

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

June 11, 2017 Trinity Sunday, Children's Day,

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

PRAYER OF GREETING:

PRELUDE: 'Sweet Songs' L. Smith

Sesame Street Comes to Church!
(Featuring the Letter 'F' and the Number '7')

PASTOR STEVE WELCOMES BIG BIRD

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Sing! Sing a song, sing out loud, sing out strong.

People: Sing of good things, not bad. Sing of happy, not sad.

Leader: Sing! Sing a song; make it simple to last your whole life long.

People: Don't worry if it's not good enough for anyone else to hear.

Leader: Sing! Sing a song.

ALL: God delights in the praise of the people. Let us celebrate God in song: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

(Lyric by Joe Raposo, c1971, 1972 Jonico Music, Inc. Cherry lane Music Pub. Co.)

***OPENING HYMN:** 'Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty' UMH Page 64

*If you would like to light a candle for prayer,
please feel free to do so during any congregational hymn.*

SEEDS OF FAITH: Bruce Hall

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM: 'Rainbow Connection' Wesleyan Singers

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: 'One of These Things'

CREATION COUNT: '7 Days of Creation' Dana Coffin, 'The Count'

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 OT Page 157

***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*

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES: Lucille Webber, Cherie Downing
Koby Humason-Fulgham, Michael Gordon, Cody Malpass, Colin Woodhead

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS:
Eric Hall, Koby Humason-Fulgham

GRATITUDE – CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS: Cherie Downing, Superintendent

SESAME STREET SKIT: 'The Two Friends'
Big Bird – Roy Cossey Cookie Monster – Marcy Kenison
Ernie – Scott Kenison Bert – Barry Doyle
Elmo – Desiree Cossey Abby Cadabby – Beth Woodhead

***HYMN:** 'Jesus Loves Me' UMH Page 191

MESSAGE: 'Father Forgives Forever!' NT Page 73
Text: Luke 15:11-24

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY: 'God of the Living' L. Smith
*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:**
Awesome, holy, and loving God, we acknowledge that tears and smiles are both an important part of life. May these gifts be instrumental in wiping away tears and bringing smiles to your children throughout the world. Our prayer is that no one will miss the joy. Make it be so. Amen.

CELEBRATING KARY COFFIN’S MINISTRY OF MUSIC

**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:** ‘Pass It On’ UMH Page 572

***BENEDICTION:**

***CONG. RESPONSE:** ‘Go Now In Peace’

***POSTLUDE:** ‘Festive Recessional’ 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

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 8:30 a.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Staff Directory

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Choir Director: Kary Coffin

Early Service Music Director: Mitch Thomas

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: Sharon McGilvery

Next Week's Liturgist: Marj Patrick

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, June 11th – Children's Day!

8:30 a.m.	Communion Worship		
9:10 a.m.	Prayer Circle	5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group
11:30 am.	Finance Committee	7:00 p.m.	Empire Grove Vespers

MONDAY, June 12th – Peter on vacation this week!

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

TUESDAY, June 13th

5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Trp 2145
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WEDNESDAY, June 14th

7:15 a.m.	Rotary Breakfast	6:00 p.m.	Private Men's Group
9:30 a.m.	Music Together	6:00 p.m.	River Valley GirlScouts
5:00 p.m.	SPRC Committee	7:00 p.m.	Serenity Group

THURSDAY, June 15th -Pastor Steve at Annual Conference

10:00 a.m.	Faith Journey	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 121
5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class		

FRIDAY, June 16th – Pastor Steve at Annual Conference

6:30 p.m.	Troop 111 Court of Honor		
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SATURDAY, June 17th – Pastor Steve at Annual Conference

4:00 p.m.	Coffin Piano Recital		
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SUNDAY, June 18th

8:30 a.m.	Communion Worship		
9:10 a.m.	Prayer Circle		
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group
11:30 a.m.	Mission Committee	7:00 p.m.	Empire Grove Vespers

BOLD PRINT – Church Activity

OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

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. If you have questions, please speak with Leroy Brown or Eric Howes. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

MISSION STORE: In order to assist in the weekly collections for our three local mission projects: The Center for Wisdom's Women; The Auburn Preschool; and the High Street Food Cupboard. We have set up a mission store for your convenience. See the Mission Store table in the Fellowship Hall to see how you can help!

WISDOM'S WOMEN CENTER: The Faith Journey group is supporting the Center for Wisdom's Women in Lewiston by having a collection box for FULL SIZED hygiene products for the women that they serve. You will find in on the Mission table in the Narthex. A bag is filled by the Center with the necessities that should last a woman a month, so full sized products are really appreciated. The items are delivered to the Center on a regular basis. Please help by providing: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, tooth brushes, bars of soap or body wash, disposable razors, lotion, chapstick and feminine hygiene products. Thank you in advance!

MEDITATION

“Let the children come to me,” Jesus counseled his disciples who were trying to keep them away so that he could minister to grown-ups. “I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.” (Mark 10:15) We have much to teach children, and we are deeply grateful to our Church School teachers, Youth leaders, and Scout leaders who generously give their time and talent for this ministry, but children also have much to teach us! On this Children's Sunday, as our Sesame Street friends worship with us, let us find our inner child and worship God in Spirit and truth.

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

NAOMI CIRCLE NEWS: Members will meet at Rolondeau's for the 'end of meeting season' banquet on Tuesday, June 13th at 11:30 a.m. Contact Pat Thomas at 998-2118 or Judy Sargent at 784-8250 if you need a ride.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE: This year's Annual Conference offerings will be the following: Nicaragua Covenant; Mission of Peace; Multi-Ethnic Center for Ministry and Ministerial Education Fund. A giving envelope will be in the next two week's bulletins if you are interested in donating funds to any of the above special offerings. Ruth Southworth will be taking the collections with her to annual conference in June. Please be sure to specify what offering and the monetary amount given so that it can be credited to your giving for the year.

Also, conference is collecting old cell phones for Safe Havens, a charity that helps abused women to escape their abusers. If you have a used cell phone, please feel free to donate it.

EMPIRE GROVE VESPERS SERVICE Sunday June 11th at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to come join us on Sunday evenings throughout the summer!

EARLY SERVICE: The half-hour, 8:30 a.m. service will continue through the summer. If you are headed for the beach or lake on a Sunday, we invite you to join us for the early service!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has been cancelled for this summer due to the construction on Park Avenue. Be ready for a better than ever "Barnyard Round-Up" next year!

THANK YOU! A huge thank you to ALL who helped with Sunday School this year. It takes the whole church to have a successful program for our children. *Thank you to our dedicated teachers who were in the classroom each week. *Those who did Children's Moments. *All who helped with Special Activities....Trunk or Treat, Breakfast with Easter Bunny, Sesame Street Comes to Church, Christmas Pageant, Drive In Movie Night. I couldn't have done it without YOU! Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are appreciated more than words can say! Cherie