

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN
SUNDAY, November 1, 2009
ALL SAINTS DAY
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Please indicate your presence by signing the pew pad)

PRELUDE:

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints.

People: **Some of them are living, others have completed their physical lives here on earth.**

Leader: Some have touched us personally, others have touched and called into question the institutions and structures of our society.

People: **But *all* have shaken our being – all have been examples of lives of wholeness, working for justice.**

ALL: **We celebrate these persons and their lives in all aspects of God’s creation! Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: “Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above” UMH No. 709

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

O God of steadfast love, we thank you for the lessons of the past. We remember all that you have done for us; make us truly thankful. We remember times of joy and sorrow; may these experiences make us compassionate toward others. We share the memory of your people as they have journeyed through time; it is our story as well. May the richness of our past be the ground out of which love, hope, and faithfulness blossom; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION: (Hymnal Page 7) Penny Price, Harpist
INVITATION LORD’S PRAYER
CONFESSION AND PARDON BREAKING THE BREAD
TAKING THE BREAD AND THE CUP GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN: “For All the Saints” TFWS No. 2283
(Please remain seated)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Don Malpass

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25:6 - 9 OT, Page 613

*ACT OF PRAISE: Psalm 24 UMH No. 755
(Sung Response #1)

ANTHEM: “I Can Only Imagine” Wesleyan Singers
(arr. Don Marsh)

GOSPEL LESSON: Revelation 21:1 – 6a NT, Page 244

SERMON: “My Top Ten – Saints that Is!”

**TODAY'S LITURGIST:
TODAY'S ACOLYTE:**

**NANCY HOLLER
AMY YOUNG**

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

**PAUL FARNSWORTH
JENIFER NAVE**

**USHERS FOR
THIS SERVICE ARE:**

Communion Stewards

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 24th: 23
Attendance last Sunday, October 25th: 225

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!

We appreciate Penny Price joining us in our service this morning with her harp. Thank you for being here, Penny – it is always a joy to hear you play!

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: Drama and Free Time in Room 3.
- Grades 1 & 2: Art in Room 5.
- Grades 3 & 4: Godly Play in Room 2.
- Grades 5 & 6: Cooking and Games in the Fellowship Hall.
- Grades 7 & Up: Godly Time (The Ark & The Tent) 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, November 1st, 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!

CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDERS STARTING TODAY!:

To help you with your Holiday decorating and also to benefit our church fair, we will again be taking orders for our beautiful balsam wreaths made “Down East” and decorated here at church. Starting today after the worship service, continuing **through Sunday, November 29th**, and at the **Fair on November 21st**, there will be a table set up to take wreath orders. We will also have someone taking orders at a couple of the Saturday services, as well. The wreaths will be available for **pick up here at church on Saturday, December 5th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** We have ordered only a specific number of wreaths based on past sales, so be sure to get your order in early. The prices are \$16 for a decorated wreath and \$9 for a plain one that you decorate. Don’t miss out on these beautiful Maine Wreaths!

UMW INFORMATION:

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)

BE SURE TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT!!:

Upcoming Flu Shot Clinics in the area include:

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. Some of the previous clinics were cancelled due to vaccine shortage, so please call before going to make sure the clinic will still be held. 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 Shelton, Judy Sargent, or Pat Thomas.

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, Helen Shelton, and Judy Sargent
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!**

PLEASE NOTICE CHANGE!!:

What: Bean and Casserole Supper
When: **Saturday, November 28th**
Menu: Beans, casseroles, hot dogs, cole slaw, breads, and pie.

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 10/25/09:	\$57.35
Year-to-date:	\$365.97

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

REMINDER: Today is the Last Day to Order Your 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

MONDAY, November 2nd –

a.m.	Life Coach appts.	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
2:00 p.m.	Auburn Art Club	7:00 p.m.	Serenity Fellowship
6:00 p.m.	Bells Rehearse	7:30 p.m.	AA / Alanon

TUESDAY, November 3rd -

a.m.	Life Coach appts.	5:30 p.m.	4 Park Avenue
10:00 a.m.	Lego Robotics	6:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee
		6:30 p.m.	UMW Executive Board meet

WEDNESDAY, November 4th –

7:15 a.m.	Rotary Breakfast	6:00 p.m.	River Valley GS
a.m.	Life Coach appts.	6:00 p.m.	CS Den 2
9:00 a.m.	Caron Art Class	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30 p.m.	CS Den 3
		6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group

THURSDAY, November 5th –

a.m.	Spiritual Direction	6:30 p.m.	Trustees meeting
9:00 a.m.	Music Together	6:30 p.m.	CS Den 4
10:00 a.m.	Bible Study	6:30 p.m.	CS Den 6
3:15 p.m.	GS Brownies 3272	6:30 p.m.	Good Sense Budget Class
		6:30 p.m.	CS Tigers Den 8

FRIDAY, November 6th – PASTOR'S SABBATH

a.m.	Spiritual Direction		
10:15 a.m.	Music Together	6:30 p.m.	BS Troop 111

SATURDAY, November 7th -

7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast @Calvary UMC	9 am-4 pm	Meals-2-Go Preparation
9:15 a.m.	Music Together	3 – 5 p.m.	PICK UP Meals-2-Go Orders
		4:00 p.m.	Worship

SUNDAY, November 8th –

9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	11:15 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
9:00 a.m.	Adult SS	11:30 a.m.	New Member Class
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/ SS	11:30 a.m.	First Pageant Rehearsal
10 am-12	PICK UP Meals-2-Go	6:00 p.m.	Leaders 4 Consecration Sunday
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. Youth Group @HERE
