

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

August 6, 2017 Season Following Pentecost

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:** 'When Morning Gilds the Skies' D. Wood

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: You have come from afar and waited long and are wearied.

**People: Let us sit side by side...**

Leader: Let us share the same bread drawn from the same Source to quiet the hunger that makes us hunger.

**People: Then standing together, let us share the same Spirit of Grace,**

**ALL: the same thoughts that once again draw us together in friendship, unity and peace.**

*(Jann C. Weaver, USA, 20<sup>th</sup> c. Adapted, BOW)*

**\*OPENING HYMN:** 'Be Thou My Vision' UMH Page 451

*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:** Pastor Steve

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** 'Here I Am to Worship' Kary & Dana Coffin

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 14:13-21 Al Burgess NT Page 15

**\*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:** 'Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown' UMH Page 386

**MESSAGE:** 'Knowing You' OT Page 29  
Text: Genesis 32:22-31

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving  
Prayer of Confession and Pardon Sharing the Bread and Cup  
**God of all creation, you are pure and holy. You created a perfect environment and beautiful beings for your pleasure. All of this was good. Yet today we find ourselves in an imperfect world, and we confess that the sin in our own lives separates us from your will and your ways. Forgive us, Lord, for making choices contrary to your purposes, for refusing to live by your guidance, for failing to trust that your ways are in place with our wellbeing in mind. Give us the power through your Holy Spirit to turn from our willfulness and trust you alone for our rule of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We offer three stations: two at floor level (for accessibility), and one at the communion rail surrounding the altar. Communion elements are non-alcoholic and a gluten-free option is provided.*

**OFFERTORY:** 'Chant Du Matin' P. MacDonald

*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 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:** 'God Be with You till We Meet Again' (v. 1-3) UMH Page 672

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*CONG. RESPONSE:** 'God Be with You till We Meet Again' (v. 4) UMH Page 672

**\*POSTLUDE:** 'Lead On, O King Eternal' E. Broughton

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**\*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.**

**THANK YOU TO DANA AND KARY COFFIN FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS WITH US THIS MORNING!**

**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**  
**Email:** [office@auburnmethodist.org](mailto:office@auburnmethodist.org)  
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**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:** Al Burgess  
**Next Week's Liturgist:** Janice Meserve

**THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Communion Worship</b>	6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group
<b>9:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Prayer Circle</b>	7:00 p.m.	Empire Grove Vesper
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>		

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**MONDAY, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

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**TUESDAY, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

5:15 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class	6:15 p.m.	Park Ave. Pickers
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**WEDNESDAY, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m.	Private Men's Group		
7:00 p.m.	Serenity Group		

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**THURSDAY, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness		
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**FRIDAY, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m.	Montello Worship Service		
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**SATURDAY, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

2:00 p.m.	Steven Page Jr. Funeral		
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**SUNDAY, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Communion Worship</b>		
<b>9:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Prayer Circle</b>		
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>		
6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group	7:00 p.m.	Empire Grove Vespers

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**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!

**HIGH STREET FOOD PANTRY is looking for additional volunteers to welcome and sign in up to 60 clients on Thursday mornings beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at noon. We have several volunteers who currently cover this important job working in pairs, but we need a few in addition to fill in as needed. You should be comfortable interacting with clients who come from many different cultures often with little use of English, and be willing to be trained on the use of our laptop program. If this volunteer opportunity interests you, please speak with Leroy Brown at (h) 312-5624 (c) 757-761-0795 or call Eric Howes at 786-3783. Thank you.**

**EARLY SERVICE:** Our half-hour 8:30 a.m. worship 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!

## OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

**EMPIRE GROVE VESPERS SERVICE Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to come join us on Sunday evenings throughout the summer! Tonight's speaker is Rev. Joe Beardsley.**

<b>Upcoming Speakers:</b>	<b>Aug. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev. Joe Beardsley</b>
	<b>Aug. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor John Baker-Streevy</b>
	<b>Aug. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev. Cathy Anderson</b>
	<b>Aug. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev, Russell Peppe</b>
	<b>Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>To Be Announced</b>

### **MEDITATION**

Like Jacob, we sometimes yearn for a new identity, wanting to be something better than what we have been, wanting to be whole and forgiven. We wrestle with our own nature, uncertain of who we are really. We wrestle with doubt, longing for truth, yet uncertain we have found it. As the night of wrestling gives way to dawn, we recover the clarity of who we are: children of God. We struggled to hold on to God's blessing, but happily discover that God's blessing has taken hold of us. We are no longer our own; we belong to God. And God calls us by a new name: 'Christian.'