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Windham Chamber Singers



Wednesday, April 3 at 7pm
Green Street United Methodist Church
13 Green Street Augusta
Free will offering

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14: Worship at 8 & 10:30am
Choir Festival at 6:30pm
Holy Thursday, April 18: Service at 7pm
Good Friday, April 19: Service at 7pm
Easter Sunday, April 21
Easter Sunrise Service at Mill Park at 6:15am
Easter Breakfast in fellowship hall at 7am
Easter Worship at 8 and 10:30am

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FROM THE PASTOR: A Confusing Season

Spring in Maine is a confusing season. In the past few weeks, we have had 30 degree and 50 degree days. We have had both snow and warm sunshine. During this season, we hover between winter and spring, between cold and warmth, between the resting earth and the budding of new life.

As United Methodists, we also find ourselves in a confusing season. We anticipated a new way forward to emerge out of February's special General Conference. Instead, we find ourselves with more questions about the future than answers. We are hovering – the church is no longer what it was, yet what it will become is not yet clear. We are hovering – between the decisions of February and the decisions yet to come of Judicial Council, Annual Conference and the next General Conference of 2020.

Perhaps because we know the whole Easter story, we may not think of Holy Week as a similarly confusing time. Holy Week hovers between the celebration of Palm Sunday and the devastation of Good Friday. From Holy Week we experience the impatient waiting of Saturday's Sabbath, and the sudden, life-changing resurrection of Easter morning. Holy Week begins with the promise of Jesus' reign, as he enters Jerusalem to great fanfare – and ends with him arrested, crucified and buried by the end of the week. And then, just as the story reaches its conclusion, everything changes again with Jesus' resurrection.

But again, we know the whole story. We head into Holy Week knowing that uncertainty and grief become joy and renewal. We are already prepared for Jesus' resurrection that leads directly to Pentecost, to the birth of the Church, and a call to step out in faith and action. As United Methodists, however, we don't yet know the whole story of our current situation. We are with the disciples in Holy Week – uncertain, questioning. Our expectations for the Church's future did not turn out as planned. What the season of spring and the season of Easter both teach is that new life is inevitable.

Isaiah 43 speaks God's words: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?" In these confusing, in-between seasons, may we begin to perceive God's new things springing forth.

In Christ,
Pastor Kristin



April 7

Greeters: Don and Cheryl Leighton
Coffee Hour Host: Tammy Roberts
Liturgist: Lilla Atwater

April 14

Greeters: Randy and Sandy Grady
Coffee Hour: Sandy Barringer, Joyce Maske
Liturgist: Ardyce Robbin

April 21

Greeters: Lilla Atwater
Coffee Hour Host:
Liturgist: Chris Thornton

April 28

Greeters: Lilla Atwater
Coffee Hour Host: Tina Noble
Liturgist: Mary Saunders

Thank You from the Adult Mission Team

The Adult mission team desires to thank our church family for your support of our mission trip to Cherryfield this September. The luncheon and auction held on Sunday, March 10 raised over \$330. The funds will be applied towards our food expenses. Kristin is our camp cook. If you desire to join us please contact Sandy Grady at 207-242 8344.



6 - Nathaniel Berry
16- Millie Foster
19 Noah Gallagher
19 Shaun Gallagher
30 Terri Williamson



Simplified Board Highlights

Board Meeting Tuesday, March 19

- Board Members read together the Mission of the United Methodist Church, The Vision of the New England Conference and the 2019 theme of Green Street United Methodist Church
- Our opening prayer was centered on honoring silence and for the work of the board and for one another
- Pastor Kristin asked us to get with a partner to discuss this week's reading in "Developing an Intentional Discipleship System". "How will a focus on intentional discipleship change how your leaders lead? Please read pages 33-37 for next time.
- Pastor Kristin shared General Conference information and an "Invitation to Prayer and Dialog" schedule that has been in our Sunday bulletin. There will be a questionnaire coming out soon that will ask several questions to discern how members of our church are feeling about the current issues. This is not a vote but simply gathering information to see how we are all feeling.
- SPRC representatives for our staff were named. They are:
 - Pastor – Henry Berry, Sally Joy, Sue Pattershall
 - Administrative Assistant – Sue Pattershall
 - Custodian – Gary Alexander
 - Nursery – Jim Jacobsen
 - Choir Director – Henry Berry
 - Organist – TBA

The church board has designated 8 representatives to the congregation to be available for questions, comments, concerns or complaints regarding interpersonal relationships within our church congregants, volunteers or staff members. They are: Connie Packard, Mary Saunders, Henry Berry, Gary Alexander, Jim Jacobsen, Valerie Gallagher, Deb Campbell, Dave Robbin They will then take your comments to the board reps, Pastor Kristin, Henry Berry, Valerie Gallagher and Jim Jacobsen to discern or discuss.

- An SPRC task force comprised of Henry Berry, Jim Jacobsen, and Dave Robbin was formed.
- Year to date budget information was shared.
- A 2017 and 2018 audit was performed by an outside auditor and recommendations given.
- A building use policy task force has been meeting and should have a draft to present to the board at the April meeting.
- An A/V task force has been formed. Jim Jacobsen and Dave Robbin will serve as board members on this task. If you have knowledge in this area and would like to help out, please see Jim or Dave.
- A great opportunity to see an award winning high school choir from Windham, Maine will be presented at Green Street Church Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 PM. In the past, singers have shared their music in Vienna, Austria, on CBS This Morning, the Today Show, at St. Patrick's Cathedral and Carnegie Hall. A free will offering will be taken.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Pattershall

Angel Food Supper News

Thank you for your support in generous donations of food items for the Angel Food Suppers. It's a group effort to feed a community. Evelyn Horstman is creating a pork pie for next month's supper on Saturday April 20 at 4:30pm. This month's returnable redemptions totaled \$12. (please keep the labels on the on the bottles, unlabeled bottles can't be redeemed. Thank you.

An easy and favorite Angel food recipe:

Egg Roll in a Bowl

1 lb. ground pork
2 - 16oz. bags of coleslaw mix
5 cloves of minced garlic
1tsp. minced ginger
1/4 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons sesame or olive oil
3 tablespoons Hoisin sauce
3 tablespoons oyster sauce
wonton strips or fried noodles as desired

Directions: In a large skillet brown pork over med-high heat in oil with garlic and ginger. Add shredded coleslaw mix and stir to combine. Season with soy sauce, hoisin and oyster sauce. Stir and cook 3-5 min until cabbage has begun to wilt, but still crunchy. Serve over rice, and garnish with green onions or top with fried noodles.

Body, Mind, and Spirit

Do you need to relieve tension and relax? The Spiritual Life Center team is preparing a space at Green St. for Susan Cross to offer massage therapy. We hope to have a room on the lower level ready this spring and will let you know details about how you can take part soon.

Two events you can put on your calendar are open mic readings about parents and our relationships with them. Both events will be held at Green St. The first will be May 4 at 4:00 p.m. and will focus on mothers and the second will be June 8 at 4:00 p.m. and will focus on fathers. You're invited to write a brief poem or paragraph to read, share a published piece by another author, or just come to listen.

Still in the works are a time of centering prayer, a workshop on life's transitions, and possibly moving outdoors for nature walks, intergenerational walks, or labyrinth walks.

Our mission statement is "to nurture contemplative practices of the body, mind, and spirit in the congregation and community". So what are contemplative practices? Those things that quiet the mind in the midst of the action and distraction that fills everyday life. What contemplative practices are part of your life?

Housewarming Collection

Heather Hibbert will soon be moving into her own apartment! This will be her first place and she is in need of all the things that make a house a home! New or used items in good condition will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to send her a card please contact the church office for her mailing address.

- Living room furniture.
- Kitchen table/chairs.
- Dishes and other kitchen items.
- Bath towels/washcloths and bathroom supplies.

Please contact Anne Kimball at 207-557-5351 or email mskimball50@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Flowers for the Altar

At Easter, instead of giving individual plants, donors are asked to make monetary contributions for plants and flowers to decorate our altar. The remainder of the money will be used to beautify the altar during the rest of the year. There will be a list of all donors in the Easter Bulletin. Flowers and plants on the altar at Easter will be distributed to homebound people.

Name of donor: _____

Given in Memory or Honor of: _____

(This slip may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. **DEADLINE: April 10**)



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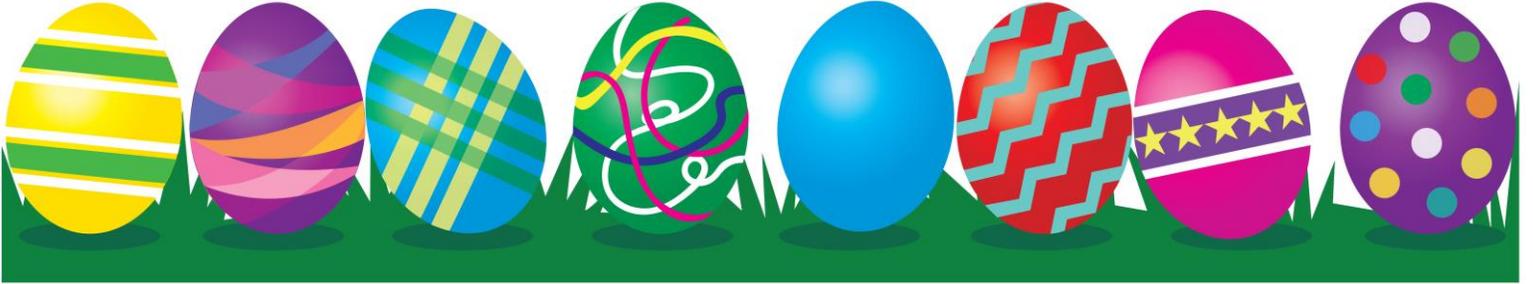
April 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2 9 AM DCOM 6 PM General Conference Conversations	3 5 PM District Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:45 PM Choir 7 PM Windham Singers	4 9 AM Building Use Task Force	5	6 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
7	8 2 PM Bible Study 3PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM NA	9 4:30 PM Pastoral Support and Accountability Meeting	10 Noon UMW 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:45 PM Choir Practice	11 9 AM Building Use Task Force	12	13 10:30 AM Spiritual Life Center Meeting 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
14 Palm Sunday 5 PM Covenant Group 6:30 PM Choir Festival	15 Patriot's Day 2 PM Bible Study 3PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM NA	16 6:30 PM Simplified Board	17 8AM General Conference Conversations 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:45 PM Choir Practice	18 Holy Thursday 1 PM Visitation Meeting at Shasta's House 7 PM Holy Thursday	19 Good Friday 7 PM Good Friday Service	20 4:30 PM Angel Food Supper 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
21 Easter 6:15 AM Sunrise at Mill Park 7 AM Breakfast	22 2 PM Bible Study 3PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM NA	23	24 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:45 PM Choir Practice	25	26	27 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
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