

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

November 19, 2017 Thanksgiving Sunday

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

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: 'Hymn Medley' Judith Kuhn, Accompanist

WELCOME, MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Steve 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.

PRAYER OF GREETING:

PRELUDE: 'Thanksgiving A.D. 1620' Wilson/MacDowell

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God all the earth. Worship God with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

People: We know the Lord is God. God made us and we belong to our Creator. We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter the gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to God, and bless God's holy name.

People: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

ALL: Raise the song of harvest home!

***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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Cherie Downing, Church School Superintendent

ANTHEM: 'A Thanksgiving Garden' Wesleyan Singers

SCRIPTURE: I Thessalonians 5:1-11 NT Page 193 Marj Patrick

***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

***HYMN:** 'Give Thanks' TFWS Page 2036

MESSAGE: 'Remember to Give Thanks' OT Page 174
Text: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION: 'What is a Pledge?'

OFFERTORY: 'Pastorale' Blake/Burney

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 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 DEDICATION:**

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, we ask, including the pledges we make for 2018. We trust You to provide all that is needed for nourishment of our lives, families, church, community and global village. Receive our thanks. Accept our praise: through Jesus Christ. 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

- * **HYMN:** 'Now Thank We All Our God' UMH Page 102
- ***BENEDICTION:**
- ***SUNG RESPONSE:** 'Let All Things Now Living' (v. 1) TFWS Page 2008
- ***POSTLUDE:** 'Festive Postlude' E. Broughton
- ***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

When do we give thanks for the blessings in our lives? Do we wait for the moment of intersection, when harvest, joy and contentment combine in a splash of "Hallelujah?" Or do we give thanks now, even though the cranberries stain our blouse, the turkey is undercooked and the dog has eaten the stuffing? Can thanksgiving be found when our loved one is no longer with us, when the stomach goes hungry or when the prognosis is dire? Thanksgiving is not a natural product of good fortune and happy circumstance; it is a choice of the heart, in gratitude to God.

**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 Liturgist: Marj Patrick
Next Week's Liturgist: Joel Irish

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, November 19, 2017

8:15 a.m.	Communion Worship	6:00 p.m.	Private Men's Group
9:00 a.m.	Racism Study/KidzKamp	6:00 p.m.	Community Service at Calvary UMC, Lewiston
10:00 a.m.	Worship		
5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class		

MONDAY, November 20, 2017

5:30 p.m.	Solutions Group		
6:00 p.m.	Auburn Bell Ringers	7:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	Serenity Group	7:30 p.m.	AA

TUESDAY, November 21, 2017

1:00 p.m.	Naomi Circle to meet here at 1:00 for trip to Good Shepherd
5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class
5:30 p.m.	Solutions Study Group
7:00 p.m.	Troop 111 Committee

WEDNESDAY, November 22, 2017

6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group
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THURSDAY, November 23, 2017 Happy Thanksgiving

Private Thanksgiving Event

FRIDAY, November 24, 2017

Holiday – Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, November 25, 2017

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

SUNDAY, November 26, 2017 Hanging of the Greens

8:15 a.m.	Communion Worship
9:00 a.m.	Racism Study/KidzKamp
10:00 a.m.	Worship
5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class
6:00 p.m.	Private Men's Group
6:00 p.m.	Advent Study – Ebenezer Scrooge

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 except 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!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Today, November 19th, 6:00 p.m. at the Calvary UMC, Lewiston. All are welcome!

PRAISE SERVICE AND BEAN SUPPER: On Saturday, November 25th at 4:00 p.m. we invite you to join us for a Praise Service before the Bean Supper. Mitch Thomas will lead us in praise! Then, please join us after the concert for our bean supper! Menu includes: Baked Beans, Casseroles, Hot Dogs, coleslaw, bread, beverages and pie for dessert! Entertainment provided by the Park Avenue Pickers beginning at 4:30. Invite a friend or two! For additional information, please call the church office at 782-3972.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Join us next Sunday, November 26th, as we invite all to stay after worship to help decorate the church for advent. It's great fun!

ADVENT CLASS: 'How Christmas Saved Scrooge.' Using Dicken's story, "A Christmas Carol," we will look at the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge through the lens of the gospel to see how his Christmas and his life were saved. If you would like to move your holiday mood from 'Bah Humbug,' to 'God bless us everyone,' join us for our informal discussions on the Sunday evenings of Advent and discover (again) the transforming charms of Christmas. If possible, read 'A Christmas Carol' ahead of time, or watch any of many movies of the story to refresh your memory of Ebenezer Scrooge. **We will meet beginning Sunday, November 26th at 6:00 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be available. Open to all high school students and older. Russ Peppe will facilitate. The study will be held here at the church.**

BIBLE STUDY CLASS: Christmas Story Gospel Parallels, begins Sunday, at 9:00 a.m. in the lounge. Classes are: 12/3 Matthew; 12/10 Mark; 12/17 Luke; and 12/24 John. Facilitated by Rev. Steve Bascom.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Start Planning for our Christmas Pageant! We will be doing the cancelled play from last year. Looking for all those who took part last year and anyone new who would like to join us this year! Looking for all those who took part last year and anyone new who would like to join. **Practice will begin right after church. Please join us – we need young and young at heart to help make this a success! FMI contact Cherie Downing.**

CAN YOU HELP? We once again will be helping the Salvation Army during this Christmas Season, by providing volunteers from the congregation to Ring the Bells at the Salvation Army Red Kettle in front of Kmart in Auburn. If you or your family are willing to ring the bell for a 2 hour session on any of the Saturdays in December, or Black Friday weekend, please contact the Church Office, or call 783-5269.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE: Boy Scout Troop 121 is taking orders for wreaths. The wreaths can be ordered in three different options: 1.) fully decorated with a bow, pinecones and berries for \$18.00; 2.) with just a bow for \$14.00; or 3) plain for \$11.00. Bow colors available are red, burgundy or brick. Order deadline is November 19th. For more information, call Don Malpass at 783-0790. Monies raised will be used to pay for our Troop trailer to carry the troop's camping equipment.

NAOMI CIRCLE NEWS: Our next meeting will be held at Good Shepherd on Tuesday, November 21st. We will meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. and carpool from there. We will be given a tour of the facility and then they will provide a meeting place for us. All women are invited to attend. If any questions, please notify Pat Thomas 998-2118 or Judy Sargent 784-8250.

'A Special Request'

In celebration of two upcoming special birthdays, the Outreach Committee would like the congregation to consider sending 'A Shower of Cards' to the following members:

Jim DeWolfe will be turning 90 on November 27th! His address is 74 Conant Avenue, Auburn, ME 04210

Ruth Baxter will be turning 100 on November 22nd ! Her address is 22 Buttonwood Lane, Lewiston, ME 042540