

The Grapevine

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THE GRAPEVINE — JUNE 2022 EDITION



Please join us on
Sunday, June 12th for 9:30 Worship
to honor and celebrate Pastor Kristin's
ministry at Green Street.

A reception will follow in fellowship hall. This will be her final day with us. If you would like to donate to the congregational gift, please give Gary Alexander your donation in a marked envelope by **June 6th**.



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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

Clothes Closet

Tues. & Thurs. 10am—2pm

Saturday 9am to noon

**WHEN
THE DAY OF
PENTECOST
CAME,
THEY WERE
ALL
TOGETHER
IN ONE PLACE.
ACTS 2:1, NIV**

Pentecost Sunday, June 5th

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

**As we gather together for worship
please consider wearing flame colors
(red, orange, white)**

**Reprise
Choral Ensemble
Presents
Side by Side**
Poetry old and new set by
composers old and new
**Sunday, June 12
3pm
Green Street UMC
13 Green St—Augusta**

Suggested donation
\$15 adults—\$10 Students

Proceeds benefit visual
and performing artists
and organizations in Cen-
tral Maine—501(c)3 or-
ganization.

*Masks and immunizations
are recommended due to
the rise in COVID cases*

Announcement for the Kennebec River Area United Methodist Churches

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar, episcopal leader of the New England Annual Conference, intends to make the following appointments as of July 1, 2022, provided that all preliminary matters are accomplished:

Rev. Karen L. Munson: Coordinating Pastor for Dresden Richmond UMC, Half time appointment for Green Street UMC, Lead Pastor for the 2022-23 Cooperative Parish.

Rev. Rich Cullen: Coordinating Pastor for East Pittston UMC, Half time appointment for Cox Memorial UMC.

Rev. Ruth Merriam: Coordinating Pastor for Randolph UMC, Half Time appointment for Highland Avenue UMC.

In each pairing, the appointed pastor will have primary pastoral care responsibility and a regular preaching schedule. In addition, each pastor will bring focused leadership to all six churches based on needs of the churches and gifts of the pastors.

A coordinating team of two people from each church will work with the pastors to plan preaching and event schedules as well as identify and respond to shared interest planning. Please join us in praying to be avenues of God's grace.



3—Sandy Grady
6—Ray Chavarie
6—John Webb
9—Tricia Webb
24—Billy Noble
30—Lilla Atwater
30—Mary Saunders



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 May 10 at 6pm.
(you can request a copy of the full approved minutes by contacting the church office)

Members present via Zoom: Sue Pattershall, Sharon Beaver, Kristin White, Sharon Beaver, Lori Webber, Tina Noble, Ardyce Robbin

Calling Together by Sue at 6:06 p.m. We continued our look at leaders from the Bible by focusing on “7 Biblical Models of Leadership” from *lifeway.com*. After sharing these seven different ideas of what leaders may face Sue asked for comments from Board members and then closed the leadership discussion with prayer.

Approval of minutes: There being no corrections to the minutes, Lori made a motion to accept the minutes from the April regular meeting of the Board, Tina seconded; the **motion passed**. Kristin made a motion to accept the minutes from the May special Board meeting as presented, Lori seconded the motion; the **motion passed**.

Administrative work of the Board— We are still looking for volunteers to update the Social Media and Electronic Communications Policy.

A transition team is in place to guide the change in pastoral leadership. They are Gary Alexander, Sally Joy, Kathleen Dunford, and Sue Pattershall. There will be a celebration of Kristin’s ministry at Green Street on Sunday, June 12 during worship with refreshments following the service.

As we transition to a part-time pastor, members of the SPRC have been sharing their thoughts and impressions of the book *Part-time is Plenty* by G. Jeffrey MacDonald.

Sue shared the results of how Board members had ranked the goals list we created earlier in the year. **Board members are asked to consider how each of these goals can be fulfilled.**

The number 1 goal is to “create an excitement for Green Street UMC, who and what we are.” **Board members are asked to brainstorm ways we can make this happen and bring those responses to our next meeting.**

Two goals tied for second place: “keep people involved” and “bring new people to church”.

Three goals tied for third place: “prepare for the transition to a part-time pastor”, “include all people in conversations to help us feel connected”, and “hybrid worship – volunteers, adaptations, discerning common ground and/or significant differences in worship preferences.”

Financial Management: Should we return to our pre-pandemic practice of dedicating the first Sunday of the month loose offering for missions?

Along with the possibility noted above, other options would be to give a percentage of first Sunday offerings to missions or to do nothing unless asked to provide funds for a specific mission. There was considerable discussion about the different possibilities and what specific mission ministry the funds would support. Sue made a motion that 10% of all first Sunday of the month loose offerings plus all loose offerings from 5th Sundays of the month should go toward local benevolence; Kristin seconded; the **motion passed**.

Trustee Tasks

As in years past we continue to support children and youth who wish to attend camps at Mechuwana. Kristin made a motion to provide the requested amount for all seven applicants from the Bridge Family Memorial Fund, Sharon seconded the motion; the **motion passed**.

The decision to upgrade our Internet service was tabled until we can check further on pricing, but rather than waiting until our next meeting to decide this may be an item for an evote. The same is a possibility for the bids Gary is getting for church building maintenance: the railings and supports on each side of the front steps, repairing and painting the steeple, painting the front of the church, and roof repairs/shingling.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. following a prayer by Kristin.

Ardyce Robbin, recording secretary

Happy Anniversary Upper Room Clothes Closet!

June 1st, we celebrate our one year anniversary! With the help of many volunteers and folks from Randolph, we have a wonderful ministry here at Green Street Church.

We have about 60 people in our voucher program which gives each participant 4 free pieces of clothing a month. All of our items are \$5 or less. We have had many wonderful donations, some brand new with the tags still on them. We have a community member volunteering regularly. We have regulars and newcomers. Who knew?? People who volunteer feel a sense of accomplishment helping to make a difference in the lives of many in our area. We have connected with many people over the past year. Today, alone, we had a 3 new visitors.

It has been exciting to see this ministry grow. We estimated giving \$6,000. to Green Street's operating account this year. By the end of June, we will have already given \$4,000.

If you would like to volunteer, please come in anytime and we can find something for you to do from tagging clothing, hanging them on racks, ironing, and checking clothing racks for organization.

**We are open Tuesday and Thursday 10am-2pm.
Our Saturday hours have changed to 9am-noon.**

From our early beginnings to present day



June 2021



June 2022



For those not attending you may view the live stream. Look for links on the New England Annual Conference website.

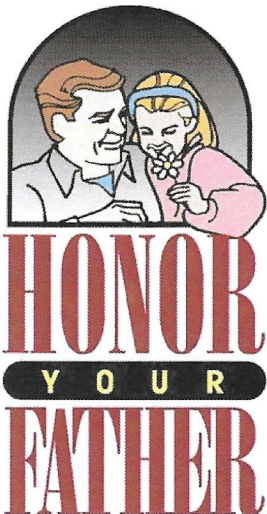
www.neumc.org

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

Peace with Justice Sunday, June 12

Your generous gifts support Peace w/ Justice Ministries locally and globally. Half of offering received stay within the annual conference the other half is used for ministry around the world. Offering envelopes are available on the table in the sanctuary or you can send a check to the church specifying it is for Peace with Justice.



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 19th. 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 12th.** This is a great way to honor your father (or someone who is like a father 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 **June 12.**



Green Street UMC

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7am Prayer 5:30pm Bell Choir 7pm Choir	2 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet	3 7am Prayer	4 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet
5 Pentecost 9:30am Worship 3pm— Rehearsal	6 7am Prayer	7 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet	8 7am Prayer 5:30pm Bell Choir 7pm Choir	9 Annual Conf. 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet	10 Annual Conf. 7am Prayer	11 Annual Conf. 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet 3pm Rehearsal
12 Pastor Kristin's Farewell Celebration 9:30am Peach w/ Justice Sunday 3pm Concert	13 7am Prayer	14 Flag Day 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet 6pm SB Meeting	15 7am Prayer	16 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet	17 7am Prayer	18 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet
19 Father's Day 9:30am Worship	20 7am Prayer	21 SUMMER 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet	22 7am Prayer	23 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet	24 7am Prayer	25 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet
26 9:30am Worship	27 7am Prayer	28 7am Prayer 10am—2pm Clothes Closet	29 7am Prayer	30 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