

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

August 19, 2018 Season following Pentecost

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

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: Park Avenue Pickers

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 and of our local and global communities.

PRELUDE: 'Bless This House' M. Brahe

GATHERING PRAYER:

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: This is a day made by God!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Let us pray, "O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you.

People: Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

ALL: God in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

(Attrib. Benedict of Nursia, 6th c., Worship & Song)

***GATHERING HYMN:** 'How Great Thou Art' UMH Page 77

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

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Cherie Downing, Church School Superintendent

SONG OFFERING: 'Guide My Feet' Park Avenue Pickers
(TFWS Page 2208 for those who want to sing along!)

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 5:15-20 NT Page 183 Janet Irish

***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.*

SONG OF PREPARATION: 'I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me' TFWS Page 2153

MESSAGE: 'A Discerning Heart'
Text: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 NT Page 290/292

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY: 'Simple Blessings' C. Boyles

*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:**

We confess, O Lord, that your loving an make more of a difference with this money than our cunning. May your love and our good decisions follow each dollar we give to its intended purpose. May your reign be evident and ever growing in this world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

JOYS AND 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

*SENDING HYMN: 'I Want a Principle Within' (v. 1-2) UMH Page 410
(Melody: 'It Came Upon a Midnight Clear' #218)

*BENEDICTION:

*CONG. RESPONSE: 'I Want a Principle Within' (v. 3) UMH Page 410
(Melody: 'It Came Upon a Midnight Clear' #218)

*POSTLUDE: 'Petit Choeur' J. Boalt

*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.

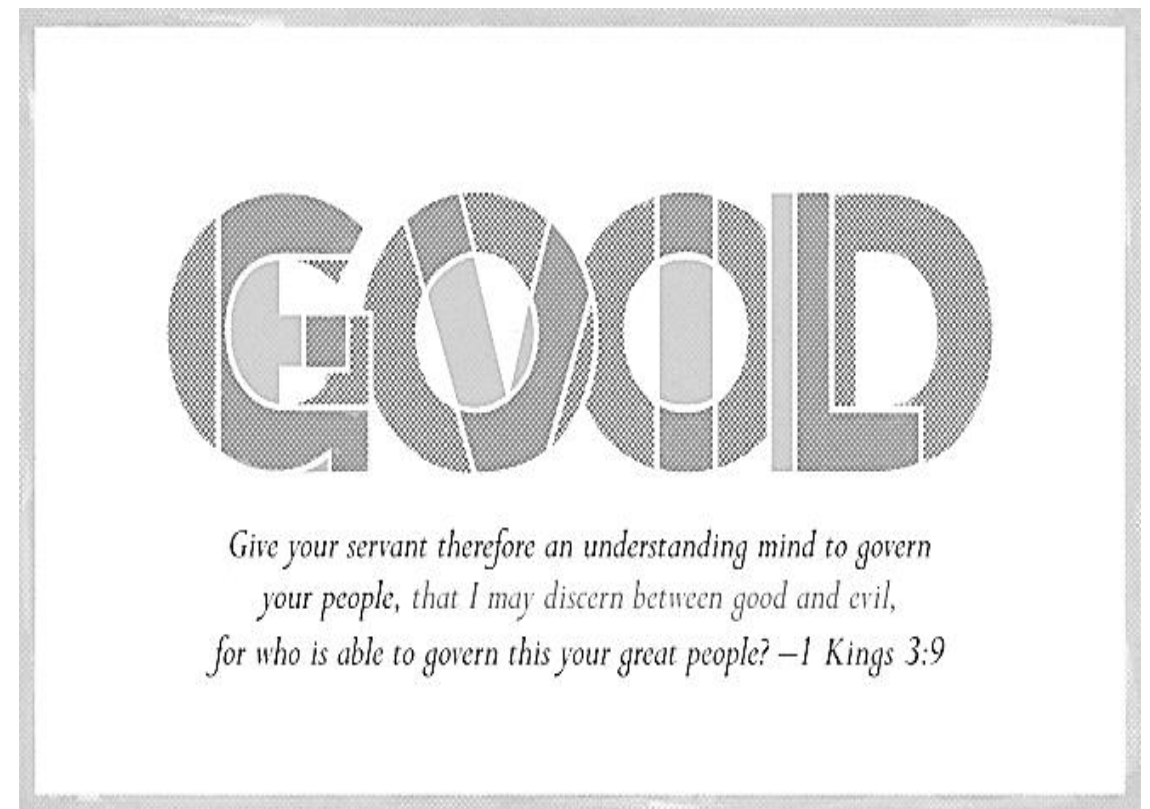
MEDITATION

Deferred gratification is a spiritual discipline not easily embraced. We want it now, we want it quick, we want immediate benefit and result. Like Esau, we are too hungry to wait, and sell our birthright even before we understand what it is. Solomon was not so reckless. When God offered, "Ask whatever you wish, and I'll give it to you," Solomon was given an unprecedented blank check. Riches, fame, power, health, safety? What might you ask for? Solomon prayed for wisdom: discernment between good and evil to govern God's people judiciously. By seeking God's will first, Solomon received blessing upon blessing. We, too, do well to learn: 'the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.'

**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: Music Committee

This Week's Greeters: Jeanine Rogers

This Week's Liturgist: Janet Irish

Next Week's Liturgist: Gale Theberge

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, August 19, 2018

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Buzza Eagle Scout Ceremony

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

MONDAY, August 20, 2018

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Group

5:30 p.m. Solutions Group

7:00 p.m. AA/Alanon

7:00 p.m. Serenity Group

TUESDAY, August 21, 2018

7:00 p.m. Troop 111 Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 22, 2018

7:15 a.m. Rotary Breakfast

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

THURSDAY, August 23, 2018

10:15 a.m. Music Together

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

FRIDAY, August 24, 2018

No Church Activities Scheduled

SATURDAY, August 25, 2018

Boston Confirmation Trip

9:00 a.m. Troop 111 Planning Committee

SUNDAY, August 26, 2018

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

12:30 p.m. District Wide Lay Servant Class

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

6:30 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 Eric Howes, Leroy Brown or David or Mary MacMahon. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

TRINITY JUBILEE CENTER REQUEST: The Center is in need of 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.**

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!

SEPTEMBER STUDY

Pastor Steve will lead a study of *The Collected Sermons of Walter Bruegemann* Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m., beginning Sunday, September 9th. Kay Little will lead the same study on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. beginning Wednesday, September 12th.

This is not a dry academic study. It is a collection of short, moving messages from a passionate Christian. Sign-up sheets are on the fellowship table if you are interested in attending either study.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP US ‘RAISE THE ROOF’ on the Asbury Theatre at Mechuwana. The goal is to raise \$75,000 in order to replace the roof of Asbury. The new roof will be fully insulated and vented. At the same time, we will install a new electrical service, specially designed for our theater lighting and sound system. **If you would like to make a donation, please use the envelopes in your pew to place your donation in, and mark on the outside of the envelope ‘Raise the Roof’.** Thank you.

THANK YOU! Many thanks to all who helped make Barnyard Roundup VBS, a success! To those who were group leaders, did crafts, discovery, recreation, music, snacks, service squad, story tellers and registration – please know that I couldn’t have done it without your assistance. Polly the Pig made it a farmtastic week! We were Mighty with Volunteers, small in attendance and the heat and humidity were unbearable. But fun was had by all! Cherie

EMPIRE GROVE is an Ecumenical Christian fellowship with ties to the United Methodist Church. Each Sunday evening in the summer months, we gather for an Evening Vesper Service, and hold our Annual Camp-meeting the last Sunday of July through the first Sunday of August. We are a Christian fellowship bound together in love and seeking always to invite others to come and share in it that we may make new friends and grow together in love.

EMPIRE GROVE VESPERS SERVICES – 2018 SCHEDULE

Join us on Sunday evenings this summer at 7:00 p.m.

For Worship and Song Vespers Services

August 19th Brother Mathias Tanner, Retired

August 26th Rev. Kay Webb, Retired

September 2nd Rev. Desmond Parker, Retired