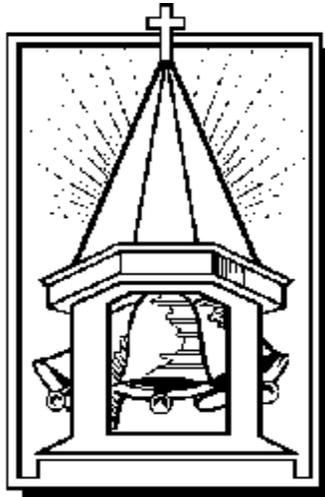


THE GRAPPEVINE



**"Knot" Alone:
Bound Together in Service**
Sponsored by the Jesse Lee Cluster
Saturday, February 6
8:30am - 12:30pm
Green Street UMC

13 Green St.
Augusta, ME 04330

Sunday Worship
8 & 10:30am

Sunday School
9am

Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8am-2pm

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Minister:

Rev. Kristin White

ALL are invited, and encouraged, to come together and explore our shared spiritual ministries. We will share ideas, engage in lively dialogue and support one another as we discern how to be the church and reach out in our respective settings. We are all ministers! Topic will include:

Outreach and Missions: How can we, as local churches, effectively reach out to others both locally and abroad?

Visitation: It is not just the Pastor's job. How can we ensure that guests are followed up with and check up on people who may have suddenly disappeared from our midst while maintaining relationship with those who no longer are able to come to church?

Lay Leadership: The role of laity is essential in both the local and worldwide church. A Lay Leader's Handbook is being created. Want to have input as to what should be included?

Youth Ministry: A cluster youth group is in the formative stages! How can we connect to youth (and their families) in a way that make disciples?

Church Administration: What are the pieces of ministry that happen every week that you might not know about?

We are all ministers! Come and share what your church is doing well and listen to what is working for others. Let us help one another to live out our shared mission and ministry.

There is no cost. Childcare will be provided.

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Pastor's Page

Are You Giving Up This Year?

I first heard about giving up something for Lent in grade school, when a friend told me she was giving up chocolate until Easter. “How ridiculous,” I thought, “to go without chocolate for 40 days!” There were much better things to give up. That evening I told my mom I would give up vegetables for Lent. As it turns out, giving up vegetables wasn’t an option in our house.

During Lent we prepare for Easter through reflection, prayer and repentance. The spiritual discipline of fasting is traditionally associated with penitence and Lent. Fasting asks us to give up things that separate us from God and to end those practices that prohibit our spiritual growth. From the discipline of fasting comes the practice of giving up something for Lent – doing without something as a way of connecting with God, and abstaining from unhealthy or unspiritual practices.

For many of us, giving up something for Lent is more in the nature of a personal challenge than a spiritual discipline. We give up something we enjoy, rather than something with spiritual consequences. One year, my friend gave up gossip for Lent. She decided her tendency towards gossip kept her from being the type of person God wanted her to be. At first she struggled to keep her Lenten commitment, but it ultimately helped her to develop more caring and thoughtful relationships.

In the days leading up to Lent, think about what keeps you from growing in your spiritual life, what creates a barrier between you and God, what keeps you from being the person God created you to be. If you choose to give up something for Lent, make it a real spiritual discipline. Giving up something should be more than merely a personal challenge; it should move some of the barriers to spiritual growth and relationship with God.

Lent is also a time of preparation for the joy and grace of Easter. Instead of giving up something, you could choose to add a spiritual practice to your life: read Scripture or a devotional reading every day during Lent; perform daily acts of kindness for others; add a time of special prayer to your day; if you pray regularly, add time to pray for specific people or situations; designate a time to offer daily prayers of thanksgiving to God. During Lent, consider adding a daily practice to your life that helps you draw closer to God.

May the season of Lent be a time to grow in our spiritual lives and draw closer to God in Christ’s love and grace.

In Christ,

Pastor Kristin

February Birthdays

2 – Rebecca Pullen 16 – Linda Forbes
6 – Sue Landreth 17 – Bob Thurlow
8 – Donna Alexander 24 – Kristen Tripp
15 – Darby Rock

United Methodist Women News

Our Next Meeting is on Wednesday, February 10, Ash Wednesday, at noon. The program is A Call to Prayer and Self Denial. All women are invited to attend. Bring a bag lunch. Beverage and dessert are provided.

The United Methodist Women have a wonderful reading selection in the Green Street Library. The books have been graciously provided by Nancy Miner. These books are under the guidelines for the "Reading Program" which is divided into 5 categories ; Education for Missions, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, Spiritual Growth, Response Magazine and New World Outlook. I have read 10 books - 2 from each category. I especially enjoyed reading "The Dressmaker of Khair Khana" and "I am Malala". Happy Reading! Sandy Grady

Lenten Women's Retreat

Healing: The gift, the journey, the prayer for the world. Friday, March 11 – Saturday, March 12 at Camp Mechuwana. Led by Rev. Heidi Chamberland. Cost is \$75.00 overnight or \$55.00 for commuters. Please join us for this very special event. Space is limited so sign up today! To register go to www.mechuwana.org (deadline to register is February 22)

Thank You

Dear Green Street Church Family,
Thank you for all your prayers for a successful surgery and my fast recovery. It is very important to have God's hands helping the surgeon and in keeping me calm.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me. Psalm 30:2

Prayers do help.

With Blessings,
Nancy Merrick

Green Street Storm Cancellations

When worship is canceled or postponed due to weather we will notify church members three ways:

A One Call Now phone message: If you are not receiving phone messages please let the church office know that you need your phone number added to the One Call Now database.

Email: if you are not receiving emails from Green Street please let the church office know that you want your email address added to the contact list.

Facebook: There is a Green Street Facebook Public Page and a Green Street Facebook Group. The Facebook Group has cancellations and postponements along with other information, prayer requests and posts from group members that are private and can only be viewed by the group members. In order to be a part of the group page you can send a request to join through Facebook or contact the church office to be added to the group.

Contact Darby at the church office 622-0843 or greenst@myfairpoint.net.

Camp Mechuwana Youth Events

It's Rally Time! Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Camp Mechuwana's Rally on Saturday, February 6 at 10am - Sunday, February 7 at 11am. Cost is \$30.

Art, Science and Math Winter Camp! Youth in grades 3-6 are invited for some winter camp fun on Tuesday, February 16 at 10am – Wednesday, February 17 at 10am. Cost is \$35. Deadline to register is February 10 (after February 10 there will be a \$10. late fee)

For more information go to www.mechuwana.org

Lay Leadership 2016

The 2016 Lay Leadership List is complete! Copies are available on the usher's table at the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office to have one emailed.

Fuel Days

January 10 In memory of Aristean (Tena) Butterfield. Given by Linwood Butterfield.

January 17 In memory of Aristean (Tena) Butterfield. Given by Linwood Butterfield.

January 27 In memory of my Dad, Ernest Fogg. Given by Mary Lewis.



Lay Servant/Lay Speaker Ministry Core Course: *Leading Worship*
February 13 and 27 – 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Rockland

Course Description: This course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship. Note: This is one of the core courses for those on the Lay Speaker track and is applicable for recertification for both Lay Servants and Lay Speakers.

Required Text: *Worshiping with United Methodists (REVISED)* by Hoyt Hickman (ISBN 978-06873-3526-8). This text is required and you must bring a copy with you to our first class. Read the first four chapters before class. Please purchase it early! It is available from The Upper Room Bookstore, Cokesbury and from Amazon.com. You may want to price compare the various options.

Please bring a bag lunch.

For those who are interested in carpooling from Randolph UMC, please contact Jen Curran at pastorjcurran@gmail.com.

Instructors: Rev. Linda Campbell-Marshall and Pastor Jen Curran

Course fee: \$10 To register and for more information, contact Aldersgate United Methodist Church, aldersgaterockland@gmail.com or 207-596-5715. Register by February 4 - Please complete form and include \$10 – the course fee. If a check, please make out to New England Conference UMC and in the memo: Advanced Lay Servant Course at AUMC. *If cost is prohibitive, check with your church – some churches and Districts have scholarships available.*

Please send completed forms to: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 15 Wesley Lane, Rockland, ME 04841



REGISTRATION – Please complete by February 4, 2016
Lay Servant Ministry Advanced Course, February 13 and 27

PRINT CLEARLY – THANK YOU

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Home Church: _____

Is this your first Lay Minister or Lay Speaker Course? ___ Yes ___ No If no, please list previous courses and dates:
 _____(continue on back if necessary)

Living in the Spirit!

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

With

Cristian De La Rosa, Mary Jane O'Connor-Ropp, Zach Kerzee
Susan MacKenzie, Larry Peacock, Jana Marie Whitten, Dan Wilson
and Steve Garnaas-Holmes



Sponsored by **The Spiritual Formation Initiative** for the New England Conference.

Come to Rolling Ridge in North Andover, MA, for a day of worship, fellowship and great workshops

devoted to nurturing passionate spirituality in ourselves and in our congregations. Workshops will include:

- "Prayer Walking" with Susan MacKenzie, Professor, Colby College
- "Interior Decorating: Rethinking your Worship Space" with Dan Wilson, Creative Designer and Pastor, Old Town, ME
- Explorations of Meso-American Spiritualities with Cristian De La Rosa, Professor at Boston University School of Theology
 - The Heart of Jesus—Healing Ministry in this Day and this Time with Jana Marie Whitten, Deaconess
- Learn to lead *Companions in Christ* led by Mary Jane O'Connor-Ropp retired pastor, active spiritual retreat leader, Wells, ME
- Train to facilitate *Fresh Air: Deepening Children's Spirituality* led by Larry Peacock, Executive Director Rolling Ridge
 - *Experiments in Simplicity* with Zach Kerzee, Founder of Simple Church

Walking Prayer: (Susan MacKenzie) Have a fresh experience of faith by engaging your body in slow and intentional walking as you listen for and pray to God. **10:15am**

Interior Decorating: (Dan Wilson) How to use outward and visual signs to navigate the interior spaces of the Spirit. Come rethink your worship space. **10:15am**

Deepening Children's Faith: (Larry Peacock) Learn to lead this local church module for families of all kinds to deepen spiritual formation in their homes. This is one of SFI's Fresh Air resources for your local church. *Pre-Registration Suggested* **1:30pm**

Spiritual Renewal through Companions in Christ: (Mary Jane O'Connor-Ropp) Learn how to start and lead Companions in Christ groups— one of the finest small group resources from the Upper Room! **Morning and afternoon required** for the whole training. *Pre-registration suggested* **10:15am & 1:30pm**

The Heart of Jesus—Healing Ministry in this day and this time: (Jana Marie Whitten) Are you curious about Jesus' healing energy? Is Jesus calling you to a ministry of hands-on healing, anointing and prayer? Come to learn about and experience a way to serve those who are in need of a healing touch from God. **10:15am**

Explorations of Meso-American Spiritualities: (Cristian De La Rosa) Come and consider retrieved knowledge about the roots for spirituality within the Latino/Hispanic communities in the context of the US. What are some critical points of reference for indigenous people in the Americas that might resource and make our own Christian practices more meaningful and relevant? **1:30pm**

Experiments in Simplicity: (Zach Kerzee) In this workshop we'll discuss the ways that intentional simplicity can help you in your spiritual, personal, and church life. We'll discuss practical ways to pare away everything that isn't necessary in your life to help you grow closer to God, your family, and your community. **1:30pm**

The day will be framed with opening and closing worship led by the Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes, and Pastor Zach Kerzee will lead us through a sacred time for lunch which will include freshly baked Eucharist bread and a toast with Eucharist juice.

Don't miss this exciting one day event packed with workshops to inspire, educate and deepen, small group training, worship and a simple church meal with Eucharist around the table.

This Day includes a delicious lunch & all day coffee service. We suggest an early arrival time of 8:30am for gathering, workshop sign-up, pastry, coffee & tea, prior to a 9:30 program start.

**Workshop registration is on a first come first serve basis.
NOTE: Advanced workshop registration IS accepted by phone.*

REGISTER for this program **on line** at
www.rollingridge.org/programs/specialeventsprograms
or call the Rolling Ridge office at 978-682-8815

Early Registration: \$50. After 2/15/16: \$60

Scholarships are available to Laity. CBU's available.
Please email Rosemary McNulty (rosemary@rollingridge.org) to apply.

Rolling Ridge

Retreat and Conference Center

660 Great Pond Road, North Andover, MA 01845 978-682-8815 them@rollingridge.org
Please let us know of any dietary restrictions prior to the event.

February 2016

What's Happening at Green Street United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Schedule 8:00 and 10:30 AM Sunday School at 9am Church Office Hours Mon.- Fri, 8am – 2pm						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	5:30 PM EcoCovenant Committee Meeting 6:30 PM SPPRC Meeting	5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:40 PM Choir Practice			8:30 AM – Noon "Knot Alone" Cluster Gathering
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Communion Sunday	5:15 PM Lay Leadership Meeting 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 PM Church Council	Ash Wednesday (church office closed) 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:40 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service			9:00 AM District UMW Meeting
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
First Sunday in Lent Art Exhibit	President's Day (church office closed) 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting	5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:40 PM Choir Practice			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Second Sunday in Lent 11:30 AM Missions Committee Meeting	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	9:00 AM DCOM 6:30 PM Angel Food Supper Meeting 7:00 PM Trustee's Meeting	5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:40 PM Choir Practice			Shift Team Meeting in NH
28	29					
Third Sunday of Lent	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous					

Fuel Day/Ministry Day

I wish to donate _____ Fuel Day(s) or Ministry Day(s) (circle one)

Date(s) _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

In Honor or Memory (circle one) of _____

In Honor or Memory (circle one) of _____

Given by _____ Phone # _____

Please enclose \$25 for each day donated. Your gift helps keep our church warm and supports the ministries of our church.

Green Street United Methodist Church
13 Green Street
Augusta, Maine 04330

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. 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 _____