at 10 a.m, join us in Fellowship Hall for pancakes, breakfast foods, and King Cake during fellowship hour.

**Ash Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 p.m.**  
Join us in the Sanctuary for a traditional Ash Wednesday service with distribution of the ashes as we begin the Lenten season.

## Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, March 29**

Our worship will focus on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of the last week of his life.

**Holy Thursday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.**

Join us to remember the last supper that Jesus celebrated with the disciples.

**Good Friday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.**

We will hold the Service of Shadows, focusing on the passion and death of Christ.

## Lenten Bible Study

Come Mondays at 1:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., from February 23 to March 30. The study focus will be on Professor Amy-Jill Levine's *Entering the Passion of Jesus*. Contact the church office for a book.



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## **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](mailto:adriennejknight13@gmail.com).

Saturday, May 9, 2026

1PM Game Time

LEAVE: Bangor 9:30AM

Hammond Street Congregational  
Church is Located on Hammond & High  
Streets Bangor.

Cost:

\$100 per ticket

Contact Church Office

942-4381

or

Susan Gildart

susan.gildart1215@gmail.com

Limited Tickets Available



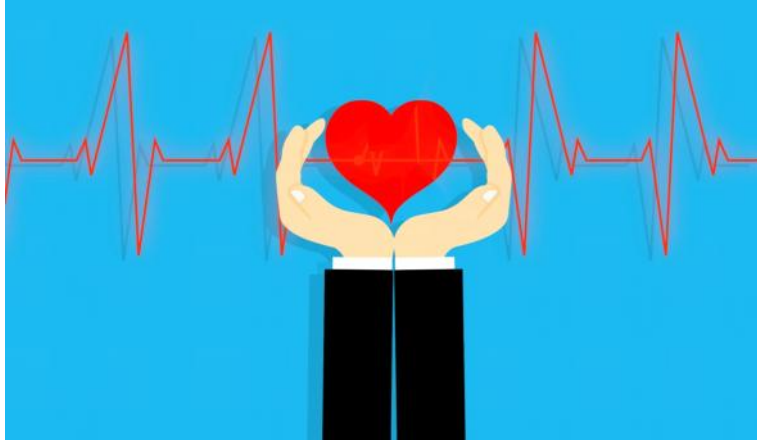
**All Aboard The Cyr North Star Tour Motor Coach to  
Hadlock Field Portland to see the Sea Dogs, The Red  
Sox Minor League Baseball Team In Action.**

**Your Ticket Includes:**

A \$20.00 Gift Card For Food at the  
Concession Stands!

Seats Are Conveniently Located on the  
3rd base side of the Ballpark Where you  
can see all the Action!

## Safety Always a Priority



Please join us on Sunday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> for a second hour sharing on health safety at HSCC. Lt. Craig Russell from the Eddington Fire Department will once again do a review with those interested on the use of the defibrillators as well as share knowledge on handling blood borne pathogens and administering life-saving medications for those in need. We will begin at 11:15 in the parlor and should be finished by 12:30, grab a cup coffee and join us in the parlor.

## HSCC Safety Committee



The first in line to enjoy pancakes, sausage, fruit and King Cake during the Shrove Tuesday during Sunday Fellowship Hour.

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
In Person Sunday Service  
Pastor Gary Bagley  
February 22, 2026 at 10 AM  
ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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