

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

July 22, 2018 Season following Pentecost

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

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:

Judy 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 and of our local and global communities.

PRELUDE:

'Meditation on 'Beach Spring'

J. Denton

GATHERING PRAYER:

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray, "O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out envy, pride, and strife.

People: Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil's power.

ALL: God, make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom.

*GATHERING HYMN:

'One Bread, One Body'

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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:

Carol Christopoulos

SONG OFFERING:

'Christ Has Broken Down the Wall'

Caroline Coffin

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 NT Page 38

Lucille Webber

*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.*

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

We are children of God. We have been water-washed and Spirit-filled. We're dead to sin and alive in Christ. We're done with law, and live under grace. Our hearts are set on righteousness. Our minds are fixed on life and peace. Suffering is nothing, compared to the glory to come. For we're heirs to the life Christ is bringing! We are children of God!

*SONG OF PREPARATION:

'Make Us One' (Sung Twice)

TFWS Page 2224

MESSAGE:

'Belonging to Christ'

Ephesians 2:11-22

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WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY:

'A Summer Idyll'

F. Ritter

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 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:

Loving God, faithful and gracious forever, You love us more than we love ourselves. You believe in us more than we believe in ourselves. You call us to walk with Christ, and be more than we ever thought possible. Take our gifts. Receive our thanks. Accept our praise: through Jesus Christ. 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: ‘Forward Through the Ages’ (v. 1-2) UMH Page 555

*BENEDICTION:

*CONG. RESPONSE: ‘Forward Through the Ages’ (v. 3) UMH Page 555

*POSTLUDE: ‘Postlude’ Kendall/Couperin

*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

None of us likes to feel like an outsider, a ‘less than,’ or ‘the one not chosen.’ There is an organic yearning in the human heart to love and be loved, and it hurts desperately when we extend ourselves only to find rejection. The one thing worse than feeling alone is feeling alone in a crowd of people who seem to be friends only with one another. We may find it hard to imagine, but there is harm to both sides of the ‘us/them’ dichotomy. When we reject others, we cut ourselves off from the gifts, personalities, perspectives and friendships they offer. When the Apostle Paul speaks of ‘oneness in Christ,’ forged between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, male and female, he invites each into a community where ‘everybody is precious, and Jesus Christ is Lord.’

**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.

Staff Directory

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Organist: Judith Kuhn

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: Nurture Committee

This Week's Greeters: Judy Sargent

This Week's Liturgist: Lucille Webber

Next Week's Liturgist: Hope Brown

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, July 22, 2018

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Ceremony

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

MONDAY, July 23, 2018

5:30 p.m. Solutions Group

7:00 p.m. AA/Alanon

7:00 p.m. Serenity Group

TUESDAY, July 24, 2018

5:30 p.m. Solutions Book Club

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

WEDNESDAY, July 25, 2018

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

THURSDAY, July 26, 2018

10:15 a.m. Music Together

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

FRIDAY, July 27, 2018

No Church Activities

SATURDAY, July 28, 2018

No Activities Scheduled

SUNDAY, July 29, 2018

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 p.m. Music Committee

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.

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!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held the week of August 6th – 10th, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Our theme this year will be 'Barnyard Round Up'. More information will be coming, but if you have questions, please see Cherie Downing or Gladys Chapman.**

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 – JUNE SCHEDULE

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

For Worship and Song Vespers Services

July 22 nd	Joan Spitzform, Lay Speaker UMC
July 29 th	Rev. Stephen Bascom, Sr., Auburn UMC
August 5 th	Rev. Mervin Chadbourne, Retired
August 12 th	Rev. Russ Peppe, Retired
August 19 th	Brother Mathias Tanner, Retired
August 26 th	Revs. Walter and Kay Webb, Retired
September 2 nd	Rev. Desmond Parker, Retired