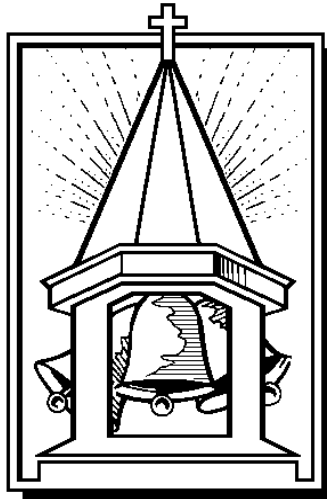


THE GRAPEVINE



Church Beyond the Boundaries

Cluster Lenten Book Study:

Saturdays, 9am – 10:30am.

God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for an Anxious Church by Elaine Heath is a study based on the book of Galatians and will be offered on six consecutive Saturdays as a combined study for the UMC churches along the Kennebec River. Each Saturday will be hosted at a different church and led by one of the area pastors. The focus of the study is on “taking the Church outside” the traditional boundaries and definitions of “church.” We will learn from Paul’s model of the early church recorded in his letters to the Galatians what it means to be the Church in the midst of changing times. An outgrowth of this study will be a summer, cooperative, community outreach ministry among the participating churches by both the pastors and the lay people. Please contact Pastor Kristin (graycat95@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating. A corresponding Facebook study will be available for those who aren't able to attend the study in person.

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Sunday Worship
8 & 10:30am

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Monday – Friday
8am-2pm

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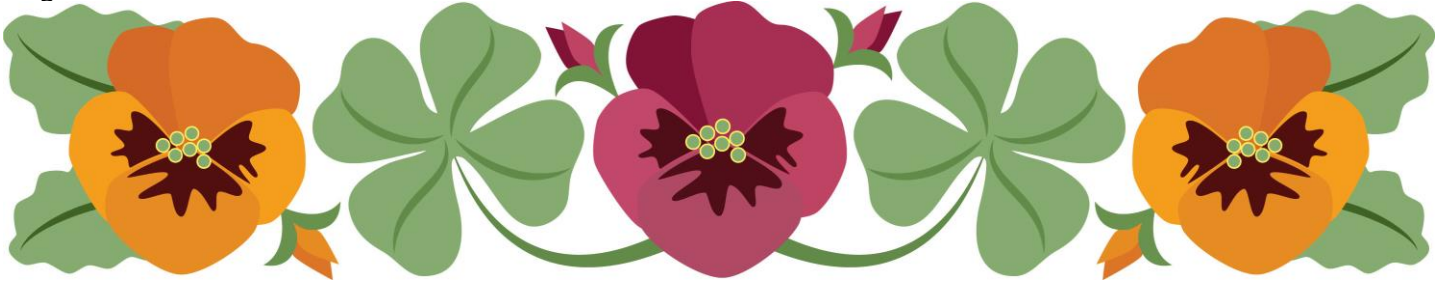
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Schedule

Saturday, March 4 at Green Street
Saturday March 11 at East Pittston UMC
Saturday, March 18 at Highland Avenue UMC
Saturday, March 25 at Cox Memorial UMC
Saturday, April 1 at Dresden Richmond UMC
Saturday, April 8 at Green Street UMC





Easter Transformation

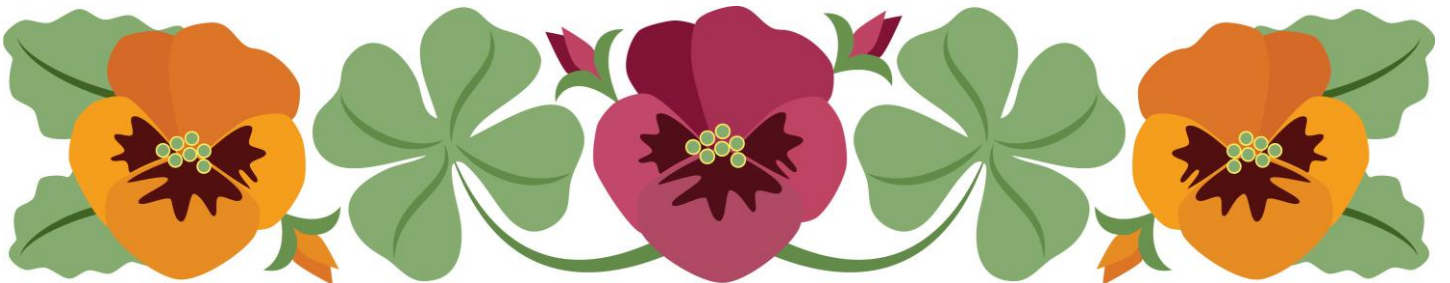
Everything changes in the spring. In the natural world, grass becomes green, flowers blossom and leaves appear on the trees. Spring is also a season of graduations, new jobs and transitions from school to home and home to vacation. Some changes in life bring joy, while others cause worry, disappointment or sorrow. At times we long for our lives to change and at other times we wish things would stay the same. One element of faith is how we see God's role in our times of change.

During the days between Good Friday and Easter, Jesus' disciples experienced profound change. With Jesus' crucifixion, their hope for the future turned to despair. Their triumphant experience of Palm Sunday changed quickly to fear and grief. On Easter morning, with Jesus' resurrection, their lives changed again; their faith was renewed as they witnessed the eternal possibilities of God. But Easter is about more than just change, when one thing simply becomes something different. Easter involves transformation; it is change that brings growth and new possibility. Easter is a story about God turning despair into hope, fear into peace, old situations into new opportunities, and death into new life.

We experience continual change in our lives, our communities and our world. What role do we allow God in these changes? Do we see change as inevitable and neutral? Is it simply a movement from one thing to something different? Or do we believe that God can transform situations to bring renewal, hope and opportunities for growth? Easter encourages us to believe that with God all times of change, good or bad, offer the possibility of new life.

In Christ,

Pastor Kristin



March Birthdays

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

Fuel the Fire

February Fuel Day Challenge

Our challenge was to donate 28 fuel days for the month of February. We donated 29!

In memory of Marion Alexander. Given by Gary and Donna Alexander.

In memory of our grandparents. Given by the Roberts family.

In memory of my dad, Ernest Fogg. Given by Mary Lewis.

In memory of Becca Anderson. Given by Tom and Lori Webber.

In honor of Marjorie Tribou. Given by Mary Saunders.

In honor of Bea Bragg. Given by Sally Joy

In memory of Tommy Bragg. Given by Sally Joy.

In honor of my friends. Given by Nancy Merrick.

In honor of Richard and Nellie Noble. Given by Tina and Bill Noble.

In memory of Ariston and Palagia Marcelino. Given by Tina and Bill Noble.

In honor of the Defenders of the Constitution. Given by Bob and Pam Drummond.

No designation. Given by Jerry and Ardyce Robbin.

In memory of Irving Jerolmon. Given by Gary and Donna Alexander.

In memory of my wife, Aristean (Tena) Butterfield. Given by Linwood Butterfield

In memory of loved ones. Given by Nancy Miner

In honor of James & Audrey Gallagher, Daryl & Betty Kurtenbach. Given by Jon and Valerie Gallagher.

In honor of Joan's Dad, Ken Foss on his 86th Birthday. Given by Joan and Henry Berry.

In memory of our grandparents. Given by Jared and Caitlyn McGouldrick.

In memory of my mother, Harriet Hinckley. Given by Elsie Ware.

In memory of my mother, Harriet Hinckley. Given by Bessie Goudreau.

In memory of my husband, Richard DeSautels. Given by Pearl DeSautels.

In memory of my mom, Barbara Fogg. Given by Mary Lewis.

In memory of Phil Tribou on his Birthday. Given by Marjorie Tribou.

In honor of Gary and Donna Alexander. Given by Mark, Tammy, Alex, Andy and Emma Roberts.

In memory of Evelyn's mom, Marjorie Bentley. Given by Chuck and Evelyn Horstman.

In honor of Mom and Andrew. Given by Kristin L. White.

In memory of David White. Given by the White family.

In honor of all the Saints. Given by Joan Moore.

In memory of Chuck's mom, Maxine Horstman. Given by Chuck and Evelyn Horstman.

The Augusta Food Bank Needs

The Augusta Food Bank thanks you for your continued donations! They love being able to keep their shelves full and appealing! Here is a list of the most-needed items:

Canned Pasta
Peanut Butter
Baked Beans
Canned Soup
Canned Chicken
Mac-n-Cheese
Quart-sized bags

Donations can be placed in the shopping cart at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Pastor Kristin Away March 26 – 31

Pastor Kristin will be away from March 26 to March 31 as she joins the Adult Mission Team on their Mission Trip. In the event of a pastoral emergency please contact Jim Jacobsen at 215-5767 or Lynn Kennard at 215-5634 or the church office at 622-0843.



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before bed on Saturday, March 11.

What's Inspiring Me

Pray As You Go – Online Devotional

(pray-as-you-go.org)

There are two devotionals, created in partnership with Jesuit Refugee Service. *At Home – Reflections on Refugee Homelessness* includes 7 sessions, plus an introduction, conclusion, stillness exercises and an examen. This beautiful, thought-provoking series uses several Bible passages to explore the question, What is 'Home'? *Reflections for Refugee Week* includes 6 sessions to be done over 3 mornings and 3 evenings. On the home page, click on 'Go Deeper' and scroll to the bottom of the page to find the list of devotional retreats.

Thank You for Serving in March

March 5

Greeters: Patty Rogers and Sonny Richards

Acolyte: Sandy Barringer

Nursery: Nharra Lapitan

Coffee Hour: Nancy Merrick

Liturgist: Mary Lewis

March 12

Greeter: Sandy and Randy Grady

Acolyte: Michaela Webber

Nursery: Sandy Barringer

Coffee Hour: Berry Family

Liturgist: Patty Rogers

March 19

Greeter: Della and Anne Kimball

Acolytes: Della and Anne Kimball

Nursery: Judy Adams

Coffee Hour: Mike Howe, Larry Labreck, Jim Jacobsen

Liturgist: Henry Berry

March 26

Greeters: Nancy and Kathy Merrick

Acolytes: Nancy and Kathy Merrick

Nursery: Lilla Atwater

Coffee Hour: Sandy and Randy Grady

Liturgist: Sandy Grady

Hannaford and Shaw's Cards

Don't forget to pick up your Hannaford or Shaw's Cards on Sunday morning or Monday- Friday during office hours!

Lenten Ukrainian Egg Painting

On Wednesday's during Lent, Joan Farrar will be offering the Prayerful art of Ukrainian Egg painting. at the Wayne Community Church. Join her starting March 1st. Come for 1 session, or come for them all. We will meet downstairs in the fellowship area from 10 am to 1 pm (1 week will be upstairs in a classroom). Bring a lunch. Call Joan at 685-3554 if you have any questions.

Lenten Retreat

Two Opportunities to attend a LENTEN ONE DAY RETREAT "Holy Listening and Healthy Communication: Speaking Words of Life!" Retreat Leader: Rev. Heidi Chamberland. When: Saturday, April 1st OR Monday April 3rd. Where: At Heidi and Joe's "retreat house" in Gray. Time: 9:30am – 3pm (latest) Cost: \$25 (Includes lunch)

We live in an age with constant communication...but how much time do we spend listening...and who are we listening to? Perhaps you are overwhelmed with all that is going on in the world, TV media coverage, Facebook, social media...plus all the conversations within friends and family. What about all the conversations you're having with yourself and God?! At any given time there are at least four conversations going on within each of us. "Come away to a quiet place" for one day....to learn more about listening and speaking/hearing "words of life." For information contact heidichamberland@gmail.com

Ministry Resource Days

From Strength to Strength: Developing Asset-based Ministries: Through facilitated dialogue and guided leadership development exercises, Dr. Caldwell will assist participants in celebration core values and strengths, already giving life to their faith communities, and then guide a process for imagining new ways of reconfiguring assets for dynamic ministries with high impact potential in their own backyards. These workshops are for laity and clergy and are most effective when clergy and lay members attend. The same workshop will be repeated in three Mid-Maine locations

April 28 5:30pm to 8:30pm at Brunswick UMC

April 29 9am to 1pm at Belfast UMC

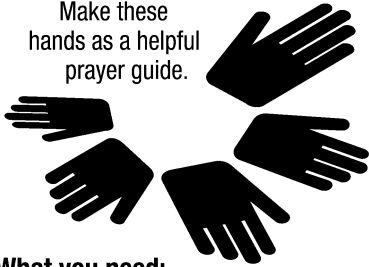
April 30 1pm to 4pm at Auburn UMC

Please contact Pastor Kristin if you would like to attend.



PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.




What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.





The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below. Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

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When I am in _____, I _____ to you,
because you _____ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Psalm 86:7, 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



March 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						
			1	2	3	4
			Ash Wednesday 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM Service of Ashes	6:00 PM Choir practice		9:00 AM Cluster Lenten Bible Study Noon Prayer Shawl Meeting at noon at Kennebec Plaza
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1st Sunday of Lent	6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	9:00 AM DCOM 5:30 PM EcoCovenant Meeting 6:30 PM SPPRC Meeting	Noon – 2:00 PM UMW Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	6:00 PM Choir practice		10:00 AM District UMW Meeting Daylight Savings begins. Turn clocks ahead one hour before going to bed!
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
2nd Sunday of Lent	6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 PM Church Council	5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	6:00 PM Choir practice	Saint Patrick’s Day	5:00 PM Angel Food Supper
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
3rd Sunday of Lent 11:30 AM Missions Committee Meeting	6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	6:00 PM Choir practice		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
4th Sunday of Lent One Great Hour of Sharing	Pastor Kristin 6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	Away all this 5:30 PM Nominations Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Trustee’s Meeting	Week..... 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	On Adult Mission 6:00 PM Choir practice	Trip.	

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: April 9th**

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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 _____
