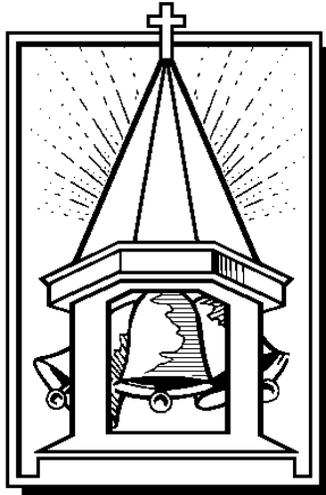


THE GRAPPEVINE



13 Green St.
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Sunday Worship
8 & 10:30am

Office Hours
Monday – Thursday
8am-2pm

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Green Street Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Green Street will once again host Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 24 at 11am. Ray and Carol Chavarie are organizing this event and Nancy Merrick will be requesting help cooking turkeys and donating pies (please, no peanut butter). We also need help with set up the evening before and need people to peel potatoes. On Thanksgiving day we need people to serve, wait on tables and clean up.

For anyone who is creative, we would like to have a centerpiece for each table and some decorations around the hall to make it fun and inviting. There will be an insert in the Sunday bulletins and a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for considering being a part of this important ministry.

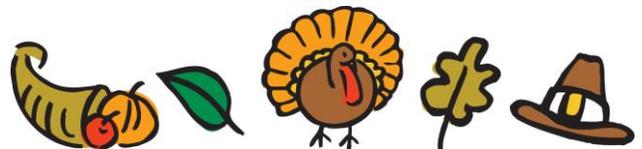


Sunday, November 6 Following 10:30 Worship

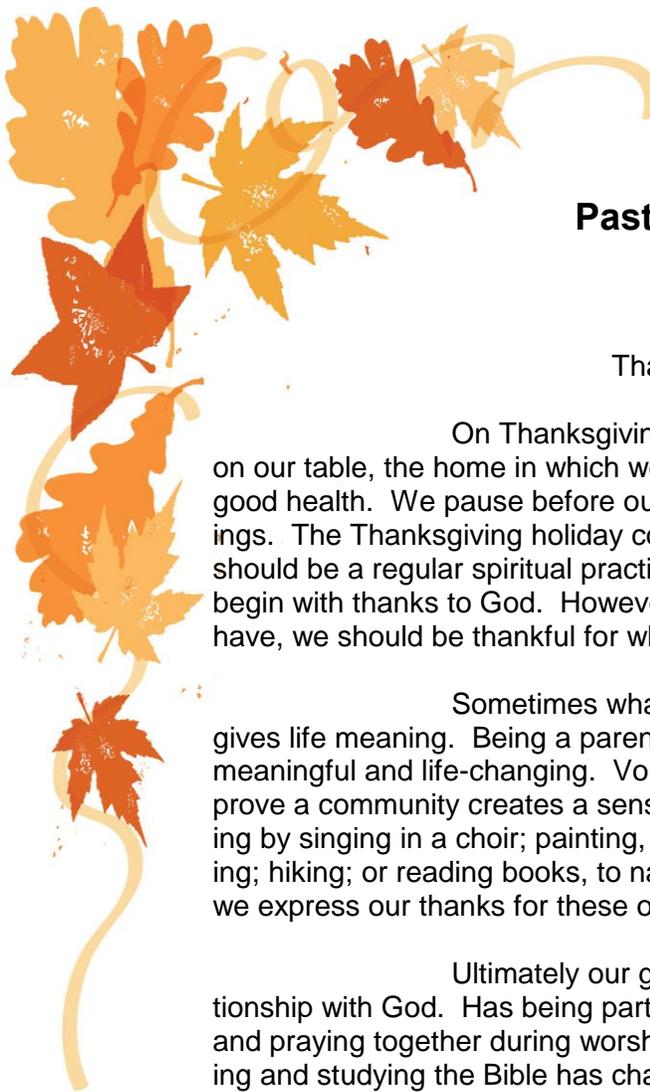
We will come together for worship and church business and recommit ourselves to ministry in the months to come. All members of the Church are voting members of the Church Conference, and all others interested are welcome.

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SO MANY BLESSINGS



Pastor's Page

Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving we celebrate what we have: the food on our table, the home in which we live, our family and friends, a job, or good health. We pause before our Thanksgiving meal to list our blessings. The Thanksgiving holiday comes once a year, but giving thanks should be a regular spiritual practice. Our prayers and worship should begin with thanks to God. However, instead of emphasizing what we have, we should be thankful for what makes life meaningful.

Sometimes what we do, more than what we have, gives life meaning. Being a parent or caring for an elderly parent can be meaningful and life-changing. Volunteering with an organization to improve a community creates a sense of purpose. We experience meaning by singing in a choir; painting, sculpting or creating a craft; gardening; hiking; or reading books, to name just a few things. How often do we express our thanks for these opportunities?

Ultimately our greatest meaning comes through relationship with God. Has being part of a caring faith community, or singing and praying together during worship, touched your soul? Perhaps reading and studying the Bible has changed your life. God promises that our lives, our relationships and our world are not random; we were created with the deeper purpose of being loved by and falling in love with God. Our lives are more than a series of days from birth to death; we were formed by God's love and our days guide us to experience God's presence. We are more than the things or activities of this world; our spirits are formed for eternal love. May Thanksgiving remind us to give thanks every day for the loving God who shapes our lives and gives them meaning.

In Christ,

Pastor Kristin



November Birthdays

1 – Bessie Goudreau	15 – Sally Joy
1 – Ethan Guyaz	26 – Dale Gilbert
1 – Elsie Ware	27 – Shawn Kelly
3 – Nasya Monroe	27 – Susan Kimball
8 – Robert Drummond	28 – Allan Twombly
10 – Michaela Webber	28 – Mayla Mitchell
12 – Katherine Merrick	20 – Jane Bishop

United Methodist Women News

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 9th from noon to 2pm. The Program is World Thank Offering. Bring your bank box. Our hostess is Nancy Miner. Bring a bag lunch, beverages and dessert are provided. If you are a woman, then you are always welcome to join us!

The Christmas Fair will be on Saturday, December 3 from 9am to 1pm. Contact Sandy Grady for more information.

Hannaford and Shaw's Cards

Don't forget to pick up a Hannaford or Shaw's Gift Card before doing your Thanksgiving shopping! You can help the church just by using a card to make your grocery purchases. Cards can be purchased on Sunday mornings or stop by the church office during the week.



Sunday, November 6 is All Saint's Sunday

Green Street Members who have passed this year:
Eleanor Davis
Stephen Boutelle
Margaret "Peg" Shore

Thank You for Serving in November

November 6

Acolytes: Della and Anne Kimball
Nursery: Jessa Mitchell
Coffee Hour: Patty Rogers and Mary Lewis
Liturgist: Bob Webber

November 13

Acolyte: Paul Doyon
Nursery: Sandy Barringer
Coffee Hour: Nancy Miner
Liturgist: Eileen Hibbert

November 20

Acolyte: Tammy Roberts
Nursery: Judy Adams
Coffee Hour: Tricia Webb
Liturgist: Lynn Kennard

November 27

Acolytes: Gary and Donna Alexander
Nursery: Lilla Atwater
Coffee Hour Nancy Merrick
Liturgist: Mary Lewis

Worship News

All Saint's Sunday is November 6th. There will be special services of remembrance and celebration. Our colors for the day are white and silver... the colors symbolizing resurrection.

Laity Sunday

Laity Sunday is November 20th. Following 10:30 worship there will be a potluck dinner of thanksgiving and fellowship. Please plan to stay for the meal and then to help decorate the church for the Advent season. Many hands get the project done quickly!! The first Sunday in Advent is November 27th

Fuel Day

October 9 In memory of Peg Shore. Given by Mary Saunders.



What's Inspiring Me

(Pastor Kristin)

- Advent Calendar

Thomas Mousin & Merry Watters create a simple calendar that combines a scripture reading and activity for individuals & families to do each day. This is my favorite Advent calendar! Check the website thomasmousin.wordpress.com closer to Advent to download a free copy of the 2017 calendar.

- Celtic Advent Calendar

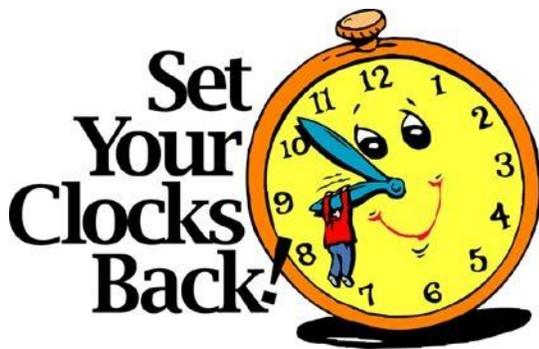
The early Celtic church extended Advent to 40 days to mirror the season of Lent. Celtic Advent spans November 15 – January 6 (Epiphany). Susan Forshey offers a free calendar with scripture readings and simple daily mindfulness activities at contemplativecottage.com.

- Reverse Advent Basket

Green Street's monthly mission project for Advent! Set aside a box or basket in your home. Each day during Advent place an item in the basket: a can of tuna, a box of pasta, a roll of toilet paper, a toothbrush, etc. After Christmas Day, donate the basket to the local food pantry.

- Hymn: Come Now, O Prince of Peace

As we draw to the close of a difficult, at times divisive, election process, this hymn reminds us of Jesus's promise to reconcile people in love. Our Advent Wreath celebration begins with this hymn, reflecting our longing for the Prince of Peace. Spend the weeks between now and Advent reflecting on and praying the words of this hymn.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 5th!

November Mission Project

The Mission Project for November is the shoe box gifts for children around the world. You can bring them in and put them on the altar. Choose an average size shoe box, wrap it if you want to but it is not necessary, decide if you want to help a boy or girl or boy ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 and fill with age appropriate items that would bring delight to a child. Some suggestions are toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, accessories such as socks, hats, t-shirts, hair bands or sunglasses, etc. Younger children might like blankets, books, blocks, finger puppets and colorful stickers. Older children might like small tools, tape measures, sewing kits, fabric squares, solar calculators, rulers, scissors, jewelry and deodorant. Do not include used or damaged items, breakable items, chocolate or food and nothing related to war such as toy guns, knives or military figurines. Please include a \$7.00 check in an envelope in the box for mailing expenses. Last year we had 15 boxes. "Every shoebox offers an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child" *Franklin Graham*. Please contact Megan Lachapelle with any questions.

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

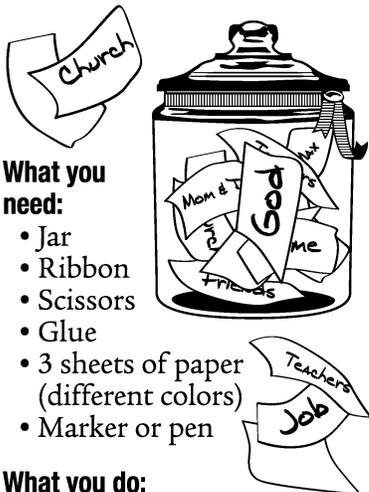
You can drop off donations in fellowship hall or the church office. Thank you.



We will be working with Life Touch Photography to put together a new church directory in the new year! (Life Touch bought out the church directory portion of Olan Mills).

BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen

What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

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" All _____ ."

28:2, NIV

Answer: "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

Peanut Free Policy

Jesus said, "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly." Green Street strives to walk in Jesus' way of offering abundant life. For many with food allergies and sensitivities, times of church fellowship are anything but abundant. Instead shared meals become times of worry and being left out of the feast. Knowing that we have children with severe peanut allergies, and desiring our fellowship times to reflect the abundance of Jesus, Green Street Church has established a Peanut-Free Policy. Please read the policy and contact Rev. Kristin if you have questions.



Green Street is



Given that peanut allergies can produce life threatening anaphylactic reactions in certain individuals, Green Street United Method Church (Green Street) endeavors to reduce the exposure of allergic individuals. To that end, Green Street will to the greatest extent possible be a peanut-free building in those areas open to visitors and congregation other than the sanctuary.

Green Street has implemented this peanut-free policy although we recognize that 100 percent success cannot be guaranteed. Rather, this policy serves to set out measures to reduce the risk as much as we can for those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to peanuts, to wit:

- Foods containing peanuts or prepared in facilities that may have been exposed to peanuts as indicated on product labels are prohibited in the nursery, class room(s), library, and Fellowship Hall during coffee fellowship.
- A regularly updated list of safe prepackaged foods shall be posted in the food preparation area of the Fellowship Hall.
- Parents of young children are encouraged to refrain from feeding their children peanut butter and other peanut products prior to attending services or functions at Green Street. This recommendation is made to reduce the potential for accidental person to person transmission of peanut oil or peanut residue between children.
- When the fellowship hall is used for events other than coffee fellowship all surfaces upon which food was prepared or served must be wiped down with soapy water or a similar cleaning product after the function, to ensure as much as possible that no peanut oil or residue remains.
- While not peanut-specific, to assist those with other food allergies or intolerances (e.g., gluten), when prepackaged foods are served at Green Street the nutrition information from the packaging must be prominently displayed adjacent to the food item.

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Schedule 8:00 and 10:30 AM – Sunday School at 9am Church Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 8am – 2pm						
		1	2	3	4	5
		Advent Devotion deadline 6:30 PM SPPRC Meeting	5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	6:00 PM Choir practice		12:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting at Kennebec Plaza Daylight Savings ends
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
All Saints' Day 9:30 AM SPPRC Meeting with DS 11:30 AM Annual Church Conference	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	Election Day	Noon UMW Monthly Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM CC Dinner 6:30 PM Church Council	6:00 PM Choir practice	Veteran's Day	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Guest Preacher	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting	5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	6:00 PM Choir practice	Pastor Kristin on vacation 11/18 – 11/26	5:00 PM Angel Food Supper
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Laity Sunday 11:30 AM Missions Committee Meeting 11:30 AM Luncheon and Decorating Party for Advent and Christmas	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM Trustee's Meeting	5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 11am	Church Office Closed today	
27	28	29	30			
United Methodist Student Day Special Offering First Sunday of Advent	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study		5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice			

Worship and Song Hymnal Orders

Did you know that there is another hymnal available to us? It is called "Worship and Song". Johnnie and Shasta Beane brought it to our attention and we are trying to add it to our repertoire. It has many great songs in it such as: Amazing Grace (My chains are gone), Down to the River to Pray, Fill My Cup, Lord. Just to name a few. Plus many more new songs for us to learn! If you would like to purchase one for yourself, the church, or in memory or honor of someone; please fill out the form at the bottom with your check made out to Green Street Church. Thank you.

Name _____ Phone# _____ Email _____

Yes, I would like to order _____ pew hymnals at \$8.99 each.

Yes, I would like to order _____ singer's hymnal at \$17.59 each.

In memory of _____ Given by _____

In honor 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 _____
