

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

February 25, 2018 Second Sunday of Lent

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

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:

Judith Kuhn, Accompanist

WELCOME, MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Stephen Bascom

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 and of our local and global communities.

PRELUDE:

Park Avenue Pickers

GATHERING PRAYER:

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

People: And lean not on your own understanding.

Leader: In all your ways, acknowledge God, and God will make straight your paths.

People: Let us rejoice in the gift of God's guidance!

ALL: Let us sing and dance with joy!

GATHERING:

'Lord of the Dance'

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*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:

Carol Christopoulos

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Park Avenue Pickers

LENTEN MISSION:

'Mobility Carts'

SCRIPTURE:

Romans 4:13-25 NT Page 145 Lindsay Carr, Liturgist

*GLORIA PATRI

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*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.*

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: 'Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone'

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MESSAGE: 'Give What You Cannot Keep to Gain What You Cannot Lose'

Text: Mark 8:31-38

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WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY:

'Tell Me the Story of Jesus'

C. Becket

*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;

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Praise him, 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:

O God, we are so grateful for your abiding love. We pray that we may embody a spirit of love and self-discipline, grounded in the power of your grace. We are taught in so many ways – some subtle ways, some blatant ways, to fulfill all of our wants by consuming things. Remind us during this moment that we are called to invest in you. We join Christians around the world today who proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior. May we draw strength from this unity and from this act of sacrificial giving. In the name of one God, who offers grace, mercy, and peace, we pray. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER/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

***CLOSING HYMN:** 'Living for Jesus' (v. 1-3) TFWS Page 2149

***BENEDICTION:**

***CONG. RESPONSE:** 'Living for Jesus' (v. 4) TFWS Page 2149

***POSTLUDE:** 'Recessional' W. Stickles

***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.

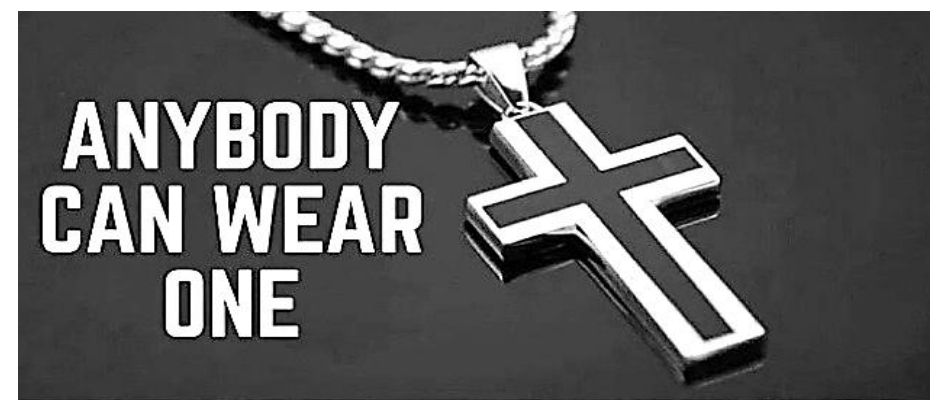
MEDITATION

Like Peter, we think we know how things should be. Certainly, we convince ourselves, suffering cannot be the way forward. Where is the value in that? So, we dodge conflict, seek to keep everyone happy, try to shelter loved ones from pain. Before we know it, something has been lost, something precious, and we are not sure what it is or how to find it again. There is a way, but it requires letting Jesus take the wheel.....

**THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF AUBURN**

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

**A Reconciling Congregation*



Rev. Stephen Bascom, Sr., Pastor

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: The Nurture Committee

This Week's Greeters: The Parker Family

This Week's Liturgist: Lindsay Carr

Next Week's Liturgist: Al Burgess

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, February 25, 2018

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Worship Committee

2:00 p.m. Music Together

4:30 p.m. Music Together

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

6:00 p.m. Private Men's Group

MONDAY, February 26, 2018

5:30 p.m. Solutions Group

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. Serenity Group

7:30 p.m. AA/Alanon

TUESDAY, February 27, 2018

10:00 a.m. Genesis Study Group

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

6:00 p.m. Trustee Committee

6:15 p.m. Park Avenue Pickers

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2018

9:30 a.m. Music Together

6:30 p.m. Private Men's Group

THURSDAY, March 1, 2018

10:00 a.m. Faith Journey

11:00 a.m. Nurture and Outreach Committees

10:15 a.m. Music Together

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 121

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Troop 111

7:00 p.m. Church Council

FRIDAY, March 2, 2018

3:15 p.m. Music Together

5:45 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 111

SATURDAY, March 3, 2018

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Girl Scout Troop 2145

11:00 a.m. Music Together

SUNDAY, March 4, 2018

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Mission Committee

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

6:00 p.m. Private Men's Group

REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY

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 Leroy Brown or Eric Howes. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

PRE-SCHOOL COLLECTION: Items are needed for the preschool! We will be collecting **Tissues and Paper Towels** for the months of January/February. Thank you all for your generosity as this new school year begins!

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR BEACON SUBMISSIONS IS THE 10TH OF EVERY MONTH. PLEASE FORWARD YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO EDITH ELLIS BY THAT DATE TO AVOID THE BEACON BEING LATE.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHANGE TO CHURCH! Every week we pass around our Milk Bucket to collect change (we accept bills too!) to provide milk for the Trinity Jubilee Center. The milk we provide helps to give young and old alike milk for the free lunch program. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach!

COAT, BOOTS AND BLANKET DRIVE! It's getting cold! Time to sort through your closets! The Mission Committee is again collecting winter coats and jackets (for men, women, and children) as well as winter boots and warm blankets for the Trinity Jubilee Center in Lewiston. This program (based in the downtown Episcopal Church) serves many of the most-neediest in our community. Our church has been supporting the work of this center for many years and in many ways. There are boxes for your donations to the right of the entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you for your support!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOVIE NIGHT: Our next movie night is scheduled for March 9th from 6:00 – 8:00. Come celebrate Dr. Seuss! Bring a pillow or something comfy to sit on. Light snacks provided. Feel free to bring your own snacks! Admission is a new or slightly used children's book.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY: When? March 17th Time? 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Where? Here at the church! Open to all! Sign up required. A limit of 50 participants.

GENESIS STUDY GROUP: Kay Little will lead a weekly Genesis Study Group, every Tuesday, now and running through March 20th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. It is based on a 2010 Bill Moyers video series. For questions contact Kay at 784-1908 or klittle6599@gmail.com.

UMW BANQUET NEWS: Ladies...Save the date! Tuesday, April 24th for another UMW sponsored banquet this year's theme is "Fashion Through the Ages". More information to come!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: It is time for the Barnyard Round Up crew to gather and make sure all farm hands are in place. Bible School will take place August 6th – 10th. We need lots of help – all are welcome. Please join us! If you help, please call Cherie Downing or Gladys Chapman.

USHERING OPPORTUNITIES: Small church groups and committees are being invited to lend a hand with ushering at the Sunday morning 10 a.m. service. We thank the Men's Breakfast group and the Nurture Committee who are already participating – handing out bulletins and collecting the offering on their designate Sundays. We are asking that other small groups volunteer as well so that we can have a scheduled group for each Sunday of the month. A contact person for each group will be sent a reminder via email or text. We would also like to have a list of members of the congregation who would be willing to serve when needed. A sign up sheet and ushering guidelines are available on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up or speak to Janet or Joel Irish, 224-0197, joel.irish@maine.edu with any questions.