

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

January 13, 2019 Baptism of the Lord

All members of this parish form the ministry team in witness of Christ.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: Judith Kuhn, Organist

WELCOME, MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rev. Stephen Bascom, Pastor
*The United Methodist Church of Auburn is an intergenerational Christian Community
whose mission is to embody Christ's love through a commitment to serve God
by fulfilling the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of our congregation
of our local and global communities.*

PRELUDE: 'Through Cathedral Windows' H. Guthals

GATHERING PRAYER:

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Let us pray, "Great God of waves and flames, are we wet enough to burn brightly?"

People: As we gather today to celebrate the baptism of our Lord, set your seal upon our hearts, wash our robes righteous, and cool our tempers and angers while fueling the desire for justice.

Leader: Make us be living water and living flames to give relief to those who thirst and to bring light to those who sit in darkness.

ALL: As you did in Elijah's day, rain down flames upon us, O God, so that we may be wet enough to burn brightly. Amen."

(Nathan Decker, c2011, Worship & Song, Adapted)

***GATHERING CAROL:** 'I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry' TFWS Page 2051

If you would like to light a candle for prayer, please feel free to do so during any congregational hymn.

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Mary MacMahon

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:1-7 Lindsay Fortin, Liturgist

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH Page 71

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: UMH Page 884

***SONG OF PREPARATION'** 'Baptized in Water' TFWS Page 2248

MESSAGE: 'Baptized in Spirit'
Text: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22' NT Page 56

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY: 'Spirit Song' Auburn Bell Ringers

*We invite you to invest in God's mission and ministry as it flows
through the United Methodist Church of Auburn into human lives!*

***DOXOLOGY:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;* UMH Page 94

*Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the Source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

Here, Lord, we put our love into practice. These gifts we offer came from your love for us. Now, let them express our love for you, as they reach out to others with your love for them. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*SENDING HYMN: ‘This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now’ (v. 1-2) UMH Page 608

*BENEDICTION:

*CONG. RESPONSE: ‘This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now’ (v. 3) UMH Page 608

*POSTLUDE: ‘Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken’ Grant/Haydn

*CONGREGATION STANDS – if you are physically able

UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal (Red) TFWS – The Faith We Sing (black)
Large Print hymnals and bulletins along with assisted-listening devices are available at the Visitor’s Booth, or an usher would be glad to provide you with either or both.

MEDITATION

Much of the childhood, adolescence and young adulthood of Jesus is lost to recorded history, but in his late twenties (likely), he was baptized by his cousin, John. This decision ignited a journey which would redeem the human heart and world. God blessed this decision with Spirit baptism and words of affirmation, “You are my Son, whom I dearly love, in you I find happiness.” (Luke 3:22b) Christian discipleship begins with a decision to embrace God’s gift of prevenient grace...

**THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF AUBURN**

439 Park Avenue, Auburn, ME 04210, 207-782-3972

**A Reconciling Congregation*



Pastor: Rev. Stephen Bascom, Sr.

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:15 a.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to our church! We are so glad you decided to worship with us this day. We are a Reconciling United Methodist Church that is passionate about serving God. We love inspiring worship services and are committed to diversity. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we covenant to follow his example of unconditional love, compassion and justice in our mission and ministry. Therefore, we welcome and nurture the full participation of people of every age, heritage, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, economic status, faith background, family structure, gender identity, marital status, race, social standing and varying capability.

We strive to fully embody the mission of the United Methodist Church to open hearts, minds and doors to everybody. We invite you to worship with us knowing that you are loved exactly as you are.

This Week's Ushers:	Outreach Committee
Next Week's Ushers:	Music Groups
This Week's Greeters:	John & Emily Derouche
Next Week's Greeters:	United Methodist Women
This Week's Liturgist:	Lindsay Carr
Next Week's Liturgist:	Beth Woodhead

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

8:15 a.m.	Communion Worship	2:30 p.m.	Music Together
8:45 a.m.	Study Group	5:30 p.m.	Music Together
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class
11:30 a.m.	Finance Committee		

MONDAY, January 14, 2019

5:00 p.m.	Solutions Group	7:00 p.m.	Serenity Group
6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir	7:30 p.m.	Alanon/AA Groups

TUESDAY, January 15, 2019

1:30 p.m.	Naomi Circle	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout 'Daisies'
5:00 p.m.	Solutions Book Club	6:30 p.m.	Ruth Circle
5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class	6:15 p.m.	Park Ave Pickers
		7:00 p.m.	T111 Committee

WEDNESDAY, January 16, 2019

7:00 a.m.	Rotary Breakfast	6:00 p.m.	River Valley Girl Scouts
9:30 a.m.	Music Together		
10:00 a.m.	Study Group		

THURSDAY, January 17, 2019

10:00 a.m.	Faith Journey	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 121
10:15 a.m.	Music Together	6:15 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 111
5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class	7:00 pm.	SPRC Committee

FRIDAY, January 18, 2019

10:00 a.m.	Schooner Worship Service		
10:15 a.m.	Music Together		
5:30 a.m.	Boy Scout Troop 111		
6:00 p.m.	Music Together		

SATURDAY, January 19, 2019

No Activities Scheduled

SUNDAY, January 20, 2019 – United Methodist Women Sunday

8:15 a.m.	Communion Worship	2:00 p.m.	Music Together
9:00 a.m.	Study Group	4:30 p.m.	Music Together
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	5:00 p.m.	Troop 121 Committee
11:30 a.m.	Christian Ed Committee		

Please contact Pastor Steve if you are seeking a Support Group for Recovery from Sexual Addiction.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

HIGH STREET FOOD PANTRY: Items needed on a weekly basis are: Peanut Butter, Canned Vegetables, Canned Meats, Soup of any kind, Canned Pasta, Canned Fruit, Dry Cereal, Baking Items, Crackers – all kinds, Toilet Paper. **Remember, we also collect new or gently used children's books!** If you have questions, please speak with Eric Howes, Leroy Brown, David or Mary MacMahon. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

TRINITY JUBILEE CENTER REQUEST: The Center needs soup kitchen volunteers. Volunteers are needed on Saturdays from 9:00 – 12:30 to help prepare, serve, and clean up lunch. Volunteers are also needed on weekday mornings to transport food donations. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. Please email trinitylewiston@gmail.com if you are interested. Donations of backpacks, steel-toed boots, and small shampoos and soaps are also greatly needed for the Center's homeless patrons. **Please note: The Center does NOT accept general clothing donations and a list of needed items is available at www.trinityjubileecenter.org.**

PRESCHOOL REQUEST: Every year, we try to help the Preschool out by taking up a bi-monthly collection. For January and February, the Preschool is asking for donations of Tissues and Paper Towels. Thank you for your continued support of the Preschool!

SHARE THE WARMTH: Wanted: Jackets, coats, boots, sturdy shoes, hats, mittens – for all ages, men and women, and warm blankets. Items must be in good condition. The Missions Committee is again asking for these donations for Trinity Jubilee Center and The Center for Wisdom's Women; both programs in downtown Lewiston serve some of the most needy families in our community. There are boxes beside the shopping cart to the right of the entry into the sanctuary. Cold weather is here and our donations are always gratefully accepted.

CHURCH AND AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS



WHEELS TO WORSHIP MINISTRY.

The Nurture Committee has begun the development of the WHEELS to Worship Ministry. Before we can offer this service to the folds who would like to have a ride to Sunday Worship, we need to be assured there is interest from the congregation members to be the drivers. We plan to hold an informational meeting to share detail in the Narthex for you to indicate your interest in hearing about our new ministry. While we know that some of you already share rides with friends or neighbors, and that is a wonderful thing, this new program will not affect that arrangement you already have. We are looking to form a church sponsored ministry. Questions? Speak to Janet Irish

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: The Nurture Committee organizes the Coffee & Conversation Time by setting up, serving and cleaning up each Sunday, but we need YOU to provide the cookies, bars, or other snack items! There is a large sign-up poster on the kitchen door and we ask to have 2 or 3 people sign up to bring treats for each of the various Sunday dates. Homemade snacks are much appreciated, but we would also be happy with bakery or packaged goodies, cracker, cheese, grapes, etc. Also, when you enjoy your cup of coffee or juice and snack, please take notice of the donation jar on the table. Your generosity helps us buy the needed beverage supplies and paper goods for this weekly tradition.

BEAN SUPPER: Join us Saturday, January 26th, at 4:00 for our Praise Service followed by our Bean Supper. Menu includes: Hot Dogs, Beans, Casseroles, Coleslaw, Bread, Beverage and Pie. Cost \$8.00 per person Children 6-12 \$4.00 Children under 5 are free. Hope to see you and your friends here for the supper. The money we raise goes to the church to help with expenses.