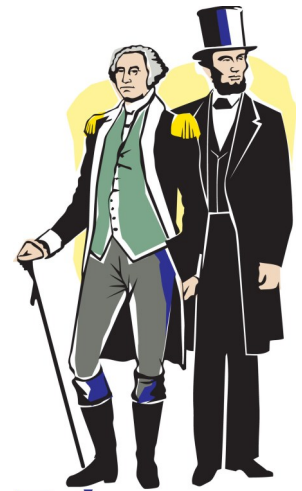


# The Auburn United Methodist Church

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February

Thanks be to God! We've turned the corner on a new year, and as we do so I thought you should know AUMC is launching this new year with a new leadership team. It's a group of people nominated by the church council who will be working on several important tasks in the next few years. Listed below are the members of the team and the responsibilities they have accepted.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

### I. Members:

Penny Parkin      Kayla Roosa      Dennis Rogers      Janet Rahl  
Chad Garlinghouse      Tamara Klida      Duane Harris

### II. Responsibilities

- A. Participate, if possible, in the "180 Turnaround Conference" on March 22, 2012 at Redeemer United Methodist Church in DeWitt, MI.
- B. Read Raising the Roof and decide what might be useful for our visioning process.
- C. Develop a process for moving forward toward fulfilling the vision of Auburn UMC as "A passionate, Spirit-led community where people meet and serve Christ." Submit to the Church Council for feedback.
- D. Lead the congregation through a visioning process seeking God's direction for the future ministry of AUMC, the outcome of which will provide clear, shared, long-term and short-term goals.
- E. Share vision & mission with the Church Council and the congregation for feedback, support, revisions.
- F. Refine according to feedback and submit to the Church Council\Church conference for approval.
- G. Hand off monitoring to the Church Council.

### III. Expected term of service 2 years?

As this group does their work you will be hearing more and invited to share your input. Please pray for this team of people as we seek to discern God's will for the present and future ministry of Auburn UMC.

In ministry with you,

Duane

**Link2012**



2011 Church report for MISSIONS		
1. Apportionments Paid		\$8,480
2. Ministry Jubilee Projects		
Cass Community Social Services		150
Methodist Children's Home		150
Camp Scholarships		150
3. Missionary Salary Support		
Tom & Sara Gilson (Campus Crusade for Christ)		2,500
David and Stephanie Shephard (His House Ministry)		2,500
Steven & Kari Jo Shephard (Serving In Mission)		2,500
Mary Gladstone-Highland (Utica, NY)		900
Mary Randall Zigbua		900
Missionary giving (from UMW)		750
4. General Advance - USA & International		
Red Bird Mission in Kentucky (from UMW)		100
US-2 Program		150
Heifer Project INTL (from UMW)		328
Hospital Revitalization in Asia and Africa		150
5. UMCOR Special Programs		
Church World Service (tools and blankets)		770
One Great Hour of Sharing		360
6. Conference Partnership - Haiti and Liberia		
Liberian Hospital (from UMW)		253
Grace Children's Hospital (from UMW)		320
7. Local Missions		
Auburn Food Pantry		1,294
1 box items to our military overseas		35
2 meals for workers at free health clinic		Donated
Other local Missions (from UMW)		2,158
GRAND TOTAL:		\$24,898
Thank you for your generous support of AUMC Missions in 2011!		



## 40

This number appears many times in Scripture, often indicating a time of trial or testing, or simply marking something significant. It rained 40 days and nights during the Great Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. Taking this symbolic number to heart, the Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays).

February Worship Leaders  
 8:30 Bud Stevens  
 10:45 Denise Horswill

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### All Belongs to Our Creator by Mary Hambrick, Covenant UMC, Fort Wayne, IN

We have many roles in life: husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, employee, employer, citizen, friend, neighbor. The list goes on and on. As Christians, sometimes we forget to include our role as stewards. We get so involved in all the other roles that we fail to recognize a basic tenet of our faith:

**All**

**Belongs to our  
Creator God**

By definition, a steward is someone given the responsibility of caring for someone else's stuff. In the circumstances presented in Genesis, God has put mankind in charge of God's stuff, and that includes all that God created. God's creation is so large that caring for it all sounds rather scary. Because of that, we sometimes throw up our hands asking, "What can I do?"

God our Creator put into each of us a bit of creative ability. That spark of creativity is ours to use under God's direction to accomplish some terrific results in this world. Who? Me? Creative? I don't think so.

In spite of all our denials, God does not excuse any one of us from using the time, talents, and financial resources God has given us to care for his creation over which he has granted us authority to rule. After God created man and woman in his image, God blessed them and spoke a command to them: "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground" (Genesis 1:28, NIV).

In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), the person who failed to turn his one talent into multiple talents faced the very daunting outcome of being cast away from his master into darkness. Talent in this parable is a measure of money, but our Master, Jesus Christ, expects us to sharpen whatever skills and abilities God has given us. Then he counts on us to use our time and resources for furthering his purposes on this earth. Jesus expects this from us just as the master in the parable expected his servants to make additional money with the original gift he entrusted to them.

Excusing our failure to use our time, abilities, and resources for God just because we have been gifted with less than our friends or associates is not a valid reason at all. God expects us to work with whatever he has entrusted to us so that he can help us multiply our gifts to serve the needs of the world.

As we continue our life journey, we must remember always that All Belongs to our Creator God. May we so live that one day He will say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant. . . . Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matt. 25:21, NIV.)

*Biblical quotations from THE HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION®, NIV® Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984,*

Time	Date	Greeters	Ushers	Prayer Room
8:30	2/05/2012	Agness Schmidt, Pat Behm	Steve & Kelly Krueger	Pat Lyvere
10:45	2/05/2012	Ardis Robson, Betty Stoddard	Sam & Irene Samborn	Amy Samborn
8:30	2/12/2012	Jerry & Joan Schrott	Nancy Simpson, Ben Norton	Sandy Burr
10:45	2/12/2012	Chuck & Bev Witherspoon	Alison Binns, Kevin Myers	Betty Stoddard
8:30	2/19/2012	Jerry & Joan Schrott	Ben Norton, Dennis Rogers	Sandy DeWaele
10:45	2/19/2012	Chuck & Bev Witherspoon	Bill & Liz Shephard	Linda Czyzewski
8:30	2/26/2012	Pat Lyvere, Sandy DeWaele	Bernie & Sheila Hoy	Janet Stevens
10:45	2/26/2012	Sue Plessner, Ardis Robson	Travis Miller, Rob Samborn	Linda Nicholas

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Julia Klida
- 2 - Echo Ignafol  
Christine Meylan
- 3 - Eric Plessner  
Ardis Robson
- 4 - Paulette Miller
- 6 - Ted Tiede
- 7 - Larry Carr
- 10 - Benjamin Miller  
Jacob Krueger
- 16 - Debra Flora
- 19 - Leona Brown  
Chuck Hill
- 25 - Chuck Witherspoon
- 27 - Andrew Hoy  
June Filcek  
Ed Putnam

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 - Larry & Patty Carr
- 23 - Jerry & Joan Schrott

As a new year is upon us, the History Committee of the AUMC is asking you to remember us as you clean out records and pictures from 2011. Please put names, dates and any additional information about the event on the back of the pictures and give them to Janet Stevens or Kathy Gilson. You can also put the information in the Historian church mail box. Please remember to keep us up on events during 2012. Your History Committee thanks you for helping us record our history.



Potluck Sunday, February 12th. Please bring a dish to pass and join us for food and fellowship after the 10:45 am service.



**Refocus for Lent**

- Give up complaining – focus on gratitude.
- Give up harsh judgments – think kind thoughts.
- Give up worry – trust God to provide.
- Give up discouragement – be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness – turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred – return good for evil.
- Give up anger – be more patient.
- Give up pettiness – become mature.
- Give up jealousy – pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping – control your tongue.
- Give up sin – turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up – persevere.
- Author unknown



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>February</i>			Carving Club 6:30-9:00 pm	Tech Team 6:00 pm  Choir Practice 6:30 pm		
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Worship Service 8:30 & 10:45 am  Sunday School 9:45 am	Trustees 7:00 pm		Carving Club 6:30-9:00 pm	Choir Practice 6:30 pm		
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Worship Service 8:30 & 10:45 am  Sunday School 9:45 am  Potluck  Food Pantry Meet- ing 5 pm in room 12  Youth Group- bowling		Caring Minis- try Team 3:00 pm	Carving Club 6:30-9:00 pm	Choir Practice 6:30 pm		
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
Worship Service 8:30 & 10:45 am  Sunday School 9:45 am  Youth Leadership Council 4:30-6 pm  Youth Group 6-7:30 pm	Church Council 7:00 pm		Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm	Choir Practice 6:30 pm  Missions Meeting 7:30 pm		
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</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			





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## Our Vision Statement

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

### Auburn United Methodist Church

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Auburn, MI 48611

#### Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00pm

#### Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am - Noon

989-662-6314

Website: [auburnumc.org](http://auburnumc.org)

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[www.Facebook.com/AuburnUMC](http://www.Facebook.com/AuburnUMC)

#### 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

## Pack well



During Lent, as we focus on Christ's journey to the cross, let's also examine the journey of our lives. The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing. What have you placed in your bag? Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, money worries, relationship troubles? Have you overlooked any important items? Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead. Remember to pack mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey in Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult. So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

–Based on the “Journey to Hope” sermon series,  
[www.rethinkchurch.org/lent](http://www.rethinkchurch.org/lent)

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