



THE LINK

Auburn United Methodist Church

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Well, it's here "2020"! Can you believe it?! Yikes! how time passes! Forgive me as I remember the retro lyrics of an 80's rock hit:

"Because life is so brief and time is a thief when you're undecided.
And like a fistful of sand, it can slip right through your hands."

It's true, time does slip away, often unnoticed. "Life slips away on cat's feet" says the poet Joseph White. And sometimes as we ponder life, change, and time we catch a glimpse at what the Bible means when it says, "A day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as a day to the Lord".

2020 has stoked the interest of many, and the inescapable reference to "20/20", the reference to good vision for people. I want to suggest to you that "vision" is so important, not just for sight, but for the future. Too many churches stride through the calendar year, observing its seasons and holy days, in the familiar rhythm of the decades and generations beforehand. There grows an increasing need to reflect on the vision that drives the church. Is it the vision that God has provided to drive the church into the future? The Bible famously says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." It's important stuff.

It's not only 20/20, but it's New Years. For some New Years is all about merry making – go ahead stay up late, watch the ball drop, kiss a loved one, toast the New Year! But New Years is also a time of purposeful reflection and for some resolutions. I hope that you will take time to reflect as well. Did you make one last year? How did you do? Did you make one this year? If you keep that resolution will it draw you closer to God? Will it draw you closer to others? Will it help you to better live as a disciple of Jesus Christ and as a dearly loved child of God? I hope so. Anyway, in 20-20 may we learn to see the vision that God has for our lives and for Christ's church.

Shalom,

Pastor Rob



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Thank you to all the volunteers at AUMC! The Nominations Team would like to thank all the people who said “YES” and accepted a committee or team position for the upcoming year. Below is a list of all the Committee and Team members.

CHURCH COUNCIL (<i>3rd Mondays, 7:00</i>)	<i>TERM</i>	FINANCE COMMITTEE (<i>3 Mondays, 6:00</i>)	<i>TERM</i>
Sam Samborn, Chair	2020	Sandra DeWaele, Chair	2022
Jenn Williams, Secretary	STAFF	Amy Samborn, Bookkeeper	STAFF
Tamara Klida, Lay Leader	2020	Jean Everts, Financial Secretary	2022
Jim Cody, Lay Member to Conference	2022	Sam Samborn, Council Chair	2020
Sue Plessner, Alternate	2021	Lay Leader, Tamara Klida	2020
Mat Rayl, SPRC Chair	2021	Jim Cody, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference	2022
To Be Announced, Trustee Representative		Sue Plessner, Alternate	2021
Sandra DeWaele, Finance Chair	2022	Mat Rayl, SPRC Chair	2021
Rev. Rob Nystrom, Pastor & Nominations	STAFF	To Be Announced, Trustee Representative	
Becky Jenklins, Faithbuilders Chair	2021	(Vacant), Member at Large on Finance	
Barb Cody, Evangelism Chair	2021		
Tamara Klida, Missions Chair	2022	STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE	
Betty Stark, Worship Team Chair	2020	(<i>Varied Sundays, after 2nd service</i>)	
Barb Anderson, Memorial Committee Chair	2020	Mat Rayl, Chair	2021
Melissa Grew, Food Pantry Chair	n/a	Rev. Rob Nystrom	STAFF
Amy Samborn, Bookkeeper	STAFF	Tamara Klida, Lay Leader	2020
Jean Everts, Financial Secretary	2022	Jim Cody,, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference	2022
Jim Cody, UMM President	n/a	Sue Plessner, Alternate	2021
April Nahgahgwon, UMW President	n/a	Patricia Benedict	2020
Bernie Hoy, Member at Large	2020	Lyndsay Morris	2020
Dennis Rogers, Member at Large	2021	Dennis Rogers	2020
		Darla Gairns	2021
		April Nahgahgwon	2022
BOARD OF TRUSTEES (<i>1st Mondays, 7:00</i>)			
Patricia Benedict	2020	Sheila Berner	2022
Bruce Hayward	2020		
Bruce Bedtelyon	2021	ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE (meetings TBA)	
Gail Gibbon	2021	Lyndsay Morris, Chair	2021
Bill Shephard	2021	To Be Announced, Trustee Representative	
Bernie Hoy	2022	Sharon Senn	2020
Jim Cody	2022	Sheila Miller	2021

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (meetings TBA)

Rev. Rob Nystrom, Pastor
 Tamara Klida, Lay Leader
 Jenn Williams, Membership Sec'try
 Sharon Senn
 Sandra DeWaele
 Kirker Kranz
 Kelly Krueger
 Bud Stevens

EVANGILISM COMMITTEE (meeting TBA)

Barb Cody, Chair
 Monica Bedtelyon
 Myrtie Biery
 Bud Stevens

MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAM (meetings TBA)

Tamara Klida, Chair
 Sheila Berner
 Dawn Krawczak
 Becky Jenkins
 Ronda Nystrom
 Dawn Landis-Lampham

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (1st Wed., 5:30)

Betty Stark, Chair
 Rev. Rob Nystrom
 Pat McIlvenna
 Gabrielle Meisel
 Kelly Krueger
 Joan Schrott
 Mary Kay Stockford

CARING MINISTRY TEAM (meeting TBA)

STAFF Kathy Gilson, Chair
 2020 Sandy Burr
 STAFF Pat Lyvere
 2020 Garnet Glaizer
 2020 Sharon Senn
 2021

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE (meeting TBA)

2022 Barb Anderson, Chair
 Penny Fry
 Carol Holiday
 2021 Sharon Senn
 2020 Bev Witherspoon
 2020 Sheila Miller
 2021

STUDENT LOAN BOARD (meeting TBA)

Bill Shephard, Chair
 2022 H. Birt Etienne
 2020 Janet Stevens
 2020 Janet Rahl
 2021 Kathy Gilson
 2021 Sharon Senn
 2022

FOOD PANTRY TEAM (Not elected)

Melissa Grew, Chair
 2020 Penny Fry
 STAFF Monica Bedtelyon
 STAFF Donalee Jose
 STAFF Tamara Klida
 2020 Sheila Miller
 2021 Christina Meylan
 2022 Betty Stark
 Trudy Pischel

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TECH TEAM (Non-elected)	<i>TERM</i>	MEMORIAL GARDEN TEAM (<i>Non-Elected</i>)	<i>TERM</i>
Pat McIlvenna		STAFF Dennis Rogers, Chair	n/a
Pat Hughes, Cordinator	n/a	Clayton Davis	n/a
To Be Announced, Trustee Representative		Jerry Schrott	n/a
Bruce Bedtelyon	n/a	Bill Shephard	n/a
Bill Chambers	n/a	Bud Stevens	n/a
Irene Samborn	n/a	Betty Stark	n/a
Chris Williams	n/a	Trudy Pischel	n/a

FAITH BUILDERS (non-elected, members)

Becky Jenkins, Chair	2021
Melissa Grew	n/a
Ashley Stevens	n/a
Linda Czyzewski	n/a
Garnet Glazier	n/a
Sheila Hoy, Sunday School Sec'try	n/a
Bernie Hoy, Sunday School Treasure	n/a
Sam Samborn, Sunday School Hall Monitor	n/a

OTHER IMPORTANT LEADERS:

2021 Carol Holiday, Kitchen Supervisor	n/a
Bernie Hoy, Kitchen Supplies	n/a

Please contact the office if you see your name on a team that you didn't know you were on or don't want to be on so the Nominations Team can find someone to fill that position. If you are interested in being on a committee or team you also may contact Jenn in the office. We are always looking for people to fill positions that match their spiritual gifts .



HELP PROVIDED

The Caring Committee has launched their "Helping Hands, Willing Hearts" mission. Do you or someone you know from our church family need help with some household tasks, errand running, short-term babysitting, computers/small electronics, or a meal, etc.? Please contact Pat Lyvere at 989-266-3242 or Kathy Gilson at 989-662-2114 before 8:00pm on the prior day.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FOR NEW (AND OLD) ATTENDERS

Over that last year, we have started to have a lot of new faces around here. I thought since I had a little extra room in the Link I would put a few informational items that people might not know about our church. Did you know...

- There is a church library in the hallway that leads to the elevator and bathrooms on the Sanctuary level. Please feel free to take books home to read and return them to the library when you are finished.
- You can order flowers for the altar from the church office to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one on a Sunday. There is a notebook with calendar pages in the narthex (area just before you walk into the sanctuary) on a stand. Please write your dedication in the corresponding calendar page and use a yellow envelope (also on stand) to pay for the flowers. The envelope can be put in the office or in the collection plate. We have a contract with Keit's Flowers in Bay City, they provide a beautiful arrangement of flowers for the special price of \$35, and deliver them to the church so you have nothing to worry about. After the Sunday services you can take them home to enjoy.
- Did you know that we have a website that is filled with information about all our mission projects, activities going on in the church, Pastor's W.I.S.H. Post, copies of the LINK newsletter. Visit www.auburnumc.org We also have a Facebook page at Auburn UMC, this is the go to spot to check for updates on events and possible weather related closing information.
- We have name tags available for all our members and regular attenders so it is easier for people to get to know each other. Please check the name tag board in the Fellowship Hall for your tag as you come into the building. If you do not have one, there is a sheet available at the Welcome Center to request a name tag or get a replacement.
- Have you visited the Welcome Center? There is all sorts of information there, a printed church directory, copies of the Link newsletter, Upper Room devotional books you can take home with you, and all other sorts of stuff. If you have questions that is the place to ask them.
- Please make sure to fill out the Communication Card from the weekly bulletin. This is how you get added to our computer system. If you include your birthdays and anniversary I will add them to my list. On the back of the card you can write comments, and request to be added to our mailings list along with a few other options.
- Prayers! We all need a little prayer at some point. We have a email Prayer Chain that you can be added to. If you would like to be added contact the office or write it on the back of your Communication Card. We also have blue Prayer Cards available in the pew that you can write your prayer requests on and give them to the usher or put them in the offering plate. During the first service we have someone in our Prayer Room that takes those cards and prays over and then we share them on the Prayer Chain.

GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC

If you are anyone you know is looking for a Piano please contact our music staff, Pat or Gabe, at music@auburnumc.org. They are looking for a home for the piano that is in the Fellowship Hall. Free to a good home.

We adopted a piano from another church that will hold a tune better in changing temperatures, as we lower the temps in the building when it is not in use.

THANK YOU

Evangelism would like to thank all the cookie bakers that made the delicious cookies for our Christmas Eve cookies for employees who work on Christmas Eve. We delivered to 37 business and our tech crew. We would also like to thank our cookie basket makers, Kathy Maurer, Darla Gains, Ashley Stevens, Monica Bedtelyon, Garnet Glazier and Chase. Our cookie delivery people (who had the most fun and blessings). Melissa Grew, Lynn Kranrich, Cailin Tacktor (Grace, Alex, & Maggie) and Andrea and Matt Rayl. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

PLEASE HELP US SAVE ENERGY

Just a reminder that closing all doorways when the building is not in use helps us save on heating costs by keeping things compartmentalized. Different sections of the church have programmed thermostats that turn the heat up during hours of use, if the doors are open to that section the heat will not stay in that area causing it to continually run. It is also a good practice to contain a fire if we should have one.

CRAFTY PERSON NEEDED

Looking for a winter project that can be done indoors? We would like to recover the bulletin board ins the Fellowship Hall and freshen them up a bit. Some of the things hanging on the bulletin boards have been up there for at least 4 years. The cork on some of the boards is pretty rough looking, and I would like to put some fabric over the cork (like the big board by the elevator) and decorate them with fresh items that represent our church life.

WINTER REMINDER

As winter is heading in with all the snow and ice, I would like to remind you of our policy; if the Bay City Public Schools are closed due to weather, then the church office is closed and any events scheduled at the church that day are also canceled.

If you have an event /meeting schedule on a "snow day" the office will assume it is canceled, if you choose to meet anyway please contact Jenn on her cell 989-225-0856 ASAP so it can be advertised.

For weekend events and worship, please check our Facebook page and watch the listing on WNEM TV 5. *If you are hosting a weekend event and want to cancel because of weather please let Jenn know so she can put on Facebook/WNEM.*

In any event, communication is the key; please talk with your group and come up with a plan for "snow days" and it would be helpful if you shared that information with the office.

January Word Verses

Old Testament

⁹ I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

New Testament

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Revelation 21:5

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	
Roger Anderson	June Filcek	DECEMBER'S INCOME	YTD INCOME
Don Gilson	Echo Ignafol	\$15,670.29	\$177,200.28
Sharon Dengel	Don Spaulding	DECEMBER'S EXPENSES	YTD EXPENSES
Shirley Doll	Wes & Donna Samborn	\$17,037.17	\$185,955.91
Ardis Juhala		A detailed Income & Expense Statement is available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.	

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS		JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES	
4	Irene Samborn	15	Sue Kleopfer
4	Cameron Corbat	17	Rob Nystrom
4	Ross Corbat	17	Joan Schrott
5	Garnet Glaizer	26	Chase Montalvo
11	Fred Kloepfer	31	Fallon Wiles
11	Bill Chambers		
14	Ron Gibbon		
		29	Dan & Mary Kay Stockford

SERVICE INFORMATION & VOLUNTEERS

8:45 Service

11:15 Service

Worship volunteers - If you can not be here for your scheduled time, please find someone to switch with you and notify the office of the change. - Thank you!

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Prayer Room	Welcome Center	Counters	Coffee Hour
January 5	Don & Stella Tomkinson	Ted & Nancy Tiede	Barb Anderson	Bud Stevens	Sheila & Lyndsay	Team 10
	Sandy DeWaele	Monica Bedtelyon	n/a	Betty Stark		
January 12	Chuck & Bev Witherspoon	Bernie Hoy Birt Etienne	Trudy Pischel	Janet Stevens	Sheila & Jean	Team 12
	Sue Plessner	Dawn Krawczak Adrienne Meyer	n/a	Brenda Sinicki		
January 19	Birt Etienne Janet Stevens	Larry & Janet Rahl	Sheila Hoy	Barb Cody	Sheila & Jean	Team 11
	Betty Stark	Fallon Wiles	n/a	Monica Bedtelyon		
January 26	Barb Anderson Kathy Gilson	Dawn Krawczak Adrienne Meyer	Kathy Mauer	Joan Schrott	Bernie & Jean	Team 8
	Fallon Wiles	Sam Samborn	n/a	Need Volunteer		
February 2	Katie Atkinson Carol Holiday	Steve & Kelly Krueger	Joan Schrott	Need Volunteer	Bernie & Jean	Team 2
	Sandy DeWaele	Monica Bedtelyon	n/a	Betty Stark		
February 9	Pat Lyvere Sheila Miller	Bill & Liz Shephard	Pat Lavere	Birt Etienne	Bernie & Marc	Team 7
	Sue Plessner	Dawn Krawczak Adrienne Meyer	n/a	Brenda Sinicki		
February 16	Roye & Sandy Burr	Birt Etienne Dennis Rogers	Patricia Benedict	Carol Holiday	Bernie & Marc	Team 4
	Betty Stark	Fallon Wiles	n/a	Monica Bedtelyon		
February 23	Barb & Jim Cody	Bernie Hoy Bill Chambers	Barb Anderson	Roye Burr	Dennis & Marc	Team 5
	Fallon Wiles	Sam Samborn	n/a	Need Volunteer		
March 1	Joan Schrott Need Volunteer	Ted & Nancy Tiede	Marilyn Davis	Pat Lyvere	Dennis & Marc	Team 6
	Sandy DeWaele	Monica Bedtelyon	n/a	Betty Stark		
March 8	Steve & Kelly Krueger	April Nahgahwon Need Volunteer	Trudy Pischel	Patricia Benedict	Dennis & Kelly	Team 3
	Sue Plessner	Dawn Krawczak Adrienne Meyer	n/a	Brenda Sinicki		
March 15	Larry & Janet Rahl	Barb & Jim Cody	Sheila Hoy	Janet Stevens	Dennis & Kelly	Team 1
	Betty Stark	Fallon Wiles	n/a	Monica Bedtelyon		
March 22	Bill & Liz Shephard	Larry & Janet Rahl	Kathy Mauer	Jim Cody	Kelly & Chuck	UMW Birthday
	Fallon Wiles	Sam Samborn	n/a	Need Volunteer		
March 29	Don & Stella Tomkinson	Steve & Kelly Krueger	Joan Schrott	Garnet Glazier	Kelly & Chuck	Team 4
	Sue Plessner	Dawn Krawczak Adrienne Meyer	n/a	Need Volunteer		

If you are unable to serve on you day please find a replacement and contact the office so it can be changed in the bulletin. Thank you.

AUMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
		6	NEW YEARS DAY OFFICE CLOSED			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:45 Traditional Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary Worship 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	7:00 Trustee Meeting	6:00 Peer 360	5:30 Worship MT 6:30 Carving Club 6:30 Praise Band	6:30 Choir Rehearsal	9:00 FridayCHAT	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:45 Traditional Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary Worship 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts		1:00 UMWomen 6:00 Peer 360	9:00 MMDC Sewing 6:30 Carving Club 6:30 Praise Band	4:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	9:00 FridayCHAT	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:45 Traditional Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary Worship 12:15 SPRC Meeting 2:00 Private event—Hall 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	6:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 Council Meeting 7:00 UMM	6:00 Peer 360 meeting	6:30 Carving Club 6:30 Praise Band 7:00 NADA	6:30 Choir Rehearsal	9:00 FridayCHAT	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:45 Traditional Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary Worship 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts		1:00 Mary Ruth Hope 6:00 Peer 360	6:30 Carving Club 6:30 Praise Band	6:30 Choir Rehearsal	9:00 FridayCHAT	



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Pastor Rob's Cell
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*Administrative Assistant ;
Bookkeeper:
Coordinator of Music:
Worship Leader & Keyboardist:
Nursery:
Pastor:*

*Jennifer Williams
Amy Samborn
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.

Website: auburnumc.org
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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).

