

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN
SUNDAY, October 25, 2009
HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRE SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please indicate your presence by signing the pew pad)

PRELUDE:

Lee Domann

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Taken from Ecclesiastes 3 and Psalm 126)

Leader: For everything there is a season.
PEOPLE: **And a time for every matter under heaven.**

Leader: A time to weep,
PEOPLE: **And a time to laugh.**

Leader: A time to mourn,
PEOPLE: **And a time to dance.**

Leader: O Lord, fill our mouths with laughter,
PEOPLE: **And our tongues with shouts of joy.**

ALL: **Having sown in tears may we now reap with laughter
and joy! Amen.**

*HYMN
OF PRAISE: "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet"
TFWS No. 2020

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In Unison)
Gracious God, the excitement and joy of this day surrounds us. Laughter comes easily to our lips. How long we have prepared for this hour! Help us remember that it is not our own doing that brings us here, but only your grace and love. Your love has surrounded us from our birth even when we have not seen it. Your love has been present in your word and in the words and acts of others. For this we give you thanks. Teach us to walk gently in your path of love, seeking justice, making peace, cherishing the earth and one another. Enliven our imaginations that we can see through present ills to future newness. Embolden us with your love, that we may live now as if the new had already come. In joy we offer you our praise. 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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM UMH No. 39

HYMN: "I'm Goin' a Sing (Dance, Laugh, Shout) When the Spirit Says Sing"
(Please remain seated) UMH No. 333

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Tim Worden

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 35 OT, Pages 623, 624

*ACT OF PRAISE: Psalm 126 UMH No. 847
(Sung response #1)

ANTHEM: "A Joyful Song" The Wesleyan Singers
(by Mary Lynn Lightfoot)

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 5:15 - 20 NT, Page 183

SERMON: "Laughter, Joy, and Praise: Food to Feed the Soul"

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Jesus Laughin'" Lee Domann

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;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Lee Domann
No. 95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** (In unison)
How good you have been to us, gracious God! How meagerly we have responded. You have restored our fortunes when we felt all was lost. You have filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. We give thanks, not only with a portion of our income, but also through renewed commitment to righteous living. By your grace, we share in the work Christ came to accomplish among us. May love abound in and through us. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN: “We Are Marching (Laughing, Dancing)” TFWS No. 2235-b

BENEDICTION: (Please be seated)

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “The Trees of the Field” TFWS No. 2279

***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:**

**DICK BABB
EMILY TALPEY**

**LITURGIST NEXT SUNDAY:
ACOLYTE NEXT SUNDAY:**

**NANCY HOLLER
AMY YOUNG**

**USHERS FOR
THIS SERVICE ARE:**

**Donna and Clayton Manson
Judy and Tim Worden**

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 join us for our coffee hour following this service and plan to worship with us again either next Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or next Sunday at 10:00 a.m.



Attendance last Saturday, October 17th: 16
Attendance last Sunday, October 18th: 161

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!

Today we welcome back as our musical guest, Lee Domann. Lee comes to us from New Mexico and is an acclaimed singer, songwriter, and storyteller. We are so pleased to have him with us for the third time!

Presented for baptism today are Alissa and Alex Duchette, children of Sarah and Christian Duchette; and the grandchildren of Gladys and Maynard Chapman, and Celine and Gerard Duchette.

TODAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Today in Sunday School our children will continue with our new Unit 2: The Exodus. Here is where each age group will go **today**:

3 – 5 year-olds: Art and Free Time in Room 3.
Grades 1 & 2: Godly Play in Room 2.
Grades 3 & 4: Cooking and Games in the Fellowship Hall.
Grades 5 & 6: Drama in Room 4.
Grades 7 & Up: Godly Time (Ten Best Ways) 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 25th, at 6:00 p.m.** here at Auburn UMC. 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 next meeting on **Sunday, November 29th, at 11:30 a.m.** after church. Come and join us!

TODAY – HALLOWEEN PARTY!!!:

When: At 1:30 p.m.

Come Join Us! We will have a non-scary Halloween party for children up to 3rd grade this afternoon. Please, no scary or grotesque costumes; let's just have a fun time together.

Please help! Children in 4th grade or higher are welcome to help decorate for the party after church today. We also need volunteers (both youth and adult are welcome) to staff the various games during the party. It will be lots of Fun!

UMW INFORMATION:

REMINDER: October is World Thank Offering and members should get their offering to Rosemary Malpass, Treasurer of UMW.

UMW Executive Board meeting

- Choir Room on **Tuesday, November 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.**

UMW Circle Meetings:

Naomi Circle - **Tuesday, November 17th, at 1:30 p.m.**
(Leader: Shirley Keene, Tel: 782-1334)

Ruth Circle - **Tuesday, November 17th, at 7:00 p.m.**
(Leader: Lucille Webber, Tel: 998-5234)

CANCELLATION - FLU SHOT CLINIC: On **Thursday, October 29th**, a flu clinic will **NOT** be held here at the Auburn UMC – nor will it be rescheduled -- due to a shortage of flu shots. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with Lucille Webber.

Upcoming Flu Shot Clinics in the area include:

Wednesday, October 28th (7 a.m. – 1 p.m.) at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.,
Lepage Conference Center, 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston;

Friday, November 6th (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.) at CMMC, 70 Middle Street, Lewiston;

Friday, November 11th (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.) at CMMC, 70 Middle Street, Lewiston;

Friday, November 20th (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.) at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.,
Lepage Conference Center, 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston; and

Saturday, December 5th (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) at the Auburn Mall (near Super Shoes store),
Center Street, Auburn.

Seasonal Flu Shots are \$25 pp – Cash or checks accepted. All major insurance providers will be billed. For more information, call the Seasonal Flu Shot Hotline. (St. Mary's Regional Medical Center at 753-5464, OR Central Maine Medical Center at 795-2840).

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!

FOOD FOR THE SOUL!: If you ordered food, please pick it up on **Saturday, November 7th, between 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** OR on **Sunday, November 8th, between 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon.** Thank you for your orders. All the profit goes to the Giving Tree.

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: *Caregiver Burnout and Ways to Cope With Stress.*

Date: **November 11, 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>

BASKET BOOTH!:

Just in case you haven't noticed, the baskets for the basket booth are on a table in the fellowship hall. We would be very happy if you would take one and fill it for our booth. There is also a sign with ideas for you to use if you need help deciding what kind to make. Filled baskets can be left on the same table and we will take care of them. Fair time is rapidly approaching and we would appreciate your help. **Please have them ready by November 14th** so that we will have time to make them pretty. Any questions, see Helen, Judy, or Pat.

SENIOR CITIZENS AND FRIENDS LUNCHEON:

When: **Tuesday, November 17, 2009.**

Entertainment: *Four on a Match* at 11:30 a.m.

Menu: Baked stuffed fish, garlic potatoes, sweet carrots, cole slaw, and blueberry cake.

CHURCH FAIR NEWS – Shop on Park Avenue:

When: **Saturday, November 21st (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)**

The Church Fair is very near – November 21st to be exact. We hope you are busy making crafts, gathering items for the White Elephant Room, sorting out your jewelry, looking over the books you no longer need, and thinking about all the baked goods and candy you'll be making. This is a Church Fair so we need *all of you* to make it a success. There will be sign-up sheets displayed in the vestry for workers, bakers, and candy makers. If you have any questions about the Fair, please call Gladys Chapman (998-5331). 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

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!**

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 10/18/09:	\$25.33
Year-to-date:	\$337.12

FOOD PANTRY IS BUSIER THAN EVER!!

The need at the High Street Food Pantry is greater than ever. **We are especially in need of canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, and tuna.** The High Street Pantry is a collaboration among our church, High Street, West Auburn Congregational, and St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Please put your donations in the grocery cart outside the sanctuary. Thank you for your support! *Eric Howes, Food Pantry Coordinator*

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: 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 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 25th – YOUTH SUNDAY – HOLY HUMOR with LEE DOMANN

9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal		
9:00 a.m.	Adult SS	11:15 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/ SS	1:30 p.m.	Halloween Party
11:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir	6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. Youth Group @HERE

MONDAY, October 26th –

a.m.	Life Coach appts.	7:00 p.m.	Serenity Fellowship
6:00 p.m.	Bells Rehearse	7:30 p.m.	AA / Alanon

TUESDAY, October 27th -

a.m.	Life Coach appts.	5:30 p.m.	4 Park Avenue
10:00 a.m.	Lego Robotics	6:00 p.m.	GS Troop #634

WEDNESDAY, October 28th – PASTOR’S SABBATH

7:15 a.m.	Rotary Breakfast	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
a.m.	Life Coach appts.	6:30 p.m.	Private Men’s Group
9:00 a.m.	Caron Art Class		

THURSDAY, October 29th –

9:00 a.m.	Music Together	NO	Flu Shot Clinic @Here
10:00 a.m.	Bible Study	NO	Good Sense Budget Class

FRIDAY, October 30th – THE PASTOR IS IN!

10:15 a.m.	Music Together	6:30 p.m.	BS Troop 111
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SATURDAY, October 31st -

9:15 a.m.	Music Together		
4:00 p.m.	Worship – HOLY COMMUNION		

DON'T FORGET TO



TONIGHT!!

SUNDAY, November 1st – HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY –All Saints Day

REMINDER: Today is the Last Day to Order Meals To Go!!

9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	11:30 a.m.	New Member Class
9:00 a.m.	Adult SS	11:30 a.m.	Pageant Auditions/Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/ SS	11:30 a.m.	Nurture Committee
11:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir	4:00 p.m.	NOW Team
11:15 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation	6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. Youth Group @HERE

REMINDER

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH IS FOOD CUPBOARD SUNDAY.

We have developed this list to help with the selection of items needed at the Food Cupboard at the High Street Congregational Church. You may leave your donation in the basket near the sanctuary. Thank you. The Missions Committee.

Spaghetti Sauce – 12 oz.	Canned Fruit
Spaghetti	Canned Spaghetti w/Meatballs
Rice Meals	Beef Stew
Macaroni & Cheese Dinners	Chicken Stew
Dry Soups	Chowder
Beans – Baked Style	Canned Vegetables
Canned Soups	Peanut Butter
Jelly	Jell-O
Cereal	Tuna Fish
Crackers	Canned or Powdered Milk
Baby Food	Canned Meat
Hand Soap	Laundry Soap
Toilet Paper	Paper Towels
Bleach	Disposable Diapers

JESUS LAUGHIN'

By Lee Domann

There's a picture on the wall that brings me comfort
My weary eyes rest on it from time to time
It's a sweet, unique depiction of the saviour
The only one I know quite of its kind

It shows him laughin', our Lord is laughin'
His head thrown back with joy upon his lovin' face
And for a moment there's somethin' happens
I feel at peace just seein' Jesus laughin'

And to the left and just above the picture
There sits a wooden cross upon the shelf
Sometimes it looks just like the Lord is gazing
Straight into the face of death itself

And I see him laughin', our Lord is laughin'
His head thrown back with joy upon his lovin' face
And in that moment I feel it happen
I feel at peace just seein' Jesus laughin'

In my heart I hold a gentle vision
Of someday when we reach the other side
He'll hold us in his arms and whisper "welcome"
And as we look into his lovin' eyes

I see him laughin', our Lord is laughin'