

The Grapevine

A PUBLICATION OF Green Street United Methodist Church

THE GRAPEVINE — OCTOBER 2022 EDITION

Trunk or Treat
Monday, October 31st—6pm to 7:30pm
Randolph UMC Parking Lot
16 Asbury St., Randolph



Green Streeter's are invited to **participate and support** this **Cooperative Parish Event!**

Decorate your trunk and give out candy or donate candy to be given out!

Any questions or to participate please call Carol Trott at 207-485-8041

For children up to age 12

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Sunday Worship
9:30am in person and on Zoom
Church Office Hours
Monday and Wednesday
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Cooperative Coordinating Committee

The September meeting was primarily looking at plans for Advent and Christmas in our churches

Green Street's members of the CCC are:

- Kathleen Dunford, *lay leader* (tkdunford@gmail.com or (207) 623-3174);
- Sue Pattershall—at large member (spattershall@gmail.com or 207-215-4159)
- Rev. Dr. Karen Munson (pastor.greenstreetumc@gmail.com or (207)622-3656)

Please email or call any of us with any questions, concerns, or ideas.



- 9—Judith Gilbert
- 11—Tammy Roberts
- 16—William Atlee
- 18—Anna Elmshausen
- 21—David Robbin
- 24—Gregory Pearson
- 25—Henry Berry

The Upper Room Clothes Closet

What a blessing this ministry continues to be!

The closet has brought in \$5,600 and given out over 1,000 articles of clothing to those in need!

We have thirteen regular volunteers and four subs. I can't say how many pieces of clothing we have hung since we have been open! But we have been blessed with the number of donations we have received to be able to offer this wonderful ministry. Many who come in are very thankful this is in their neighborhood. What a joy to share God's love with our neighbors.



Homeless Outreach

Save the Date!
Annual Conference
Thursday, October 13
7:00 PM In Person



Beginning next month the Grapevine will be published bi-monthly. Watch for the November– December edition!



Indigenous Peoples Day

The Maine Legislature made the change from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day in 2019 after a coordinated effort with lawmakers, tribal leaders, tribal citizens and allies. Instead of honoring a man who was responsible for the deaths of numerous Native Americans, it urges us to rethink history. Indigenous Peoples' Day honors the people who really discovered America and made it their home first.



The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday. United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe for this celebration of unity among churches across denominations.



Pastor’s Message:

There is a wonderful story in Hebrew Scripture, the earliest recorded parable actually, told by a man named Jotham.

The trees once went out to anoint a king over themselves. So they said to the olive tree, “Reign over us.”

The olive tree answered them, “Shall I stop producing my rich oil by which gods and mortals are honoured, and go to sway over the trees?”

Then the trees said to the fig tree, “You come and reign over us.” But the fig tree answered them, “Shall I stop producing my sweetness and my delicious fruit,

and go to sway over the trees?” Then the trees said to the vine, “ You come and reign over us.” But the vine said to them, “Shall I stop producing my wine that cheers gods and mortals, and go to sway over the trees?” So all the trees said to the bramble, “YOU come and reign over us.” And the bramble said to the trees, “If in good faith you are anointing me king over you, then come and take refuge in my shade; but if not, let fire come out of the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon.”-Judges 9:8-15

The “trees” are determined to find someone to be responsible for them. What I love about this story is the clarity with which each plant they approach answers their plea (or demand). The olive, fig, and grapevine are differentiated from the genus. They have specificity. Each is aware of, and committed to, their gift and their purpose for the good of creation. Only the bramble is willing to go out on a limb (!) with a conditional yes.

In Christ’s church we seek to recognize gifts God has given each of us, inviting one another to share spiritual gifts for the community’s wellbeing. It’s been my experience that we share those gifts in two ways. Sometimes our responsibility for, or participation in, a form of ministry is sacrificial. There is a need that no one else is filling and so we “mind the gap.” Other times our gifts find a place that brings us joy. Both ways can bring satisfaction and deepened discipleship if we are doing it for love of God and God’s people. But the first is holding a place until the person meant to fill it recognizes that call.

In Jotham’s situation, the teller of this tale, he is warning the people to pay attention to God’s intention rather than their own inclination. May we be a community of God seekers who are able to help each other listen to God’s call for each of us in such a time as this.

Your Partner in Ministry,

Let us know what’s on your heart

It’s the SPRC’s job to talk to the pastor and staff about the effectiveness of their ministry and their relationships with the congregation.

If you have a question, idea, concern, or comment—no matter how big or small—**please contact any one of us**, and we will confidentially discuss your needs as a committee and get back to you.

Liasons

Pastor Karen Munson
Admin Asst Sue Pattershall
Custodian George Jones
Nursery Supervisor Nharra Lapitan
Organist/Pianist Lynne Burney
Choir Director Sue Pattershall

Staff Members

Gary Alexander
Sally Joy
Gary Alexander
Judy Adams
Henry Berry
Kathleen Dunford



Rev. Munson’s work week is Sunday through Wednesday unless there is an emergency or agreed upon special commitment (such as Christmas Eve). She checks and responds to e-mail Monday—Thursday at pastor.greenstreet@gmail.com. She will return messages in her voice mailbox during her work week unless it is a true emergency.

Thank you for helping to honor Rev. Munson’s half time appointment as our pastor.



Rides Available

The Board has authorized Rev Munson to organize a policy development team for use of the Hal Roberts funds in service of senior transportation. If this is an interest area of yours, please e-mail pastor.greenstreetumc@gmail.com or call during Wednesday office hours (9-12).



Each month, Judy Adams is sharing her experience in worship as Green Street UMC's lay member of the New England Annual Conference. Join us in the sanctuary or on ZOOM for the next opportunity, a dialog between Judy and Pastor Karen on

You are invited to be part of our Prayer Circle for Rev. Thom Blackstone between Oct. 1 and Nov. 5, 2022. Rev. Blackstone is a nominee for the episcopacy. Rev. Thom served as pastor at Green Street for 8 years (2006-2014) before being called to Pleasant Street UMC in Waterville for 7 years (2014-2021). He is now serving in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.



What's been Happening at Green Street?

A Taste of the Orient brought 15 individuals to Tina's cooking class. Good direction, good food and good fellowship!



Downeast Brass:
Featuring the Life & Music of Glen Campbell
through music, narration and slides
Over \$1,000 was raised to benefit the
Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association



Simplified Board Highlights

An excerpt of the ***unapproved** minutes from the Simplified Board Meeting on September 13th at 6pm

Green Street United Methodist Church

Members in attendance via Zoom: Sue Pattershall, Kathleen Dunford, Sharon Beaver, Gary Alexander, Tammy Roberts, Lilla Atwater, Pastor Karen Munson, and Lori Webber Visitor: Sally Joy from the Worship Committee

The meeting began at 6:12pm with Sue providing a devotion.

Minutes from the August 9, 2022 board meeting were amended to read “hot water baseboards”.

Gary made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and seconded by Kathleen. **The motion passed.**

Initial business

Sally Joy brought before the Board the future of the Jesse Lee Cluster, whether to revive it or to disband it. Karen made a motion to authorize Sally and a person to be named later to act on behalf of Green Street at a meeting to be held in October. If disbanding, those representatives will help decide what to do with \$2000 in left over funds. The motion was seconded by Gary. **The motion passed.**

Pastor's update/report

The board meeting schedule for the rest of the year will be to focus on the path forward, task force updates, nominations, and safe sanctuaries policy. October 13th is the annual Church conference (Thursday) 7-8:30pm with the Herb Taylor report to be presented. Karen would like to see regular “mission moments” in church from different people of the Board as part of communication to members. The Board will have a few tasks before them as Green Street emerges from COVID and starts on the revitalization pathway. The first task will be the development of 2 teams: a forecasting team and a review/listening team. Each team will have responsibilities and work in conjunction with one another.

TASK 2: Property Stewardship Pathway – what is to be done with the property owned by Green Street?

TASK 3: Project Ministry Vision – What is the future of ministry at Green Street?

The Gathering Task force report was in the Board packet. They do not see themselves as permission givers but as consultants to provide information regarding worship/communion and gathering in regards to COVID protocols.

The Welcoming Task Force worked on a statement, which was passed by the Board regarding members and visitors who deem themselves part of the LGBTQ+ community. This will be brought before the congregation for a vote at Church Conference next month. A personal letter with Karen's stance and another letter from Karen, the lay leader and Board chair will go out to the congregation by the end of the week

Discussion took place regarding the **Safe Sanctuaries policy**. There was a recommendation that Green Street adopt the New England Conference UMC sample policy and use of technology (emerging areas), with the idea the policy can always be amended at a later date. This may be addressed in a half hour call before Church Conference. There was a motion in the agenda to present the safe sanctuaries policy with the addition of the inclusion of LGBTQ youth at the church conference.

Finance - The Board had previously approved up to \$3000 for tree trimming, but had not designated which funds were to be used. Tammy made a motion, seconded by Kathleen to pay Pinnacle Tree Trimming from the Building fund.

The motion passed.

Other items discussed: rental income from parsonage – \$2000/month going into budget; \$1000 bill for door, one for heat, one for a new toilet and other little items. Use funds for capital expenses as it does have its own line in the budget

Sue made the following motion: That the Leadership Board recommend integration of the Missions account into the Operations bookkeeping effective January 1, 2023. It was seconded by Gary. **The motion passed.**

A motion was put forth by Sue that the Leadership Board authorize Rev. Karen Munson to organize a policy development task force for the use of Hal Roberts funds in service of senior transportation. Gary seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

There will be no Oct 11 board meeting so that the Board can concentrate on the “Path Forward” tasks.

Pastor Karen closed the meeting with prayer.



Sunday, October 2



Side by Side

Poetry old and new set by composers old and new

Sunday, October 2, 2022
3:00 p.m.

Green Street United Methodist Church
13 Green Street, Augusta, Maine

Suggested donation: \$15.00 for Adults, \$10.00 for Students
Proceeds will benefit visual and performing artists and organizations in Central Maine

Masks and immunizations are recommended.



Reprise Choral Ensemble is a 501(c)3 organization



**Marti Stevens Interactive
Improvisational Theater**
Here at Green Street
Cooperative Parishes
October 15 @ 3:00 PM



Angel Food Supper
Free to the community
October 15 @ 4:30 PM



**Handbell
Concert**

**Green Street Bell Choir Presents
A Medley of Song
Sunday, October 30 @ 2:00PM**



October 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Clothes Closet 10-1
2 Worship 9:30 Reprise Concert 3PM	3 Office hours 9-1 Bible Study 7pm zoom	4 Clothes Closet 10-2	5 Office hours 9-1 Pastor's Office Hours 9-Noon	6 Clothes Closet 10-2	7	8 Clothes Closet 10-1
9 Worship 9:30	10	11 Clothes Closet 10-2	12 Office hours 9-1 Pastor's Office Hours 9-Noon	13 Clothes Closet 10-2 SPPRC—6 pm Church Conf 7-8:30 pm	14	15 Clothes Closet 10-1 Marti Stevens—3PM Angel Food Supper 4:30
16 Worship 9:30	17 Office hours 9-1	18 Clothes Closet 10-2	19 Office hours 9-1 Pastor's Office Hours 9-Noon	20 Clothes Closet 10-2	21	22 Clothes Closet 10-1
23 Worship 9:30	24 Office hours 9-1	25 Clothes Closet 10-2	26 Office hours 9-1 Pastor's Office Hours 9-Noon	27 Clothes Closet 10-2	28	29 Clothes Closet 10-1
30 Worship 9:30	31 Office hours 9-1					