

# The Auburn United Methodist Church



## Link 2012

A Time to ponder

"New Year's Eve is like every other night; there is no pause in the march of the universe, no breathless moment of silence among created things that the passage of another 12 months may be noted; and yet no man has quite the same thoughts this evening that come with the coming of darkness on other nights."

—Hamilton Wright Mabie



### LIVING ABOVE THE WEATHER

Have you ever boarded an airplane in a snowstorm? The sky is gray with heavy clouds. Snow is coming down hard, with no sign of letting up. Plows clear the runway and unfamiliar machinery de-ices the wings. Passengers might consider it madness to fly in such weather.

But the pilot knows the storm is earthbound. Past the clouds is glorious sunshine. The plane can fly above the weather, if only it can get off the ground.

When troubles overtake us like a storm, we may wonder in the midst of the darkness if God still cares or if he is even there at all. But if we believe that God, like the sun, is unchanged in good weather and in bad, we can ride it out. For storms are earthbound, but we are not.

—Kari Myers



**The UMW General meeting** was held December 13, 2011 in the Fellowship Hall with 7 ladies present. Refreshments were plates of cookies furnished by the women. Meeting opened at 1:20 p.m. with April Nahgahgwon presiding. April also had devotions. Pat Lyvere read the Response moment about Home for Jesus (Hases). Sunshine Chairman-Stella T. only sent out one card and we signed 3 to be sent this month.

Old Business: The UMW Sunday went very well with speaker and Installation of UMW Officers for 2012. UMW furnished desserts for the auction.

New Business: give away set up will be Thursday the 18th at 10:00 a.m. for the Saturday Food Pantry food baskets and the giveaway items. The UMW furnished gifts for two senior ladies (through Salvation Army list) and a mother and son & daughter (Through the Food Pantry). We will be having a Haiti Study lead by Sandy DeWaele and April N. on April 18 & 25th and 19th & 26th and May 2 & 9th and May 3 & 10th. More info later. It will be open to men & women. One will be Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and the other will be on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Circle - Martha-Esther Circle will meet Dec. 20th for potluck at church. Mary-Ruth-Hope Circle will meet on Dec. 29th for potluck at the home of April N. Gretchen read a letter from Steve and Kari Shephard in Nigeria. Also David and Stephanie Shephard a thank you letter. They are in Mt. Pleasant.

Meeting adjourned with prayer and we wrapped the gifts for the families.

The following are the names of the December donations that were from the Apple Pie Sales in October.

James Karua, Tom & Sara Gilson, David & Stephanie Shephard, Steve & Kari Jo Shephard, Beacon of Hope, Old Town Saginaw, Bay Area Women's Shelter, Shelterhouse in Midland, Underground Railroad, Good Samaritan Rescue, Red Bird Mission, God's Country Co-op (U.P.), Methodist Full Gospel (B. Inglis), Helen Nickless Free Clinic, Youth Haven Ranch, Heifer project, Local Foodpantry for a total of \$2100.00.

Thanks to all who helped us.

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## UMW Officers 2012

President - Sandra DeWaele  
 Vice-President - April Nahgahgwon  
 Secretary - Joan Schrott  
 Treasurer - Gretchen Rodammer  
 Secretary of Program Resources - Gretchen Rodammer  
 Public Relations and Advertising - Ardis Robson  
 Coordinator of Spiritual Growth – Marilyn Davis  
 Coordinators of Education & Interpretation - Beverly Witherspoon  
 Coordinator of Social Concerns (Action) - Jo Dhyse-Mahl  
 Coordinator of Membership Nurture & Outreach- Pat Lyvere  
 Funeral Dinners - Dolores Wise, Nancy Simpson, Sheila Miller  
 Sunshine Chairperson - Stella Tomkinson  
 Chairperson of Nominations – Beverly Witherspoon  
 Nomination Committee - Stella Tomkinson, Carol Holiday,  
 Gloria Putnam  
 Circle Chairperson:  
 Martha Esther - Stella Tomkinson  
 Mary Ruth Hope – Pat Lyvere

Time	Date	Greeters	Ushers	Prayer Room
8:30	1/1/2012	Don & Stella Tomkinson	Bud Stevens, Dennis Rogers	Pat Lyvere
10:45	1/1/2012	Penny & Doris Parkin	Bill & Liz Shephard	Linda Nicholas
8:30	1/8/2012	Don & Stella Tomkinson	Steve & Kelly Krueger	Sheila Hoy
10:45	1/8/2012	Doris & Penny Parkin	Travis Miller, Rob Samborn	Monica Bedtelyon
8:30	1/15/2012	Steve & Kelly Krueger	Ben Norton, Nancy Simpson	Trudy Pischel
10:45	1/15/2012	Alison Binns, Kevin Myers	Melissa Grew, Denise Horswill	Kayla Roosa
8:30	1/22/2012	Steve & Kelly Krueger	Bud Stevens, Dennis Rogers	Barb Anderson
10:45	1/22/2012	Alison Binns, Kevin Myers	Ted & Nancy Tiede	Gloria Putnam
8:30	1/29/2012	Agness Schmidt, Pat Behm	Bernie & Sheila Hoy	Joan Schrott
10:45	1/29/2012	Ardis Robson, Betty Stoddard	B Bedtelyon, C Witherspoon	Sue Plessner

January Worship Leaders 8:30 Janet Stevens; 10:45 Shayne & Debbie Tyler



COME JOIN US FOR A FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

*A story centered on the friendship between a boy and a dolphin whose tail was lost in a crab trap.*

*Where: AUMC Fellowship Hall*

*When: Saturday, January 28, 2012*

*Time: 7:00 pm*

**POPCORN WILL BE SERVED!**

**“Ecce Agnus Dei”**

Latin for “Behold, the Lamb of God,” this is the phrase John the Baptist used twice to point out Jesus to others (John 1:29, 36). It marks Jesus’ Epiphany (manifestation, revelation) as the Anointed One (Christ, Messiah).



**Without fail**

“I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God’s failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of his work. He has never failed in his promise, so I cannot fail in my service to him.”

—William Carey



Thank you to those who supplied the wonderful cookies for the fellowship time following the Christmas program.

What a lovely variety and such a nice treat for all to enjoy.



- JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**
- 3 - Kim Rodriguez
- 4 - Irene Samborn  
Cameron Corbat  
Ross Corbat
- 6 - Daniel Wieszezcinski
- 8 - Steve Bellows
- 11 - Fred Kloepfer
- 14 - Ron Gibbon
- 15 - Sue Kloepfer
- 17 - Joan Schrott
- JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**
- 12 - Doug & Jane McDonald

- ✓ Potluck Sunday, January
- ✓ 15th. Please bring a dish to
- ✓ pass and join us for food
- ✓ and fellowship after the
- ✓ 10:45 am service.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Worship Service 8:30 & 10:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am	Office Closed		Carving Club 6:30-9:00 pm	Choir Practice 6:30 pm		
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Worship Service 8:30 & 10:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Youth Group 6-7:30 pm	Trustees 7:00 pm	Finance 7 pm	Carving Club 6:30-9:00 pm	Prayer Team 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm		
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Worship Service 8:30 & 10:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Potluck Sunday Youth Group 6-7:30 pm	Church Council 7:00 pm		Carving Club 6:30-9:00 pm Missions 7 pm	Choir Practice 6:30 pm		
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Worship Service 8:30 & 10:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Youth Group 6-7:30 pm		Martha Esther Circle 9:30 am	Carving Club 6:30-9:00 pm	Choir Practice 6:30 pm Prayer Team 5:30 pm		Movie Night 7 pm
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					
Worship Service 8:30 & 10:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Youth Group 6-7:30 pm						



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## Our Vision Statement

A passionate, Spirit-led community where people meet and serve Christ.

### **Auburn United Methodist Church**

**207 S. Auburn Rd.**

**Auburn, MI 48611**

### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00pm

### **Pastor’s Office Hours:**

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am - Noon

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### Church Staff

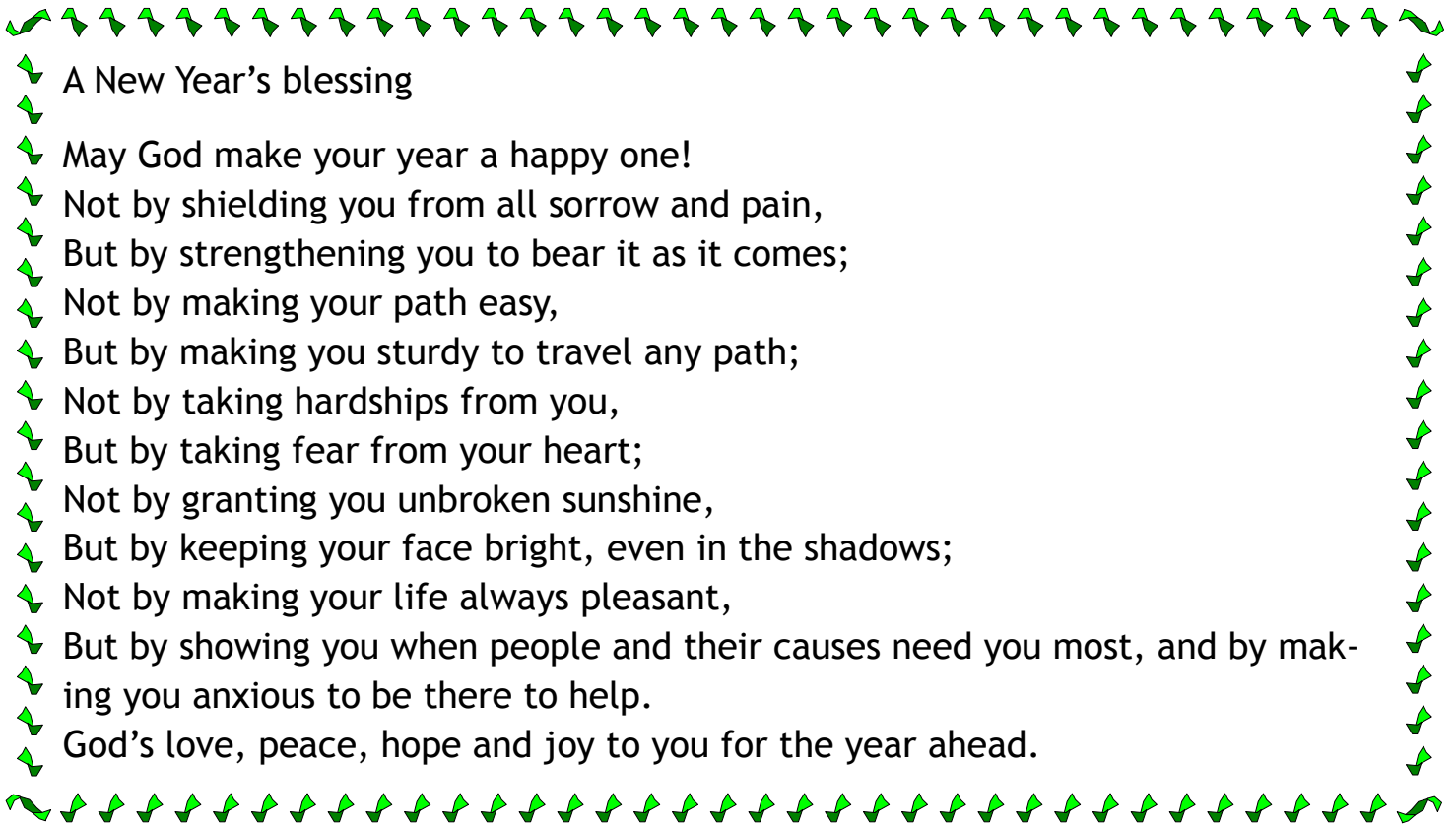
*Coordinator of Youth Ministry:* Kayla Roosa

*Interim Coordinator of Music:* Shelby Thompson

*Office Administrator:* Patti Behmlander

*Organist:* Sue Ambrose

*Pastor:* Duane M. Harris



A New Year’s blessing  
 May God make your year a happy one!  
 Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,  
 But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;  
 Not by making your path easy,  
 But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
 Not by taking hardships from you,  
 But by taking fear from your heart;  
 Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
 But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
 Not by making your life always pleasant,  
 But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
 God’s love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

**Note: Deadline for Link Submissions is the 4th Monday of the month (Monday following Church Council).**