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A Stewardship Program on Faith and Money

Where is your treasure?

Money affects your heart. Whether you are in plenty or in want, money has a direct connection to your stress level, your anxiety, and the health of your relationships. It is no wonder, then, that Jesus talked about the relationship between our treasure and our hearts.

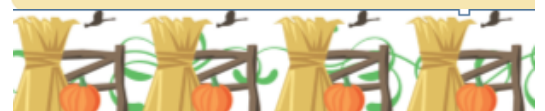
For a four-week period in October, we will look at the many ways that our treasure (time, energy, money) affects our spiritual and emotional lives. Join us in worship starting this Sunday as we begin our new sermon series called *Treasure*.

At the end of the four weeks, we will have an opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year.



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FROM THE PASTOR: What Is the Church? Part II...

One of my favorite prayers invites people to focus on their body, appreciating each part or system and offering thanks for it. This prayer reminds us that our physical bodies are an amazing gift from God. Through our bodies, we engage the world in work, play, relationships, service, and rest. Our bodies are also our mechanism for growth – we learn and grow as we engage the world, our senses and experiences providing new information daily. Our bodies provide a home for our souls as we journey toward God in this life. And, amazingly, our bodies are each unique. We have different strengths and challenges. We grow and learn in a variety of ways. Our different skills and abilities contribute to our communities. We are each uniquely created for life on earth.

The human body – specifically the body of Christ – offers a metaphor to help us better understand the church. The body of Christ, the church, is Jesus’ way of engaging the world. As the church, we carry Jesus into our communities to accomplish life-giving activities and to connect with people in need of hope and healing. And like the human body, the church, the body of Christ, cannot survive without many unique, different parts.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul emphasizes that we are each a vital part of the body of Christ. “You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts – limbs, organs, cells – but no matter how many parts you can name, you’re still one body. It’s exactly the same with Christ...Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits.

Even as Paul celebrates the different gifts that we each bring to the church’s mission, he also addresses the tension that our differences create. People may be tempted to see their gifts, their beliefs, or their spiritual traditions as the most important. Paul reminds the church to think bigger than individuals – embrace our differences and the gifts we each bring, but not just for our own sake. As we enter into the body of Christ, instead of asking how the church can serve us, ask how we, the church, can serve Jesus.

As for how the church serves Jesus, Paul hints that he will address this in the next section of 1 Corinthians: “I will show you a still more excellent way.” To be continued...

Pastor Kristin



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| 11 – Tammy Roberts | 25 – Henry Berry |
| 16 – William Atlee | 29 – Andrew Pullen |
| 18 – Anna Elmshauer | |



October 6

Greeter: Sarah and Richard Barnum
Coffee Hour Host: Sandy Grady
Liturgist: Sally Joy

October 13

Greeter: Gary and Donna Alexander
Coffee Hour Host: Bev St. Amand
Liturgist: Bob Webber

October 20

Greeter: Chuck and Evelyn Horstman
Coffee Hour Host: Tina Noble
Liturgist: Robin Forbes

October 27

Greeter: Sandy and Randy Grady
Coffee Hour Host: Elsie and Bessie
Liturgist: Henry Berry



Chicken Pot Pie Supper & Pie/Talent Auction



Saturday, October 26
Supper at 5:00 PM
Auction begins at 5:30 PM
Supper (Suggested Donation \$5.00)

There will be a table with allergy free options. Three volunteers are needed to make salad (any kind) Please contact Sandy Grady at 242-8344. Thank you..

It's apple pie season! Here is an easy recipe for Swedish Apple Pie

- 5-6 apples (peeled and sliced)
- 2 Tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 Tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 ½ stick butter or margarine
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ cup walnuts (chopped)
- pinch of salt

Place apples in pie pan. Sprinkle with the brown sugar and cinnamon. In a small saucepan melt butter. Remove from the heat and add flour, sugar, egg, walnuts and salt. Mix well and pour over sliced apples. Bake at 350 for 40-45 min.



Chicken Pot Pie Supper & Pie/Talent Auction

Saturday, October 26 in fellowship hall. Pies are due at 4:00, Supper is at 5 p.m. and the Auction is at 5:30. The highest bidder for each pie may choose to eat or share it then and there, or save for friends and family at home. Or maybe freeze it for a Thanksgiving feast. PLEASE, consider contributing a pie to this auction, whether or not you consider your creations to be masterpieces. With your help, perhaps we can set a new pie auction record.

Name _____ Phone# _____

- I will make a pie to be auctioned off. Type of pie(s) _____
(Please bake in aluminum pie pans so that we don't misplace yours. Please also list all ingredients.)
- I will contribute a talent other than a pie. Type of talent _____.
- I will help set up for the supper and auction.
- I will help during the supper and auction.
- I will help clean up after the supper and auction.

Parking Reminder



**Handicap
Accessible**

On Sunday there are six available handicap parking spots available in the church parking lot. During the week there are two available handicap spots in the church parking lot on either side of the entrance to the Wesley Center. The remaining four signs are turned on backwards Monday mornings. (This is a City of Augusta Requirement).

**Please do not park in the handicap spots
without a handicap parking plate or placard**



Simplified Board Highlights

The Church Board members began their monthly meeting with a telephone meeting requested by Karen Munson, our District Superintendent to discuss the steps of a 213 Study. Karen recommended we use this study as an assessment tool to help Green Street members determine the potential pathways for the future of our church. Information is being gathered from the church's files, conversations with leaders and members, and Mission Insite. This is an extensive study of the past, present and potential ministry of a church.

The findings will be published and shared with the congregation with recommendations as to how best fulfill the church's call to ministry and to optimize stewardship of the ministry resources available.

Conversations will be held and will be open to all people of the church on: **September 29, October 13 and November 10 following worship.**

Representatives serving on this study are people from Green Street and District Personnel - District: Ned Crockett, Marc Chaput, Larry Perkins, Rick McKinley, Rev. Nancy Bishoff, and Rev. Karen Munson. Green Street UMC: Connie Packard, Sue Pattershall, Gary Alexander, George Jones, Valerie Gallagher, and Rev. Kristin White

IMPORTANT DATES IN THIS PROCESS

Sunday, Sept. 29	213 conversations following worship
Sunday, Oct. 13	213 conversations following worship
Monday, Nov. 4	Presentation of Report to congregation, DS and consultants at 7pm (This is a very important meeting and all are encouraged to attend)
Sunday, Nov. 10	213 conversations following worship
Tuesday, Nov. 12	Church Board Meeting at 6:30pm
Saturday, Nov.16	Annual Church Conference at 10am

A letter will be going out soon with more details and updates will be made as we have more information. If you have questions or wish to talk to someone about this plan, please contact any of the church board members. They are: Kristin White, Henry Berry, Valerie Gallagher, Sue Pattershall, Lori Webber, Alexander, Connie Packard, Tammy Roberts, Dave Robbin, Mary Saunders.

Motion passed to create a task force to find a volunteer to coordinate nursery volunteers and review and update our safe sanctuaries policy. The task force chair is Kathleen Dunford.

Motion passed to create a task force to revise the Simplified Board document. Chair of this group is Dave Robbin.

Daycare application from Sandra Webber is being submitted to the city and state by Sandra.

Request for \$500 from Bridge Family Memorial Fund to support a retreat on Letting Go/Spiritual Downsizing by Gayle Holden. We later learned this is to be held Saturday, October 26 **APPROVED**

Finance: Connie and Sue have created a new cash flow chart and updated figures for further review by Rev. Dr. Pat McHugh who is chair of the Equitable Compensation Fund. The ECF committee granted Green Street \$7500 in additional funds for July, August and Sept and had asked for this updated information so they could they could consider any additional monies for the remainder of the year. In reviewing, they project we may be short as much as \$30,000 (Including mission shares) by year's end.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Pattershall

Sharing God's Abundance

For the past four years it has been my privilege and pleasure on Monday mornings to sit with Lynn Kennard, and sometimes others, on the sidewalk in front of the church with tables of garden produce. Signs announce that the vegetables are free. It has taken a while for people to fully understand that they are given with no strings attached, but we've felt that acceptance come over time.

I have taken the liberty of speaking to people on porches, standing in driveways, walking or biking past us, or walking to their cars in the parking lot up above us, inviting them to come see what we have and to help themselves. *Isaiah 55:1, "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!"*

Those who come are often looking for the human touch – not just free food. We've heard many brief stories of ill or aging relatives, of gardens that have a special place in people's memories, and sometimes how what someone has received from us has helped them get through the week just past.

We start each Monday morning with a prayer: "God, we have veggies. Please send us people." During the inevitable lulls, it changes to: "God, we *still* have veggies. Please send more people." And every week, it happens. Most of what we've had to offer has come from the gardens of Johnnie Beane and Tricia Webb; but there have been others each year as well. To those not specifically named who have brought things, please know that you are all appreciated.

This ministry is the brain child of Shasta Beane. Lynn has been part of it since the beginning. They are no longer able to be part of the crew on Mondays. There will need to be changes if the Garden Giveaway is to happen next year. It has become greatly appreciated in the neighborhood. We ask your prayers that new leadership will emerge. And if God nudges you to be part of it, know that I'm willing to help, but am not able to do it alone.

Sally Joy, for the Garden Giveaway



Sunday, October 6 – Prayer Walk following worship. As you walk, ponder the fact that we have opportunity to collect not just "stuff" but treasure. Pastor Kristin will lead this walk in our neighborhood.

Monday, October 7 – Make a list of people and things that are your treasures. Throughout the day, remember to thank God for them.

Friday, October 11 – Campfire, Storytelling and S'mores! 6pm at Green Street.

Sunday, October 13 – Keepsakes and Memories – Bring your favorite keepsake that you have saved over the years. During fellowship time, share with someone at your table a memory or story connected to the keepsake.

Monday, October 14 – Cleaning Week Kick Off! We are stewards of Green Street. This week a list of ways to care for the church property will be hanging on the office door. Come on Monday morning to team up and tackle the list – or come when you have time during the week and check off something on the list. (note: Darby will be on vacation this week but Pastor Kristin will be at the church to have it accessible for those that can't make it on Monday)

Tuesday, October 14 – Share on Facebook a photo that represents God's goodness.

Sunday, October 20 – Create and Celebrate – Use the gifts God has given us to create something that honors God. During fellowship time, creation stations will allow people to explore making prayer beads, mandalas, and other projects.

Monday, October 21 – Share on Facebook something for which you're grateful. Consider keeping a daily gratitude journal.

Tuesday, October 22 Walking Meditation (time and location to be announced) Gather for a meditative walk, considering our connection to the earth, our grounding in life, and the directions we are heading.

Saturday, October 26 – Downsizing Retreat with Rev. Gayle Holden 9am – 2pm – Register on line at www.greenstreetumc.net

Sunday, October 27 – Consecration Sunday – Look at the birds – birds don't sow seeds, harvest grain or gather crops, yet God provides for them. Gather following worship for a walk to notice birds. Birdseed will be available to sprinkle as we walk.

Church Supply Donations Needed

THANK YOU to everyone who helps out in donating frequently used supplies! You have really helped our church save money! Due to a spending freeze we are in need of:

Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Postage Stamps
**Copier Paper - legal 8
1/2x14**

Donations can be dropped off at the fellowship hall or the church office.



Darby on Vacation

Darby will be on vacation from Monday, October 14 – Thursday, October 17. Pastor Kristin will be in the office during this time to work on grants and to have the church open for clean up week.



An Evening of Christian Music

On Wednesday, September 11th, Dwight Tibbetts presented a program of original Christian music. He shared songs that God inspired him to write over the past 35 years. Dwight's wife, Marianne accompanied Dwight on the violin for several songs. Dwight inspired those who attended with the varied lyrics of his songs. His creations were a glimpse into how God works in his life. A wonderful evening of sharing followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall made for a memorable evening. Thank you, Dwight and Marianne for sharing with us.

United Methodist Women

The September 11 meeting was very productive and had a good turnout. We discussed the Christmas Fair which will be held on December 7. We had a program based on what we were all doing when we found out about the 9/11 disaster. Everyone took a turn to tell where they were and if they had anyone they knew involved. Doing this showed that it is something we will never forget but it also helped the group to know each other better.

Next month's meeting will be Wednesday, October 9 at noon and Sarah Barnum will lead a craft class on creating an ornament for the Fair. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will gather and have lunch (please bring a bagged lunch) followed by dessert made by Nancy Merrick. There will be a short meeting and then we will turn it over to Sarah. We will need to have an idea of how many will attend so we will have enough material for the craft. You can let Nancy Merrick know: nmerrick@roadrunner.com Blessings to all.

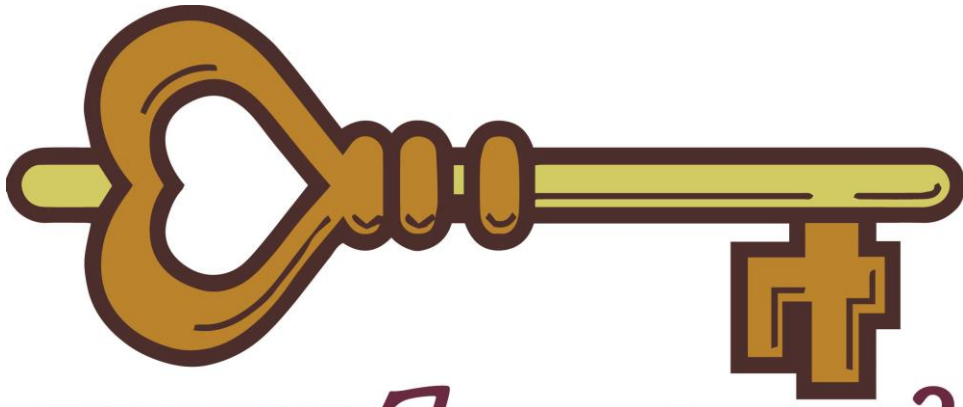
Augusta Food Bank Needs

The Augusta Food Bank is in need of Mac and Cheese, Juice Boxes, Canned Fruit and Canned Soup. Items can be left in the shopping cart at the entrance to the Sanctuary. A special thank you to Elsie and Bessie who deliver the donations to the food bank for us.



**Join our friends from Winthrop UMC
for the 2019 Trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania
to attend the Sight and Sound Theater featuring
"Miracle of Christmas" November 4 – 7, 2019**

We will travel by deluxe motor coach to see the theater's Christmas production. Other stops will include Kitchen Kettle Village, an Amish furniture store and an unforgettable buffet featuring authentic Pennsylvania Dutch cooking! During our extra day, we will visit Hershey PA! The cost per person is \$475 (based on double occupancy). This price includes admission to the play, three nights at the motel, as well as 3 breakfasts and dinners including a fabulous Amish buffet. To secure a spot, a payment of \$475 is necessary! Make checks payable to the Winthrop UMC and mail to PO Box 136, Winthrop, ME 04364. For more information, please call Pastor Ned at the church office (377-8620). Sign up now while there are seats available!



WHAT DO YOU *Treasure?*



Celebrate Treasures Around the Fire

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 6PM

(RAIN DATE OCTOBER 12)

13 GREEN ST, AUGUSTA



For many of us our relationships are our greatest treasure.

Gather with new and old friends, share/listen to favorite stories, enjoy s'mores!

Celebrate
Treasured
Connections!

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Why is it so hard to get rid of stuff?

Saturday, October 26 – 9am to 2pm

Green Street UMC – 13 Green St. Augusta, Maine

Led by Rev. Gayle Holden

The truth is.....Nobody wants your grandmother's dishes!

- No one wants the heirlooms we love.
- Downsizing is an emotional journey.
- It can be difficult to do this alone.
- Getting started is harder than we think.
- The experience can bring us closer to God.

Register on line at www.greenstreetumc.net \$25/person payable on the day of the retreat (includes lunch). All materials will be provided however there will be a special cross making project which you are welcome to bring items to use. For more information www.greenstreetumc.net or contact the church office at 207-622-0843 or greenst@myfairpoint.net



Green Street UMC

October 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:45 PM Choir Practice	3 4:30 PM Pastoral Support and Accountability Meeting	4	5 8:30 AM Cluster Meeting 7:00 PM AA
6 World Communion Sunday Prayer Walk 10:30 AM Welcoming/Reconciling Meeting	7 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM NA	8 6:30 PM Simplified Board Meeting	9 Noon UMW Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:45 PM Choir Practice	10	11 6 PM Camp fire	12 (private function) 6 PM Rain date for Campfire 7:00 PM AA
13 10:30 AM 213 Conversations	14 Cleaning Columbus Day Office Closed 3:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM NA	15 Week Darby vacation 6:00 PM SB Planning Meeting	16 Darby vacation 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:45 PM Choir Practice	17 Darby vacation 9:00 AM DCOM	18	19 4:30 PM Angel Food Supper 5:00 PM Guided Meditation 7:00 PM AA
20 10:30 AM Missions Ministry Meeting	21 3:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM NA	22 TBA Walking Meditation	23 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:45 PM Choir Practice	24	25	26 9:00 AM Down Sizing Retreat 5:00 PM Supper and Pie Auction 7:00 PM AA
27 Consecration Sunday Bird Walk following worship	28 3:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM NA	29	30 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:45 PM Choir Practice	31 Halloween		

Notes

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 Sunday Worship at 9:30 am – Sunday school Adults, 8:15am – Children, 8:30am
 Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am to 2pm



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