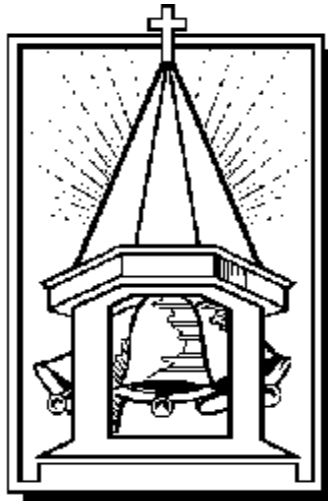


THE GRAPPEVINE



13 Green St.
Augusta, ME 04330

Sunday Worship
8 & 10:30am

Sunday School
9am

Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8am-2pm

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Minister:

Rev. Kristin White

Palm Sunday, March 20th: Parade of Palms
Worship at 8am and 10:30am. Jesse Lee Choir
Festival at 6:30pm.

Maundy Thursday, March 24: Service at 7pm.

Good Friday, March 25: Prayer Vigil from Noon
to 7pm. Service of Darkness at 7pm.

Saturday, March 26: Easter Vigil at 7pm.

Easter Sunday, March 27: Easter Sunrise Ser-
vice at 6:15am at Mill Park Pavilion. Easter Break-
fast at 7am in fellowship hall. Easter Worship at
8am and 10:30am.

Angel Food Supper Revival!

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 please see Pastor
Kristin.

You are invited to an OPEN HOUSE!

Sunday, March 13 from 3pm to 5pm

Halal Market

339 Water Street, Augusta

Meet Ishmael Alkattea, his family and friends!
Sample delicious Middle Eastern Food!

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Walk With Me Program

Presentation and Luncheon

Please join us following 10:30 worship on Sun-
day, March 6 for a Soup, Chili, Salad and Bread
luncheon hosted by the Missions Committee and
enjoy a presentation by the Walk With Me Pro-
gram as they share about their special ministry.





Pastor's Page

Spiritual Disciplines

During four years of high school I ran cross-country and track. At our small school the program was not demanding. Each day we practiced after our classes ended and although it was suggested that we also practice on our own, that decision was ours to make. When I arrived at cross-country training camp in college I discovered a different situation. Our coach expected us to run before breakfast, after breakfast and for the entire afternoon between lunch and dinner. Our college running program demanded more discipline than I had ever experienced. I often found it exhausting and time-consuming, but I have to admit that it also made me a better runner.

Any exercise involves training our muscles. The more we exercise, the stronger and more responsive our muscles become. If we stop exercising, however, our muscles don't stay at the level of fitness where we stopped. Instead, when we stop exercising we lose the muscle strength and mobility that we worked so hard to gain. If we restart our exercise, we have to go back to the beginning to start again. I know this because I've done it often in my life. The only way to keep our muscles growing is to keep exercising and to be disciplined in our activity and health.

Our spiritual health is similar to our physical health; like our muscles, our spirituality must be practiced and exercised in order to grow. Our spiritual lives also require discipline. If we only pray occasionally, then each time we return to prayer we may find ourselves starting at the beginning again. If we build prayer, meditation and reflection into our daily lives, however, then our spiritual lives can begin to grow. Each day becomes a process of building our relationship with God and creating deeper spiritual understanding.

Lent has traditionally been a time to practice spiritual discipline. Many people choose the discipline of fasting by giving up something for Lent. Others choose to add something: a more dedicated time of prayer each day, regular reading of scripture or devotional materials, or trying a new spiritual practice. During this season of Lent, I invite you to exercise your spiritual muscles: commit to a discipline of prayer for this holy season.

In Christ,

Pastor Kristin

March Birthdays

2- Sharon Weston	17 – Devin Williams
5 – Max Douvielle	19 – Kim Mills
6 – Ruth Bowden	23 – Shasta Beane
6 – Megan Hopkin	23 – Ruth Eastman
7 – Steven Grady	24 – Robert Atwater
7 – Steve Monroe	24 – Andrew Mills
9 – Nancy Goodale	26 – Nancy Heath
9 – William Polzella	26 – Brandon McGuire
11 – Shane Miner	28 – Emma Roberts
11 – Nancy Andrews	28 – Felicia Ward
12 – John Beane	

United Methodist Women News

The next UMW meeting is on Wednesday, March 9 at 11:30am .Please bring a pot luck to share as part of this month's program. Also bring the pot luck recipe or your favorite recipe copies to share. The program is a Call to Prayer and Self Denial. All women are invited and welcome to attend.

Have you checked out our UMW Reading books in our Green Street Library? There are some really good reads on spiritual growth, social action, leadership, etc. The book "Tough Cookies" is about the Girl Scout movement, the history and reorganization. Another good book is "The Round House".

The Mid Maine District UMW will hold a retreat on April 1 & 2 at Camp Mechuwana. Presenter is Kristin White. The Program is Resurrection Women. Cost \$45. FMI contact Nancy Miner. The Annual Spring Meeting will be on Saturday, April 30 at 9am at the Readfield UMC.

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.

Church Conference

There will be a Church Conference prior to the next Church Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 8 at 6pm. The purpose of the conference is to vote on using Fifield/Tribou funds during 2016 if they are needed to meet our budget. For more information contact Pastor Kristin.

District Superintendent Appointed

The Rev. Karen L. Munson has been appointed as the Superintendent of the Mid-Maine District, effective July 1, 2016. Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar announced the appointment on Jan. 31. Rev. Munson is currently serving Brunswick UMC in Maine.

Our current District Superintendent, Beverly Stenmark will be moving to Wesley United Methodist Church in Lincoln, Rhode Island.

Lay Servant Minister Basic Courses

Lay Servant Minister Basic Course: Saturday, April 2 and 9 from 9am to 2:30pm at Belfast United Methodist Church. Course Description: "God calls you to a life of servant hood as a disciple of Jesus Christ. ... Lay Servant Ministries is the first step for many laypersons toward their faith journey as they strive for a closer relationship with the Lord," the authors write in the introduction. This course is the foundation for all the other Learning & Leading courses. To register and for more information, contact Evelyn Littlefield at 207-338-5575 or email layministries@roadrunner.com.

Also on Wednesdays April 6, and 13, and May 4, 11, and 18 from 6pm-8pm at Brunswick UMC. Instructor: Rev. Karen Munson. The Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course for both adults and youth, is a foundational course designed to equip new church leaders and renew current leaders in The United Methodist Church. Course Description: It explores: personal spiritual gifts; servant leadership; each leader's role in developing future leaders; the importance of consistent spiritual practices; the core ministries of Leading, Caring, and Communicating; and much more. To register contact Brunswick UMC secretary Margaret Tripp at 207-7252185 or umc.br@myfairpoint.net

Fuel Days

February 14 In honor of loved ones. Given by Mary Crowell.



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before bed on Saturday, March 12.

LITTLE LAMBS

Make these cute treats as a reminder that Jesus our Savior is also the Lamb of God.

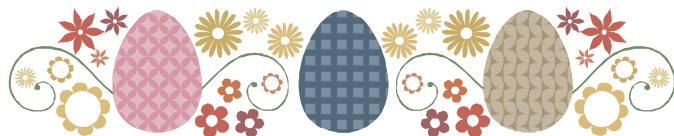



What you need:

- Vanilla cupcakes
- Vanilla frosting
- Butter knife
- Mini marshmallows
- Jellybeans
- Red licorice

What you do:

1. Bake and frost the cupcakes.
2. Place marshmallows around the edge of each cupcake.
3. Cut green or blue jellybeans in half and place two on each cupcake as eyes. Cut pink jellybeans in half and place one below each pair of eyes as a nose.
4. Cut thin strips of licorice, and place one on each cupcake as a mouth.
5. Enjoy!





Lamb of God

John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah — and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus.

Directions: Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.

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	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48	49
50	51	52	53	54	55	56

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!



March 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
		5:30 PM EcoCovenant Committee Meeting 6:30 PM SPPRC Meeting	5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:40 PM Choir Practice			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion Sunday 11:30 AM Luncheon and Walk With Me Program Presentation.	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	9:00 AM DCOM 6:00 PM Church Conference 6:30 PM Church Council	11:00 AM UMW Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:40 PM Choir Practice			Daylight Savings Begins....turn your clocks ahead one hour before bed.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4:30 PM Shift Team Meeting	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	Saint Patrick's Day		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Palm Sunday 11:30 AM Missions Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Choir Festival	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	Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	Good Friday Noon – 7:00 PM Prayer Vigil 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	7:00 PM Easter Vigil
27	28	29	30	31		
6:15 AM Sunrise Service at Mill Park 7:00 AM Easter Breakfast 8:00 AM Early Worship 10:30 AM Easter Worship	Pastor Kristin on Retreat this week. 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous		5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:40 PM Choir Practice			

Flowers for the Altar

At Easter, instead of giving individual plants, donors are asked to make monetary contributions for plants and flowers to decorate our altar. The remainder of the money will be used to beautify the altar during the rest of the year. There will be a list of all donors in the Easter Bulletin. Flowers and plants on the altar at Easter will be distributed to homebound people.

Name of donor: _____

Given in Memory or Honor of: _____

(This slip may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. **DEADLINE: March 14th**)

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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 _____
