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Auburn United Methodist Church



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PLAN FOR REOPENING

Our Re-Entry Team has been busy at work coming up with a plan to safely bring services back into our sanctuary. On July 20, a plan was presented to the Church Council for re-entry and was approved unanimously.

Due to the increased number of covid cases reported we decided to aim for our **new re-entry date to be September 6** (Labor Day weekend). This decision did not come lightly, 76% of our regular attenders are over the age of 60 which is considered a higher risk group. Drive-in church is working well so we decided to error on the side of caution and postpone our original plan of an August re-entry. We will continue to have Drive-In Church for the month of August. We have, however, added an option to get out of your car and sit in the yard (with social distancing of course). There will be a speaker in the window on the North side of the building facing the big grassy area outside the office and Fellowship Hall windows. Please feel free to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the service outdoors.

Things will be different for a while even after we get to return to indoor services. Safety precautions have to be taken:

- Masks are required inside the building, if you do not have a mask one will be provided to you. We have several reusable masks that were made by our sewing group that you can take home and wash week to week or we do have some disposable ones for both children and adults.
- We understand that not all people will be ready to return to indoor services. For those who are not comfortable with coming back inside or that can not wear a mask, we will continue to broadcast the service so you can hear it from the parking lot and it will be recorded and put on our Facebook page and website.
- The basement is closed to all meetings and classes. The size of our rooms make it hard to social distance, it also makes less space for us to have to sanitize each week which saves us money.

- No Fellowship Time. We know this is going to be hard, after all, what is church without coffee, snacks & fellowship, right? It is not safe to share any food or drinks at this time and it is hard to stay social distanced. We have removed all the tables and chairs from the Fellowship hall to help you resist the temptation. The kitchen is closed for any food prep.
- There will be no nursery available. *(This will be re-evaluated as time progresses and the risk levels go down.)* Reminder to parents that you can see and hear the service from the parlor area if your child is crying and you want to take them out of service, there is also a rocking chair. Don't forget that there is a changing station in the bathroom on the sanctuary level as well as the Fellowship Hall level.
- There will be no Sunday School for children and youth. *(This will be re-evaluated as time progresses and the risk levels go down.)* In the meantime, Becky has created activity bags for each child, they are drawstring backpacks that will hang in the Fellowship Hall. Each bag will have the child's name on it and will contain activities for the children to do while they are in church along with some crayons and other surprises. After service please hang the bag back in the Fellowship Hall for sanitizing to use the next week.
- It is recommended that if adult Sunday School classes would like to meet, they consider a Zoom meeting type platform. If you choose to meet in person, we are asking you to schedule time with the office to use the Fellowship Hall where social distancing can be followed.
- There will not be printed bulletins available. The bulletin will be available electronically and will be able to be downloaded from our website. You can choose to print it at home and bring it with you or use your device in the church to follow along. (Wi-fi password: Godiswireless3)

Tamara & Jenn are working on a video that will be posted on our Facebook page & website and we will run on the worship screens before service. The video walk you through what to expect when we return to in-church services and some of the procedures/guidelines we will have to follow.

We are doing our best to keep everyone safe,

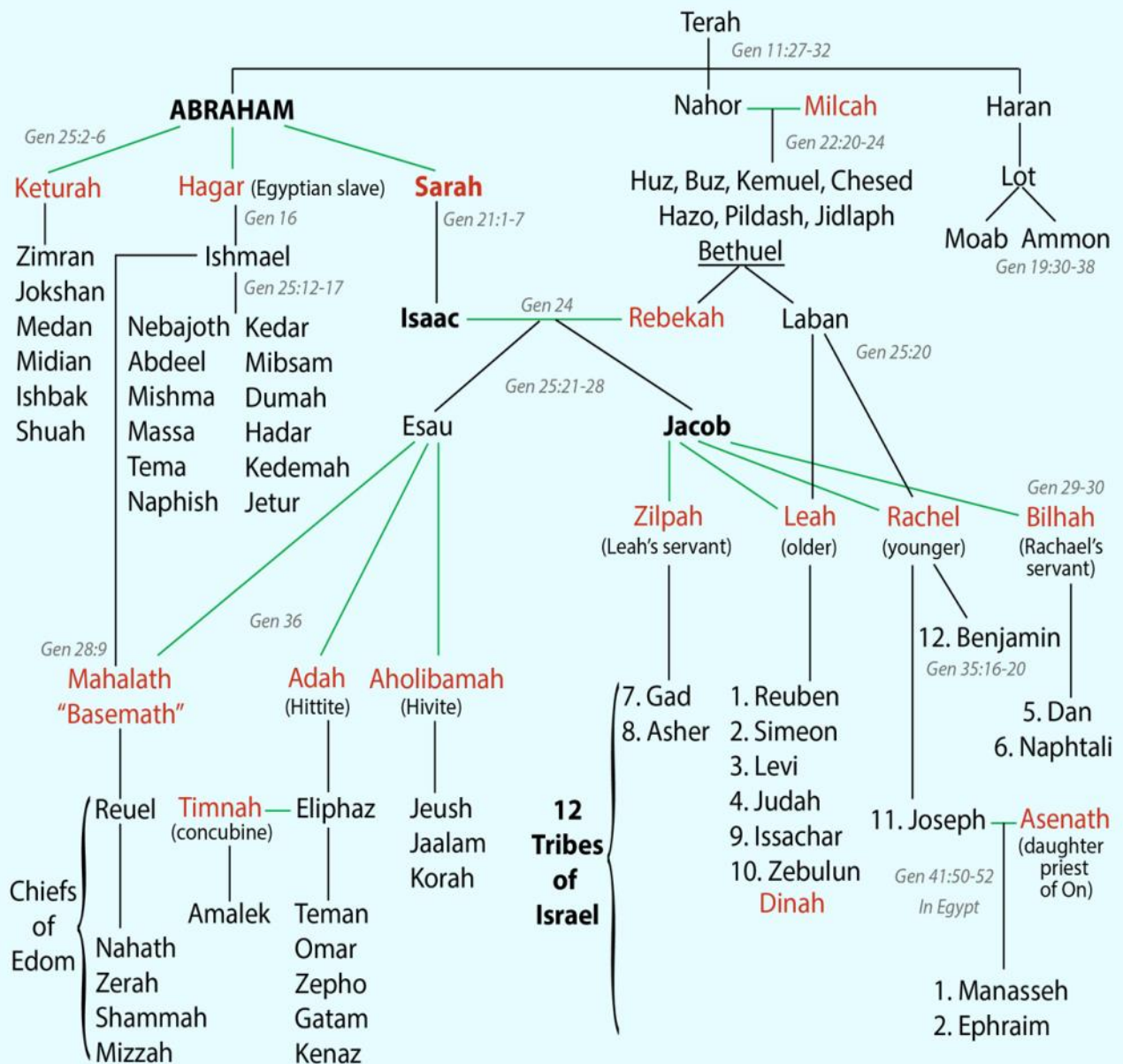
Church Council
Re-Entry Team
Staff

**Looking for a few volunteers to help sanitize between services.
Please contact the office if you can help.**

AUGUST SERMONS

During the month of August Pastor Rob will be teaching about “Our Spiritual Ancestors/ Matriarchs and Patriarchs.” This chart may help as a visual reference for you.

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Please don't forget about the people on the Caring Team Visitation List who are not able to come to Church as often. If you need their address please contact the Church office.		FINANCIAL STATUS	
		JULY'S INCOME	YTD INCOME
Roger Anderson	June Filcek	\$11,359.00	\$100,612.40
Don Gilson	Echo Ignafol	JULY'S EXPENSES	YTD EXPENSES
Sharon Dengel	Don Spaulding	\$9,791.05	\$94,025.01
Shirley Doll	Leatha Fahrner	A detailed Income & Expense Statement is available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.	
Ardis Juhala	Robert & Dolores Wise		
Ken & Ruby Christopherson			

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS				AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES	
8	Mary Kay Stockford	14	Linda Czyzewski	2	Addney & Myrtie Biery
9	Dan Stockford	22	Carson Randall	3	Paul & Arlene Erwin
9	Zac Putnam	23	Ken Christopherson	5	Barb & Gary Doner
10	Donna Samborn	27	Donald Tomkinson	6	Chris & Jenn Williams
11	Chris Williams	28	Nancy Tiede	8	Dave & Tamara Klida
11	Sofie Rahl	29	Gabrielle Cook	10	Bill & Liz Shephard
				11	Clayton & Marilyn Davis
				16	Gary & Sheila Berner
				24	Ken & Ruby Chrostopherson

Electronic Giving

Did you know that you can give to our church without sending cash or writing a check? We set up electronic giving through Vanco Give Plus. We have been using Vanco services for years for repeated automatic withdrawals but now we have reached out to electronic giving through their app or website.

Seem scary? No worries, visit our webpage www.auburnmc.org and click on the Give Plus box, that will take you to a page that is full of information. There are step by step videos to show you how to set up their app on your phone or tablet or give via a website. It is really simple and you can set up both one-time payments and reoccurring payments.

It is safe and secure and you can even see a record of your giving before you would receive your giving statement from the church.

If you need help setting this up please call Jenn in the office. 989-662-6314

AUMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00 AM DRIVE IN SERVICE		6:00 Food Pantry Prep	11:00 Nominations Committee 5:00 Worship Team 6:30 Praise Band			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00 AM DRIVE IN SERVICE			1:00 Missions Meeting 6:30 Praise Band			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00 AM DRIVE IN SERVICE	6:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 Council Meeting	6:00 Food Pantry Prep	6:30 Praise Band			
11:00 SPRC meeting						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:00 AM DRIVE IN SERVICE	6:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 Council Meeting Auburn Churches Blood Drive—St Gabriel		6:30 Praise Band Auburn Blood Drive Auburn Library			
30	31					
10:00 AM DRIVE IN SERVICE						



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Nursery:
Pastor:*

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Jennifer Williams
Pat McIlvenna
Gabrielle Cook
Phyllis Roberts
Rev. Rob Nystrom*

Church Office Hours:

**Monday – Thursday
9:00 am – 1:30 pm**

Pastor's Typical Office Hours:

Monday & Thursdays
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

If you would like to meet with
Pastor Rob please call the church
office to schedule an appointment
or contact Pastor Rob.

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Our Vision:

Creating a church where children and youth love
to attend.

Our Mission:

Connecting people with the love and life of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

Our Core Values:

1. Prayer is a powerful means through which we relate to God.
2. The Bible is the authoritative source for knowing God.
3. Jesus is God's Son. He is the One who reveals in a way like no other that God loves us unconditionally with amazing grace.
4. Mission, local and distant, is a means to love our neighbor in real and relevant ways.
5. Imitating our Lord by practice, practice, practice realizing that none of us are perfect, but we are all on the faith journey together.
6. The Holy Spirit is God's guiding Presence in whom "...we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

