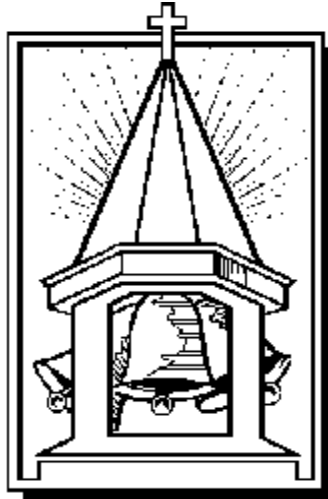


# THE GRAPPEVINE



13 Green St.  
Augusta, ME 04330

**Sunday Worship**  
8 & 10:30am

**Sunday School**  
9am

**Office Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
8am-2pm

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## EcoCreation Day

EcoCreation time is upon us. Mark your calendars for Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. We will be hosting a day long workshop focused on the elements God has blessed us with. Presenters include:

**Earth:** Sarah Smith local foods expert and advocate and co-founder of The Pick-Up in Skowhegan, will be discussing accessibility to locally grown and sources foods in Maine

**Water:** John Beane, representing UpStream group, discussing fish populations and the health of Maine water ways

**Fire/Energy:** will host a speaker discussing energy options in Maine

**Air:** expert presentation on maintaining and improving Maine's air quality standards.

Part of this day long workshop will include a potluck lunch and interfaith discussion panel focusing on our commonalities in environmental stewardship.

As always our event is open to and welcoming all. We hope that members of the congregation will contribute to the potluck in lieu of a freewill offering.

If there are any questions, contact the church office or see Megan Lachapelle, Jim Jacobsen, or Pastor Kristin.

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## Pastor's Page

### Spring Cleaning

Spring is a time when the world bursts into life around us: crocuses begin to bloom, trees begin to bud, the ice on the lakes begins to thaw and spring birds return. As new life blossoms, we feel renewed: our spirits lift, we are drawn outdoors and we become more active. At the same time, something about this new season inspires us to clean! We shake out the dust of winter and clean our homes in preparation for summer. We clean our yards and prepare the earth for summer gardens. The world is being renewed and we're inspired to join in and help!

Like spring, Easter brings new life and renewal. Jesus' resurrection from the dead demonstrates God's power and promise to turn death and sorrow into joy and life, to transform old ways into new opportunities, to give new life to humanity. During the Easter season, Jesus' resurrection inspires us to return to God, seeking eternal life and hope.

Easter should also inspire us to do some spiritual cleaning. The days of Lent, leading up to Easter, invite us to search our souls and examine our lives. After spending the weeks of Lent in reflection and repentance, we prepare to discard our old and unproductive spiritual practices. We acknowledge our sins and seek forgiveness. We reflect on our lifestyles, looking at unhealthy practices that we need to change and hoping to enhance the healthy practices that we have. We prepare for Easter by cleaning out the old and harmful aspects of our lives. As Easter morning dawns, we prepare to accept the new life, refreshing and redeemed, that Jesus offers.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, Paul writes: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" At springtime we see a new creation reflected in the world around us. At Easter we see a new creation growing within us. We are transformed by the gift of Jesus' resurrection. May Easter inspire us to participate in the renewal of our souls.

In Christ,

Pastor Kristin

## April Birthdays

6 – Nathaniel Berry                      19 – Noah Gallagher  
6 – Lester Davis                         19 – Shaun Gallagher  
9 – Kenneth Dimmick                   26 – Matt Mills  
13 – Abigail Ainslie                     30 – Terri Williamson  
16 – Millie Foster

## United Methodist Women News

The Mid Maine District UMW will hold a retreat on April 1 & 2 at Camp Mechwana. Presenter is Kristin White. The Program is Resurrection Women. Cost \$45. FMI contact Nancy Miner.

The next UMW monthly meeting is on Wednesday, April 13 from 12-2 pm in the large classrooms. Evelyn Horstman will host. Nancy and Lynn will share their mission trip experiences. All women are welcome.

The Annual Spring Meeting will be on Saturday, April 30 at 9am at the Readfield UMC. Fee \$7 includes lunch. Program TBA. FMI contact Nancy Miner. Registration is encouraged.

## Fall Mission Trip!

Are you interested in doing missions locally in Maine this fall? A contact was made with Salem Ministries in Strong, Maine and a date is reserved for September 12-16. The fee is \$200, plus food per person. Contact Sandy Grady at 333-0314.

## In Their Shoes

On Saturday, April 23, St. Michael Parish will hold **"IN THEIR SHOES"** a dynamic workshop that will help you understand the path of a refugee and invites you to walk a moment in their shoes.

Why are refugees in Maine? What sort of help do they get? What would you do if you were faced with the same decisions? How can you welcome refugees to their new Maine communities?

This program will be presented 10 am – noon on Saturday, April 23rd at St. Monica Hall, 5 Kendall Street, Augusta, ME. For more information email [bwood@ccmaine.org](mailto:bwood@ccmaine.org) contact the Bill Wood at 523-1175.

## Angel Food Supper

Great News! Our next Angel Food Supper will be on Saturday, April 16 at 5pm! Thanks to a great group of people coming together and breathing life back into this important ministry, if you would like to be involved and help out there will be a meeting on Sunday, April 3 following 10:30 worship.

## Rada Knife Sale

Rada Knives are exceptionally high quality cutlery and very popular during the UMW Christmas Fair. They are also available to purchase throughout the year and make great gifts for Mother's Day. Available items in stock are granny paring knives for \$4.75, heavy duty paring knives for \$4.75, steak knives for \$5.00, slicers for \$7.25, small silver spatulas for \$6.75, tomato slicers for \$5.25, deluxe vegetable peelers for \$7.00, cook's knives for \$8.00 and black handled spatulas for \$8.25. Contact Patty Rogers to purchase or for more information: 458-9968 or [mainenannypat@juno.com](mailto:mainenannypat@juno.com)

## Nursery Coordinator

Green Street United Methodist Church is seeking applicants for the position of Nursery Coordinator to work 2 hours on Sunday mornings.

The successful applicant will be a loving and caring individual who will contribute to the spiritual growth and nourishment of the church's children by providing a safe environment, supervising children's activities, encouraging interaction among children and addressing and resolving behavior problems with parents.

The rate of pay is \$15. per hour. A criminal background check will be required. Please mail resume and letter of application to: Green Street United Methodist Church, 13 Green St, Augusta, ME 04330

## Church Supplies

You can help save on the budget by picking up an extra item here and there when you shop and donating it to the church. Items that are always needed are: paper towels, toilet paper, **juice boxes for the nursery**, coffee creamer and coffee cups. Donations can be left in Fellowship Hall.

## August Food Bank Donations

The Augusta Food Bank needs canned fruit, rice and rice mixes, granola bars, canned tuna, canned soup and plastic grocery bags. Donations can be left in the shopping cart in the entrance of the sanctuary.

**Free flower and vegetable seeds  
are available next to the Hannaford table  
in the hall.**

# SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.



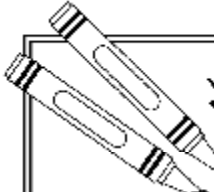
### What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

### What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.






# PUZZLE

## A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

*Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ 24:1, NIV

Answer: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV

## Mechuwana Camperships

It's not too early to start thinking about summer camp! Soon Camp Mechuwana will be sending out their summer brochure. If you want your child to be signed up to receive a campership from Green Street please remember to make a copy of the registration page and send it the church office so that your child can be added to the campership list!



## April 2016

### What's Happening at Green Street United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Worship Schedule</b> 8:00 and 10:30 AM Sunday School at 9am Church Office Hours Mon.- Fri, 8am – 2pm						
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						9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Reflection Garden Planting
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11:30 AM Angel Food Supper Meeting 11:30 AM Reflection Garden Celebration Luncheon	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	5:30 PM EcoCovenant Meeting 6:30 PM SPPRC	5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:40 PM Choir Practice	5:30 PM Grieving Children Group		9:00 AM Committee Chair Leadership Meeting
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM Trustee's Meeting	5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:40 PM Choir Practice	5:30 PM Grieving Children Group		10:00 AM – 3:00 PM EcoCreation Day

## April Fuel Day Challenge

The month of April has 30 days so we are challenged to provide 30 fuel days for the month! This will help us pay off the remainder of our fuel bill from the winter and head into spring fuel debt free! Purchase a fuel day in honor or memory of someone special for only \$25.00. Fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate, or send to the office with your check.

In Honor or Memory

of \_\_\_\_\_

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Given

by: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Help Us Report Church News

Do you know about an upcoming event, program or other item of interest that should be included in the newsletter? If so, please fill out the form below and drop it by the church office or email the information to [greenst@myfairpoint.net](mailto:greenst@myfairpoint.net). The **deadline** for news articles is the **15th of each month**. News received after that date will be published in the following issue, if it is still of interest.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event or activity \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Time \_\_\_\_\_

Group or Committee involved \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information \_\_\_\_\_

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