



**Green Street  
United Methodist Church**

13 Green St.  
Augusta, ME 04330

**Sunday Worship**  
8 & 9:30am

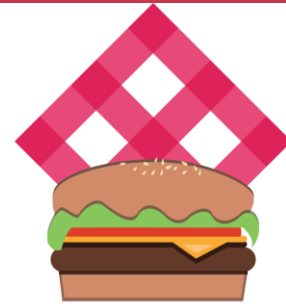
**Office Hours**  
Tuesday- Thursday  
8am-2pm

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**Worship and FREE  
Community Cook Out  
at Mill Park  
Sunday, July 16 & August 20  
9am – 3pm**

Worship at 9am followed by Cook Out!  
Green Streeters will gather for a combined worship service at 9am at Mill Park followed by a free community cook out on both Sunday, July 16 and August 20. We will need lots of volunteers to help out with this free community event. We will also need grills. Please let Pastor Kristin or the church office know if you would like to volunteer!

**Jesse Lee Cluster  
Sunday Evening Prayer Service**

Jesse Lee Meeting House, East Readfield at 7pm  
**July 2:** Readfield UMC  
**July 9:** Jeff Munson and Mitch Thomas  
**July 16:** DRUM – Gayle Holden  
**July 23:** Green Street  
**July 30:** Highland Ave. UMC  
**August 6:** Laura Church  
**August 13:** Readfield UMC  
**August 20:** Wayne UMC (Paul Bright and Christina Rao)  
**August 27:** Cox Memorial Church (Nancy Biscoff)





## Stories of Faith

For years, our family hosted several summer reunions. Like most reunions, ours involved telling stories. The stories fell into two categories. One type involved things that happened during the past year. These stories caught us up on each other's lives and helped us to reconnect. The other type involved reminiscing over shared memories: recalling previous gatherings, laughing about trips taken together, remembering holidays and recalling those slightly embarrassing or silly things we remembered about each other. These stories connected us at a deeper level. They reminded us of bonds held for decades. They reaffirmed our identity as family and friends. They reminded us of the common basis for our ongoing relationships and reaffirmed our reasons for gathering every year. Story telling is central to our human experience. Our stories are crucial to forming our identities and affirming our relationships.

Our Christian faith is also founded upon story telling. Jesus taught his disciples through parables, using stories as a way to help them understand their faith. For centuries the church has retold its stories (think of our Christmas pageants) to help us connect our shared identity with Christians across generations and cultures. Listening to each other's stories helps our faith to grow. Many of us are moved when hearing about another person's spiritual experiences. Sharing our faith with one another also deepens our relationships in extraordinary ways.

It is crucial for us to share our stories of faith. As a community of believers, we share with one another our stories of who we are, how we came to be here and what we hope for. Our stories of faith build deeper connections among us, strengthen our identity as people of faith and help us to more deeply understand our relationship with God. Take a moment and ask someone to share their story of faith with you and take a moment to share your story with someone else.

In Christ,

Pastor Kristin

## **Fresh Expressions of Ministry Empowering new apostles for the future church**

In college, my track coach set a structured practice routine for our team. We had regular sessions of sprinting and distance running, lifting weights, swimming and stretching. These practice sessions helped us to achieve the goal of becoming the best runners we could be. Following Jesus is often compared to running. 1 Timothy says, "I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Paul says, "Run the race so as to win the prize." As Christians, we aim to be the best disciples of Christ that we can possibly be. And like running, the best way to accomplish that goal is by practice.

Monastic communities practice a Rule of Life to grow as Christian disciples. Wendy Miller describes the Rule of Life as "what becomes the norm in our lives and practice." (*Come with Me: Daily Living with a New Monastic Rule of Life*). By following a Rule of Life, our lives begin to mirror the Christian practices we follow.

The Fresh Expression covenant community at Green Street lives according to this Rule of Life:

Every day we will pray, read scripture and spend time in silence. Every week we commit to an act of generosity. We will connect weekly with a prayer partner to share "how is it with our souls."

Every Sunday at 5 pm we gather to share the celebrations, challenges and inspirations we experience by committing to this Rule of Life. This summer, we will make our covenant to this Rule of Life before the congregation. Please hold this group in your prayers! If you are interested in following a Rule of Life, or would like to know more about this Fresh Expression of ministry, please contact Pastor Kristin.

## July Birthdays

3 – Randy Grady                      26 – Shirley Black  
10 – Mary Crowell                    29 – Margaret Goodale  
10 – Kathleen Dunford              25 – Alma Hinkley  
23 – Jessa Mitchell                  9 – Sophie Douvielle

## Thank You for Serving in July

### July 2

Greeter: Sandy Barringer  
Acolytes: Della and Anne Kimball  
Nursery: Sue Pattershall  
Coffee Hour: Sandy Barringer  
Liturgist: Sandra Webber

### July 9

Greeter: Joan and Henry Berry  
Acolytes:  
Nursery: Ardyce Robbin  
Coffee Hour: Lilla Atwater  
Liturgist: Bob Webber

### July 16 AT MILL PARK AT 9AM

Greeters: Tammy, Mark and Emma Roberts  
Liturgist: Sandra Webber

### July 23

Greeter: Nancy Merrick  
Acolytes: Sonny Richards and Patty Rogers  
Nursery Volunteer: Judy Adams  
Coffee Hour: Terri Williamson and Sue Pattershall  
Liturgist: Bob Webber

### July 30

Greeters: Valerie and Jon Gallagher  
Acolyte:  
Nursery Volunteer: Nharra Lapitan  
Coffee Hour: Elsie Ware and Bessie Goudreau  
Liturgist: Sandra Webber

## Fuel Days

**May 24** In memory of Chet Gilley. Given by Sue Pattershall.  
**May 24** In memory of Chet Gilley. Given by Mary Saunders.  
**May 24 & 25** In memory of Chet Gilley. Given by John and Charlene Bridge.  
**June 4** In honor of Bob Morang. Given by John and Charlene Bridge.  
**June 25** In honor of Rev. Kristin L. White for her good work. Given by John and Charlene Bridge

## Simplified Board

To strengthen Green Street's communication, we are looking at more efficient ways to structure the church. The Simplified Board model allows decisions and actions to happen more quickly by sharing authority with ministry teams. This model provides built-in leadership mentoring. It also connects the varying missions and programs of the church. An ad hoc team approved by Church Council has researched this model and developed a process for exploring it with the congregation. The team is eager to hear your questions and feedback as we share some possible models with you. There will be two opportunities to learn more about the Simplified Board model of church leadership. Please join us on Sunday, July 9 following 9:30 worship for a Q&A session or on Monday, July 10 at 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity to get your questions answered and learn more about the Simplified Board and what it means for the future of Green Street.



[Nothing] will be able to  
separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:39



Remember Your



Pledge this Summer

# Friendship Snack Mix



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

**What you need:**

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

**What you do:**

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



## Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

3-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

4-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

5-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

Words with 6 or more letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Answers include: in, is, hi, he; hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, sir, hid; ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, dnp, shed, dish, fish, rind, npe, hide, fried, pride, hinder, inspired, re/finish, finished

Green Street  
Wishes All Our Kids  
A Fun Time at  
Camp Mechuwana  
This Summer!



**July 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Summer Worship begins 6/18</b> Worship at 8am and 9:30am <b>Summer Office Hours</b> Tuesday – Thursday 8am – 2pm						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>  <b>5:00 PM</b> Fresh Expressions Ministry	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>July 4<sup>th</sup></b> Church Office Closed today	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b> Kennebec River Church Meeting
<b>9</b>  <b>10:30 AM</b> Simplified Board Q & A  <b>5:00 PM</b> Fresh Expressions Ministry	<b>10</b>  <b>5:00 PM</b> District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries <b>6:30 PM</b> Simplified Board Q & A	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>  <b>Combined Worship at Mill Park – followed by a BBQ</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Fresh Expressions Ministry	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>  <b>5:00 PM</b> Fresh Expressions Ministry	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>5:30 PM</b> Nominations Committee Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Simplified Board Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>1:00 PM</b> Visitation Ministry Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> District UMW Meeting
<b>30</b>  <b>5:00 PM</b> Fresh Expressions Ministry	<b>31</b>					

**Green Street United Methodist Church  
Fifield -Tribou Fundraiser Campaign**

May 14, 2017 – September 10, 2017

Help replenish the Fifield/Tribou Fund for the financial future of our church!

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per/wk. or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per/mo. or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ other.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Place in offering plate or send to the church office. Please specify that your gift is for the Fifield/Tribou Fund*

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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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