



# The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

*An Open and Affirming Community March 18, 2026*

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

### God at Work

#### SCRIPTURE READING

“God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.”

Genesis 45:7

#### WORDS OF HOPE

Joseph had tested his brothers and had learned that they wanted to protect Benjamin, his younger brother, and to spare their father from any more grief. He could see they were sorry for what they had done to him so many years ago. So, he told them, at last, who he really was, and they were stunned and terrified.

The brothers knew that they had deeply hurt Joseph when they had sold him into slavery. They knew that their deception had also hurt their father. Their deception had served them in that moment, but now the truth was coming out. They were the reason why Joseph had come to Egypt as a slave. They were the reason why he had suffered for years. Now that Joseph was in a position of power, the brothers wondered how he would deal with them. No wonder they were terrified as Joseph made himself known to them.

But Joseph saw the hand of God at work in all that had happened. And he explained to his brothers what God had done. Joseph testified that God had sent him ahead of them into Egypt so that his plan for their lives would continue—and much more: that the lives of many people would be saved.

Again, God was doing more than we would think or imagine—working out God's promise to Abraham and making his family a blessing to the nations.

#### PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for your work in our lives—preparing the way for us, walking with us, so we can have life with you. Amen

See you Sunday,  
*Pastor Gary*



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

Trustees on 3/12 at 6:30 PM—Sinnott Room  
Council/Exec. On 3/17 at 6:30 PM—Parlor

**CHILDREN’S EASTER PARTY CANDY & FOOD DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The annual Children’s Easter Party is coming up soon, and we’d love your help making it a great afternoon for our kids and families. The party will be held the afternoon of April 4th.

We’re now collecting candy donations. Please choose candy that comes in small enough packages to fit inside plastic eggs. Candy must be individually packaged. You can drop candy donations in the labeled tote in the Throckmorton room. We also need food (doughnuts, muffins and fruit. Sign up sheets for the food are on the backs tables in the Sanctuary.

We’ll also need volunteers on Sunday, March 29th after worship to pack eggs. Let’s make this a fun, welcoming event for the children in our community. The Faith Formation team appreciates your effort!



**STRAWBERRY PRESERVES**

Our Free Bean Lunch is in need of Strawberry Preserves before the next one on April 4th. We really appreciate your donations if you can help. You can bring it in on Sunday or Monday through Friday during office hours. (9-3)

**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."



**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

**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:





**\*\*\*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

**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.

– **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).

**\*\*\*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.**

**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.**

# Lenten & Holy Week Services

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

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Congregational Church  
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.



**Hammond Street**  
Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

**Please join your friends & neighbors in support of the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter at the 31<sup>st</sup> annual**

**“Hike for the Homeless”**



**Mark your calendars for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and join fellow Hammond Streeters on the Bangor Waterfront.**

HSCC is offering two options for you to be involved with this very essential community service. You can register as a hiker or make a cash donation in support of our sponsorship. Contact Andy Wood (745-3428) to register or for more information about either option. Follow the link below for event details.

Thanks for your support – your Outreach Committee

<https://www.bangorareashelter.org/post-2352/>

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!

## 2026 AUCTION A HUGE FUN RAISER!

This past Saturday, a large crowd enjoyed a live/silent auction and potluck supper. Thanks to the efforts of auctioneer Michael Gildart and assistant Mark White, everyone witnessed competitive bidding, lots of laughs, and wonderful fellowship. Many, many thanks to all who donated items, gift certificates and services. The results of your generosity added up to \$5900 that will support programs of Hammond Street Church.



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

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