



# The Hammond Streeter

## Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

*An Open and Affirming Community February 4, 2026*

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

The New Command to Love

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”  
— John 13:34-35

#### WORDS OF HOPE

When Jesus gave this new command to his disciples, he wasn't simply telling them to show kindness or to be nice to each other. No, Jesus was calling his followers to something deeper—a radical, sacrificial love that mirrors his own.

This is a love that goes beyond feelings and extends into actions. Jesus' love is the kind of love that says, “I will put your needs above mine, even when that is difficult.”

Think about how often we hear of “love” in the world today. It's talked about in the context of self-love, romantic love, and the love we feel for family and friends.

But what sets the love of Christ apart is its foundation in sacrifice. Jesus loved us to the point of laying down his life for us all. This is the love Jesus calls us to show to others.

This command is new in the sense that it is not about loving people as we want to love them, but as Jesus loved us—unconditionally and without limit. It's love that challenges us to love the unlovable, to forgive when that is hard, and to extend grace when it seems undeserved.

When we walk in the love of Jesus, we bear witness to the world about who Jesus is and the transformation he brings.

Let's love as Jesus has loved us.

#### PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for showing us what true love looks like. Help us to love others with the same sacrificial love you have shown us. And may our actions reflect your love. 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/>



### **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.

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

Music Comm. on 2/8 at NOON—Throck.  
Organizing Comm. Auction on 2/8 at 11:45 AM

### **THANK YOU**

On behalf of everyone at My Friend's Place, I want to extend our deepest thanks for your recent generous donation of \$150.00. Your kindness truly makes a world of difference in the lives of individuals living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, and their families. Lisa L. Jordan, Director of My Friend's Place.

### **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. – 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](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:





## **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).

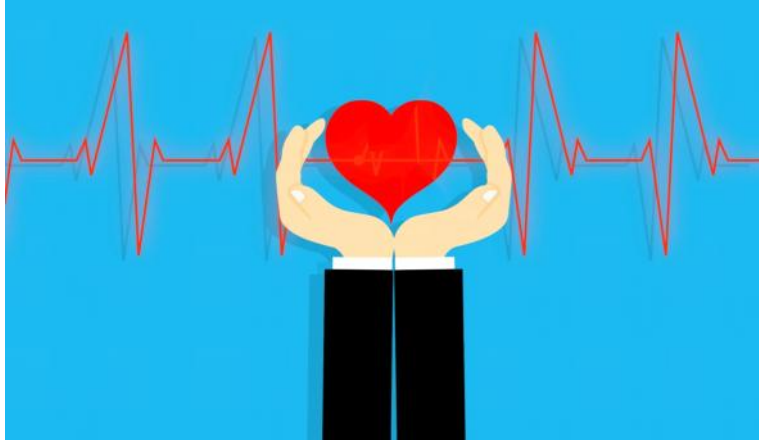
**Lovern has a birthday on Feb 4 and her family hosted a surprise Coffee Hour in her honor on Sunday. Wally had help from Lovern's Grandson Jeff and Great Grandsons Jackson and Tyler ringing the bell. Happy 85th Lovern!**



**To my HSCC Family,  
Many thanks for celebrating with me and my family  
For my 85th birthday!  
Love to all,  
Lovern**



## 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

# February 2026

February 2026							March 2026						
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10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE

5:15pm AA MEDITATION GRP (PARLOR)

8:00am WILLING WORKERS  
6:30pm DIACONATE MTG (PARLOR)

6:00pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR)  
6:30pm CHOIR (FHI)

5:30pm ALLANON GRP. (PARLOR)

12:00pm FREE BEAN LUNCH (FHI)

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10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE  
11:45am Organizing Mtg - Auction  
12:00pm MUSIC COMM. MTG. (THRICK)

5:15pm AA MEDITATION GRP (PARLOR)

8:00am WILLING WORKERS  
6:30pm MTN ADULT SUPP. GRP (PARLOR)

6:00pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR)  
6:30pm CHOIR (FHI)

5:30pm ALLANON GRP. (PARLOR)  
6:30pm TRUSTEES MTG. (SINNOTT ROOM)

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10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE  
11:00am SHROVE TUESDAY  
11:15am CHIME CHOIR

5:15pm AA MEDITATION GRP (PARLOR)

8:00am WILLING WORKERS  
6:30pm COUNCL./EXECUTIVE MTG.(PARLOR)

6:00pm ASH WED. SERVICE (Sanctuary)  
6:00pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR)

5:30pm ALLANON GRP. (PARLOR)  
6:30pm STEWARDSHIP MTG.(SINNOTT)

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10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE  
11:15am CHIME CHOIR

1:00pm BIBLE STUDY GRP (PARLOR)  
5:00pm BHS SHELTER MEAL  
5:15pm AA MEDITATION GRP (PARLOR)

8:00am WILLING WORKERS

6:00pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR)  
6:30pm CHOIR (FHI)

5:30pm ALLANON GRP. (PARLOR)

10:00am WARM HEARTS SATURDAY (FHI)

6:30pm BIBLE STUDY GRP (PARLOR)

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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**In Person Sunday Service**

**Pastor Gary Bagley**

**February 8, 2026 at 10 AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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