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The Grapevine

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The Upper Room Clothes Closet is ready to accept your donations!!

Please read carefully to see how you can help.

We would love to have your donations of gently worn, freshly laundered clothing and accessories, linens, handbags, duffle bags, jewelry, books, puzzles and hangers.

Please make sure the clothing **does not** have holes or is soiled. We also **cannot** accept donations of children's furniture, car seats, cribs or toys. (There are too many recalls and we want to keep everyone safe.)

If you have a large donation, more than 3-4 bags, please notify the office to make arrangements. You may leave donations at the church Monday through Friday during office hours (8:30 - 1:30). Ring the office to be let in. A donation space will be in the entrance to the left of the elevator. Please **do not** leave them outside the church.

If you would like to get involved in this growing ministry, please contact Sue Pattershall, chair of the group (spattershall@gmail.com). We can use help sorting clothing, price tagging, and displaying.

We hope to open in June. Please watch for more information in the June Grapevine.

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Church Office Hours
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Zoom: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7925181731 Meeting ID 792 518 1731
Password: 091547
Call in by phone 301-715-8592
(toll charges may apply)

After a year of social distancing – of meetings, worship & work on Zoom, of drive-by birthday celebrations and graduations, of sending "air hugs" to family and friends – the art of gathering is forefront in most everyone's mind. This past year has seen churches, families, employers, and schools learning how to gather in safe, creative, effective new ways. With the availability of vaccines, we find ourselves asking how and when we will gather face to face.

Looking at in-sanctuary worship services presents both challenges and opportunities. Elements of in-sanctuary worship will change to maintain safety – singing hymns will be put on hold, joys and concerns will be written rather than verbal, communion will be prepackaged. At the same time, new possibilities emerge, such as – contemplative prayer experiences, incorporating technology into sanctuary gatherings, more use of outdoor space. Underlying all of these is an opportunity to ask: What is our purpose for gathering as Green Street Church? Are the reasons we have gathered in the past still the reasons that we gather now?

"In [her book] *The Art of Gathering*, Priya Parker argues that the gatherings in our lives…rely too much on routine and convention when we should focus on distinctiveness and the people involved. At a time when coming together is more important than ever, Parker sets forth a human-centered approach to gathering that will create meaningful, memorable experiences. Parker takes us inside events of all kinds to show what works, what doesn't, and why. She explores a wide array of gatherings and explains how simple, specific changes can invigorate every group experience. *The Art of Gathering* will forever alter the way you host and attend your next meeting, conference, dinner party, backyard barbecue – and beyond."

In her first chapter, Parker challenges people to explore their purpose for gathering. She shares three levels of gathering:

Your purpose is a category (i.e. you don't have a purpose). For instance, a birthday party is: to celebrate my birthday.

A basic purpose. For instance, a birthday party is: to mark the year.

A specific, thoughtful, dynamic purpose. For instance, a birthday party is: to surround myself with the people who bring out the best in me. Or, to set some goals for the year ahead with people who will help me stay accountable.

What is our purpose for gathering as Green Street Church? And under which number above does our purpose fall?

I invite you during the next month to intentionally reflect on Green Street's purpose for gathering. List out as many reasons as you can think of why we gather as a church. After creating your list, decide whether each reason falls under number 1, 2 or 3. And if a reason falls under 1 or 2, how might it be reframed to move to the next level? And please take time to share your list with me. I would love to know the many reasons why we gather as GSUMC!

Pastor Kristin

Bridge Fund Student Loan Applications Available

Each year Green Street students have the opportunity to apply for a Bridge Fund Student Loan for Higher Education. Applications are available through the church office. Call 207-622-0843 or greenstreetumc@gmail.com

The deadline to apply is June 30

1—Troy Alexander
2—Hunter Ripley
5—Carol Chavarie
7—Eileen Hibbert
8—Karen McGuire
10—James Grady
12—Tom Webber
17—Charlene Bridge
23—Evelyn Horstman
23—Heidi Bowden
25—Melinda Fuller
27—James Brown
29—Sue Pattershall

Darby will be on vacation
Tuesday, April, 27
returning
Wednesday, May 5

Sue Pattershall will be checking email and voicemail messages while I am away.

Thank You Sue!

March Fuel Day Challenge!

Thank you Green Streeters!
We exceeded our challenge with **34 days!**

In honor of Emma Roberts Birthday.	Given by Gary and Donna Alexander
In honor of Sharon Beaver	Given by Gary and Donna Alexander
Undesignated (4)	Given by Joan and Henry Berry
In memory of Aristean (Tena) Butterfield	Given by Linwood Butterfield
In memory of Harland and Marion Fuller (2)	Given by Carol Chavarie
In honor of Harriet, Michael and April Ware (3)	Given by Bessie Goudreau
Undesignated	Given by Randy and Sandy Grady
In honor of Evelyn's Dads 100th Birthday (4)	Given by Chuck and Evelyn Horstman
In memory of Tom and Bea Bragg	Given by Sally Joy
In memory of long time friend Nancy Miner	Given by Sally Joy
In honor of my mother, Lois Balcom's birthday	Given by Debbie Polzella
In memory of my mother-in-law, Concetta Polzella's birthday	Given by Debbie Polzella
In honor of Emma Roberts 18th birthday (2)	Given by Tammy and Mark Roberts
In memory of David Rogers	Given by Patty Rogers
In memory of Marjorie and Phillip Tribou	Given by Mary Saunders
In honor of Harriet, Michael and April Ware (4)	Given by Elsie Ware
Undesignated	Given by Lee Ware
In memory of Rebecca Grace Anderson (Webber) (4)	Given by Tom and Lori Webber

Pentecost Sunday—May 23

What comes to mind when you hear the word *Pentecost*? Many people think of a mighty wind, tongues of fire and multiple languages. But Acts 2 begins with another detail that's just as key: Jesus' disciples "were all together in one place." Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers didn't miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the Church.

The pandemic, while changing our definition of gathering, also highlighted our need for interaction. If Jesus' first followers hadn't been assembled on Pentecost, they would've missed the outpouring of God's power and the indescribable joy God had for them. Think about what believers today might miss if we neglect to worship with other friends of Christ.

Camp Mechuwana Scholarships Available!

www.mechuwana.org

Camp Mechuwana will be offering Day Camps this summer for ages 5-11 and some specialty Day Camps for grades 4-12 . Children will be masked and placed in small groups. Green Street will be offering scholarships to help pay for camp. Please contact the church office for more information.

Mother's Day of Fuel

Honor your mother and help the church meet its fuel budget at the same time. A Day of Fuel sponsorship is only $25.00. Fill out the form and mail it along with your check to 13 Green Street, Augusta, ME This is a great way to honor your mother (or someone who is like a mother to you) as you help the church.

In Honor or Memory of:_____

Given by:_____

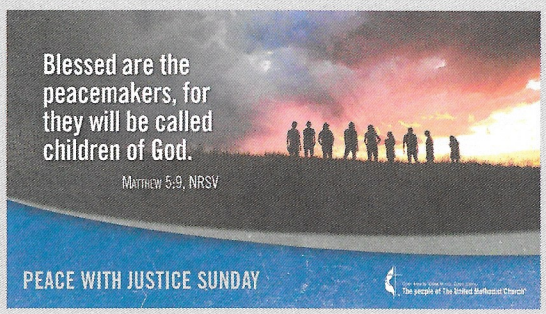
Mission Work at Camp Mechuwana!

The Mission Team is headed to Camp Mechuwana May 14 and May15! Everyone is welcome to join us! Bring work clothing, gloves and a bagged lunch. We will be staining the front of the commons, repairing the boardwalk, and doing some siding with cedar shingles. For more information please contact Sandy Grady at 242 8344 and leave a message .Thank you.

Calling All Graduates!

On Graduation Sunday we would like to recognize High School, College, and other Graduates during worship. If you are graduating or know of someone graduating please notify the office at 207-622-0843 or greenstreetumc@gmail.com

May 30 is Peace w/ Justice Sunday.



Your generous gifts support ministries in our Annual Conference, the United States, and around the world. When you give you encourage people to live - not just preach - a gospel of peace.

You can donate by sending a check with Peace with Justice written on the memo line to:
13 Green St., Augusta, ME 04330

Ideas
Insights
Information

Gender-Specific Pronouns are the ways we refer to each other in the third person. People who are transitioning in some way **might choose to change their pronouns.**

Ask! If you find yourself unsure of someone's pronoun, be attentive to how others refer to this person. If you are still unclear or concerned that people might be using the incorrect pronoun, politely and **privately ask that person what pronoun they use.**

Virtual session
June 10-12, 2021
Theme: "Building Beloved Community"
Guiding Scripture: Psalm 137:4 NIV
"How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land?"

The Randolph UMC HONUR Committee has done a collection of personal care items for the homeless people in the area.

The distribution of these items will be through the Bread of Life Ministries in Augusta.

We collected over 500 items! Forty bags were made up with 10 items in each bag. All left over items were bagged and donated in bulk to the Bread of Life.

Thank you all from both Randolph and Green Street Churches for your great support of this mission!

Green Street UMC

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7am Prayer 10am Gathering Task Force
2 9:30am Worship	3 Darby Vaca 7am Prayer 3pm Women's Bible Study	4 Darby Vaca 7am Prayer	5 7am Prayer 5:30pm Bells 6:45pm Choir	6 7am Prayer 7pm SPPRC	7 7am Prayer 5:15pm Yoga	8 7am Prayer 9am Nominations 10am Gathering Task Force
9 Mother's Day 9:30am Worship	10 AUDIT 7am Prayer 9am Staff meeting 3pm Women's Bible Study	11 AUDIT 7am Prayer 6pm Simplified Board Meeting	12 AUDIT 7am Prayer 5:30pm Bells 6:45pm Choir	13 7am Prayer 4:30pm Pastoral Support & Accountability	14 7am Prayer 5:15pm Yoga	15 7am Prayer 10am Gathering Task Force
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