

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

August 25, 2019 Season following Pentecost 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: Judith Kuhn, Organist

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: 'In the Garden'

GATHERING PRAYER: (In Unison)

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God is good.

People: All the time!

Leader: Let us worship God at the threshold of prayer: "Lord, set your blessing on us as we begin this day together.

People: Confirm in us the truth by which we rightly live;

Leader: confront us with the truth which we wrongly turn.

ALL: We ask not for what we want but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen."

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***GATHERING:** 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken' UMH Page 731

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Carol Christopoulos

SONG OF PRAISE: Women's Ensemble

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:10-17 NT Page 71 Donald Peck, 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: 'Womb of Life' TFWS Page 2046

MESSAGE: 'Created and Called'
Text: Jeremiah 1:4-10 OT Page 656

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY: 'Meditation on 'St. Columbia' Judith Kuhn, Organist

*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:**

Holy God , we give you ourselves, captive and free, shaped by forces beyond our control, yet open to the power of your Spirit. Through us, and our gifts, may others know that when anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation, and that the old way ends, and new life begins for everyone. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS 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: 'Here I Am, Lord' (v. 1-20) UMH Page 593

*BENEDICTION:

*CONG. RESPONSE: 'Here I Am, Lord' (v. 3) UMH Page 593

POSTLUDE: 'Firm in the Faith I Stand' Judith Kuhn, Organist

*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.

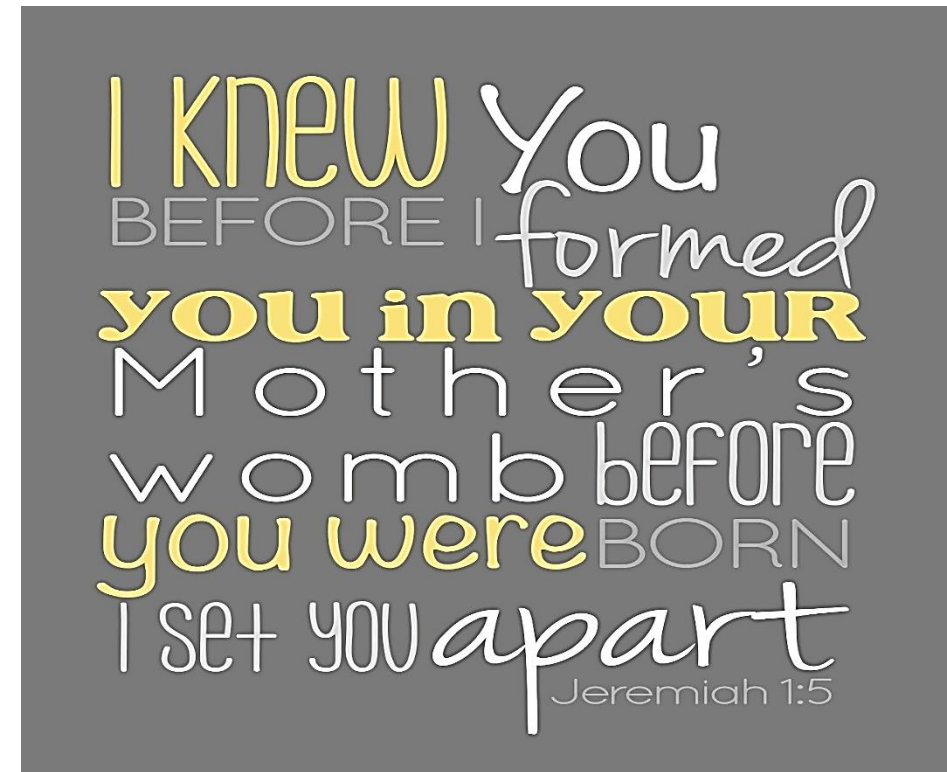
MEDITATION

The call of Jeremiah finds genesis in the womb of life. Even before conception, God envisioned the prophetic impact of his life on earth. God promises to supply all that is needed to carry on this work of interventions, calling nations to repentance and faithfulness. Our lives, too, are intentional, invested with purpose. Each one created with unique design to imprint and shape the world. Like Jeremiah, we may protest, "I am only a child!" But God knows who we are, loves who we are, and calls us just the same.

**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

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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:

Ushers: Finance Committee
Greeter: Helen Shelton
Liturgist: Donald Peck

Next Week:

Ushers: Men's Breakfast
Greeter: Paul Bisson
Liturgist: David MacMahon

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, August 25, 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

MONDAY, August 26, 2019

5:00 p.m. Solutions Group

7:30 p.m. AA/Alanon Groups

7:00 p.m. Serenity Group

TUESDAY, August 27, 2019

10:00 a.m. Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

5:00 p.m. Solutions Book Study

WEDNESDAY, August 28, 2019

10:00 a.m. Study Group

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

THURSDAY, August 29, 2019

6:00 p.m. Bible Study Group

FRIDAY, August 30, 2019

5:30 p.m. Scout Trp 111

SATURDAY, August 31, 2019

No Church Activities

SUNDAY, September 1, 2019

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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 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.**

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: 9/3 (Luke 4), 9/17, 10/1 10/15 (Gospel of Luke) Thursday meetings: 8/29, (Mark 3:20ff), 9/12, 10/3 & 10/24. (Gospel of Mark) All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY: Join us for a weekly devotional based on *At the Still Point: A Literary Guide to Prayer* by Sarah Arthur beginning Wednesday, September 11th and continuing to Advent. We meet from 10:00 – 11:00 in the library. Books are \$14.95. Speak to Kay Little at 784-1908 about ordering your book. All are welcome.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY: We will be having an 'outside' church clean-up day on September 7th from 8:30 – 4:00. We will be scraping and painting the upper trim of the church and clearing an egress path. **Many hands make light work! If you are willing to give some of your time, please sign the sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to bring a scraper and/or paintbrush if you have them!**

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 25th 2020 and returns July 7th 2020. Registration is required. Price starts at \$3,998.00. See Brochure and registration form available on the Fellowship Table.

A REQUEST FROM PETER: Peter is in need of any old towels that can be used for cleaning cloths around the church. If you would like to donate some for the church, please bring them to the office – thank you.

A REQUEST FROM MEGAN SPILLER: Megan is receiving calls regarding her mom. She would like to suggest that you call Rebecca herself at 576-2827. Thank you.

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

August 25th Rev. Karen Munson, District Superintendent

September 1st Rev. John Whitley, Milford (NH) UMC

(Flyers available on the table in the Fellowship Hall)