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Summer Worship

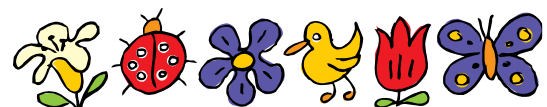
Summer Worship Begins **Sunday, June 17**
Worship at 8am and **9:30am**

Church Office Summer Hours
Monday – Tuesday – Friday
8am to 2pm
Pastor's Hours by appointment



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Worship and Pot Luck at the Park Sunday, June 24 at 11am

This is a great outreach opportunity!
Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers!

(please note there will be no services at Green Street on this day)

Sunday School Celebration – June 10

On Sunday, June 10 we will be celebrating
the end of our Sunday School year!
Our Sunday School youth will be providing special
music at our 10:30 service! Don't miss it!



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FROM THE PASTOR:

Food is essential to human life; we cannot survive without it. Not only does food nourish our bodies, it also delights us. Imagine the scent of warm, baked cookies, the beauty of fresh, colorful produce, and the taste of a favorite meal. Food offers an experience of different cultures and lifestyles. We build connections when we gather for a shared meal. Food is about more than survival; it helps us to thrive.

Food also plays a central role in our faith. When delivering the Israelites from slavery, God provided food in the wilderness. Jesus continued this ministry by feeding those who were hungry. Every meal should remind us of God's love and provision, prompting us to praise God with gratitude. Jesus expected his followers to participate in this ministry of feeding, when facing a hungry crowd, he told them, "You give them something to eat" (Matthew 14:16).

Jesus broke bread with his disciples, saying, "I have eagerly desired to eat this meal with you before I die" (Luke 22:15). The first communion meal was a moment of deep connection with loved ones at the end of Jesus' life. Jesus established this meal as an ongoing practice of faith, telling his followers, "Do this often in remembrance of me." We are expected to gather around shared meals, breaking bread together, as a way of deepening our faith and our Christian community.

This summer Green Street will celebrate and tend to our feeding ministries. Here are ways you can help!

Garden Giveaway

Provides free, fresh produce to our community on Monday mornings. Donate produce from your garden - drop off Sundays or Monday morning; volunteer at the table on Mondays between 9-noon.

Angel Food Supper

Provides a free community supper on the 3rd Saturdays of the month. Various congregations in Augusta host on other Saturdays. Sponsor an Angel Food Day during July for \$25.

Augusta Food Bank

Provides food assistance to individuals and families, including children's food packs. The director of the Food Bank will be the guest speaker at our next Mission Sunday on July 29. In the fall, we collect a ton of food for the Food Bank.

Mill Park Picnics

We will host 3 outdoor worship services, followed by a community cookout/potluck, in Mill Park this summer. Volunteer to bring something to share or to bring a grill. Join us for worship and welcoming the community on June 24, July 22 and August 19.

Hannaford Gift Cards

Purchase a \$5 Hannaford card to keep in your pocket or to leave in the church office to be given to someone in need.

Welcome Table

The Welcome Table fosters awareness of food sensitivities and provides ways for all to share food together. Speak to the Welcome Table team, ask questions, learn more!



June 3

Greeters: Sandy & Larry Labreck
Coffee Hour Host: Tina Noble

June 10

Greeters: Gary & Donna Alexander
Coffee Hour Hosts: The Berrys

June 17

Greeters: Tammy & Emma Roberts
Coffee Hour Hosts: Welcome Table Valerie, Lynn and Tammy

June 24 – Mill Park



3 – Sandy Grady
5 – Lin Burns
6 – Ray Chavarie
6 – John Webb
7 – Connie Packard
9 – Ellen Gilley
9 – Tricia Webb
19 – Cathleen Dunlap
24 – Billy Noble
26 – Donna Harris
30 – Lilla Atwater
30 – Mary Saunders



Welcome Table

Chickpea Salad Sandwich Spread

Ingredients:

- 1 (19 ounce) can garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise (use veganease for a vegan recipe)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 or 2 tsp turmeric
- 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions: Drain and rinse chickpeas. Pour chickpeas into a medium size mixing bowl and mash with a fork. Mix in celery, onion, mayonnaise (to taste), lemon juice, dill, salt and pepper to taste.

Chickpeas can be hard to mash, I find a food processor is an easier method. Pulse a few times to get the consistency you want.



Thirteen members have signed up for the mission trip to Cherryfield, Maine in September. Chuck Horstman will be the carpentry team leader, Chris Thornton will lead daily devotions and Pastor Kristin will be preparing meals. Our next team meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 3 following 10:30 worship in the conference room. We will discuss diet and meal planning. If you can't attend this meeting and have dietary concerns please see Sandy Grady or contact her at 242 8344 and leave a message.



On Good Friday this year we continued our traditions of hammering nails into the cross and a hooded figure removing the Christ light from the sanctuary. On Maundy Thursday, however, we experienced Jesus' final hours in a new way, by following him from the last supper to the garden and the cross. In May, we celebrate Pentecost with beloved traditions - flame colored balloons, streamers and birthday cakes - while adding new elements - telling the story of Green Street and gathering birthday gifts for the church and House of Hope.

The Worship Ministry Team plans and prepares our worship celebrations. From Palm Sunday palms to Mother's Day carnations, World Communion breads to All Saints banners, Advent Wreath lightings to Christmas Eve candlelight, the Worship Ministry Team is creatively unfolding our times of shared praise and prayer.

Every January, the Worship Ministry Team meets for a potluck breakfast and visioning session. By the end of the meeting, the team has outlined worship plans and ideas for the whole year. The team then meets for shorter quarterly sessions to follow up on these plans. In May, the team finalized plans for Pentecost, Graduation Sunday and our three outdoor summer services. We have wonderful worship planned for the rest of the year and we look forward to experiencing the joy of it with the whole congregation.



*Flag Day -
June 14*



Simplified Board Highlights

The Simplified Board met Tuesday, May 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. John Webb shared portions of 1st Corinthians chapter 1 and encouraged uniting our hearts and minds with Christ.

The majority of the meeting was spent as the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) of the church. Each year we are asked to complete the Shared Ministry Assessment form used to assess and develop mutual ministry between the pastor and congregation, and provide guidance in conversations with the District Superintendent. We shared highlights of our ministry this past year, the pastoral and congregational gifts and efforts that contributed to them, goals God is calling us to accomplish in the next 3 – 5 years and plans to achieve them, and gifts and abilities we have or need to develop in order to accomplish these goals. Among those things mentioned as highlights were:

Mill Park Gatherings	Simplified Board format	Spiritual Life Center
inspiring worship	stewardship of facilities	growing Fifield/Tribou fund
music & musicians	new ministry teams	Fresh Expressions group
Sunday School	new website	outreach into community
optimistic outlook	the Bridge Fund	building use by outside groups

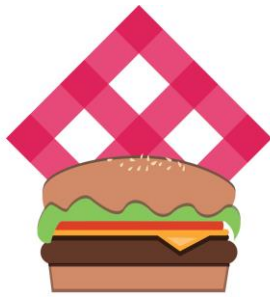
Our goals for the future include expanding outreach, providing meaningful worship for all ages, developing the Spiritual Life Center, establishing a performing arts connection between Green Street and the community, and continuing to nurture our congregation's spiritual gifts.

Our second task as SPPRC was to consider the Recommendation for Ministry for Chris Thornton. Chris has transferred his membership to Green Street and has been participating in its ministries for nearly two years. He shared with us his call to ministry and journey of faith, and responded to questions from Board members. After discussion of the request and a written ballot, we affirmed Chris as a candidate for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church.

Packet materials were reviewed and the following items of business were noted/approved:

- an e-vote was completed on April 30 to approve \$180.00 for a website upgrade
- policies and procedures are being reviewed and updated
- an outside auditor will be hired as it is often a requirement for grant applications
- the Building and Grounds team is lining up projects, **volunteers are welcomed**
- April & Mother's Day fuel challenges both exceeded expectations, **thank you!**
- Fundraiser Ministry team is being formed; **volunteers are welcomed**
- approved \$3,000 budget for smaller maintenance projects identified as top priority
- approved requirement of Board approval for purchases over \$1,000.00
- approved paying full Mechuwana camperships from the Bridge Fund
- approved credit card policy as amended for cards to be used by staff

Our next meeting will be June 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. **All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.** Agenda items are due in the church office by June 1.



Worship & Pot Luck at the Park

Sunday, June 24
11am at Mill Park!

(no worship services at church this day)

Come join us for an outdoor worship service followed by a Pot Luck Lunch!

Everyone is Welcome!

What's Inspiring Pastor Kristin

Book: *Take This Bread* by Sara Miles. "The story of an unexpected and terribly inconvenient Christian conversion...Sara Miles, for no earthly reason, wandered into a church. She ate a piece of bread, took a sip of wine, and found herself radically transformed."

Fuel Days Update

Our April Fuel Day Challenge exceeded our expectations with 42 fuel days donated totaling \$1065!! Thank you to all who supported this challenge.

Our May Mother's Day Fuel Donations have come in also!! 36 Days have been donated for a total of \$900. We are so blessed. Thank you for your support in this ministry.

Summer Music Sign ups

Our choirs take the summer off! Please consider sharing your musical or special talents, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

A New Way to Give to Green Street

Exciting News! We are beginning our on line giving with sign-ups for regular donations. You can have your donation automatically withdrawn from your checking, savings or credit card account and deposited into Green Street's account. See Sue Pattershall after worship for more information.

Pastor Kristin on Vacation and Attending Annual Conference

Pastor Kristin will be away on vacation and attending Annual Conference from June 2 through June 16. In the event of a pastoral emergency contact Darby at 207-622-0843 during office hours. Outside of office hours please contact Jim Jaconsen at 207-215-5767. They will contact a covering Pastor. Thank you.

Father's Day of Fuel

Honor your father and help the church meet its fuel budget at the same time. We will be publishing a special Father's Day of Fuel insert on June 17th.

A Day of Fuel sponsorship is only \$25.00. Fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate, or send to the office with your check. **DEADLINE is June 10.** This is a great way to honor your father (or someone who is like a father to you) as you help the church.

In Honor or Memory of: _____

Given by: _____



Green Street UMC

June 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 Pastor Kristin Vacation	2 Pastor Kristin Vacation 7:00 PM AA
3 Pastor Kristin Vacation 11:30 AM Adult Mission Team Meeting	4 Pastor Kristin Vacation 6:30 PM NA	5 Pastor Kristin Vacation	6 Pastor Kristin Vacation 6:45 PM Choir Practice	7 Pastor Kristin Vacation	8 Pastor Kristin Vacation	9 Pastor Kristin Vacation 7:00 PM AA
10 Pastor Kristin Vacation Sunday School Celebration Sunday	11 Pastor Kristin Vacation 12:30 PM Banner Ministry 6:30 PM NA	12 Pastor Kristin Vacation	13 Pastor Kristin Annual Conf	14 Pastor Kristin Annual Conf Flag Day	15 Pastor Kristin Annual Conf	16 Pastor Kristin Annual Conf 7:00 PM AA
17 Father's Day Summer Schedule Begins Worship 9:30am 10:30 AM Missions Ministry Team Meeting	18 6:30 PM NA	19 6:30 PM Simplified Board Meeting	20	21 First Day of Summer 1 PM Visitation Ministry Team	22	23 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
24 One Worship Revival Service at Mill Park at 11am	25 12:30 PM Banner Ministry 6:30 PM NA	26 10am Building Use Task Force Meeting	27	28	29	30 8am Spiritual Life Center Team Meeting 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA

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