

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN
SUNDAY, January 24, 2010
UMW 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: "Seek Ye First" United Methodist
(by K. Lafferty, arr. J. Honore) Bell Ringers

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

LEADER: It is good to give thanks to you, O God.

PEOPLE: To declare your steadfast love in the morning.

LEADER: For you have made us glad by your work.

ALL: At the works of your hands, we sing for joy. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH No. 156

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In Unison)
God with great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work. Be here with us today, for we come, asking for your support in all that we do. We need your love, transforming our lives in hope. 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

PRESENTATION OF MISSION RECOGNITION PINS

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN: Gladys Chapman

HYMN: "Many Gifts, One Spirit" UMH No. 114
(Please remain seated)

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

EPISTLE LESSON: James 1:19 - 25 NT, Page 215

***ACT OF PRAISE:** "The Prayer of Saint Francis" UMH No. 481
(In Unison)

ANTHEM: "At Home, Let There Be Love" The Wesleyan Singers
(by Ruth Schram)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:38 - 42 NT, Page 67

MESSAGE: "Mary and Martha" Marjorie Smith

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: "Chimes at Yuletide" (by J. Mansfield)

*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 Gracious God, bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt, who seek new hope. As part of the global village, we care about all of our sisters and brothers. We pray for disarmament and world peace, for liberty for those oppressed, for joy to those who are weary. We honor our Sovereign God. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF UMW OFFICERS FOR 2010: Rev. Richard Cullen

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord" UMH No. 593

BENEDICTION: (Please be seated) In Unison

*May the grace of Christ our savior, and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.*

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

*POSTLUDE "Festal March" (by G. Cchn)

***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:**

**CINDY VISBARAS
JENIFER NAVE**

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

**LOIS BEECHUM
PAIGE COTE**

**USHERS FOR
THIS SERVICE ARE:**

**Members of the
United Methodist Women**

WE WELCOME you to our worship service during this Epiphany 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, January 16th: 27
Attendance last Sunday, January 17th: 163

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 extend our love, prayers, and sympathy to Grace Stone and family on the passing of her brother, Carl. A

Funeral service for Carl will be held here on Sunday, January 24th, at 2:00 p.m.

We are grateful that the Methodist Bell Ringers are able to be with us in worship this day. Thank you folks – it is always a joy to hear you!

TODAY: We welcome as our guest preacher on United Methodist Women’s Sunday, Marjorie Smith. Marjorie is both a member of the UMW and a trained Lay Speaker. We are grateful also to the other members of the UMW who are participating in today’s worship service. Our special offering for today is for blankets through the Church World Service blanket program. For each \$5.00 contribution, a blanket will be purchased for use following natural disasters, in homeless shelters, etc. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

NEXT SUNDAY: Volunteers in Mission Sunday! Next Sunday we will welcome three guest speakers: Aerwen Pollard (daughter of Joyce Bucciardini) who will share with us regarding the Dental Mission trip that she went on to the Dominican Republic last year; Diane Nelder who will share with us about the Calvary City Mission – an outreach program of our sister church in Lewiston; and, Julia Sleeper who will share with us about the after-school program at the Trinity Jubilee Center in Lewiston. The focus of this annual service is to remind people that mission comes in many forms and can be done both close to home or far away. Come prepared to listen, to learn, and to consider just how God might be calling you to be in mission!

SEEKING SCRIPTURE READERS: If you would like to participate in the worship program but have not yet been invited to act as liturgist, please add your name and contact information to the sign-up list in the Fellowship Hall. Marjorie Smith, our wonderful recruiter, will be in touch with those who would be willing to fill this position (as she needs volunteers) to find out what date you might be available. Anyone;

whether you attend services every week, once a month, or twice a year, may read scripture – Ms. Smith would like to speak with you. What a special way to contribute to your church!

TODAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Today in Sunday School our children will continue with our Unit 4: The Ark and the Tent. Here is where each age group will go **today**:

- 3 – 5 year-olds: Cooking, Games, and Free Time in Room 3.
- Grades K - 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 (Parable of the Pearl of Great Price) in the Library.

Next Sunday we will begin with our new Unit 5: Ruth. Are you interested in teaching a lesson for 4 weeks? Please let Ms. Kary know – Your children’s Sunday School Program needs YOUR help!

PICTURE DAYS IN JANUARY!

1/24 5th- & 6th-GRADE CLASS, and
7th-GRADE & UP CLASS

Please be sure to come to church on your child’s picture day in January; refer to the schedule to see what day your child’s class will have pictures taken. We will take individual pictures of each child as well as class pictures and teacher pictures during Sunday School. In addition, we will take pictures of the different groups, such as acolytes, children’s choir, youth groups, youth mission team, and spirit ringers. We will make them into a Sunday School Yearbook to be distributed in June. **If you are interested in being on our Sunday School Yearbook Staff, please let Ms. Kary know.** But make sure your child comes to church in January so that everyone can be included!

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, January 24th**. Pastor Rich will lead the discussion. We will be meeting every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.

- 4th – 6th Graders - Kids 4 Christ is looking for volunteer leaders – Can You Help? Please contact Ms. Kary.

We are going to have Snow Tubing as a joint Youth Group and family activity in February. **Everyone is welcome**; we had a great time last year. If you are interested in attending, **please sign up** on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall and get your money in to Kary Coffin as soon as possible, so that we can be assured of the number going. If you are willing to provide transportation, please let Kary know as well.

Here are the details:

Sunday, February 21st, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Oxford Plains Snowtubing and Snowboarding on Route 26 in Oxford (it used to be called Mountain View Park). The carpool will be leaving the church at 2:30 p.m. **Everyone is welcome to attend** at the group rate of \$11.50 per person (we need 12 people for this rate- if we have more people go, the cost could be lower). Riders between the ages of 3 and 6 must wear a helmet and ride in an adult’s lap. Direct questions or concerns to 782-3972 or e-mail Ms. Kary at: dce@auburnmethodist.org.

UMW INFORMATION:

SPECIAL DATES: **Sunday, January 24th** – UMW SUNDAY, Officers Installation

UMW Circle Meetings:

- Naomi Circle - **NO** meetings in January or February.
(Leader: Shirley Keene, Tel: 782-1334).
- Ruth Circle - **Tuesday, February 16th, at 7:00 p.m.**
(Co-Chairwomen: Sue DeRoche and Janice Meserve)

TODAY - COUNTERS NEEDED/TRAINING PROVIDED: We are in need of individuals who would be willing to count the Saturday and Sunday offerings either right after church on Sunday or sometime on Monday. If you are interested, training will be provided right after church on **Sunday, January 24th, and 31st**, by Sue Lajoie, our Financial Secretary. Counting is done in teams of two. Scheduling is done by Sue Lajoie who will try to accommodate your busy life! If interested, please e-mail Sue at either slajoie@fairpoint.net or slajoie@awsd.org or give her a call at 576-6841. If you would prefer that Sue call you, please sign up on the sheet that can be found on the table in the narthex (just outside the sanctuary). Thank you in advance for your willingness to help out!

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice is looking for people who want to support terminally ill patients and their families as a Hospice Volunteer. A 27-hour training course begins at **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28th, in Lewiston.** To learn about meaningful volunteer opportunities contact AHCH Volunteer Services at 777-7740 or 1-800-482-7412.

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

When: **Saturday, February 6th, of 2010 at 7:30 a.m.**

Where: Bates College Dining Room.

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

SCRAPBOOKING DAY:

When: **Saturday, February 27th, 2010 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

Where: Here at church in the Fellowship Hall.

Who: Youth Mission Team

Cost: \$25.00 per person (lunch will be provided!).

- There will be:
- Beginners classes
 - Card making
 - Door prizes
 - Goodie bags

It is sure to be a great time for a great cause – the Youth Mission Trip to Maryland this Summer!

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 1/17/10:	\$28.56	
Year-to-date:		\$453.00

“Fill the Cart. Feed the Hungry.”

Staples like canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, tuna, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, cereal, and toilet paper are a WEEKLY NEED at the High Street Food Pantry. Please put your donated items in the grocery cart outside the sanctuary. Do you have any empty used plastic shopping bags that you would like to recycle? The Food Pantry can sure use your donations of those as well. Thank you for your help!

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 *March – April, 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.



You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Mark 12:31

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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, January 24th – UMW SUNDAY - BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICTURE DAY	11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal	11:15 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
9:00 a.m. Adult SS	11:30 a.m.	Missions Committee
10:00 a.m. Worship Service/SS	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group

MONDAY, January 25th –

a.m. Life Coach appts.	6:00 p.m.	Bells Rehearse
1:00 p.m. Auburn Art Club	7:00 p.m.	Serenity Fellowship
1:00 p.m. GS Troop 1146	7:30 p.m.	AA / Alanon

TUESDAY, January 26th -

a.m. Life Coach appts.	10:00 a.m.	Lego Robotics
	6:00 p.m.	GS Troop #634

WEDNESDAY, January 27th –

a.m. Life Coach appts.	5:30 p.m.	4 Park Avenue
7:15 a.m. Rotary Breakfast	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group

THURSDAY, January 28th – WISH REVEREND CULLEN HAPPY BIRTHDAY TODAY!

9:00 a.m. Music Together	5:45 p.m.	GS Troop #273
10:00 a.m. Bible Study	6:30 p.m.	CS Pack meeting

FRIDAY, January 29th – PASTOR'S SABBATH

6:30 p.m.	BS Troop 111
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SATURDAY, January 30th -

9:15 a.m. Music Together	4:00 p.m.	Worship
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SUNDAY, January 31st – VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal	11:15 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
9:00 a.m. Adult SS	11:30 a.m.	Music Committee
10:00 a.m. Worship Service/SS	4 – 6 p.m.	Church Council
11:00 a.m. Children's Choir	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
