

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

November 18, 2018 Thanksgiving Sunday

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 and of our local and global communities.

PRELUDE: 'The Call to Morning' F. Ritter

GATHERING PRAYER:

Lord, set your blessing on us as we begin this day together. Confirm in us the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn. We ask not for what we want but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

People: Remember that our God is Creator, the One who made us, the One who sustains us, the One whose Spirit lives within us.

Leader: Let us enter God's house with thanksgiving; and come into God's presence with praise.

People: For God is good, with unfailing love that lasts forever, and faithfulness that extends to all generations.

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

***GATHERING HYMN:** 'Come, Ye Thankful People, Come' UMH Page 694

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

KIDZ' CHORUS: Caroline Coffin, Directing

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Cherie Downing, Church School Superintendent

CHORAL ANTHEM: 'Amazing Grace' Wesleyan Singers, Beth LaBrie, Directing

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:25-33 NT Page 6 Kathy Gleason

***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:** 'We Gather Together' UMH Page 131

MESSAGE: 'Grasshoppers at the Table'
Joel 2:21-27 OT Page 799

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

WITNESS: 'Why Do I Give to God through UMC of Auburn?' Len Lednum

OFFERTORY: 'No One Understands Like Jesus' Wilson/Peterson
Consecration of 2019 Pledges

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:**

Jesus gave himself for us, God. We'll never equal that with our gifts. Our gifts will never pay you back, but they can say, "Thank you, God." And as we give our lives for others, we let you know that we understand. So, accept our gifts, God of grace, and use our lives however you choose. Amen.

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

*SENDING HYMN: ‘Give Thanks’ TFWS Page 2036

*BENEDICTION:

*CONG. RESPONSE: ‘Give Thanks’ TFWS Page 2036

*POSTLUDE: ‘We Gather Together’ F. Ritter

*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

Let us pray: “Dear God, to those of us who are hungry, give food; and to those of us who
have food, give hunger, so that we may champion justice in an unjust world.”

THANKSGIVING CONSECRATION SUNDAY: Today, as we celebrate Thanksgiving,
we offer God our UMCA financial pledges for 2019. We are deeply grateful for all who
give to God through the ministries of the United Methodist Church of Auburn. By God’s
grace and with your help, we do amazing things for our congregation, community, United
Methodist Connection and world!

**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:	Music Committee
Next Week's Ushers:	Nurture Committee
This Week's Greeters:	Judy & Tim Worden
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This Week's Liturgist:	Kathy Gleason
Next Week's Liturgist:	Marj Patrick

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, November 18, 2018

8:15 a.m.	Communion Worship	4:30 p.m.	Music Together
9:00 a.m.	Study Group	5:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Trp 121 Comm
10:00 a.m.	Worship	5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class
2:00 p.m.	Music Together	6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group
		7:00 p.m	Interfaith Service

MONDAY, November 19, 2018

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

TUESDAY, November 20, 2018

1:00 p.m.	Naomi Circle	6:30 p.m.	Ruth Circle
5:00 p.m.	Solutions Book Club	7:00 p.m.	Troop 111 Committee
5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class		
5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop Daisies		

WEDNESDAY, November 21, 2018

7:00 a.m.	Rotary Club Breakfast		
10:00 a.m.	Study Group	6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group

THURSDAY, November 22, 2018 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY, November 23, 2018 – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, November 24, 2018 BEAN SUPPER

4:00 p.m.	Praise Service
5:00 p.m.	Bean Supper

SUNDAY, November 25, 2018 United Methodist Student Sunday

8:15 a.m.	Communion Worship	6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group
9:00 a.m.	Study Group		
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service		
11:30 a.m.	Worship Committee		
11:30 a.m.	Decorate for the Holidays		

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 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.**

NAOMI CIRCLE NEWS: We will be meeting on November 20th at 1:00 p.m. – **Please note the time change!** We will be welcoming Peter Baker from the Alzheimer Association. He will be speaking about knowing the 10 signs of early onset of the disease. We will be meeting in the choir room and everyone is welcome to attend. If you have questions, please call Pat at 998-2118 or Judy at 784-8250.

RUTH CIRCLE: We will meet on November 20th at 6:30 p.m. Sharon McGilverly will present a program on Prayer and Self Denial. Members are asked to bring Pledge furniture polish or Dawn Dishwashing liquid to donate for church use.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: On Sunday, November 25th, we will be decorating the church for the holidays following worship. In addition, you will have the option of making an Advent wreath, learn how to make one when you get home, or bring in your own to spruce it up. A light luncheon of soup, chowder, or chili will be available for participants.

ADVENT STUDY: 'Looking Forward to Something Better.' Beginning Sunday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. The observance of Advent is most meaningful to those who know themselves and their world to be incomplete and imperfect, and who look forward to something better. We will informally explore together what that sentence means and what Christmas teaches us about ourselves and life. Everyone who would like to join the discussion is invited. Russ Peppe will facilitate. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT REQUEST: The Outreach Committee will be providing cookies for refreshments after the Christmas Concert on December 1st at 3:00 p.m. We will once again ask the members of the congregation to help us in this endeavor. There will be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall starting next Sunday, November 11th and all donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Donna Manson, Chairman.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The annual Christmas concert will be on Saturday, December 1st at 3:00 p.m. Please note there will be ONE concert this year. Performers will include the bell choir, the Wesleyan Singers, the Park Avenue Pickers and solos by Bill Buzza, Beth Labrie and Kary Coffin. There will be refreshments served following the concert. Invite your friends to come kick off the Holiday Season in song.

EDWARD LITTLE MUSIC ASSOC. is looking for some volunteers to help staff at the gift wrap booth in the Auburn Mall during the hours of 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on weekdays starting Nov. 26th thru December 24th. All profits benefit the Edward Little HS Music Department. We provide all the materials and training. If you are interested, please contact Bill Buzza 212-4536.

WREATH SALE: Boy Scout Troop 121 will be selling Christmas Wreaths. Wreath choices are fully decorated for \$18.00, Wreaths with a bow for \$14.00 and plain wreaths for \$11.00. Bow color choices are red and burgundy. Wreath orders will be taken until November 19th. The wreaths will be available for pick-up on December 1st. Profits from the sale will be used to support camping trips. Place your order after church, or the church fair or all Don Malpass at 783-0790. Thank you for your support.

HONOR OR MEMORIALIZE LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS: Three options will be available this year. You can purchase a poinsettia, donate to the UM Committee on Relief (UMCOR), or do both. Your loved ones' name(s) will be included in the Remembrance Bulletin on December 23rd and 24th. Orders will be taken before and after worship on November 18th and 25th. Profits from the poinsettias benefit John J. Murphy Homes which serve people with physical and intellectual disabilities.

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.