

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

June 17, 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: 'I Look to the Hills' B. Miller

GATHERING PRAYER:

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The light of God surrounds us;

People: the love of God enfolds us;

Leader: the power of God protects us;

People: the presence of God is with us;

ALL: wherever we are, God is. Praise be to God!

***GATHERING HYMN:** 'This Is My Father's World' UMH Page 144

*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

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER:

SPECIAL MUSIC: 'For the Beauty of the Earth' Park Avenue Pickers

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 20 OT Page 473 Janice Meserve

***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.*

GREETING FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Lucille Webber

***HYMN:** 'Sois la Semilla' (You Are the Seed) UMH Page 583

MESSAGE: 'I Wonder if I'm Growing'
Text: Mark 4:26-32 NT Page 36

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY: 'Thanks Be to Thee!' G. Richolson

*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:**

Loving Father, you powerfully fill the voids in our lives. You reveal your compassionate grace by the simple act of always being present. You unselfishly feed us when we are hungry and quietly walk with us when we feel alone. Combine this offering with others so that all your children can be filled with the power of your redeeming spirit. In Jesus' name 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: 'Faith of Our Fathers' (v. 1-2) UMH Page 710

*BENEDICTION:

*CONG. RESPONSE: 'Faith of Our Fathers' (v. 3) UMH Page 710

*POSTLUDE: 'Fanfare Postlude' G. Martin

*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

Someone once said, "Change is the only evidence we have of growth." But we are not sure we want to change. We like things just the way they are. Thank you very much! But not really. If we are 5, we can hardly wait to be 6. If we are sick, we can hardly wait to be well. And if we are too short for the carnival ride, we can hardly wait to grow an inch. We are made to grow. We want to grow, but we do not want to lose anything precious. That is where trust comes in. Do we trust God to help us grow?

**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: Music Groups
This Week's Greeters: Edith and Joel Ellis
This Week's Liturgist: Janice Meserve
Next Week's Liturgist: Pam MacDonald

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, June 17, 2018

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

MONDAY, June 18, 2018

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

5:30 p.m. Solutions Group

7:00 p.m. Serenity Group

7:30 p.m. AA/Alanon

TUESDAY, June 19, 2018

1:30 p.m. Naomi Circle

5:30 p.m. Solutions Book Club

6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle

7:00 p.m. T111 Committee

WEDNESDAY, June 20, 2018

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

THURSDAY, June 21, 2018

10:00 a.m. Faith Journey

4:00 p.m. Literacy Volunteer Dinner

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

7:00 p.m. SPRC Committee

FRIDAY, June 22, 2018

5:45 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 111

SATURDAY, June 23, 2018

10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Committee

11:00 a.m. Burleigh Edwards Funeral (Livermore Falls)

12:30 a.m. Newcomers Luncheon at Empire Grove

4:00 p.m. Praise Service

SUNDAY, June 23, 2018

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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 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!

NAME BADGES: For anyone who is new or has misplaced their name tag, don’t forget to sign your name on the Name Badge sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

CAN ANYONE HELP? Lucy and Donald Peck are looking to purchase a used vehicle. If someone in the congregation has information regarding a used vehicle, please call, email or mail. Thank you. Donald and Lucy Peck PO Box 1204, Auburn, ME 04211; Tel: 508-246-8054, Email: bushel72@gmail.com

EMPIRE GROVE VESPERS SERVICES – JUNE SCHEDULE

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

For Worship and Song Vespers Services

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| June 17 th | Mr. Josh Herlihy, Pleasant Street Baptist Church |
| June 24 th | Pastor Mark Foster, North Lebanon Second Baptist |
| July 1 st | Rev. Joe Beardsley, Creative Years Ministry |
| July 8 th | Pastor Greg Morgan, Pleasant Street Baptist |
| July 15 th | Pastor Don Mayberry, South Paris Congregational |
| July 22 nd | Joan Spitzform, Lay Speaker UMC |
| July 29 th | Rev. Stephen Bascom, Sr., Auburn UMC |

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.

THANK YOU! Thank you to the Education Committee for my gift. It is appreciated more than words can say. I am so blessed to work with such a devoted gifted team. It takes all of us to have a successful Sunday School. We can pat ourselves on the back and say ‘Job Well Done!’.

THANK YOU! The residents and staff at the Freeport Nursing and Rehabilitation Center would like to express their deepest gratitude for the time and talent of the members of the church who made the fidget blankets. It is wonderful to be remembered and to have the blankets as a tool for comfort. Sincerely, Piper Carey DeFreest.

NEWCOMER’S LUNCHEON: On Saturday, June 23rd the Outreach Committee is having a Newcomer’s Luncheon at Empire Grove. Contact Donna Manson for further information.

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.