

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

July 14, 2019 Post-Pentecost 10:00 am

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

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**MUSIC FOR CENTERING:** The 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:** 'Call to Service' Judith Kuhn

### **GATHERING PRAYER:**

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

Leader: God of the prophets, call us today.

**People: Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

Leader: God of the poets, remind us again how much you love us.

**People: Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

Leader: God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You.

**People: Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

Leader: God of all creation, help us to know Your ways.

**ALL: We gather to hear Your call, to sing Your praise, to teach each other, to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.**

(Rev. Mindi, on her Rev-o-lution blog)

**\*GATHERING:** 'The Summons'

## WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Pastor Steve

**SONGS OF VBS:** Caroline Coffin, Music Director

**SCRIPTURE:** Colossians 1:1-14 NT Page 188 Joel Irish, Liturgist

**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 OF PREPARATION:** 'Cuando El Pobre' UMH Page 434  
(When the Poor Ones)

**MESSAGE:** 'Who Is My Neighbor?' NT Page 66  
**Text:** Luke 10:25-37

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

**OFFERTORY:** 'The Jesus Blues' The Park Avenue Pickers  
*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 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. Receive our thanks. Accept our praise: through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **COMMUNITY AND PASTORAL PRAYER:**

#### **THE 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**

\*SENDING HYMN      ‘Lord, I Want to Be a Christian’ (v.1-3)      UMH Page 402

\*BENEDICTION:

\*CONG. RESPONSE:      ‘Lord, I Want to Be a Christian’ (v.4)      UMH Page 402

POSTLUDE:                      ‘Postlude on “St. Gertrude”’

\*CONGREGATION STANDS – if you are physically able

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.

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**MEDITATION**

“Who is my neighbor?” the lawyer asked Jesus. His question is asked anew, again and again and again. We can’t possibly take care of everyone, so who are the ones we are responsible for, or to? Are neighbors the ones who live next door? Are they the ones working two cubicles away? Are they the ones south of the border? Are they the ones at greatest risk? Jesus’ brand of neighbor goes above and beyond for a complete stranger. In fact, the only two criteria prompting intervention are proximity and obvious need. Neither of these was compelling enough for the priest or Levite. They had places to go and things to do. “It’s not my problem,” they said. But the Samaritan saw the problem as an opportunity to love God and one other created in God’s image. “Who is my neighbor?” Perhaps we do not have a neighbor...until we first become a neighbor...

**THANK YOU –** We are grateful to all who helped to make this year’s “Moose on the Loose” VBS the celebration it was. We are especially grateful to Cherie Downing for her leadership!

**Pastor’s Vacation:** Pastor Steve will be on vacation July 15-29, but will respond in case of emergency. Parsonage phone: (207) 753-1275. Joan Spitzform and Rev. Russ Peppe will care for worship services in his absence. God Bless!

**THE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OF AUBURN**

**439 Park Avenue, Auburn, ME 04210, 207-782-3972**

***\*A Reconciling Congregation***



**Pastor: Rev. Stephen Bascom, Sr.**

**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday      8:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday      10:00 a.m.**

## STAFF DIRECTORY

**Email:** [office@auburnmethodist.org](mailto:office@auburnmethodist.org)

**Web Site:** [auburnmethodist.org](http://auburnmethodist.org)

**Pastor:** Rev. Stephen Bascom, Sr.

**Parsonage:** 753-1275

**Email:** [sebisk@live.com](mailto:sebisk@live.com)

**Secretary:** Joan Spitzform

**Church Office:** 782-3972

**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:**

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**This Week's Greeters:**

**This Week's Liturgist:**

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**Outreach Committee**

**Music Groups**

**Joel Irish**

**Don Malpass**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

### **SUNDAY, July 14, 2019**

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Private Men's Group

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### **MONDAY, July 15, 2019**

9:00 a.m. Music Together 7:00 p.m. Serenity Group

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

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### **TUESDAY, July 16, 2019**

5:00 p.m. Solutions Book Study

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### **WEDNESDAY, July 17, 2019**

10:00 a.m. Study Group

**6:00 p.m. Sebago Long Lake Festival Concert – All are welcome to attend!**

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

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### **THURSDAY, July 18, 2019**

10:15 a.m. Music Together

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### **FRIDAY, July 19, 2019**

No Church Activities Scheduled

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### **SATURDAY, July 20, 2019**

No Church Activities Scheduled

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### **SUNDAY, July 21, 2019 – Guest Speaker – Joan Spitzform**

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

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Please contact Pastor Steve if you are seeking a Support Group for co-dependence, sexual addiction or substance abuse.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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, David or Mary MacMahon. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

**TRINITY JUBILEE CENTER REQUEST:** The Center needs soup kitchen volunteers. Volunteers are needed on Saturdays from 9:00 – 12:30 to help prepare, serve, and clean up lunch. Volunteers are also needed on weekday mornings to transport food donations. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. Please email [trinitylewiston@gmail.com](mailto:trinitylewiston@gmail.com) if you are interested. Donations of backpacks, steel-toed boots, and small shampoos and soaps are also greatly needed for the Center's homeless patrons. **Please note: The Center does NOT accept general clothing donations and a list of needed items is available at [www.trinityjubileecenter.org](http://www.trinityjubileecenter.org).**

**BIBLE STUDY:** There are currently two evening Bible studies offered on an alternating weekly basis. Both will meet at UMCA from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday meetings: 7/30 & 8/6, 8/20 & 9/3. (Gospel of Luke) Thursday meetings: 8/1, 8/15, 8/29 & 9/12. (Gospel of Mark) All are welcome!

**WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY:** Join us from 10:00 – 11:15 for a study group. We will meet to discuss *Living Buddha, Living Christ* by Thich Nhat Hanh. Contact Kay Little at [klittle6599@gmail.com](mailto:klittle6599@gmail.com) or 784-1908 to order a book, or purchase it on Amazon. \$10.87 for the paperback and \$12.99 on Kindle. We will meet weekly for the next 10 weeks. All are welcome.

**BATHROOM RENOVATION:** The women's and men's bathrooms will be undergoing renovation July 22-27. If all goes well, this will not impact bathroom availability on a Sunday. There is, of course, an additional, accessible bathroom at the end of the hall of the Christian Education wing.

**SEBAGO-LONG LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL** will be performing here at the church on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Selections from Amy Beach, Stravinsky, and Dvorak will be performed during the one-hour program titled 'Discover the Joys of Classical Music'. There will be a free will offering to be shared between the church and the Festival which is celebrating its 47<sup>th</sup> season. The visiting musicians love performing in our sanctuary so please attend to show your appreciation for their many musical gifts.

**ALPINE WONDERS 2020:** Join the New England Conference and Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar on a 9 Day European Adventure to see the Oberammergau Passion Play. Departs June 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 and returns July 7<sup>th</sup> 2020. Registration is required. Price starts at \$3,998.00. See Brochure and registration form available on the Fellowship Table.

**THANK YOU! Camp Moose on the Loose was an exciting fun-filled week. 25 children spent the week; Service Squad went out to the Humane Society, Mr. Drew's; High St. Food Pantry and worked around the church. It was a Super-Great group of children. Many, many thanks to ALL the Volunteers. None of this would happen without their assistance. Feeling thankful and blessed. Ms. Cherie**

### **EMPIRE GROVE SUMMER VESPERS SERVICE**

**Please join us at Empire Grove this summer!**

**Vesper Service: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**For more information on Campmeeting, contact:**

**Brother Matthias Tanner at [stanosl@aol.com](mailto:stanosl@aol.com)**

July 14<sup>th</sup> Rev. Joel Guillemette, Sudbury, MA (UMC)

July 21<sup>st</sup> Pastor Effie McAvoy, York-Ogunquit UMC

Campmeeting: July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>

August 11<sup>th</sup> Rev. Don Mayberry, South Paris

August 18<sup>th</sup> Rev. Russell Peppe

August 25<sup>th</sup> Rev. Karen Munson, District Superintendent Mid-Maine

September 1<sup>st</sup> Rev. John Whitley, Milford NH UMC

**(Flyers available on the table in the Fellowship Hall)**