

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

February 18, 2018 First Sunday of Lent/Reconciling Sunday

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

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: Judith Kuhn, Accompanist

WELCOME, MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Stephen Bascom

*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: 'Just a Closer Walk With Thee' arr. Grant

GATHERING PRAYER:

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God's heart is open to all.

People: We open our hearts to God!

Leader: Let us pray: God of new beginnings, you wipe away our tears and call us to care for one another.

People: Give us eyes to see your gifts, hearts to embrace all creation, and hands to serve you every day of our lives.

ALL: We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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***GATHERING:** 'Help Us Accept Each Other' UMH Page 560

(Melody: 'The Church's One Foundation' UMH Page 545)

*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

SERVICE OF BAPTISM: Julian Derouche UMH Page 39ff

*With delight and joy, we welcome **Julian Gerard Derouche** for baptism this morning!*

Parents: John and Emily Derouche Godparents: Daniel Derouche, Catherine Mercer

NOISY OFFERING: (Benefits the Trinity Jubilee Center Milk Program)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Cherie Downing

CHOIR ANTHEM: 'Down to the River and Pray' Wesleyan Singers

MISSION PROJECT FOR LENT: Pastor Kay Webb, Mission Chair

SCRIPTURE: II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 NT Page 171 Carol Christopoulos

***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.*

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY LITANY: (See Insert)

***SONG OF PREPARATION:** 'For One Great Peace' TFWS Page 2185

MESSAGE: 'Reconciled to Your Brother or Sister'
Text: Matthew 5:21-24 NT Page 4

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY: 'Andante' L. Beethoven

*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 THANKSGIVING:** Glorious God, we like to practice random acts of kindness. Your Word even confirms that we further your kingdom when we show kindness and compassion to another person We pray that Jesus' life and teaching may be our example for sharing intentionally our talents, prayers, time, witness and offerings. We humbly give this offering as an expression of our faith. 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: 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling' (v. 1-3) UMH Page 384

*BENEDICTION:

*CONG. RESPONSE: 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling' (v.4) UMH Page 384

*POSTLUDE: 'March in A Flat' W. Stickles

*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

As the wider denomination struggles to affirm unity in the midst of passionate, divergent views of human sexuality, the United Methodist Church of Auburn is a voice for reconciliation. Differences of opinion are present in our congregation as well, but core values guide our congregation as expressed in our *Welcoming Statement of Diversity*. All people have sacred worth, and we celebrate the rainbow diversity God has planted in our garden of fellowship!

**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: Members of the Congregation

This Week's Greeters: The Parker Family

This Week's Liturgist: Carol Christopoulos

Next Week's Liturgist: Lindsay Carr

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, February 18, 2018

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

2:00 p.m. Music Together

10:00 a.m. Worship

4:30 p.m. Music Together

11:30 a.m. Christian Ed Committee

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

11:30 a.m. Derouche Family Party

6:00 p.m. Private Men's Group

MONDAY, February 19, 2018

5:30 p.m. Solutions Group

7:00 p.m. Serenity Group

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. AA/Alanon

TUESDAY, February 20, 2018

10:00 a.m. Genesis Study Group

5:30 p.m. Solutions Book Club

1:30 p.m. Naomi Circle

6:00 p.m. Trustee Committee

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

6:15 p.m. Park Avenue Pickers

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2018

6:00 p.m. River Valley Girl Scouts

6:00 p.m. Boy Scout T121 Committee

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

THURSDAY, February 22, 2018

10:00 a.m. Faith Journey

6:00 p.m. Boy Troop 121

10:00 a.m. Clover Worship Service

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout P111 Mtg

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

FRIDAY, February 23, 2018

5:45 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 111

SATURDAY, February 24, 2018

11:00 a.m. Music Together

4:00 p.m. Praise Service

5:00 p.m. Bean Supper

SUNDAY, February 25, 2018

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness Class

6:00 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 Leroy Brown or Eric Howes. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

PRE-SCHOOL COLLECTION: Items are needed for the preschool! We will be collecting **Tissues and Paper Towels** for the months of January/February. Thank you all for your generosity as this new school year begins!

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!

COAT, BOOTS AND BLANKET DRIVE! It's getting cold! Time to sort through your closets! The Mission Committee is again collecting winter coats and jackets (for men, women, and children) as well as winter boots and warm blankets for the Trinity Jubilee Center in Lewiston. This program (based in the downtown Episcopal Church) serves many of the most-needy in our community. Our church has been supporting the work of this center for many years and in many ways. There are boxes for your donations to the right of the entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you for your support!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL INVITED to help us make our Resurrection Butterflies after church today, February 18th. Stay and decorate a butterfly. Both children and adults are invited to join in the fun. We need lots of participants. Any questions, see Cherie Downing.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY: When? March 17th Time? 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Where? Here at the church! Open to all! Sign up required. A limit of 50 participants.

MOVIE NIGHT: Our next movie night is scheduled for March 9th from 6:00 – 8:00. Come celebrate Dr. Seuss! Bring a pillow or something comfy to sit on. Light snacks provided. Feel free to bring your own snacks! Admission is a new or slightly used children's book.

GENESIS STUDY GROUP: Kay Little will lead a weekly Genesis Study Group, every Tuesday, now and running through March 20th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. It is based on a 2010 Bill Moyers video series. For questions contact Kay at 784-1908 or klittle6599@gmail.com.

UMW BANQUET NEWS: Ladies...Save the date! Tuesday, April 24th for another UMW sponsored banquet this year's theme is "Fashion Through the Ages". More information to come!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: It is time for the Barnyard Round Up crew to gather and make sure all farm hands are in place. Bible School will take place August 6th – 10th. We need lots of help – all are welcome. Please join us! If you help, please call Cherie Downing or Gladys Chapman.

USHERING OPPORTUNITIES: : Small church groups and committees are being invited to lend a hand with ushering at the Sunday morning 10 a.m. service. We thank the Men's Breakfast group and the Nurture Committee who are already participating – handing out bulletins and collecting the offering on their designate Sundays. We are asking that other small groups volunteer as well so that we can have a scheduled group for each Sunday of the month. A contact person for each group will be sent a reminder via email or text. We would also like to have a list of members of the congregation who would be willing to serve when needed. A sign up sheet and ushering guidelines are available on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up or speak to Janet or Joel Irish, 224-0197, joel.irish@maine.edu with any questions.