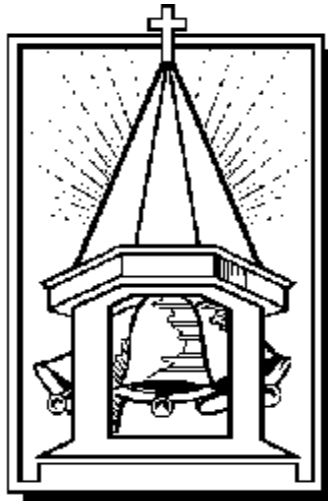


THE GRAPPEVINE



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Sunday Worship
8 & 9:30am

Office Hours
Monday – Tuesday - Thursday
8am-2pm

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Green Street Fall Schedule begins Sunday, September 11

Worship at 8am and 10:30am
Office Hours Monday – Thursday, 8am to 2pm
Sunday School begins on September 18th with a
intergenerational brunch at 9am in fellowship hall!

Maine Wildlife Park Trip

God lovingly created each animal, then invited human beings to name and care for them (Genesis 2). Because of this, animals are connected to our spiritual lives. Be inspired by God's diverse array of animals, while spending time with our Green Street family.

Sunday, September 4 – following worship.
Maine Wildlife Park

56 Game Farm Road, Gray ME

Bring a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon enjoying the animals at the sanctuary. The cost is \$7.50 per person; however, for groups of 15 or more, the cost is only \$3.50 per person.

Green Street September Rummage Sale

Green Street will be having a Rummage Sale on **Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24** (note change in date) from 9am to 1pm. Start gathering items you would like to donate! (no shoes, books or electronics please) If you would like to help with the sale please see Elsie Ware or Bessie Goudreau.





A Hidden God

Among the many animals with whom I share my life are two pet hermit crabs. Each crab lives inside a shell. They walk on their front claws while their bodies remain tucked inside their shells. As the crabs grow they exchange their shells for larger ones. The shells store water, which keeps the crabs from dehydrating. Because they remain inside their shells, I don't see much of them aside from their eyes and their front claws; everything else remains hidden. I know there's more to each crab than I can see, but rarely are they fully visible. The only time I've seen a hermit crab's full body was when it changed shells, lifting itself from one shell and lowering itself into another.

How often do we experience our faith this way? Are we curious about what we cannot see and desiring to know more about God than is revealed to us? Perhaps we want to understand God more deeply and to receive answers to life's most puzzling questions. Perhaps we wish for clarity and guidance, hoping for God to reveal a path for us to follow. We may desire a deeper relationship with God, or a stronger faith, to sustain us in times of uncertainty and doubt. Sometimes we experience God's fullness, but at other times God is like a hermit crab: sharing divine hints and glimpses while deeper things remain unseen.

Because hermit crabs change shells from time to time, pet owners need to have extra shells available. Options range from natural colors to shells painted with a variety of colors, designs and pictures. Although the hermit crab's shell prevents us from seeing its full body, the shell is also part of its charm. Hermit crabs transport their shells so gracefully that I wonder with amazement how they do it. That which hides them also makes them beautiful.

We often seek answers from God; we look to God for help, guidance or reassurance. But we are also invited to come before God in wonder and awe, to accept the mystery of God and to stand amazed in the presence of One that we can never fully explain or know in this life. There is comfort and hope when God is present with us. There is beauty and awe when God remains mysterious. May we experience enough of both, God's presence and God's mystery, in our lives to continually deepen our faith.

In Christ,

Pastor Kristin

September Birthdays

2- Nancy Miner	25 – John Bridge
12 – Bea Bragg	26 – James Douvielle
15 – Talya Avery	27 – Chris Landreth
17 – Kristin White	28 – Alex Roberts
18 – Sandy Barringer	28 – Andy Roberts
19 – Joan Berry	30 – Ashly McGuire
22 – Rob Shore	

United Methodist Women News

The UMW monthly meeting will be postponed to Wednesday, September 21 due to the Adult Mission trip the week of Sept 11. Our service project is sewing, knitting, and crocheting preemie items to give to area hospitals. We are using patterns from the web site carewear.org. The articles will be presented at the Mid Maine District UMW meeting.

Mid-Maine District

United Methodist Women's Fall Meeting!

Saturday, September 24, at 9AM at Pleasant Street UMC in Waterville You don't have to belong to UMW, and you don't have to belong to the United Methodist Church! All women are welcome! Our speaker will be Meaghan Maloney, DA for Somerset and Kennebec counties. Peg Swett will be there to bring a special message about our 150th anniversary which is in 2017!

Thank You for Serving in September!

September 4

Greeter: Nancy Miner
Acolytes: Eileen and Heather Hibbert
Nursery: Caitlyn McGouldrick
Coffee Hour: The Noble Family
Liturgist: Tina Booth

September 11

Greeters: Angela and David Robbin
Acolytes: Randy and Sandy Grady
Nursery: Anne Kimball
Coffee Hour: The Alexander and Roberts Family
Liturgist: Patty Rogers

September 18

Greeters: Sandy and Randy Grady
Acolyte: Terri Williamson
Nursery Volunteer: Elizabeth Newman
Coffee Hour: Chuck and Evelyn Horstman
Liturgist:

September 25

Greeters: Larry and Sandy Labreck
Acolyte: Michaela Webber
Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Barnum
Coffee Hour: Sue Pattershall and Terri Williamson

PETS:

Pet Education & Training Sunday

Sunday, September 11
9 - 10:30 am

Pets comfort, entertain and inspire us. They deserve the best care we can provide. Enhance your pet companionship at Pet Education & Training Sunday.

- Pet safety and natural pet care options
- Obedience training techniques
- Animal adoption and volunteer opportunities

Green Street Garden Give-A-Way

Every Monday at 9am. Bring in your extra produce on Sunday to share with our neighbors and come and join us on Monday mornings, it is a great way to get to know the people in the neighborhood and to feel the power of God's love working in his service, and a great time of fellowship. For more information see Lynn Kennard or contact the church office.

Adult Mission Trip

Sunday, September 11 we are meeting at Salem Economics Ministries in Salem Maine at 5pm. We will have supper together at 6pm which Nancy Miner has offered to prepare. Chad Rhodes, the foreman will be meeting with us Sunday evening to discuss our community projects. He suggested we bring the following hand tools; tape measure, hammer, flat bar/pry bar, gloves, work boots, safety glasses, work clothes, paint brushes, and cordless drill. The dorm is roomy with bathroom and showers. Please bring your bedding, pillow, towels, wash clothes, and your Bible for devotions. Thank you, Sandra Grady, team leader.

Pet Pictures Wanted!

Our sermon series for September is based on animals of the Bible! Please share pictures of your pets for display in the Wesley Center hallway or on the church Facebook group page! You can email your pictures to greenst@myfairpoint.net or drop them off in the church office. Please include your pets name and any information you would like to share about them.



September Pet Food Collection

Green Street will be collecting pet food and supplies for the Kennebec Valley Humane Society during the month of September. Please consider picking some of the following items: Kitten Food (Wet & Dry) Cat Food (Dry), Cat Litter (Clumping or Clay), Dog Food (Wet & Dry) Rodent Food (Rats, Gerbils, Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, Rabbit Food), Timothy Hay. Donations can be brought to church and left on the altar. Together we can help make a difference in the lives of homeless animals!

Angel Food Suppers

Our monthly Angel Food Supper will resume on Saturday, September 17 at 5pm. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Come early and help with food prep and set up or come later and help serve and clean up. Always a rewarding experience and a great way to help those in need of a meal and fellowship.

District Superintendent Meeting

Adam Hamilton describes listening to his favorite music over a lifetime: as a child, he listened to his favorite song on record; after a brief foray into 8-tracks, he bought a cassette of his favorite song; when CDs became popular, he purchased his favorite song on CD; now he has downloaded his favorite song to his iPod and carries it with him everywhere. His favorite song remains the same, but as technology changes and grows, he has new ways of listening to the familiar music. Hamilton compares the changes in music production to the changes in the church: the message is always the same – the good news of Jesus Christ – but as our world changes and grows, we the church find new ways to share that message.

How can we discern and lead Green Street to share the good news of God's grace in a changing world? How can we adapt our changing finances and membership to answer God's call to ministry? If you are interested in helping to lead Green Street in being God's message of love in a changing world, please join us on September 11:

On September 11, our District Superintendent will worship with us and meet with Green Street leaders following the 2nd service to discern next steps for our ministry. Please contact Pastor Kristin with any questions.

What's Inspiring Me

(Rev. Kristin L. White)

Book: *Autopsy of a Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive* by Thom S. Rainer. Thom Rainer produced "autopsy reports" on 14 churches that closed their doors, hoping to find clues about what happened to them. His eye-opening, insightful reports provide information to other churches that want to stay alive and vibrant. This book is easy to read – short, to-the-point chapters include reflection questions and commitment prayers for churches. Topics include: the preference-driven church, the importance of prayer, inward versus outward focus, and the church's connection with the community. The final three chapters offer wisdom and hope for dying churches.

Spiritual Life: *God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church* by Elaine Heath. Using Paul's letter to the Galatians, Elaine Heath explores changes happening in our culture, how those changes affect our churches, and how Paul's new understanding of the Christ who called to him on the Damascus road can help us embrace new ministry for our time. Each chapter includes thought-provoking reflection questions for both personal and church spiritual growth.

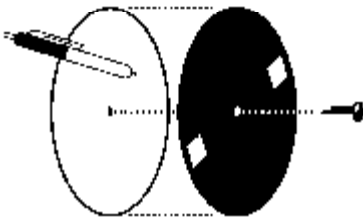


Banking on the Future

"Piggy Banks" will be given out on Sunday, September 4th! Make sure you get yours and return it the following Sundays with your loose change (or more) as we celebrate the animals!

PROMISE WHEEL

This craft will remind you that God is always with you.



What you need:

- A large round bowl
- 2 large pieces of construction paper
- A pen
- Scissors
- A ruler
- A brad
- A Bible or search engine

What you do:

1. Turn the bowl upside down and trace around it on both pieces of paper.
2. Cut out the circles. Draw a dot in the center of each.
3. On one circle, trace and cut out two 2" squares opposite each other, with the dot in the middle.
4. Align the dots and place the brad through both circles.
5. In the space left by one square, write a fear you have. Then write a comforting Bible verse in the other square.
6. Rotate the circle to a new blank space, and write another fear and verse.



THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.

Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

Start at 19. Draw from 19-16, 18-17, 47-62, 62-77, 22-21, 21-20, 50-51, 82-81, 81-80, 80-65, 65-50, 50-35, 35-20, 24-38, 38-53, 24-40, 40-55, 17-32, 47-48, 32-47, 28-41, 41-56, 56-71, 71-86, 56-57, 57-58, 55-54, 54-53, 53-68, 68-83, 55-70, 70-85, 52-43, 57-73, 73-62, 43-28, 28-27, 27-26

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>> "So do not __ __ __ __, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 43:10. NIV <<

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Calling All Youth in Grades 6-12!
It's Rally Time at Camp Mechuwana
 Join us September 2-4 for a great weekend of fun and fellowship as we gather together on the shores of Lower Narrows Pond. For a registration form please visit our website www.mechuwana.org, email us at mechuwana@fairpoint.net, or give us a call at 207.377

Sunday School begins September 18!
 Sunday School will kick off with an intergenerational brunch at 9am in fellowship hall. Invite your friends to come along for a fun filled year of Sunday School at Green Street!

Fanny Crosby Hymn Writer Enactment

“Her Heart Can See,” a special program based on the life of one of America’s most prolific and beloved hymn writers, Fanny Crosby, will be presented on Sunday, September 18 at 3:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Winthrop. This unique first-person, living history interpretation will be presented by the Rev. Ann Partner Nelson of Wells, Maine and her husband. Rev. Nelson has been researching, writing, and giving monologues about Crosby for more than 20 years. This event, featuring the singing of several hymns, will be a journey through Crosby’s amazing life, including the fact that she was blind from an early age yet still managed to write some 8,000 hymns including “Blessed Assurance” and “To God Be The Glory”. Many of her hymns are still sung in our churches. There will be no charge for attending. A mission offering for the Wonder-A-While Nursery School will be received. Children and youth will be especially inspired by the program. Refreshments will follow. Child Care will be available.

Community Candlelight Vigil Of Remembrance, Hope and Healing

(Sponsored by Cox UMC)

**Sunday, September 11th at 6pm
Hallowell Waterfront Park**

We gather on the 15th anniversary of the attacks on 9/11 to not only remember but to recognize the human spirit that continues to seek hope and healing. Please join us for this interfaith expression of the spirit of unity that we share in wanting a more peaceful world.

Fuel Days

- July 24** Thank you to all who visited, prayed, and those who gave my flowers and a plant. Given by Bes-sie Goudreau.
- August 7** In memory of my grandmother, Mar-ion Blair. Given by Robin Forbes.



Thank You Notes from Our Campers!

Dear Green Street Family.

Thank you very much for the scholarship to Mechuwana. I spent two great weeks at Music Theatre Camp. I always appreciate your support.

Thanks again,

Nathaniel Berry

Dear Green Street,

Thank you for sending me to Camp Mechuwana. I had a lot of fun! I love to do arts and crafts. I can't wait to go again next summer.

Lilly Gorneau

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) and creamers. The church office also accepts donations of copier paper. You can drop off donations in fellowship hall or the church office. Thank you.

Choir Begins September 8

Come Sing with us! New members are always welcome. Our fall practice schedule will begin on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30pm. For more information see our Choir Director, Sue Pattershall



September 2016

What's Happening at Green Street United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Worship Schedule</u> 8:00 and 9:30 AM Church Office Hours Monday-Tuesday –Thursday 8am – 2pm <u>Fall Schedule begins September 11</u> Worship at 8am and 10:30 am Sunday School at 9am Church Office Hours Monday – Thursday 8am to 2pm.						
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						Noon Prayer Shawl Meeting at Kennebec Plaza
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Wildlife Park Outing Following 9:30 worship.	Labor Day 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	5:30 PM EcoCovenant Committee Meeting 6:30 PM SPPRC Meeting		5:30 PM Sunday School Meeting 6:30 PM Choir practice		Cluster Meeting at 8:30 AM at Randolph UMC
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pet Education Sunday 9am Fall Worship begins Worship at 8am and 10:30am 11:30 AM DS Meeting	Mission Trip all week 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	9:00 AM DCOM 6:30 PM Church Council		6:30 PM Choir practice		5:00 PM Angel Food Supper
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sunday School begins at 9am 11:30 AM Missions Committee Meeting	6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting	Noon UMW Monthly Meeting	First Day of Autumn 6:30 PM Choir practice	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Rummage Sale	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Rummage Sale
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Pet Blessing	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM Trustee's Meeting		6:30 PM Choir practice		