

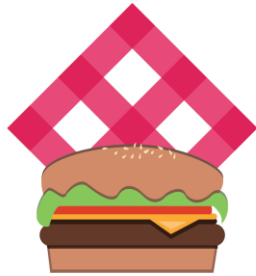
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# The Grapevine

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**Worship &  
Pot Luck at the Park**

*Summer is Here!*

**Sunday, August 19**

**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!**

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## Summer Events

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FROM THE PASTOR:

A pair of disciples spent a day walking and talking with Jesus after his resurrection, but didn't recognize him. It wasn't until they stopped for dinner and Jesus broke a loaf of bread, as he had done with them at the Last Supper that they finally knew who he was. Jesus was revealed in the breaking of the bread, in the sharing of a meal. When we break bread together, when we share food with others, we reveal Jesus' love and hope to those who receive.

Jesus told his followers, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat," adding that when you feed the least of these, you also feed me. When we feed the hungry, Jesus recognizes us as part of his kingdom. When we break bread together, when we share food with those in need, Jesus recognizes us as his own.

During August, we celebrate and support Green Street's feeding ministries. Opportunities to give or serve include:

~Angel Food Suppers

- August Angel Food Days - the goal is \$1000 to fund meals for the year
- Volunteer - help serve, cook, or clean up on the third Saturdays of the month

~Garden Giveaway

- Produce - bring any abundance from your garden to be shared on Monday morning
- Volunteer - help distribute food on Mondays, 9-noon (or until all produce is gone)

~Family Food Bags

- Peanut Butter - drop off jars in the collection box in the sanctuary

~Mill Park Cookout

- Potluck and/or beverages - sign up to share something on August 19
- Volunteer - prayer teams will be available for those in need of prayer

~Ton of Food

- Non-perishable items - every week, set aside a canned good or non-perishable food item to donate in the fall

~Thanksgiving Meal

- Volunteer - sign-up to help with the planning team or to join a work crew for the dinner

### August Birthdays

- |                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 – Joyce Thurlow     | 17 – Nikko Noble        |
| 3 – Debbie Polzella   | 19 – Patty Rogers       |
| 9 – Judy Adams        | 23 – Aiden Gagne        |
| 9 – Gary Alexander    | 25 – Elizabeth Chavarie |
| 10 – Chuck Horstman   | 26 – Sarah Barnum       |
| 12 – Cody Pearson     | 26 – Elliott Robbin     |
| 15 – Harland Chavarie | 29 – Dan McGuire        |
| 16 – Anson Miner      | 31 – Avery Robbin       |
| 16 – Lynn Kennard     |                         |



### Thank You for Serving in August

#### August 5

Greeters: Joan and Nathaniel Berry  
 Acolytes: Bob and Sandy Webber

#### August 12

Greeters: John & Tricia Webb  
 Acolytes: Wilder and Jody Hart

#### August 19 – Mill Park @ 11am

#### August 26

Greeters: Nancy Merrick  
 Acolytes: Patty Rogers & Sonny Richards



### *Birthday!*

**Patty Roger's  
 80<sup>th</sup>  
 Birthday Celebration**

**Sunday, August 19  
 Noon to 3:30pm  
 Senator Inn**



Greetings people of Green Street UMC

I am part of the Fresh Expressions Covenant Group that meets on Sunday evenings and I would like to share some thoughts with you. The Holy Spirit touches my life in powerful ways, it is something that I don't want to keep to myself I want to spread it around.

I woke up one morning thinking how light it seems, when I looked at the clock I realized that I had slept way past my usual awake time. It was Sunday the first of our worship in the parks for this summer, I had a salad to finish putting together for the potluck after worship, I thought "I will skip my morning devotion routine, it won't hurt for one day to miss that, and I will just do the things I need to do to get ready for worship"

Now my morning routine consists of special things that I do because I became a part of the covenant group last year, we have agreed to practice what we call our "rule of life" with a time of scripture reading, a time of prayer, and a time of quiet meditation listening to nothing but God's presence around us. This is what I do each morning. It amazes me when I think of the fact that I have been doing this for a whole year. It is not something I was ever able to do on my own, but the fact that I have make this covenant, with others and with God, and with myself has allowed me to continue.

This morning when I decided it would not hurt to skip it in the interest of getting ready for a special worship and fellowship time with my church family and my community and my God I found out how wrong I was. I got up made my breakfast coffee and started getting things out of the fridge, but wait.... I can't seem to do that, something is missing, I just can't do this, I have to sit down with God, I have to start my day with my Lord and Savior.

And so I do that, I read my scripture, it is from James (and by the way later I will find out that James is the scripture that Kristin uses in the worship service, WOW) then I hear the music from Pray A You Go, now I can pray with the them and, have my silent time with God.

It comes to me just how powerful this has become in my life, it only takes a small amount of time each morning, but I really can not begin my day without this special time. My prayers are centered around my covenant group and my Green Street family congregation.

This year with God, the group, and thinking about ways to share the spirit that comes to us with all of you in this wonderful church has made such positive growth in my life. I just want to give it all away.

*God, bless Green Street church and all of the people within its doors, bless us each as we go from here to our lives at home and our workplaces. AMEN*

Lynn Kennard  
A Fresh Expression Participant



# Simplified Board Highlights

On Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> the Simplified Board met for the July Scheduled Meeting. Time was taken at the opening of this milestone meeting (the midway point in the first year of this new model of Church Administration) for a Mid-year Check-in.

Starting by listing issues at the church felt that the Church Board needs to address (whether things we are working on, or have been set aside or somethings new) we progressed into thoughts on:

Where we are as a Board?

What have been our strengths?

And, What have been our challenges?

All of the Board members realize the critical need of communicating with the congregation to share actions; to invite sharing of questions and thoughts from the Board to you, the congregation; and to make sure that the Board knows the questions that the congregation has for us.

We, the Simplified Board, are planning a gathering of Board and Congregation in order to accomplish this task. Please watch the bulletins and future notices for date and time but we'll be announcing a September "Ice Cream Social and Sharing" in order to facilitate this communication.

Respectfully, for the Simplified Board,  
John Webb

## Green Street Garden Give-A-Way!

Our Green Street Garden Give-A-Way is well under way!

Please consider sharing your garden's abundance with our neighbors!

Produce can be brought to church on Sunday or dropped off before 9am on Monday morning.



Every  
Monday at  
9am

Don't have a garden? No problem! You can still be involved by helping out on Monday mornings. It's a great way to meet people and make new friends while sharing God's love. For more information see Lynn Kennard.

## Green Street T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Fundraiser

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Adult T- Shirt: (circle size) size S – M – L – XL (circle color) green or white. \$14 each. (XXL \$17)

Adult Long Sleeve T-Shirt: (circle size) S – M – L – XL (circle color) green or white \$18. each. (XXL \$21)

Adult Sweatshirt: (circle size) size S – M – L – XL (circle color) green or white. \$18. each. (XXL \$21)

Youth T-Shirts: (circle size) S – M – L – XL (circle color) green or white \$13 each.

Youth Long Sleeve T-Shirt: (circle size) S – M – L – XL (circle color) green or white. \$17 each

Youth Sweatshirt: (circle size) S – M – L – XL (circle color) green or white. \$17 each

Place order form in the offering plate along with check made payable to Green Street United Methodist Church or send to the church office. **Deadline to order is August 15th.** Questions? See Chris Thornton



Sign up for on-line giving! Contact Sue Pattershall

### Exciting news!!

### Green Street now has a new way to give.

- Give anytime, anywhere using your computer, tablet or mobile phone.
- Make regular church offerings without writing a check or preparing envelopes.
- Give in the moment with a fast, one time donation or
- Schedule recurring contributions so they arrive even when you can't attend services.

If you would like to give electronically, visit our church website at

<http://www.greenstreetumc.net>

or contact the church office for more information

### August Angel Food Day Challenge

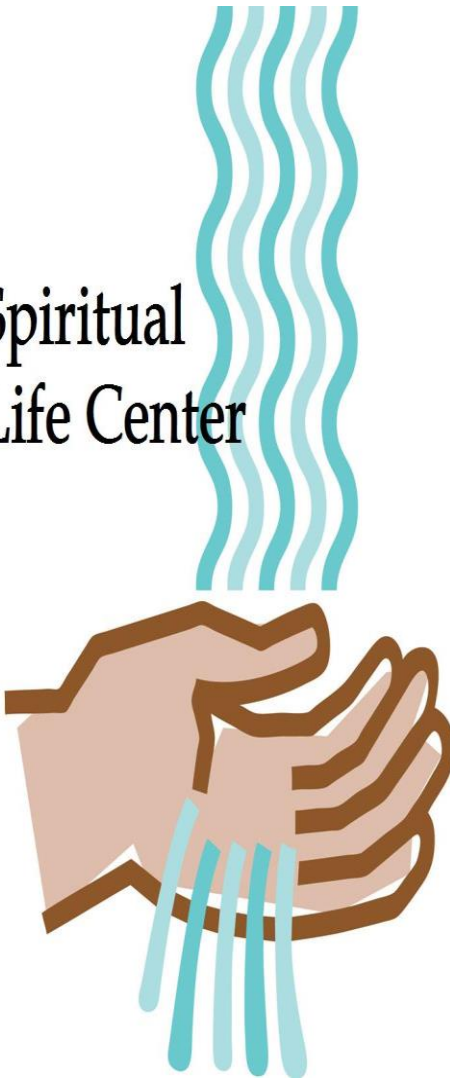
Our goal is to raise \$1000 to fund the Angel Food Suppers from September 2018 – May 2019  
Purchase a FOOD DAY in honor or memory of someone special for only \$25.00.

In Honor or Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate, or send to the office.  
Checks should be made out to Green Street UMC

# Spiritual Life Center



## Spiritual Life Center

On June 26, members of the Spiritual Life Center planning team/Church Board met with District Superintendent, Karen Munson, and Rick McKinley, Director of Congregational Development, to explore next steps in the development of the Center.

The planning team gathered again on June 30 to continue developing the Center's mission, focusing on the core value of living lives of love. The Center is developing as a means of spiritual exploration, practice and wholeness for all people, including those who don't necessarily find meaning in a traditional church setting.

The team listed necessary steps to create the Center, placing them in categories of Phase 1, 2, and 3.

Phase 1 includes:

- Work with a ministry coach
- Complete the Mission/Vision Statement
- Communicate with the congregation
- Community connections/market research
- Explore similar resources
- Develop spiritual life programs
- Prayer team

The next meeting will be August 4, 9am-noon. All are welcome to attend

## Peanut Butter Collection



The Augusta Thrive Coalition along with the Augusta Downtown Alliance are hosting family movie nights at the waterfront this summer. They have found that most of the families attending are in need. Their vision is to be able to send families home with a bag of groceries following the next two scheduled movie nights on August 2 & 9. They are reaching out to area churches and businesses to help obtain this goal.

Green Street can help by collecting peanut butter! Please consider picking up a jar or two on your next trip to the grocery store. Donations can be left in the labeled box in the sanctuary on Sunday or can be dropped off during office hours or a meeting night.

Together we can work with other community organizations to help those in need in our neighborhood!

**Jesse Lee Meeting House  
2018 Summer Evening Worship  
Services**



**Corner Rt 17 and Plains Rd in E.  
Readfield  
Sundays at 7pm**

**August 5:** Celebrating Summer. Led by Gayle Holden

**August 12:** Praise Songs and Worship. Led by John Twitchell, Susan Tedrick, and Michele Johnson.

**August 19:** Mechuwana Elementary Music Theatre Camp Stories and Songs. Led by Laura Church.

**August 26:** Old Fashioned Camp Fire Service. Led by Nancy Bischoff.

**Angel Food Supper August Fundraiser**



The Angel Food Supper began a number of years ago with help from the Missions Ministry and the Fifield-Tribou Fund. Karen and Dan McGuire chaired this ministry at the start. The Angel Food Network consists of several area churches, each assigned a Saturday to provide a free community meal.

There was a lapse of service in 2014, which resulted in losing our contract with Good Shepard Food Bank which offered food supplies for the suppers at a reduced cost. In March of 2015 Green Street re-started the monthly suppers and we were able to receive meats and veggies from the Augusta Food Bank for a time. As these resources have become unavailable, Larry Labreck now picks up the food items for our suppers at Sam's Club. It costs an average of \$125 for food and supplies for each supper. A hearty meal with a vegetarian option is served, totaling 130 meals which includes take-outs for our guests to bring home.

The Angel Food Team consists of Nancy Miner and Sandy Grady as co-chairs. We have a loyal group of volunteers: Larry and Sandy Labreck, Chuck and Evelyn Horstman, Gary and Donna Alexander, Patty Rogers, Sonny Richards, Sandy Barringer and Pastor Kristin along with four volunteers from outside the church.

Nancy Miner and Sandy Grady enrolled in a "cooking for crowds" course offered by the University of Maine Extension last winter.

Our funds are depleting and the ministry needs your help to continue this year. We hope to begin serving meals again in September. Please help us by donating your returnable bottles and cans. There is a large receptacle in fellowship hall. Please hold this ministry in your prayers!

Sandy Grady

**Summer Church Office Deadlines**

As the church office moves to reduced hours for the summer, some deadline revisions need to be updated. The deadline for items for the Sunday Bulletin is by 8am Tuesday morning. Items for the newsletter need to be in by the 15<sup>th</sup>. Please be patient with office requests, the further advance notice I have the better I am able to accommodate everyone in a timely manner. Thank you.

# God Bless America



## Patriotic Sing-Along at Glenridge on June 28

As an activity of the visitation ministry team, a patriotic sing-along was planned for Glenridge Nursing Home on Thursday afternoon, June 28, with an invitation to others who might like to join us. Those who attended were Sue Pattershall; Shasta and Johnnie Beane; Terri Williamson; John and Tricia Webb; Sarah Barnum and her nephew Wilder; and Sally Joy.

Staff hurried to bring residents into the community room as soon as they knew we were there. Sue provided us with song sheets and played the piano. We brought Ellen Gilley up front to join the rest of our group. She sang nearly all the songs with us. We invited any in the room who knew the words to sing with us and several did (residents, staff, and visitors). It was delightful to see the faces of residents light up as they realized they knew those songs.

One gentleman, who obviously didn't want it to be over when we had finished, sang a chorus or two and we joined in. He then sang: "Give My Regards to Broadway", and a few of us sang that with him as well.

It was fun, and obviously something well worth doing. Staff members urged us to please come back and do it again. Stay tuned for our next outing and join us if you can.

The visitation ministry team meets at Shasta's house, generally at 1:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. Our focus is on church members who feel disconnected from their church family because of their inability to join us for worship. We are always open to new members – but you don't have to join the team to come with us for a sing-along.

Sally Joy



## Welcome Table

### Thyme for Sweet Potato Dip

- 1 large sweet potato, baked or microwaved and cooled, skin removed
- 1 tsp. fresh thyme leaves, more or less as desired
- 1 TBSP extra light-tasting olive oil
- 1 TBSP water

Place all above in a food processor and blend until creamy. Add more olive oil and/or water to make it very spreadable or "dippable" as desired. Serve slightly chilled and enjoy with fresh veggies or crackers. May also be used as a sandwich spread.

~Read *Take This Bread* by Sarah Miles - a great memoir about communion, conversion and feeding ministries

### *Augusta Food Bank Needs*

Mac and Cheese  
Cardboard Egg Cartons  
Pasta Sauce





# Green Street UMC

## August 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4 9 AM Spiritual Life Center Meeting 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
5	6 9 AM Garden Give-A-Way 5:30 PM Mandala Monday 6:30 PM NA	7	8	9	10	11 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
12	13 9 AM Garden Give-A-Way  12:30 PM Banner Ministry Team	14	15	16 1 PM Visitation Ministry Team	17	18 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
19 11AM Worship and Pot Luck at Mill Park (no services at church)	20 9 AM Garden Give-A-Way 6:30 PM NA	21 6:30 PM Simplified Board Meeting	22	23	24	25 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
26	27 9 AM Garden Give-A-Way 12:30 PM Banner Ministry Team 6:30 PM NA	28	29	30	31	5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA

### Notes

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Sunday Worship at 8am and 9:30am – Fresh Expressions at 5pm

Church Office Hours: Monday – Tuesday - Friday 8am to 2pm – Pastor’s Hours by appointment

# Be Transformed

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