



# The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

*An Open and Affirming Community March 4, 2026*

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

### Great is Your Faithfulness

#### SCRIPTURE

His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
Lamentations 3:22-23

#### WORDS OF HOPE

Have you ever lost sleep because your mind and heart just can't slow down and relax? You can lie down and try to fall asleep, but sleep won't come.

Jeremiah knew what that was like. He often poured out his heart and soul to God and to God's people, but most of the people ignored what he had to say as God's prophet. At times he was even put in prison for speaking God's Word.

Jeremiah lamented over the people who denied God and persecuted him. The book of Lamentations is a brief collection of some of those laments. They are a companion piece to the narrative provided in the book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah had done all he could to bring God's Word to the people, but it was not enough. Even so, one of the great hymns of faith, "Great Is Your Faithfulness" arises from today's passage.

I have often wondered how a great song about faithfulness could be born out of lament. Yet this is a key insight for us to ponder. When times are good, we tend to forget about God and rely on ourselves. But when times are hard and we cry out to God in our struggles, we can often see God's work more clearly. God's love, compassion, and faithfulness stand out against the darkness and struggles of our lives.

God is with us always and promises new beginnings and new life each day to all who seek God. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" is a song we can sing every day!

#### PRAYER

God of all days and nights, thank you for your faithfulness to us each day and throughout every season. Amen

See you Sunday,  
*Pastor Gary*



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

Outreach on 3/8 at 9 AM—FH

Music on 3/8 at Noon—Throck.

**AUCTION ALERT SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH**

Here is a sample of the many, many items that will be up for auction at the potluck supper.

Housecleaning by Heather Houston, Homemade pies by Tricia VanKirk, Vintage City of Bangor Landscape Framed Print, Andy Wood's Trail Mix, Penobscot Theatre Tickets, Tiller and Rye Grocery Bag, 1 Night Stay at Country Inn, Las Palapas Restaurant, Angelos Pizza, Deanes Detailing, and much more!

- 4:30 - 5:00pm Preview of Live/Silent Auction items
- 5:00 - 6:15pm Potluck Supper, Bev. Dessert/provided
- 6:15 - 6:30pm Silent Auction ends
- 6:30 - 8:00pm Live Auction (approximate)

See you there!

**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."



**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.



**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:





### **PHOTO AND VIDEO NOTICE**

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### **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).

### **\*\*\*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.**

### **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.

Hammond Street  
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**  
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United Church of Christ

ANNUAL  
*Cabin Fever Reliever*  
AUCTION + POTLUCK

Saturday • March 14 • 5 p.m.  
28 High Street, Bangor



Silent + Live Auction, Friendly Bidding Wars  
& a Delicious Potluck Supper

**Bring a dish to share! Drinks and dessert will be provided.**

*Items for auction include gift cards, food items, original artwork and prints, local services, and more.*

# March 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Mar 1</b> 10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE 11:15am CHIME CHOIR	<b>2</b> 1:00pm BIBLE STUDY GRP. (PARLOR) 6:30pm BIBLE STUDY GRP. (PARLOR)	<b>3</b> 8:00am WILLING WORKERS 6:30pm DIACONATE MTG (PARLOR)	<b>4</b> 6:00pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR) 6:30pm CHOIR (FH)	<b>5</b> 5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 12:00pm FREE BEAN LUNCH (FH)
<b>8</b> 9:00am OUTREACH MTG. (FH) 10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE 11:15am CHIME CHOIR 12:00pm MUSIC COMM.	<b>9</b> 1:00pm BIBLE STUDY GRP. (PARLOR) 6:30pm BIBLE STUDY GRP. (PARLOR)	<b>10</b> 8:00am WILLING WORKERS 6:30pm MTN ADULT SUPP. GRP (PARLOR)	<b>11</b> 6:00pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR) 6:30pm CHOIR (FH)	<b>12</b> 5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR) 6:30pm TRUSTEES MTG. (SINNOTT ROOM)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:00pm AUCTION/POT LUCK (FH)
<b>15</b> 10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE 11:15am CHIME CHOIR	<b>16</b> 1:00pm BIBLE STUDY GRP. (PARLOR) 6:30pm BIBLE STUDY GRP. (PARLOR)	<b>17</b> 8:00am WILLING WORKERS 6:30pm COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE MTG (PARLOR)	<b>18</b> 6:00pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR) 6:30pm CHOIR (FH)	<b>19</b> 5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR) 6:30pm STEWARDSHIP MTG (SINNOTT)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:00am SUNDAY SERVICE 11:15am CHIME CHOIR	<b>23</b> 1:00pm BIBLE STUDY GRP. (PARLOR) 5:00pm BHS SHELTER MEAL 6:30pm BIBLE STUDY GRP. (PARLOR)	<b>24</b> 8:00am WILLING WORKERS	<b>25</b> 6:00pm LGBTQ-NA GRP (PARLOR) 6:30pm CHOIR (FH)	<b>26</b> 5:30pm ALANON GRP. (PARLOR)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:00am PALM SUNDAY SERVICE 11:15am CHIME CHOIR	<b>30</b> 1:00pm BIBLE STUDY GRP. (PARLOR) 6:30pm BIBLE STUDY GRP. (PARLOR)	<b>31</b> 8:00am WILLING WORKERS	<b>Apr 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

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



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**Your Ticket Includes:**

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

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
In Person Sunday Service  
Pastor Gary Bagley  
March 8, 2026 at 10 AM  
ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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