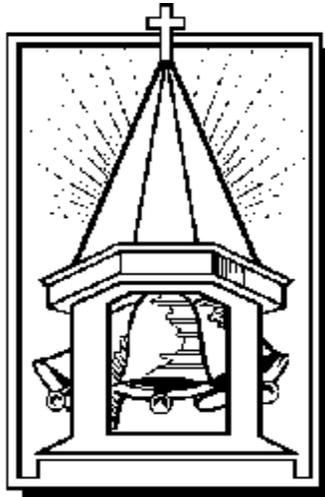


THE GRAPPEVINE



Pentecost Sunday

On May 15th we celebrate the birthday of the church. Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, is a wonderful celebration here at Green Street. Red is the typical Pentecost color denoting the flames seen at the coming of the Holy Spirit. Please consider wearing any flame color to add to the visual impact... red, orange, yellow, or white. We hope that you will be at church for the celebration. Following the 10:30 service there will be continued fellowship with twelve birthday cakes, one for each month of the year...as we celebrate all our birthdays as well as the church.

Adult Mission Team Luncheon

Please join us on Sunday, May 1 following 10:30 worship for a Soup and Pie Luncheon in fellowship hall. Proceeds from the lunch will help fund their mission trip planned for this fall!

Summer Music and Other Talents

It's not too early to begin thinking about your contribution to our summer service! Do you have a song, dance, poetry reading, talent you could share during special time to enhance our worship? There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the office. Be one of the first to sign up and you can choose the date that works best for you. Thank you.



13 Green St.
Augusta, ME 04330

Sunday Worship
8 & 10:30am

Sunday School
9am

Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8am-2pm

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Pastor's Page



A Great Rush of Wind

I have always loved breezy days and windy nights. A refreshing breeze on a hot summer day offers a sense of peace. On blustery nights I feel secure inside the house, wrapped in a blanket and reading a good book, while the wind rattles the windows and shakes the shutters. But wind can also wreak havoc. A strong breeze may steal a hat from one's head, turn umbrellas inside out and overturn deck furniture. A more dangerous wind can capsize boats or bring down trees.

The Book of Acts describes the Holy Spirit as a rushing wind, descending upon Jesus' disciples and filling their entire house. The Holy Spirit filled them with wisdom and power; with great passion they began to preach and teach the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. Although the disciples' bold message often led to their persecution, they remained faithful to their mission. The Holy Spirit gave them energy, passion and hope; it also disrupted their lives and set them on a new course.

The metaphor of wind helps us to understand the work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as a comforter; like a gentle breeze, it refreshes us, bringing peace and hope. Acts describes the Holy Spirit as a powerful wind; like the exciting rush of wind pushing a sailboat or rattling the shutters on a stormy night, the Holy Spirit thrills us, making us feel alive and excited, bold and passionate. Filled with the Holy Spirit we rush forward into life and ministry with passion and joy. But the Holy Spirit can also sweep us off our feet; it can push us away from our desired course of safety; it can blow us to a new course of challenges and opportunities.

On Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. Many times we find that our relationship with God through the Holy Spirit provides comfort and peace, like a gentle breeze refreshing our lives. Our relationship with God also fills us with excitement and passion, like the rush of a strong wind. But we must be prepared, for at times our relationship with God may sweep us off our feet, disrupt our comfortable lives, and push us away from familiar paths.

Where will the wind of the Holy Spirit take us this year? What new course is the Holy Spirit setting for us and for our church? As we look to the future, may we face the days ahead with the Spirit of Pentecost blowing us forward.

In Christ,

Pastor Kristin

May Birthdays

2 – Troy Alexander	17 – Carolyn Anderson
2 – Hunter Ripley	21 – Edward Heath
5 – Carol Chavarie	23 – Heidi Bowden
8 – Mark Anderson	23 – Evelyn Horstman
8 – Karen McGuire	24 – Chet Gilley
10 – James Grady	24 – Ron Rock
12 – Tom Webber	27 – Jim Brown
17 – Charlene Bridge	29 – Sue Pattershall

United Methodist Women News

The next UMW monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, from Noon to 2pm in LL rooms 1 & 2. Bessie and Elsie will hostess. Bring a bag lunch, beverage and dessert provided. All women are invited to join us.

UMW is planning an outing to the Botanical Gardens in Boothbay on Wednesday, June 8. All women are invited, more details available as we get closer to the date.

Have You Read a Good Book Lately?

The book "Just Mercy" is a true story of a legal practice dedicated to defending the poor, the wrongly condemned and those trapped in the furthest reaches of our criminal justice system. "Not Worth Saving" is a true story of how a severely disabled child touches many lives he and his family connect with.

These books and many other good books are found in the UMW section of our Green St. library.

The Alnaeem Market Invites You to a Food Tasting

Thursday, May 11, 11am to 2 pm
339 Water Street, Augusta
Sample some delicious homemade
Middle Eastern food.

Peace with Justice Sunday

Sunday, May 22 is Peace with Justice Sunday. Special offerings received this day empowers peacemakers and those who courageously stand for justice both in the United States and around the world. Please give generously.

April Fuel Day Challenge

In memory of Rose Lyon. Given by Nancy Merrick.
In honor of Richard and Peggy Morrill. Given by Sarah and Richard Barnum.

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

In honor of loved ones. Given by Mabel Crowell.

In honor of Waddy and Jeanette Winslow, Betty McGouldrick and Joe Barry. Given by Jared and Caitlin McGouldrick.

In memory of Donna's parents. Given by Gary and Donna Alexander.

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

In honor of Marjorie Tribou. Given by Mary Saunders.

In honor of four family members with April birthdays: Isla, Bonnie, Joan and Addison. Given by Sally Joy.

In honor of our dear brother, Marion Albert Packard, Jr. Given by Jane and Stephen Bishop.

In memory of Fred Miner and Ethel Chadwick. Given by Nancy Miner.

In honor of my husband, Richard. Given by Pearl Desautels.

In memory of my beloved dad, David White, on the 4 year anniversary of his death (April 16) Given by Kristin L. White

Rada Knife Sale

Rada Knives are exceptionally high quality cutlery and very popular during the UMW Christmas Fair. They are also available to purchase throughout the year and make great gifts for Mother's Day. Available items in stock are granny paring knives, heavy duty paring knives, steak knives, slicers, small silver spatulas, tomato slicers, deluxe vegetable peelers, cook's knives and black handled spatulas. Contact Patty Rogers to purchase or for more information: 458-9968 or mainenannypat@juno.com

Church Supplies

You can help save on the budget by picking up an extra item here and there when you shop and donating it to the church. Below is a list of items that are always needed. Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tall Kitchen Bags, Coffee Cups (no Styrofoam please), Coffee Creamer, **Juice Boxes and Goldfish Crackers for the nursery**. Donations can be left in Fellowship Hall.

A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift – and a hug!



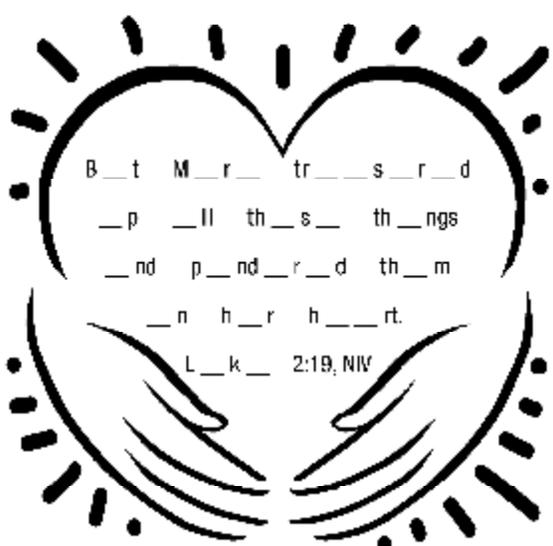


A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse

(A E I O U Y)



B _ t M _ r _ tr _ _ s _ r _ d
_ p _ ll th _ s _ th _ ngs
_ nd p _ nd _ r _ d th _ m
_ n h _ r h _ _ rt.
L _ k _ 2:19, NIV

Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

Mechuwana Campership DEADLINE

If your child is attending summer camp please turn in a copy of their registration page to the church office so that you can get a campership! The deadline is May 15. Letters will be sent out in early June notifying you of the amount of your campership. Any questions contact the church office. 207-622-0843 or greenst@myfairpoint.net



May 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 11:30 AM Adult Mission Team Soup and Pie Luncheon Noon Soup and Pie Luncheon hosted by the Adult Mission Team	2	3 5:30 PM EcoCovenant Meeting 6:30 PM SPPRC	4 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:40 PM Choir Practice	5 5:30 PM Grieving Children Group	6	7 Noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting at Kennebec Plaza
8 Mother's Day	9 5:00 PM Hannaford Team Meeting 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	10 9:00 AM DCOM 6:30 PM Church Council	11 Noon UMW Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:40 PM Choir Practice	12 5:30 PM Grieving Children Group	13	14
15 Pentecost 11:30 AM Missions Committee 4:00 PM Eastern Star Service	16 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	17 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting	18 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:40 PM Choir Practice	19 5:30 PM Grieving Children Group	20	21 5:00 PM Angel Food Supper
22 Peace with Justice Sunday (special offering)	23 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	24 7:00 PM Trustee's Meeting	25 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:40 PM Choir Practice	26 5:30 PM Grieving Children Group	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	31				

Mother's Day of Fuel

Honor your mother and help the church meet its fuel budget at the same time. We will be publishing a special Mother's Day of Fuel insert on May 8th. 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 May 3rd.** This is a great way to honor your mother (or someone who is like a mother to you) as you help the church.

In Honor or Memory of:

Given by:

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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 _____
