



# The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

*An Open and Affirming Community February 25, 2026*

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Recognition

### SCRIPTURE

They urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening. . . .” So he went in to stay with them.

Luke 24:29

### WORDS OF HOPE

One of the intriguing details of this story in Luke is that the two disciples who were walking and talking with Jesus didn't know it was him.

I suspect that the impact of the previous few days had distracted them. These followers of Jesus had seen him die on a cross, and they had heard some women say he was alive again, but they couldn't understand what had happened. As they headed back home, they were probably tired and disheartened. So, when a stranger came up and began talking with them on the road, they wouldn't have expected the man to be Jesus. Yet even though they were feeling worn and beat up, they had the presence of mind to invite this stranger in.

They must have wondered how this stranger knew so much about the Messiah and his suffering. He recounted a history that was accurate and compelling. They might well have thought he was some kind of rabbi or something.

But then, in their home, “when he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it,” and gave it to them. And suddenly they recognized that Jesus was right there with them. Then, just as suddenly, Jesus disappeared—and they realized they needed to share this news with their friends.

I wonder if we too recognize Jesus when we meet a stranger on the road, invite them into our home, or have a meal with them.

### PRAYER

God, help us to see Jesus in the strangers we meet each day. Help us to hear their story and listen well. Help us to tell our stories so that others will meet Jesus too. Amen

See you Sunday,  
*Pastor Gary*

### LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Sermon Series entitled "At the Cross Roads" will continue 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

March 2 – 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\*\***

Diaconate on 3/3 at 6:30 PM—Parlor

### 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



### 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



### **PHOTO AND VIDEO NOTICE**

Photo and video may be taken during worship services, church events, and fellowship gatherings. This media may be used in church communications, including but not limited to the newsletter, website, social media, and printed marketing materials. We capture photo and video broadly during services and events and may not be able to avoid recording or photographing specific individuals. If you do not wish to have your image or your child's image used, please email Adrienne Knight at [Adriennejknight13@gmail.com](mailto:Adriennejknight13@gmail.com) and include a simple photo of yourself (and/or your child) for reference. We will use the reference photo only to identify you when reviewing images, and we will remove or blur your image, so you and/or your child cannot be identified. No individuals in photo or video will ever be named or "tagged" without consent.

### **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 at the greeter's table in the narthex.**

### **\*\*\*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:



# 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.





## **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!

Kathy Jellison and guest violinist William Somes practicing before the service on Sunday.  
Thank you for combining your musical gifts for a memorable worship service.



Craig Russell, Lieutenant for the Eddington Fire Department, provides training for AED & CPR this past Sunday.  
This was very useful in case of an emergency for use of our defibrillator.



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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
In Person Sunday Service  
Pastor Gary Bagley  
March 1, 2026 at 10 AM  
ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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