

13 Green Street, Augusta, ME 04330
207-622-0843
greenst@myfairpoint.net
www.greenstreetumc.net

June 2019

The Grapevine

A PUBLICATION OF:
Green Street United Methodist Church

THE GRAPEVINE — June 2019 EDITION

On Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the “birthday” of the Christian church. It will also be our first combined service in our summer trial as one worshipping community.

Last year we started a new Pentecost practice of bringing birthday presents to our celebration. This year’s gifts are to benefit our church and James’ Place – providing housing for those in recovery from Substance Abuse Disorder. There will be large boxes at the front of the sanctuary to collect gifts through June.

Possible gift items for the church: stamps, paper towels, toilet paper, tall kitchen trash bags, coffee cups, non-perishable coffee creamers, juice boxes for nursery, coffee.

For James’ Place: toilet paper and paper towels, tall kitchen trash bags, dish washer liquid, pump soap.

Pentecost Sunday, June 9 at 9am

We will gather together at 8:45 in front of the church (nice day) or in Fellowship Hall (rainy day). At 9 o’clock we will enter the sanctuary together for worship. You are encouraged to wear flame colors – red, orange, yellow or white. “Tongues of fire came to rest on them.” (Acts 2:3)

You are invited to continue in fellowship after church for a potluck brunch and birthday cake celebration in Fellowship Hall.

WEAR FLAME COLORS FOR

Pentecost

VISIT US ONLINE: www.greenstreetumc.net



INSIDE this issue

Pastor’s Page	Pg. 2
Volunteer Schedule	Pg. 2
Birthdays	Pg. 2
Summer Hours	Pg. 2
SB Highlights	Pg. 3
Spiritual Life Center	Pg. 4
Conf. Collection	Pg. 5
Day of Fuel	Pg. 5
Summer Worship	Pg. 6
Open Mic	Pg. 6
Missions Sunday	Pg. 6
June Calendar	Pg. 7



FROM THE PASTOR: Summer Storytelling

Jesus told parables to teach deeper meanings of faith. The Israelites told and retold the stories of God's saving power. The disciples and apostles continued telling the story of Jesus' death and resurrection to the growing church. Every year we retell the stories of Christmas, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. These stories help us to grow in our faith and shape our Christian identity.

Our summer worship series, beginning July 7, will be on Storytelling. Would you like to help design the worship services for this series? Please let Pastor Kristin know if you would be willing to serve on the planning team.

Pastor Kristin



June 2

Greeters: Anne and Della Kimball

Coffee Hour Host: Sunday School

Liturgist: Nathaniel Berry

June 9

Greeters: Don and Cindy Schorr

Coffee Hour: Pentecost Brunch/Cakes

Liturgist: Henry Berry

June 16

Greeters: Jerry and Ardyce Robbin

Coffee Hour Host: Jess and Dale Gilbert

Liturgist: Dave Robbin

June 23

Greeters: Dale and Jess Gilbert

Coffee Hour Host: Tricia Webb

Liturgist: Lilla Atwater

June 30

Greeters: Dale and Jess Gilbert

Coffee Hour Host: Missions Pot Luck

Liturgist: Sally Joy

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, July 21

Museum in the Streets Sunday, July 21 -- following worship

(Rain date: Sunday, July 28)

Sign up for a walking team or a driving team to follow Augusta's Museum in the Streets, telling the history of Augusta's downtown. We will head out following worship in teams of 6-8 people each. Get to know your team members as you walk/ride together, and learn about the story of our community. Bring a picnic lunch to eat midway. There will be a sign-up sheet starting on June 16



Monday – Tuesday – Thursday
9am – 2pm

Pastor's Office Hours:
Appointment Only

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 15th. 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.

**I may be in earlier, later or even on an unscheduled day as work flow dictates so as always please schedule office use in advance so I can accommodate you and keep work flowing.

June Birthdays

3 - Sandy Grady
6 - Ray Chavarie
6 - John Webb
7 - Connie Packard

9 - Tricia Webb
24 - Billy Noble
30 - Lilla Atwater
30 - Mary Saunders



Please consider sharing your musical talents while our choirs take the summer off! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Simplified Board Highlights

The May 14th meeting was opened in silence and Dave Robbin shared a prayer for our work and each other followed by recitation of the Church Board Covenant.

Discussion of Developing an Intentional Discipleship System centered on the three types of relationships: authentic, organic and consistent. Pages 34-37. Pastor Kristin asked us to discuss which relationships are most challenging and easiest and why. For next meeting, read pp 38-50.

Pastor Kristin shared the information about **general conference follow up**.

- Four follow up conversations and two prayer sessions at Green Street
- Two follow up opportunities at the District Level
- Another conversation and prayer time is planned before Annual Conference at Green St
- Follow up conversations will also be held after Annual Conference
- Survey results were shared and several suggestions were given for “next steps”

If you would like more information you can find the entire article in the Church Board Notebook that Darby has available in the office.

Discussion of the Combined Summer Worship

The worship ministry team’s goal for the summer worship service was to unify the worship and the fellowship for the church community. The board members discussed the plan that was brought forward. More information will be shared over the next few Sundays as to what worship might look like for the summer. The important thing to remember is that this is a trial to see whether we like it or not. If you have thoughts, concerns or questions, please contact Tricia Webb or Kim Mills – co chairs of the worship ministry team.

April Board Minutes were accepted.

SPRC met in closed session to share how things were going with staff. Members are Mary Saunders, Connie Packard, Valerie Gallagher, Henry Berry, Gary Alexander, Deb Campbell, and Dave Robbin- chair.

Eight people applied for and were granted scholarships to Mechuwana this summer.

The Building Use Draft Policy was presented. A vote on it was tabled until the June meeting.

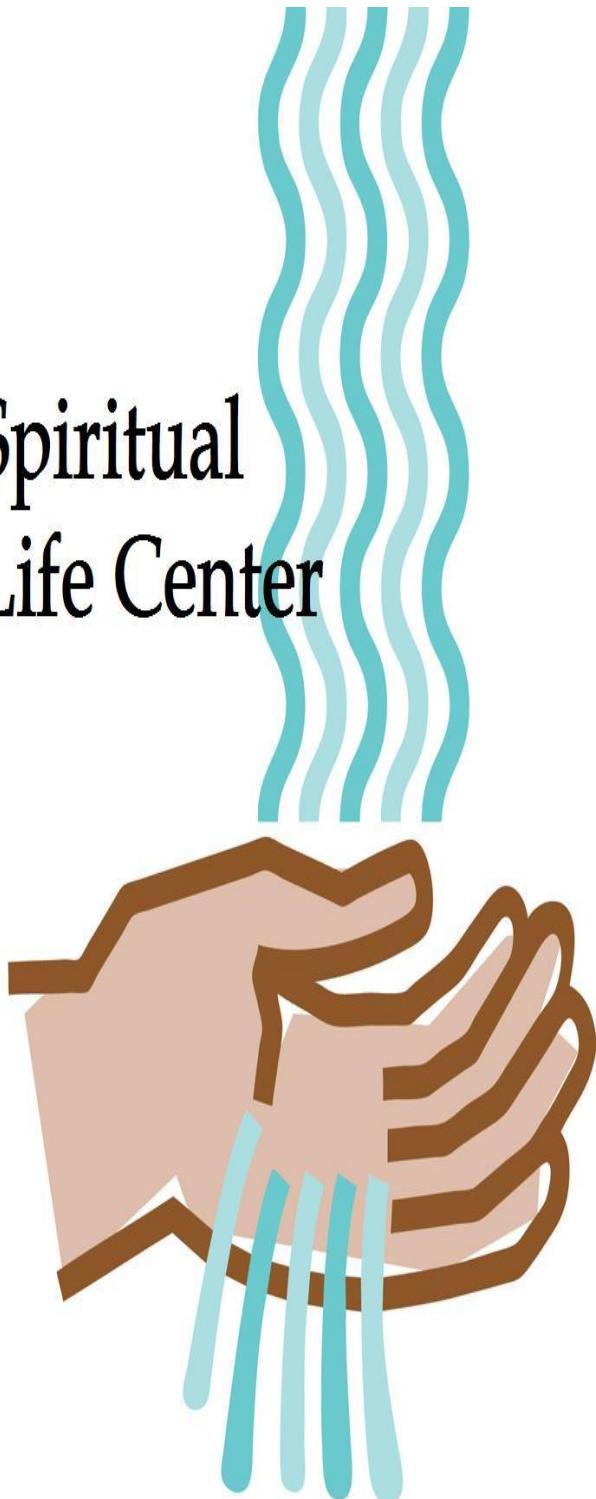
Reprise Choral Ensemble will be presenting a concert at Green Street June 23rd. This is a group our former organist, Christine Letcher, is performing in.

June meeting topics are:

- Educational loans from the Bridge fund
- General Conference follow up ongoing process
- Review of the Current Expense Budget and Finance Discussion

If you would like more information about any of the topics above, it will be available in the office or ask a board member.

Spiritual Life Center



Storytelling Flows Along the Kennebec

This summer Green Street UMC and our sister churches along the Kennebec are hoping to experience storytelling around a campfire – and to top off the storytelling with s'mores! The River Churches (Cox Memorial UMC, Highland Ave. UMC, Randolph UMC, East Pittston UMC, Dresden-Richmond UMC, and Green St. UMC) have applied for a grant to offset the expense of a fire pit and s'more ingredients so members of each congregation and community can come together for an evening of fellowship, storytelling, and the gooey goodness of s'mores (chocolate and roasted marshmallows squished between two pieces of graham cracker – yum!).

Green Street's Spiritual Life Center (SLC) team is helping to coordinate these events. We're aiming for the first Friday of July, August, and September for our storytelling evenings but won't know exact dates until we've checked the availability of venues. Our plan is to get community storytellers to share with us, possibly someone from our mission partners like CANMP or the Betsy Ross House of Hope, or from another spiritual community like the Peaceful Heart Sangha, or perhaps an individual who contributes in significant ways to the community. We'd like to hear stories of spiritual journeys, of resilience, of ways in which our neighbors were sustained through difficult times.

Whose stories would you like to hear? If you have someone in mind, please make a suggestion to one of the members of the SLC team. And be on the lookout for s'more information – we'll be sharing the details as soon as they're in place.

SLC Team: Henry Berry, Susan Cross, Sally Joy, Lynn Kennard, Ardyce Robbin, Pastor Kristin White

Church Board Q&A - Reconciling Conversations

Sunday, June 2 at 9am & Monday, June 10th at 5:30pm.

At the May Simplified Board meeting Pastor Kristin presented the reconciling survey results and several options for next steps. The Board will discuss and decide on these at the June meeting. The 2 above dates are opportunities for Board members to discuss or get clarity prior to the meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend, ask questions and participate in the conversation.

**Don't forget to
plant extra
vegetables for
our Garden
Give- A- Way**



Augusta Food Bank

Donations

Augusta Food Bank Summer Kid's Pack Program

Many schools provide kids with a free or reduced breakfast and lunch program. But during summer vacation, those kids do not receive those 2 meals per day. We understand that these extra meals (10 per child per week!) can often push a families' meal budget over the top. That's why the Augusta Food bank has Kids Packs! Kids Packs include cereal, milk, yogurt, 100% juice boxes, granola bars, raisins, mac & cheese, crackers, canned fruit, fresh fruit, cheese sticks, chicken tenders, and other easy to prepare kid-friendly items.

If you would like to help with this vital program the Food Bank is in need of:

- Boxed of macaroni and cheese
- Granola bars
- Peanut Butter

Donations can be left in the shopping cart at the entrance of the sanctuary. Thank you.

Love, Hope, Compassion and Care

This year at Annual Conference the United Methodist Foundation of New England, the United Methodist Economic Ministries (UMEM), and White Truck Ministries are collecting items to meet the specific needs of youth and families in Western Maine.

The three ministries are inviting individuals and faith communities to collect the items listed below.

Items needed:

Socks (youth and adult)
Underwear (youth and adult)
Pocket folders
Glue sticks
Black or blue pens
#2 pencils
Notebooks
Composition books
Rulers
Cap erasers

There is a box at the altar where donations can be placed.

Connie Packard and Pastor Kristin will deliver these donations to Annual Conference on June 13-15. All gifts will be received in thanksgiving and praise to God's work around the region.



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 16th.

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: _____



As more people express an interest in the 8 am style of worship, and a desire to deepen our connections within the congregation, we will be trying something new this summer. We will temporarily replace the front rows of pews with the comfortable chapel chairs and combine into one worship service (9 am) for the months of June, July and August. In early August, we will seek feedback about this new experience and discernment about worship moving forward.

The first day of this new worship experiment will be **Pentecost Sunday, June 9**. The 9 am service will be followed by a potluck brunch and our traditional birthday cake celebration.



Father's Day Open Mic

Saturday, June 8 – 4-5:30pm

Whether our parents are living or not, they have impacted our lives in many ways, some positive, some not.

You are invited to share your feelings in a poem (or 2 or 3) Don't write poetry? Write a few paragraphs and bring them to read. Bring a published poem by someone else that resonates with your feelings. Or simply come and listen to what others have to say. If you choose to share, your sharing can be positive, negative, or a combination of the two. You should feel free to acknowledge the complexity of feelings that are valid for many of us as we think about our relationship with our parents.

NOTE: although these take place at Green Street United Methodist Church's building, they are not a church services. They will be sponsored by Green Street's Spiritual Life Center and Pondtown Poets. For more information see Sally Joy.

Peace with Justice Sunday June 16 – Special Offering

Your generous gifts supports Peace with Justice ministries in your annual conference, administered by your Peace with Justice coordinator, and Peace with Justice work in the United States and around the world, administered by the General Board of Church and Society. When you give today, you encourage people to live – not just preach – a gospel of peace. Please give generously.

Missions Sunday

On Sunday, June 30 at 9am the Missions Ministry Team will be hosting James' Place an addiction recovery non – profit in the Augusta area who helps people in addiction recovery with housing. Following worship there will be a pot luck lunch in fellowship hall.

From Pentecost to Missions Sunday we will be collecting the following items:

- toilet paper
- paper towels
- tall kitchen trash bags
- dish washer liquid
- pump soap

There will be a box in the sanctuary marked James' Place where you can put your donations.



Green Street UMC

June 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
2 Graduation Sunday 9AM Reconciling Q & A	3 9 AM Church Staff Meeting	4 3:30 PM District Meeting 6 PM General Conference Conversations	5 6:45 PM Choir Practice	6 Church Office Closed Today	7 Church Office Closed Today	8 8:30 AM Summer Worship Planning 4 PM Father's Day Open Mic 7:00 PM AA
9 Pentecost 9AM Worship Summer Schedule begins 5 PM Covenant group	10 5:30 PM Reconciling Q & A 6:30 PM NA	11 9 AM Grant Writing Meeting 6:30 PM Simplified Board Meeting	12	13 Annual Conference	14 Annual Conference Flag Day	15 Annual Conference 7:00 PM AA
16 Father's Day Peace with Justice Sunday 10 AM Annual Conference Follow up	17 6:30 PM NA	18 6 PM SB Planning for July Meeting	19	20 4 PM Spiritual Life Center Meeting 6PM Annual Conference Follow up	21 First Day of Summer!	22 8:30 AM Summer Worship Meeting 3 PM Rehearsal 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
23 10 AM Annual Conference Report 2 PM Post Conference District Meeting 3 PM Reprise Choral Concert	24 10 AM Banners 6:30 PM NA 5 PM Women's Bible Study Dinner at the parsonage	25	26	27	28	29 5:30 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
30 Missions Sunday						

Notes

13 Green Street. Augusta, Maine 04330

Phone: 207-622-0843 – email: greenst@myfairpoint.net – website: www.greenstreetumc.net

Sunday Worship at 8am and 10:30am – June 9th Summer Worship at 9am

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8am to 2pm – Summer Hours – Monday – Tuesday – Thursday – 9am – 2pm



Green Street United Methodist Church
13 Green Street
Augusta, ME 04330

E N D

