

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN
SUNDAY, November 8, 2009
The Twenty-third 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: We are gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life.

PEOPLE: We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.

Leader: We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ, as we travel life's long journey.

PEOPLE: We find God in the paths of our present and our past, but we also trust in God's love in our future.

Leader: The same God guides us all the way, every day of our lives, and beyond life.

ALL: Let us praise God with our whole hearts, and entrust our lives to God's hands. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In unison)
For earth we give you thanks, O God. For rest we give you thanks. For work we give you thanks. For blue heaven we give you thanks. For meaning that is simple and sacred, for bonding of family and friendship and church, for the possibility to hope and live into the future, we give you thanks. For the light of day and the darkness gentle in the night, for the turning seasons of the year and the celebrations by which we mark our time, we give you thanks. For the gospel story, for the promise of life eternal, we give you thanks and praise, God of holiness and splendor, even as we gather together in the name of the One who makes all love incarnate, Christ Jesus. 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: "Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom" UMH No. 508
(Please remain seated)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: David MacMahon

EPISTLE LESSON: Second Corinthians 8:1 - 15 NT, Page 172

***ACT OF PRAISE:** Psalm 112 UMH No. 833
(Sung Response)

ANTHEM: "For the Autumn Sky" The Wesleyan Singers
(by Ruth Elaine Schram)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 12:41 - 44 NT, Page 47

SERMON: "Faithful Stewardship in Lean Times"

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)**

God of High Expectations, lift us from our limited views of faithfulness. Free us from our dependence on things so we can move from living protectively to sharing without counting the cost. May we give, not for rewards, but in joyous thankfulness. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN: "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH No. 399

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:

PAUL FARNSWORTH
JENIFER NAVE

LITURGIST NEXT SUNDAY:
ACOLYTE NEXT SUNDAY:

MELISSA BUZZA
MISSY SHEPHERD

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.



Attendance last Saturday, October 31st: 13
Attendance last Sunday, November 1st: 153

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 - SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

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

- 3 – 5 year-olds: Cooking, Games, and Free Time in Room 3.
- Grades 1 & 2: Drama and Reflection in Room 4.
- Grades 3 & 4: Art and Reflection in Room 5.
- Grades 5 & 6: Godly Play and Reflection in Room 2.
- Grades 7 & Up: Godly Time (The Ark & The Temple) 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 8th, 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 - FOOD FOR THE SOUL!: If you ordered food, please pick it up **between 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon.** Thank you for your orders. All the profit goes to the Giving Tree.

TODAY - CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDERS!:

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. 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 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)

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:

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| 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 |

PLEASE NOTICE CHANGE!!:

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

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Please plan to join us on **Sunday, November 29th**, right after the worship service for the annual "Hanging of the Greens" as we prepare our sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Children and adults alike are welcome to participate. Please sign up to indicate that you are available to help. Thank you for your support.

PIES NEEDED FOR PIE SOCIAL: Donations of pies of all varieties are needed for the annual Pie Social that will be held after the Christmas Concert on **Friday, December 4th**. Please sign up and indicate how many pies and what kinds you will be providing. Please deliver the pies to the church on Friday, December 4th. Thank you in advance for your support of this Outreach Committee expression of hospitality to those who attend the Christmas Concert.

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

- When: **Saturday, December 5th, at 7:30 a.m.**
Where: Auburn United Methodist Church.
Please be sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet so we will know how many to expect to feed!
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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 11/1/09:	\$37.67	
Year-to-date:		\$375.14

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’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, November 8th –	11:15 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal	11:30 a.m.	Confirmands/Mentors meet
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

MONDAY, November 9th –		
a.m. Life Coach appts.	7:00 p.m.	Serenity Fellowship
6:00 p.m. Bells Rehearse	7:30 p.m.	AA / Alanon

TUESDAY, November 10th -	11:30 a.m.	L/A Interfaith Clergy
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
10:30 a.m. Schooner Service	6:30 p.m.	Staff/Parish Comm.

WEDNESDAY, November 11th – VETERANS DAY	(Church office closed)	
7:15 a.m. Rotary Breakfast	6:00 p.m.	CS Den 2
a.m. Life Coach appts.	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Caron Art Class	6:30 p.m.	CS Den 3
11:00 a.m. Robin Dow Lunch	6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group

THURSDAY, November 12th –	5:45 p.m.	GS Cadets #273
9 am-3 pm Rev. C @Dist. Ministry Meet	6:30 p.m.	CS Den 4
9:00 a.m. Music Together	6:30 p.m.	CS Den 6
10:00 a.m. Bible Study	6:30 p.m.	Good \$ense Budget Class

FRIDAY, November 13th – PASTOR'S SABBATH		
10:15 a.m. Music Together	6:30 p.m.	BS Troop 111

SATURDAY, November 14th - DEADLINE TO TURN IN YOUR FAIR BASKETS!		
9 am-12 noon Rev. C @Dist. Ministry Team meeting		
9:15 a.m. Music Together	4:00 p.m.	Worship

SUNDAY, November 15th – CONSECRATION SUNDAY – BEACON DEADLINE		
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal	11:15 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
9:00 a.m. Adult SS	11:30 a.m.	Consecration Celebration Lunch
10:00 a.m. Worship Service/ SS	NO	Pageant Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Children's Choir	6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. Youth Group @HERE
