

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

September 1, 2019 Kingdomtide, 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: 'Let Us Break Bread Together'

GATHERING PRAYER:

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: This day is a gift from God.

People: We give thanks for God's love endures forever!

Leader: You have come from afar and waited long and are wearied. Let us sit side by side sharing the same bread drawn from the same source to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak.

People: Then standing together let us share the same Spirit, the same thoughts that once again draw us together in friendship, unity and peace.

ALL: We gather together to ask God's blessing...

(Prieres D'Ozawamick, Canadian Indian, 20th c. BOW, P456 Adapted)

***GATHERING:** 'Gather Us In' TFWS Page 2236

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Pastor Steve Bascom

SONG OF PRAISE: 'All Good Gifts' Sam Coley & Elizabeth Soychak

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 NT Page 213 David MacMahon, 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: 'Lord of All Hopefulness' TFWS Page 2197

MESSAGE: 'Honoring Dignity'
Text: Luke 14:1, 7-14 NT Page 72

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HOLY COMMUNION INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON:

Eternal God, we are grateful that you have led us in the past and will continue to lead us in the future. Thank you that your faithfulness to us does not depend upon our faithfulness to you, for often we have failed to follow your leadership. We have sown seeds of war, not peace, we have spoken words of anger, not love; we have failed to build bridges with people in our neighborhoods when we should reach out to them in Jesus' name. We repent of these sins and ask you forgiveness. Change our hearts and give us the strength to walk in the ways of reconciliation and peace. We pray this through Christ, our Lord, who showed us how to live this way to your glory.

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SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

We offer three stations: two at floor level (for accessibility), and one at the communion rail surrounding the altar.

Please raise your hand if you wish for the elements to be brought to you.

Communion elements are non-alcoholic, and a gluten-free table. option is provided on the center table.

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!

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

STAFF DIRECTORY

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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: Men’s Breakfast
Greeter: Paul Bisson
Liturgist: David MacMahon

Next Week:

Ushers: Outreach Committee
Greeter:
Liturgist:

SUNDAY, September 1, 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, September 2, 2019 – LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

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

TUESDAY, September 3, 2019

5:00 p.m. Solutions Book Study
6:00 p.m. Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, September 4, 2019

6:30 p.m. Private Men’s Group

THURSDAY, September 5, 2019

6:00 p.m. Scout Troop 121
10:00 a.m. Faith Journey
5:45 p.m. Scout Troop 111
11:00 a.m. Outreach Committee
7:00 p.m. Church Council
11:00 a.m. Nurture Committee
6:00 p.m. Bible Study Group

FRIDAY, September 6, 2019

5:30 p.m. Scout Trp 111
6:00 p.m. Scout Trp 121

SATURDAY, September 7, 2019

7:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Church Work Day!

SUNDAY, September 8, 2019 RALLY DAY!

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship
11:30 a.m. Mission Committee
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
2:00 p.m. Music Together
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:30 p.m. Music Together
11:30 a.m. Finance Committee
6:00 p.m. Private Men’s Group

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: 9/12 (Mark 3:20ff), 10/3, 10/24, & 11/17 (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.

ALL CHURCH ANNUAL BARBEQUE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

The members of the Nurture Committee invite you to attend the Welcome to Fall All Church Annual Barbeque after the worship service on Sunday, September 15th. We will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings – all **YOU** need to do is sign up to join us! There will be a sign-up sheet in the entry way at the end of August – **please sign up** by Sunday, September 8th, so that we can purchase and prepare the amount of food needed. We look forward to sharing with 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**

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

(Flyers available on the table in the Fellowship Hall)