

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN
SUNDAY, October 11, 2009
The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRE SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please indicate your presence by signing the pew pad)

QUIET PRELUDE:

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: In autumn beauty blue sky and golden land is clothed.
Apple-gathering children and nut-gathering squirrels
alike prepare for winter.

PEOPLE: In our tradition, harvest is a time of rejoicing in
God's natural bounty and the ingathering of our lives.

Leader: We praise God for all we have received. Seasons turn
but God's love is changeless.

ALL: We praise God for all we have received. Maple
leaves dancing, crisp breezes blowing, the good news
stories of Jesus' sojourn in Galilee, and the restless
winds of the Spirit rushing through our lives – all
these assure us of God's faithful presence. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH No. 92

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In unison)
Our gracious God, like a loving parent you nurture and encourage and challenge us
to grow in grace. Grant that by sensing your Spirit's presence in our midst, we may
be enabled to mature in our commitment to you. Forgive our failures and show us
once again our possibilities. Prepare us to be servants of your will and agents of
your love in all the world. This we pray through Christ our Lord who has taught us
to pray saying,...

*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.*

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN: Pastor Rich

HYMN: "The Summons" TFWS No. 2130
(Please remain seated)

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 4:12 - 16 NT, Pages 206, 207

***ACT OF PRAISE:** Psalm 138 UMH Nos. 853, 854
(Sung Response)

ANTHEM: "We Shall Walk In Peace" The Wesleyan Singers
(arr. David Davenport)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:13 - 27 NT, Pages 43, 44

SERMON: "The Kingdom of God, Eternal Life, and Salvation"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER
ORGAN PRAYER RESPONSE

THE SERVICE OF GIVING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
THE OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;* No. 95
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

Thank you, God, for the wealth you have entrusted to us. As we share a portion of that wealth, we pray that it may never become the object of our affection. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values, rather than on the possessions we can accumulate. We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God among us, praying that all whom our gifts may reach may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN: "We Are Called" TFWS No. 2172

BENEDICTION: (Please be seated)

Please do not leave today without first greeting someone whom you do not know!

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

***POSTLUDE**

***CONGREGATION STANDS (if physically able)**

UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal (red)
TFWS = The Faith We Sing Hymnal Supplement (black)

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF AUBURN**

**A Reconciling Congregation*

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.

Rev. Richard A. Cullen, Pastor

**Worship Services
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.**

TODAY'S LITURGIST:
TODAY'S ACOLYTE:

JANICE MESERVE
PAIGE MORIN

LITURGIST NEXT SUNDAY:
ACOLYTE NEXT SUNDAY:

SIERRA GARY

**USHERS FOR
THIS SERVICE ARE:**

Members of the Men's Group

WE WELCOME you to our worship service during this Pentecost Season. It is our hope that you will be moved and inspired through your presence in this service. If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out one of the pew cards and visit our Visitors Information Booth which is located in our Fellowship Hall. Please plan to worship with us again either next Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or next Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

*The Fall flower arrangement on the altar today
is dedicated to the Glory of God
and given by Jeanine Rogers and Charlene Pelletier,
the sisters of Bruce MacDonald.*



Attendance last Saturday, October 3rd: 25
Attendance last Sunday, October 4th: 125

WE HAVE AVAILABLE LARGE-PRINT HYMNALS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO USE THEM. THEY ARE LOCATED ON THE BOOK RACK IN THE VESTRY. PLEASE PICK ONE UP ON YOUR WAY INTO CHURCH, BUT BE SURE TO RETURN IT TO THE BOOK RACK ON YOUR WAY OUT.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES NOW AVAILABLE: If you have any difficulty hearing in the sanctuary, please consider using one of the "assistive listening devices" that are now available and can be picked up at the Visitor's Information Booth in the vestry. The device is simple to use and unobtrusive. We have four devices to begin with but can purchase more if they are needed!

A CELEBRATION FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY: An interfaith service of worship in celebration of the struggle for marriage equality will be held on **Sunday, October 18th, at 5:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church located on Spring Street here in Auburn.** The service will include a joint choir made up of members of various churches, synagogues, and other religious gatherings here in the twin cities. If you are interested in joining the choir, please speak to Sarah Dow. Pastor Rich will be delivering one of three homilies for the service. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Rich.

TODAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Today in Sunday School our children will continue with our new Unit 1: Noah and the Ark. Here is where each age group will go **today:**

3 – 5 year-olds: Games, Cooking, and Free Time in Room 3.
Grades 1 & 2: Drama and Reflection in Room 4.
Grades 3 & 4: Art, Music, and Reflection in Room 5.
Grades 5 & 6: Godly Play and Reflection in Room 2.
Grades 7 & Up: Godly Time (The Great Family) in the Library.

Are you interested in teaching a lesson for 4 weeks? Please let Ms. Kary know!

TODAY - YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS: Come and join us for our Youth Group meetings. Everyone is always welcome to join us:

7th – 12th Graders - The next meeting is **Today, October 11th, at 6:00 p.m.** here at Auburn UMC when *we are having a sleep-over!* Please bring a PG-rated movie, a snack to share with everyone, as well as your sleeping bag and pillow. (**NOTE TO PARENTS:** Don't forget to pick up your child(ren) by/at 9:00 a.m. on Monday morning, October 12th!) This year, we will be meeting every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.

4th – 6th Graders - Kids 4 Christ will be eating and meeting at their first meeting on **Sunday, October 18th, at 11:30 a.m.** after church. Come and join us!

FREE CONVERSATION SERIES AT CLOVER HEALTH CARE:

What: Conversation Series About Memory Loss and Dementia
When: **3 – 4:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month.**

Where: Clover Health Care, 440 Minot Avenue, Auburn
Cost: No Charge
Facilitator: Bonnie Iwans, LSW
Conversation Topic: *Life Stories and Maintaining Memories.*
Date: **October 14, 2009.**

For more information, phone the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association in Portland at (207) 772-0115, OR, check out the website at <http://www.alz.org/maine>

KAIROS 21 WEEKEND PRAYER PARTNERS: Will you keep the members of the Kairos Team and the prisoners of the Maine State Prison in your prayers the weekend of Thursday, October 15th, – Sunday, October 18th? This Christian Group goes into the Maine State Prison twice each year to share the love of Christ with selected prisoners who agree to be a part of the program. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex where you can sign up for specific time periods to pray. If you have any questions, please speak to Don Malpass or Pastor Rich.

BEAN SUPPER:

When: **Saturday, October 17th, at 5:00 p.m.**
Cost: \$7.00 per person, children ages 5 to 10 are \$3.00, and children under age 5 are Free.
Menu: Beans, casseroles, cole slaw, hot dogs, homemade brown bread, muffins, corn bread, sliced bread, and homemade pies.

Please join us for supper and do bring your neighbors and friends.

NOTE: *We are always looking for workers for the suppers so let us know when you can lend a helping hand.*

POTLUCK LUNCHEON:

When: **Sunday, October 18th, at 11:30 a.m.**
Please add your name to the sign-up sheet and let us know what dish you will be baking or donating to share with everyone. Hope you can join us – we would love to see you!

UMW INFORMATION:

UMW Circle Meetings:

Naomi Circle - **Tuesday, October 20th, at 1:30 p.m.**
(Leader: Shirley Keene, Tel: 782-1334)
Ruth Circle - **Tuesday, October 20th, at 7:00 p.m.**
(Leader: Lucille Webber, Tel: 998-5234)

SENIOR CITIZENS AND FRIENDS LUNCHEON:

When: **Tuesday, October 20th.**

Cost: \$7.00 per person.
Entertainment: “Jane and Ken Brooks” at **11:30 a.m. and lunch at 12:15 p.m.**
Menu: New England Boiled Dinner and pound cake with lemon sauce for dessert.
Please add your name to the reservation list by Sunday, October 18th!

FLU CLINIC: **On Thursday, October 29th,** a flu clinic will be held here at the Auburn UMC from **10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** in the Library. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with Lucille Webber.

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

When: **Saturday, November 7th, at 7:30 a.m.**
Where: Calvary United Methodist Church, Lewiston.
Please be sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet so we will know how many to expect to feed!

CHURCH FAIR – Shop on Park Avenue:

When: **Saturday, November 21st (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)**
The Fair is just around the corner and we hope that all of you are busy making things for us to sell. It takes all of us to make the Fair a huge success. The booth contact people are:

Country Store	-	Gladys Chapman and Pam MacDonald
Candy	-	Marcia Akers
Jewelry	-	Wanda Sprague
Home and Hearth	-	Donna Manson
Baskets	-	Pat Thomas
Baked Goods	-	Leone Ford and Lois Beechum
Books	-	Holly and David Sysko
White Elephant	-	Don Malpass
Lunch	-	Nicole Gardner

Please contact these people if you have any questions or would like to work on that booth. **KEEP THOSE HANDS MOVING!** There will be sign-up sheets in the vestry for the Country Store and for workers. Don't forget to pick up a basket and fill it for the Basket Booth. We need and appreciate the help of every worker Elf!

TIME TO SORT YOUR JEWELRY FOR THE CHURCH FAIR!!: Donations may be placed in the designated box on the table outside the sanctuary. We need time to prepare the jewelry for sale so, please, **don't delay!**



USHERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES:

Several groups in the church have taken responsibility for providing ushers regularly for Sunday morning worship services each month during the year: The Communion Stewards on the first Sunday; members of the Men's Group on the second Sunday of the month and members of the Youth Group on the third Sunday. That leaves the 4th Sunday and when there is a 5th Sunday that other congregation members will be asked to volunteer. There is a **sign-up calendar** to the right of the sanctuary entrance where you may sign up or you may call (225-5258) or e-mail me at jirish@usm.maine.edu to let me know of your willingness to serve the church in this way. For those of you who haven't ushered before but would be willing to volunteer, there is a short information sheet posted on the calendar for reference. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this part of our church worship service.

Janet Irish, Usher Coordinator

TRINITY SOUP KITCHEN MILK FUND: Nearly 15 years ago our congregation agreed to pay for all of the milk that is purchased at the Trinity Soup Kitchen. The intention was that donations would be solicited from the congregation and the Missions Committee would provide the remainder from the Mission budget. The cost per week is \$28.50. We will report each week how much money has been received. Thank you for your support. Donations by cash can be put in the milk fund container located on the table in the narthex. Checks can be placed in your weekly offering or mailed to the church. Please be sure to note that the money is designated for the "Trinity Milk Fund."

Needed each week:	\$28.50
Received on 10/4/09:	\$14.59
Year-to-date:	\$313.35

FOOD PANTRY NEED GREATER THAN EVER!!

The need at the High Street Food Pantry is greater than ever. Items in high demand: Canned goods – vegetables, fruit, soup, tuna, and pasta sauce; peanut butter, toilet paper. The High Street Pantry is a collaboration among our church, High Street, West Auburn Congregational, and St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Thanks to everyone who leaves food in the grocery cart outside the sanctuary, and thanks to the dedicated volunteers who staff the pantry each week! **UPDATE: Desperately in need of Tuna, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Cereal, and Canned Fruit!**

NAME TAGS: Please be sure to use your name tag every Sunday so that we can know who you are! Name tags are now available on the board to the right of the entrance to the sanctuary. If you do not as yet have a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Please indicate your desire to have one and one will be provided. Please

note that we have name tags for the children as well which are located on the right wall as you go into the Sunday School wing. The children's name tags are organized by class and alphabetized – please be sure that your child returns their name tag to the board!

TIME TO UPDATE: If you would like to have your family's birthday/anniversary information added to the church's list, which appears each month in the Beacon, please contact the Church Office at 782-3972 or office@auburnmethodist.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Give a Helping Hand in Your Community!

The Catholic Charities of Maine is looking for caring people to volunteer their time a couple of hours each week to assist seniors who may live alone or need a helping hand. The S.E.A.R.C.H. Program (Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage & Hope) is receiving many calls from seniors, as well as referrals from other Human Service agencies, about elderly people in our communities who are in need of your support. They are seeking volunteers to help provide companionship, transportation, assistance with errands, and telephone reassurance calls for elderly and disabled people who live in Androscoggin County. If you are interested in helping someone from your community in this way (OR if you know of an elderly person who may need this kind of help), please contact Program Director, Wendy Russell, by calling 784-0157. You can visit the Catholic Charities website (www.ccmaine.org) or check out their S.E.A.R.C.H. pamphlet which is posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen entryway.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BY SeniorsPlus!! CAN YOU HELP?: Drivers are needed for Meals on Wheels in the Lewiston-Auburn area. Some delivery routes last one hour and some as much as 2 hours. Volunteers receive mileage reimbursement from their homes and you may choose to volunteer one day or more – the commitment is up to you. Perhaps you would like to help prepare meals as a Kitchen Angel! 400 meals are prepared per day for distribution throughout Androscoggin, Oxford, and Franklin Counties and volunteers at the new location at 55 Alfred Plourde Parkway in Lewiston are a vital part of this program. Kitchen Angels can assist in many different ways with a flexible schedule and working with a diverse group of staff and other volunteers. If you have some time that you would like to volunteer, please contact Trudy Hamilton, Manager of Volunteer Resources at SeniorsPlus, at (207)795-4010 (Ext. 3114). Check out their website at www.seniorsplus.org for more info. They would love to speak with you!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed for the Trinity Soup Kitchen on the **3rd Sunday of each month from 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.** Join us at 247 Bates Street, Lewiston. For Sunday evening's Soup Kitchen, contact person is now Marcia Baxter at Tel: (207) 784-2429.

PEW OFFERING ENVELOPES: Pew offering envelopes are available in the pew racks for your use. If you have forgotten your offering envelope or do not have offering envelopes, please feel free to use the pew envelopes.

THE UPPER ROOM Daily Devotional Guide: Issues for the all-new *November - December*, are available right now. These booklets are provided for you free of charge and may be found in the bookrack on the left before entering the sanctuary. These are offered in both extra-large type and regular-sized print – please take one for your personal use.

SUNDAY SERVICE VIDEOTAPES: We are taping almost all of the Sunday worship services. They can be found on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to sign them out and back in once returned.

LET'S HELP OUT OUR OFFERING COUNTERS: Every Sunday three or four volunteers remain after the worship service to count and deposit the proceeds from the offering. We can make their job easier by doing the following:

- *Use offering envelopes if at all possible (Call the church office if you would like a box.)
- *Use checks rather than cash whenever possible.
- *Always write your name and the amount of your offering on the envelope.
- *If you use a check, indicate this on the outside of the envelope.
- *Please do not use staples or scotch tape.
- *Use only one envelope – no matter how many weeks your offering may be for.

If you would like to become a counter, please speak with Maynard Chapman and he'll be glad to answer any questions you might have. Thank you for your assistance!



**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Psalm 95.02

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*As a reconciling congregation, we are part of a nation-wide network of churches who believe that all of God's people are of sacred worth. We recognize the great diversity of people to be not only part of God's plan but one of God's greatest gifts as well. We believe that part of our mission as reconciling Christians is to raise awareness of the issues surrounding diversity and to work for social justice. We believe that in doing so, we more fully embody the United Methodist Church's mission to open our hearts, open our minds, and open our doors to all people. We invite you to come in, worship, and know that you are welcome and loved exactly as you are.

STATEMENT OF DIVERSITY

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 continue to welcome and nurture the full participation of people of every age, cultural heritage and ethnic origin, sexual orientation, economic status, faith background, family structure, gender, gender identity, marital status, race, social standing, and varying capability.

SUNDAY, October 11th –
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Adult SS
10:00 a.m. Worship Service/ SS
11:00 a.m. Children's Choir
11:15 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
11:30 a.m. Worship Committee
6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Youth Group @HERE

MONDAY, October 12th – COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY (Church Closed)
a.m. Life Coach appts.
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
6:00 p.m. Bells Rehearse
6:00 p.m. Supper/Study w/Russ Peppe
7:00 p.m. Serenity Fellowship
7:30 p.m. AA / Alanon

TUESDAY, October 13th -
a.m. Life Coach appts.
10:30 a.m. Schooner Service
11:30 a.m. L/A Interfaith Clergy
5:30 p.m. 4 Park Avenue
6:00 p.m. SS Teachers meeting
6:30 p.m. Maine Iris Society
6:30 p.m. Staff/Parish Committee

WEDNESDAY, October 14th –
7:15 a.m. Rotary Breakfast
a.m. Life Coach appts.
9:00 a.m. Caron Art Class
10:00 a.m. Andy Retired Teachers Lunch
1:30 p.m. Edgewood Condo Ladies
6:00 p.m. D.S. Stenmark/Staff-Parish meet
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Private Men's Group
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Tiger Den 7
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Den 3
7:00 p.m. Charge/Church Conference

THURSDAY, October 15th – BEACON DEADLINE
a.m. Spiritual Direction
9:00 a.m. Music Together
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
3:15 p.m. GS Brownies #3272
6:30 p.m. Good Sense Budget Class
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Committee meet

FRIDAY, October 16th – HAPPY BOSS DAY!! -- PASTOR'S SABBATH
a.m. Spiritual Direction
10:15 a.m. Music Together
6:30 p.m. BS Troop 111

SATURDAY, October 17th -
8:30 am-3 pm Lay Leadership Academy @Waterville
9:15 a.m. Music Together
4:00 p.m. Worship – Laity Service
5:00 p.m. Public Bean Supper

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