



**Green Street
United Methodist Church**

13 Green St.
Augusta, ME 04330

Sunday Worship
8 & 10:30am

Sunday School
9am

Office Hours
Monday – Friday
8am-2pm

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June 2017

June 4th - Pentecost and Celebration for Bob Morang

This year Pentecost is June 4th. We will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Christian church at both services. You are encouraged to wear "flame colors"-- red, yellow, orange, or white. Let's celebrate together!

After the 10:30 service, you are invited to the continued birthday celebration in Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy 12 birthday cakes, one for each month of the year. Have a piece of "your " birthday cake-- and possibly sample some others.

Celebration for Bob Morang

On June 4 we will celebrate Bob Morang's retirement and his amazing 27 years as Green Street's organist and music director. We will have a celebration for Bob following the 2nd worship service at 11:45 am.

Graduation/Christian Ed Sunday

June 11 is Graduation/Christian Education Sunday. We will be recognizing our Graduates. If you are graduating or know of anyone graduating please let Pastor Kristin or the church office know so they can be recognized during worship.



Worship Schedule for the Summer

Our summer schedule begins on **June 18** with
Worship at 8am and **9:30am**
Church Office Hours
Tuesday – Thursday
8am – 2pm



A Fire and a Gathering of Friends

During my childhood, I attended church camp every summer. At first camp was a place to meet new friends, swim in the lake and sleep in the woods. Year by year, however, camp became a place to explore my faith. I recall one evening gathered around our campfire: we sang together and the counselors told stories about their faith. I lay back and watched the fire's sparks rise on the warm air, lifting towards the twinkling stars, before dissipating. In that moment I felt a new sense of connection. The distant stars told of God beyond the universe, bigger than anything I could image, encompassing the night sky. But the campfire, our songs and our friendship told of God in our midst. Looking at the stars above me and the fire in front of me, I discovered a heavenly God who meets us here on earth. God became more than a distant deity; God became a living partner on my life's journey and my faith became a way of life.

For Jesus' first followers, the Church also began with a fire and a gathering of friends. Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples: God's continuing presence with them after he left. The Spirit would provide wisdom for their ministry and courage for their mission. Acts 2 describes a gathering of the disciples, which I imagine to be like our summer campfire: people sharing their stories, singing songs and praying together. In the midst of their gathering the Holy Spirit comes upon them, described as flames of fire resting upon each person. The disciples' experience is not of a distant God, but of One who sets their hearts, minds and souls on fire.

My campfire experience of God, like the disciples' Pentecost experience, happened with a group. Church begins when we recognize that our faith grows deeper in company than it grows alone. Our human interactions and our connections with one another both challenge and nurture our faith. Together we support each other while challenging one another to grow. Like the disciples, my early experience of God also included an image of flames. The Holy Spirit's fire evokes a sense of deep passion. As followers of Christ we commit to more than just a convenient faith; we open ourselves to the possibility of a passionate faith that sends us out in love and care. We prepare to be filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

The passionate flames of Pentecost, however, are not ours but God's. Pentecost really celebrates God's passion for us. God is not content to remain far away, distant or out of reach. Consumed with love for us, filled with passion and desire for our presence, God seeks us out. God comes into our midst, into our times of worship and our moments of prayer, into our sacred relationships and into the very heart of our lives. At Pentecost we do more than remember a single experience that happened centuries ago. At Pentecost we accept the daily promise that our heavenly God meets us here on earth.

In Christ,
Pastor Kristin

Summer Worship Series

I love a good story! Whether it's documentary on Netflix, a captivating novel that I can't put down, new stories from a friends' recent vacation or hearing a family story retold for the hundredth time – I am captivated and enthralled. Stories teach and inspire us, entertain and transform us. If you also love a good story, this summer's worship series is for you: **I Love to Tell the Story: The Parables of Jesus**. If you are interested in planning creative, engaging worship experiences for this series, contact Pastor Kristin (graycat95@gmail.com).

June Birthdays

3 – Sandy Grady	9 – Tricia Webb
6 – Raymond Chavarie	19 – Cathleen Dunap
6 – John Webb	24 – William Noble
7 – Connie Packard	30 – Lilla Atwater
9 – Ellen Gilley	30 – Mary Saunders

Annual UMW Outing

UMW Botanical Garden outing is scheduled for June 21. We plan to eat at the cafe. A group rate of 10 or more is \$12 and a senior discount \$10 entrance fee.. A garden tour has been reserved for 3:30pm. The tour is by cart and guided. For more information call 207-633-8000. All women are welcome to join us.

Thank You for Serving in June

June 4

Greeters: Nancy and Kathy Merrick
Acolytes: Kristen and Liam Tripp
Nursery:
Coffee Hour: Tricia Webb
Liturgist: Patty Rogers

June 11

Greeters: Joan and Nathaniel Berry
Acolytes: Eileen and Heather Hibbert
Nursery:
Coffee Hour: Lilla Atwater
Liturgist: Paul Doyon

June 18

Greeters: Della and Anne Kimball
Acolytes: Sonny Richards and Patty Rogers
Nursery Volunteer:
Coffee Hour: Tina Noble
Liturgist: Mary Lewis

June 25

Greeters: Allen Twombly
Acolyte: Michaela Webber
Nursery Volunteer:
Coffee Hour: Patty Rogers and Mary Lewis
Liturgist: Bob Webber

Church Supplies

Thank you to everyone who helps out in donating frequently used supplies! You have really helped our church save money! We are always in need of:

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Tall Kitchen Bags

Coffee Cups (no Styrofoam please)

Coffee Creamers (non-perishable)

Juice Boxes for the nursery

You can drop off donations in fellowship hall or the church office. Thank you.



Thursday to Saturday, June 15-17

Radisson Hotel Manchester

700 Elm St., Manchester, NH

The theme for this year's Annual Conference is: "Vital Conversations: Race." "How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?"

– Psalm 137:4 (NIV)

www.neumc.org/acsessionsnews

Augusta Food Bank Yard Sale

Saturday, June 10 (rain date June 17)

9am – 1pm

Shaw's parking lot on Western Ave.

Donated items (with the exception of clothes) may be dropped off between 7-8:30am on the day of the event. Where applicable, indicate whether or not the item works. Kindly put masking tape with a suggested price on donations valued over \$10.00. Customers are welcome! In addition to a wide variety of yard sale goods, grilled hot dogs and yummy desserts will be sold.

Your support of this annual fundraiser is very much appreciated.

Garden Sharing Season

It is time to begin preparing for our Garden Give-A-Way program. Last year was a wonderful year growing stronger in our community.

This year we are planning to expand and grow a little more. You are invited to participate, and become part of this growing ministry.

There are many ways you can be a part of this wonderful Green Street ministry.

1. You can agree to water and tend our raised bed garden one day a month. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.
2. You can agree to one of the Monday morning givers on Monday mornings from 9- to 12 or whenever we give all away. You can sign-up for one day a month. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. (This has been a wonderful spiritual experience for each of us who has done this in the past.)

There will also be a planting day on June 3rd.

This will coincide with an outside cleaning day. Come and join us at 10am to plant and spruce up our yard and parking area and help show us as the beautiful and giving place that we are.

Peace with Justice Sunday

June 11 is Peace with Justice Sunday. Special offerings received this day encourages living a gospel of peace as well as making a difference through ministries in the United States and around the world. Please give generously.

Fifield Tribou Fundraiser Campaign

Green Street has set a goal of raising \$6000. to replenish the Fifield Tribou fund for the future of our church. The campaign runs from May 14 to September 10. There are donation slips in the weekly bulletin. Please specify that your gift is for the Fifield Tribou Fund.



Tech Team News

Thank you to those of you who responded to our technology survey!! We had 38 people send in replies. A copy of the results can be found on the bulletin board outside the office and in the back of the sanctuary. Most everyone that answered uses the internet daily in many different places with many different devices. There were a few people who would like to learn some new uses for their devices – stay tuned for possible learning opportunities. It is exciting that 9 people will very likely use ACH to make their regular donation to the church and another 12 might!! Seven will very likely make an on-line donation to Green Street and 16 more might!! One favor - Would the 8 people who said they would be interested in joining the tech team, please let us know who you are. Remember, your surveys were confidential so we have no way of knowing who you are. :-)

The technology team is excited to take another step forward in offering ways for many more to give to Green Street. Thank you again.

The tech team: Dave Robbin, Jim Jacobsen, Valerie Gallagher, Sue Pattershall

Birthday Surprise Party

Green Streeter's are invited to a **SURPRISE 85th Birthday Celebration for Ellen Gilley on Saturday, June 10th at 5:30pm in fellowship hall.**

This will include a potluck supper, so please bring something yummy to share.

A lovely card will be welcome but please NO GIFTS, please.....your presence will be presents enough!

Please RSVP by May 30 to Cathleen Dunlap at 624-1183 or 622-7968 or email cathy@maine.edu

Fall Mission Trip

The Adult Mission Team is organizing a fall mission trip to serve UMEM in Salem, Maine September 18-22. Contact Sandy Grady for info or interest. Sandra Grady. (slambgrady@gmail.com) cell 207 333-0314.

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Schedule 8:00 and 10:30 AM Sunday School at 9am Church Office Hours Monday–Friday 8am – 2pm	Summer Worship begins 6/18 Worship at 8am and 9:30am Summer Office Hours Tuesday – Thursday 8am – 2pm					
				1	2	3 9:30 AM Pre-Conference Meeting 10:00 AM Outside Clean Up and Planting
4 Pentecost Bob’s Farewell Celebration following worship 5:00 PM Fresh Expressions Ministry	5 6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	6 2:00 PM Chet Gilley Burial at Maine Vets Memorial Cemetery 6:30 PM SPPRC	7	8 5:30 PM Maine General Grief Support Group	9	10 5:30 PM Party (see Darby for details)
11 Graduation Sunday Peace w/Justice Sunday 5:00 PM Fresh Expressions Ministry	12 6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	13 6:30 PM Church Council	14 Flag Day Noon – 2:00 PM UMW Meeting	15 Annual Conference	16 Annual Conference	17 Annual Conference
18 Father’s Day Summer schedule begins Worship at 8 and 9:30am 10:30 AM Missions Committee Meeting 5:00 PM Fresh Expressions Ministry	19 6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	20 First Day of Summer 6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	21 UMW Outing to the Botanical Gardens	22	23	24
25 5:00 PM Fresh Expressions Ministry	26 6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	27 6:30 PM Trustee’s Meeting	28	29	30	

Father's Day of Fuel

Honor your father and help the church meet its fuel budget at the same time. We will be publishing a special Father's Day of Fuel insert on June 18th.

A Day of Fuel sponsorship is only \$25.00. Fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate, or send to the office with your check. **DEADLINE is June 12.** This is a great way to honor your father (or someone who is like a father to you) as you help the church.

In Honor or Memory of: _____

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. 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 _____
