

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN
SUNDAY, November 15, 2009
CONSECRATION 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:

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

LEADER: Laugh! Children of God!
Let tears of joy baptize your eyes and your cheeks.
Give God thanks and celebrate!
It's great to be alive!

PEOPLE: **It's great to be alive!**

LEADER: Dance! Children of God!
Lose yourself in the choreography of the Spirit.
Life is a dance and God is the orchestra.
It's great to be alive!

PEOPLE: **It's great to be alive!**

LEADER: Embrace! Children of God!
Open your arms and feel close to each other.
It is in our openness where life takes on meaning.
It's great to be alive!

ALL: **Give God thanks and celebrate!**
It's great to be alive! Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** "Come! Come! Everybody Worship" TFWs No. 2271

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In Unison)
How good it is to join in prayers of thanksgiving and songs of praise! You have been good to us, gracious God! For sunshine and rain, for the labors of all who harvest the grain, we pour out our gratitude. You have dealt wondrously with us so that we have more than we need. Dwell with us now that we may not only be inspired to share but also prompted to work for a more just world in which all your children have enough to eat and reasons for joy. 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:

Ms. Kary

HYMN:

"Let All Things Now Living"

TFWS No. 2008

(Please remain seated)

MISSIONS MOMENT:

Norma Rice-Gould
and Pam MacDonald

EPISTLE LESSON:

Second Corinthians 9:6 - 15

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***ACT OF PRAISE:**

Psalm 113

UMH No. 834
(Sung Response)

ANTHEM

"Lord, Listen to Your Children"
(by Medema and Schrader)

The Wesleyan Singers

GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 6:19 - 33

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SERMON:

"The Discipleship of Giving"

Rev. Dr. Wanda Stahl

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)**

O God, you endow us with talent beyond what we earn or deserve. You seek from us service to you in all that we think, yearn for, and do. As we bring our gifts and offerings before you, may they reflect a wise investment of your trust in us. May their yield continue to abound as the work that we do spreads your will farther. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN: "What Gift Can We Bring" UMH No. 87

***PRESENTATION OF CONSECRATION SUNDAY ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS AND DEPARTURE TO THE CELEBRATION LUNCHEON IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

***CONGREGATION STANDS - if you are 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:**

**MELISSA BUZZA
MISSY SHEPHERD**

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

**DAVID SARGENT
REID BUZZA**

**USHERS FOR
THIS SERVICE ARE:**

Members of the UM Youth 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 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, November 7th: 20
Attendance last Sunday, November 8th: 152

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 as our guest preacher and Consecration Sunday leader the Rev. Dr. Wanda Stahl. Wanda has been a Conference staff member of the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church for the last eleven years. She is presently the Director of Spiritual Formation. Wanda and her family reside in Scarborough, Maine. We welcome Wanda today and look forward to what she will have to share with us about Christian stewardship.

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: Godly Play in Room 2 and Free Time in Room 3.
- Grades 1 & 2: Games and Cooking in the Fellowship Hall.
- Grades 3 & 4: Drama in Room 4.
- Grades 5 & 6: Art and Music in Room 5.
- Grades 7 & Up: Godly Time (Exile and Return) 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 15th, 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!
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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 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK BANQUET -- All women of the church are invited to attend the United Methodist Women's Annual Christmas Potluck Banquet on **Tuesday, December 1st, at 6:00 p.m.** Please bring a dish to share - main dish, salad, bread, or dessert and be prepared for a fun evening to start off the Christmas season. The program will be presented by Maine author, Bobbi Lachance, who will speak about her book, Wishes. The business meeting will be short - election of officers and acceptance of the 2010 budget. If you have questions, please speak to Lucille Webber, UMW President.

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)

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 **next Saturday** – 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 are 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

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:

Please be sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet so we will know how many to expect to feed!

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: *Holidays: A Time for Sharing.*

Date: **December 9, 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>

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 11/8/09:	\$12.27	
Year-to-date:		\$358.91

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 Howe, 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 *January – February, 2010*, 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 15th – CONSECRATION SUNDAY – BEACON DEADLINE

9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	NO	Coffee & Conversation
9:00 a.m.	Adult SS	11:30 a.m.	Consecration Celebration Lunch
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/ SS	12:15 p.m.	Missions Committee
11:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir	NO	Pageant Rehearsal
		6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. Youth Group @HERE

MONDAY, November 16th –			
a.m.	Life Coach appts.	6:00 p.m.	Bells Rehearse
2:00 p.m.	Auburn Art Club	7:00 p.m.	Serenity Fellowship
		7:30 p.m.	AA / Alanon

TUESDAY, November 17th -			
a.m.	Life Coach appts.	1:30 p.m.	Naomi Circle
10:00 a.m.	Lego Robotics	5:30 p.m.	4 Park Avenue
11:30 a.m.	Sr. Citizen Luncheon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee
		7:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle

WEDNESDAY, November 18th –			
7:15 a.m.	Rotary Breakfast	2:00 p.m.	Clover Service
a.m.	Life Coach appts.	6:00 p.m.	River Valley Girl Scouts
9:00 a.m.	Caron Art Class	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30 p.m.	Private Men’s Group

THURSDAY, November 19th – FAIR TABLES SET UP			
a.m.	Spiritual Direction	3:15 p.m.	GS Brownies #3272
9:00 a.m.	Music Together	5:45 p.m.	GS Cadets #273
10:00 a.m.	Bible Study	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Committee

FRIDAY, November 20th – PASTOR’S SABBATH			
FAIR SET UP TODAY (9 a.m. – 10 p.m.)			
10:15 a.m.	Music Together	NO	BS Troop 111

SATURDAY, November 21st -			
9 am-2 pm	COME SHOPPING - Church Fair	NO	Music Together
4:00 p.m.	Worship	NO	Public Bean Supper

SUNDAY, November 22nd – FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS DUE TODAY!			
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS			
9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	11:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir
NO	Adult SS	11:15 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
		11:30 a.m.	Pageant Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/ NO SS	6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. Youth Group @HERE