

The Grapevine

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THE GRAPEVINE — MAY 2022 EDITION



Toothpaste & Bar Soap Collection

Bridging the Gap's Essentials Pantry gives out over 150 tubes of toothpaste and 300 bars of soap each month!

During the month of May please consider donating these **full size** items to help our community.

Donations may be left in the box by the altar.



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Sunday Worship

9:30am in person and on Zoom

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

8:30am to 1:30pm

Friday—8:30am—1pm

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday—10am—1pm

Clothes Closet

Tues. Thurs. & Sat. 10am—2pm



Easter Morning at Green Street

Here is a beautiful picture Sue shared of the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday!

It was an amazing morning! Christ had risen and people were celebrating! The sanctuary smelled HEAVENLY from all the flowers and you could feel so much energy and hope!

The people, music, children and florals made it feel very exciting! Many people gathered after the service to take pictures and enjoy fellowship.

Also, the attendance was a number that we have not seen since 02/23/2020 - prior to the pandemic. God is great!



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
27—Jim Brown
29—Sue Pattershall



Over the years, Memorial Day has become a big holiday weekend. It's now the unofficial start of summer, rather than a day of tribute to the departed it was originally meant to be.

Even if we plan fun events for Memorial Day weekend, it's important to stop long enough to bow our heads and pay respect to our departed loved ones — especially those who fell in battle while helping preserve America's liberties.

Remember and Honor.

Donations made to Help Green Street SHINE!

Ariston Marcelino, Jr.—**KIND HEARTED**— Given by Remy Durham
Bill Thurlow—**EVER FAITHFUL**— Given by Lynn M. Smith
Andy and Lyndsi Mills—**LOVE**—Given by Gary and Kim Mills
John Bridge— **LOVE**—Given by Charlene Bridge
Deborah Thibodeau—**KIND**— Given by Sharon Beaver
Carol Chavarie— **GIVING**—Given by Sharon Beaver
Tammy and Mark Roberts— **LOVE**—Given by Gary and Donna Alexander
Emma Roberts—**LOVE**— Given by Gary and Donna Alexander
Andrew White—**WISE**—Given by Kristin White
Butterscotch— **SOUL MATE**—Given by Kristin White
Della Kimball—**KINDNESS**— Given by Gary and Donna Alexander
Zoom Tech Team—Given by Robin Forbes
My son Jeff—**CARING RESEARCHER**—Given by Patty Rogers



Help Green Street Shine by donating a **STAR OF HOPE** for our Annual Fuel/Ministry Day Challenge! Following the theme of our **STAR WORDS** for 2022, you can donate a **STAR** in honor or memory of someone special with a word that you feel represents that person. Each STAR is \$25. and will be displayed in the sanctuary.

In honor or memory of _____

Word that represents this person _____

Given by _____

Fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate, or send to the office with along with payment.



Simplified Board Highlights

An excerpt of the unapproved minutes from the Simplified Board meeting held on April 12 at 6pm.
(you can request a copy of the full approved minutes by contacting the church office)

Members present via Zoom: Sue Pattershall, Gary Alexander, Kathleen Dunford, Kristin White, Sharon Beaver, Lori Webber, Tammy Roberts, Tina Noble, Ardyce Robbin

Calling Together by Sue at 6:07 p.m. Sue continued our discussion of leaders by focusing on Deborah, a courageous leader, whose story is found in Judges 4 and 5. Sue closed her comments on leadership with prayer.

Approval of minutes from March Board meeting: Gary made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Lori; the **motion passed**.

Financial Management, treasurers' reports: Tammy reviewed the **Trustees** financial report, noting that the funds in the Investment column all lost money during the first quarter. The Board had voted at a previous meeting to use the Fifield Tribou fund if necessary to pay bills.

The **Hannaford Card Program** raised \$1,800 for the church in 2021—submitted by Henry Berry.

The **Missions** account shows income and related disbursements for UMCOR and the Augusta Food Bank. There was discussion of whether or not to resume first Sunday missions as we move to more frequent deposits. A decision will be made at a future meeting.

Sue walked us through the **Operating account** and 2022 Budget—to date, overall spending is at about 30% of our annual budget and we're breaking even, but funds dipped below our emergency level at one point. The account balance today is approximately \$13,000. Gary and Sue showed we could provide \$41,600 for the pastor and associated costs this year. Gary, Tammy and Sue are meeting with Karen and a financial specialist to consider creative ways of using our funds for ministry purposes.

The Annual Audit was completed and no areas of comment or concern were found.

The Bethlehem Lodge donated money for Angel Food Suppers and the Turkey Dinner.

Trustee Tasks Gary has been getting bids on repairing railings, roof, and painting the church and steeple. The brown tail moth nest infested trees have been removed and grounds clean up has been done by Gary and Jerry.

Administrative work of the Board: Kristin and Kathleen had met with Karen Munson regarding our Simplified Board structure; no changes need to be made to our Board practices at this time.

Kristin presented the recommendations from the Gathering Task Force (GTF), noting that even when the covid community level is rated low the CDC recommends maintaining improved indoor ventilation. Due to poor ventilation in the Fellowship Hall the GTF recommends gatherings of no more than 40 people in that space.

There were concerns expressed about the Holy Week information that was published because it seemed to indicate that sanctuary worship was preferable to worshipping on Zoom, and it was felt this was a matter of personal preference. Zoom worship and our social media presence are also considered a form of outreach offered by the church. Kristin will touch base with Darby regarding this.

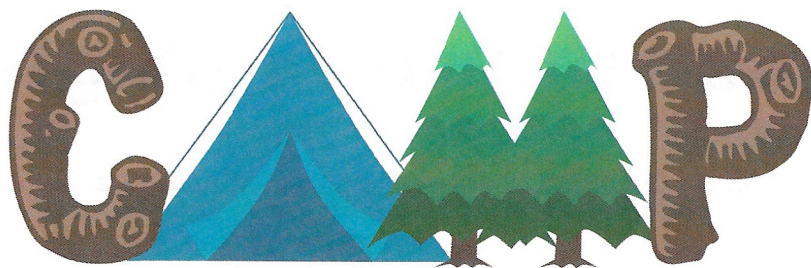
Sue is checking into getting a condenser microphone to improve transmission of our bell choir and vocal music on Zoom. After brief discussion, Sue made a motion to purchase a condenser microphone using up to \$300 from the Bridge Family Memorial Fund; Gary seconded; the **motion passed**.

Sue also made a motion for Board approval of spending \$157.37 from the Memorial Fund for needed bell equipment, Tammy seconded; the **motion passed**.

For our May meeting Sue is looking for volunteers to update the Social Media and Electronic Communications policy. She will also be sending out the goals Board members suggested at the Board workshop and ask us to rate them.

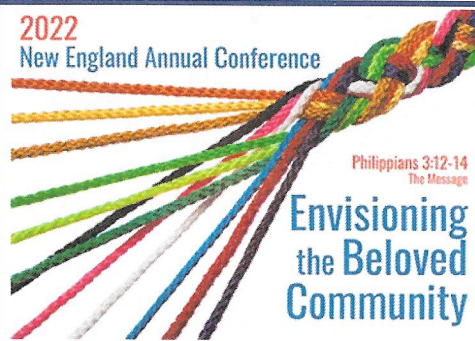
Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. following a prayer by Kathleen.

Ardyce Robbin, recording secretary



Camp Mechuwana Camperships Available

Camp Mechuwana will be in full swing this summer. If your child will be attending camp this summer there are scholarships available to help with the cost of Camp. Send a copy of your camp registration page to the church office to be added to the scholarship list! **Deadline is May 8**



June 9—11
Doubletree Hotel
Manchester, NH

To register go to
<https://neumc-reg.brtapp.com/AC22>

Green Street News.....

On April 13, Gary Alexander, Tammy Roberts and Sue Pattershall were invited to District Superintendent Karen Munson's Topsham home to meet with Herb Taylor. Herb will be working with us to discern leveraging of the church's assets, physical and financial, toward a healthy future ministry. We learned of his business background, as well as his involvement as a pastor in the UMC. Our meeting has left us hopeful and ready to explore opportunities for Green Street. Henry Berry will be joining our group as well. It is our intent to keep you informed about the conversations we will be having and to report after each meeting.

At our last meeting, we learned that we will soon know about our new appointment for Green Street Church, perhaps as soon as mid-May. We have also been told that we may rent the parsonage. Gary has been in conversation with Tyler (from Randolph) as they are currently renting their parsonage.

We will strive to keep everyone well informed during the upcoming months. If you have questions or comments, please reach out to one of us and we will do our best to answer.

Gary Alexander, Henry Berry, Sue Pattershall and Tammy Roberts

Bridge Fund Student Scholarship/Loan Applications Available

Each year Green Street students have the opportunity to apply for a Bridge Fund Student Scholarship/Loan for Higher Education. Applications are available through the church office. 207-622-0843



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 email greenstreetumc@gmail.com



Honor your mother and help the church meet its fuel budget at the same time. We will be publishing a special Mother's Day of Fuel insert on May 8th. 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 May 3rd.** This is a great way to honor your mother (or someone who is like a mother to you) as you help the church.

In memory or honor of: _____

Given by _____

Fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate, or send to the office.

Deadline is **May 3.**

News from the SPPRC

Last month in this space, we spoke about positive activity at Green Street and hopes for the year ahead. This month, our emphasis is on expectations. As you are undoubtedly aware, financial constraints necessitate our having a part-time pastor beginning in July. You will hear us say over and over that this will not make us a part-time church. People are, of course, wondering what we can realistically expect from a clergy person who serves us 20 hours or fewer per week. The short answer is: "We don't know yet." However, there will be changes.

We may not all agree on what the most essential pieces for our next pastor to provide for Green Street UMC are, but it is important for us, and for an incoming pastor, to know (ahead of time if at all possible), how different members of the church family view the role of professional clergy. We won't get to pick and choose what will be offered, and much will depend on the spiritual gifts of the person sent to us as well as the spiritual gifts of the congregation. Because expectations matter, it is important that we share ours with our new pastor.

And as our next clergy person feels his or her way into that mix, we really hope you will have returned the "Getting to Know You" survey mailed to you recently. It is available as a Word Document if you prefer, with many boxes you can simply click to register your "yes" or "no" – and on the second page (if you choose to fill that out – and we hope you will), even a "maybe" now and again. Just phone the church office (622-0843) or email greenstreetumc@gmail.com to request that it be sent to you via email if you'd like to give a try in that format. If you leave a message, please include your email address. We believe those surveys will be of very real help to whoever comes here next to be our pastor.

The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee would welcome your contacting any of us (listed below) to tell us what you consider to be the most important parts of pastoral ministry.

Gary Alexander (Chair) <galexander@myfairpoint.net>, Henry Berry <augberry@aol.com>, Judy Adams <judy.adams@maine.gov>, Kathleen Dunford (Lay Leader) <Tkdunford@gmail.com>, Susan Cross <mainecross@gmail.com>, Sally Joy <srjoy43@gmail.com>



Leadership Development Workshops

Helping people to embody grace by partnering their gifts with God. Learn about three opportunities to bring God's grace to life through the ministries of Green Street Church:

Saturday, May 21

9:00 am—Church Board

9:45 am—SPRC

10:30 am—Nominations & Leadership Development

Each workshop will include:

- Introductions to other church members
- Spiritual grounding for ministry
- Sharing from current committee members
- Official UMC job description
- Contextual Green Street job description
- Questions & Answers
- Next steps for those who wish to learn more

Location: LL1&2 AND Zoom— Workshops will be offered in hybrid format.

Native American Ministries Sunday

"Walking in the footsteps of our ancestors, listening, praying, singing songs of hope. Their words remind us that despite hardship and injustice, we are still here, with grateful hearts. God is with us on our journey."

REV. DELANA TAYLOR, CHEROKEE, ORDAINED DEACON,
OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE



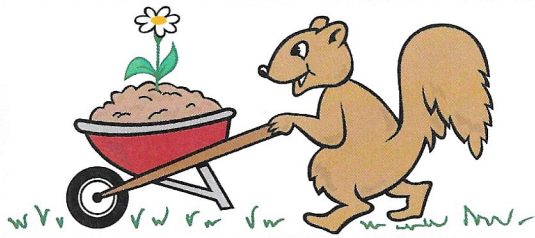
The people of The United Methodist Church

May 1 is Native American Ministry Sunday.

Offerings collected go to support scholarships for Native Americans attending seminary and strengthen, develop and equip Native American ministries.

There are special offering envelopes on the table at the back of the sanctuary or you can send a check to the church with Native American Ministries written on the memo line.

Please give generously.



Green Street UMC

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Native American Ministry Sunday 9:30am Worship	2 7am Prayer	3 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet 6pm—Special Board Meeting	4 7am Prayer 5:30pm Bell Choir 7pm Choir	5 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet 6pm SPPRC Meeting	6 7am Prayer	7 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet
8 Mother's Day 9:30am Worship 1pm CCC Meeting	9 7am Prayer 6pm Worship Team Meeting	10 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet 6pm SB Meeting	11 7am Prayer 5:30pm Bell Choir 7pm Choir	12 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet	13 7am Prayer	14 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet
15 9:30am Worship Baptism 2pm Eastern Star Service	16 7am Prayer 6pm Gathering Task Force	17 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet	18 7am Prayer 5:30pm Bell Choir 7pm Choir	19 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet	20 7am Prayer	21 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet 8am Leadership Workshop
22 9:30am Worship	23 7am Prayer	24 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet	25 7am Prayer 5:30pm Bell Choir 7pm Choir	26 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet	27 7am Prayer	28 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet
29 9:30am Worship	30 Memorial Day 7am Prayer	31 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet				

notes

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am in person and on zoom

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7925181731?pwd=U083cTlIVWJPWHcwa3RYa1hZellBdz09>

Zoom call in by phone 301-715-8592 (toll charges may apply)

Church Office Hours: Mon., - Fri., 8:30am to 1:30pm

Pastor's Hours: Mon. & Tues. 10am -1pm.—Clothes Closet—Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday 10am—2pm