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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

"Follow me", (Mt. 9:9), that's what Jesus says to the people He is calling to be His disciple. It may express itself with a passion for peace and justice. It may be demonstrated by a desire to do personal evangelism or faith sharing. Our discipleship can be evident in our commitment to missions and service. Discipleship is also apparent through stewardship. For some, there are personal ministries that you have sensed God calling you to, and that is a wonderful development of your faith. There are many expressions of Christian discipleship – which is what it means to "follow" Him.

St. Paul makes the point that we are the Body of Christ in the world today. That each one is called to be a part of that Body in cooperative service in the world. That if you are called to be a hand on the Body of Christ, then realize that the eyes, ears, feet and all the other parts of the Body are counting on you! And, realize too, that your success is dependent upon them as well. A hand cannot do its thing, if it is not supported by the arm and spine, and if it is not coordinated by the eyes. Paul specifically warns the people of Christ's church against the attitude and thought, "I don't need you!" (1Cor. 12:21). You may not like it. You may disagree with it. You may not understand the work of the other parts of the Body of Christ. But that is God's plan for the church in the world.

When we answer Christ's call, "Follow me", we are committing to a personal journey AND a corporate one, too. We will walk with Christ in our daily lives, but we will also walk with others on that journey. This Lent we will be journeying together. Every Wednesday evening during Lent we will gather for a meal and a video/short discussion, 5:30-6:30 pm. I encourage you to make this practice one of the ways that you journey through Lent.

Shalom,

Pastor Rob



2nd—5th Grade Ice Skating Trip

January 26, 2020



MISSIONS

January's Mission Moment

The Missions Ministry Team would like to thank the congregation for generously giving \$149.15 to the Noisy Offering in December. This money was sent to Thrive Church in Mt. Pleasant.

Update from the MMDC Sewing Group

The MMDC Sewing Group has been busy!! In the past year we have made:

704 diapers	516 washcloths	144 pair of boys shorts	201 dresses	4 sweaters
16 quilts	15 gowns	17 kimonos	4 baby jackets	37 book bags
430 infant hats (for MidMichigan Hospital Center)		86 burp cloths (for Saginaw New Heart Church)		

That is a total of 2094 items made in 2019. We hope to do even more in 2020!!

If you would like to help sew, you can join us on the third Wednesday of the month at church or see Becky Jenkins for material and patterns to work at home. There are also kits made up on the Serving Table with fabric to be sewn or infant hats to be knitted. We accept fabric, yarn and notions that people no longer need too.

We would like to thank the Auburn UM church and the congregation for a place to meet and keep our materials, their prayers and financial support. We couldn't do this without all of you! We look forward to a prosperous year in 2020!

Mission Trip Opportunity

Looking for a great mission opportunity and a week away with a fun group? Then a trip to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center is just the thing for you! We will be leaving on Sunday, April 19 and returning Saturday, April 25. It is a great week of mission work, yummy food, laughter and fellowship. If you would like more information, call Becky Jenkins at 859-2035 to get details. Ask anyone who has been in the past, it is well worth your time to go on this trip.

February's Mission Moment is Auburn Elementary

Please consider joining the Missions Ministry team in helping the Auburn Elementary School. Their biggest needs right now are: sweat pants in sizes 4 through 10, boys and girls undies in sizes 4 through 10 and boys and girls socks. Kids go through lots of clothes during the day, even at school! Let's see what we can do to help out! There will be a box in Fellowship hall during the month of February for your donations. Thank you!!



DINNER
— & —
A MOVIE

DINNER & A MOVIE LENTEN SERIES

Pastor Rob is looking for individuals or groups to prepare a meal for the Dinner & a Movie Lenten series. If you are interested please contact Pastor Rob at 989-415-3830.

Dinner & a Movie will run Wednesday evening during Lent, 5:30-6:30 pm.
Movie series TBA.

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Bookkeeper

**JOIN
OUR
TEAM**

Very part time position available, 1-3 hours a week, \$45 a week salary.

Set your own hours. Training provided.

- Responsible for day-to-day bookkeeping duties, entering deposits, paying bills, running reports. (Payroll and taxes are done through a third party company.)
- Must attend Finance & Council meetings on the 3rd Mondays of the month 6-8pm.
- Some weeks it may take an hour or less others may be 3 or more depending on what is going on.
- We use a church bookkeeping software called Powerchurch, step by step instructions provided.
- Must be able to come into the office to do the work for security reasons, can't be done from home.
- Must be able to pass background check and be approved under church bonding insurance policy.

For complete job description or to submit a resume & cover letter please contact the church office at office@auburnumc.org.



HAND BELL RINGERS

We all had fun in the fall with Handbells and the results were great!

It's time to pull us back together for more ringing! If you are willing and interested, we would like to have a group rehearse and play on the following dates:

- **Rehearsals** to begin on **Tuesday, February 11** at 6:30 pm.
- Play on **March 8** (Lent) - Special Music
- Play on **April 5** (Palm Sunday) - Special Music
- Play on **April 12** (Easter Sunday) - Simple chords to accompany the hymns

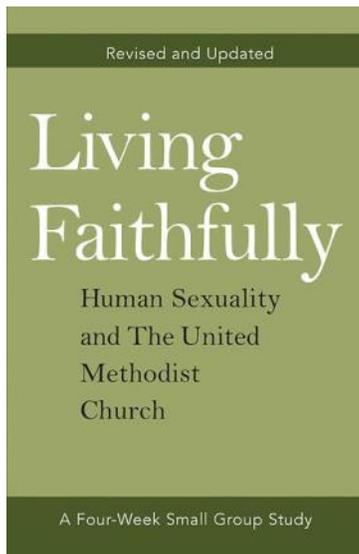
Please let us know if are able to join us on these dates. We are still planning out the music and will better know what we can do once have an idea of how many can play.

Thanks! Pat and Gabrielle, AUMC Music Staff music@auburnUMC.org



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.



STUDY BOOK AVAILABLE

We have purchased 6 copies of “Living Faithfully” a book about the LGBTQ issues confronting the United Methodist Church. The book represents both sides of the issues to help people understand what they believe and why, AND, what those with whom they disagree believe and why. As mature Christian brothers and sisters it is important that we are able to discuss matters openly and respectfully. A number of my clergy colleagues have used this book in the churches they serve and have found it helpful. I hope that you will take time to learn about this important issue in the coming months.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT!

On Fat Tuesday, February 25th, we will be having a euchre tournament – There will be a 9 am to Noon group, and a 6 pm to 9 pm group. We will rotate partners and keep track of points. The highest point winners will win a prize, and bragging rights for 2020. Jelly filled donuts (paczki) and coffee will be served. Registration cost of \$5.



THANK YOU

A word of thanks to those who included our family in your Christmas gift giving. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

Pastor Rob, Ronda, and Josh Nystrom

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.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Due to the lack of participation we will no longer be participating in the Scrip Gift card program.

UPDATES & THANK YOU

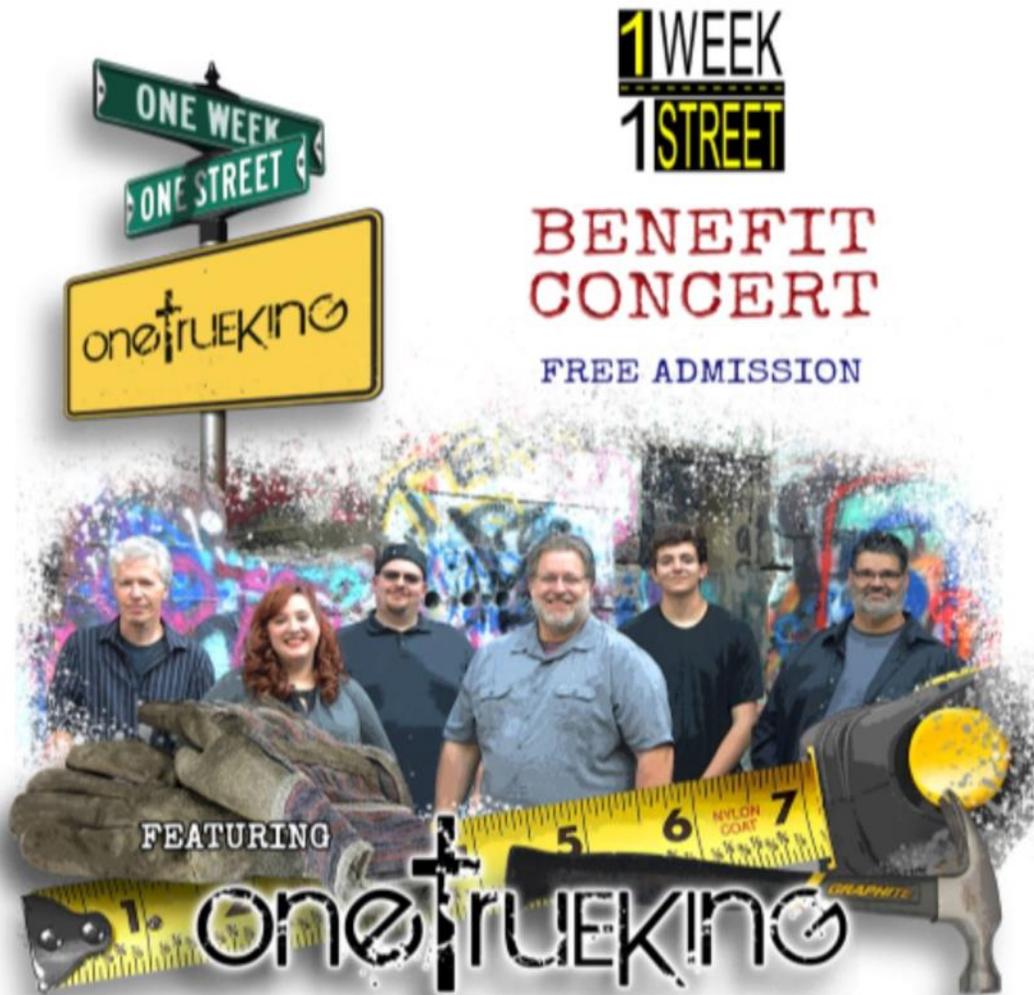
I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and well wishes during the past year. I am now officially in ‘remission’ which basically means that the excess fluid in my brain has went away for now and I am now off the Diamox (diuretic) that was killing my potassium level. Unfortunately, my potassium level has not rebounded yet and I am still taking a large amount of potassium supplements to keep it at a safe level. I have been told that the fluid can come back at any time. Now I am just dealing with the repercussions of the from the fluid damage and the meds I was on.

I would also like to thank everyone who gave me Christmas surprises this year. It really means a lot to me that you think of me. I really love my job here and the family I have made working here.

Love & Hugs, Jenn

ONE TRUE KING FOR ONE WEEK ONE STREET BENEFIT CONCERT

Again this year the band One True King will be holding a benefit concert for the One Week One Street mission project. 1TK has a goal of raising \$3000 this year for OWOS and we think we can do it. Last year we made \$1000 and it was during a snow/ice storm. This year we have moved to a bigger venue with more seating and it is located in Saginaw because after all, we are raising money for the people of Saginaw. There will be no Give Love Gala this year so this will be their only fundraiser. Please come and enjoy a night of music and entertainment by the band One True King. *If you are willing to share this event with your friends or family or advertise at your business, we have posters and promotional tickets you can hand out, please contact Jenn in the office.*



Saturday • March 21, 2020 • 7pm

**Saginaw Valley Church of the Nazarene
1815 Tittabawassee Road, Saginaw, MI 48604**

For more information, call 989-225-0856

www.oneweekonestreet.org | www.ltkband.com

**A free-will offering will be collected
to support One Week One Street's urban
revitalization mission in Saginaw.**



FEBRUARY WORD VERSES

Old Testament

“But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

Amos 5:24

New Testament

“For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

Matthew 12:50



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	
		JANUARY'S INCOME	YTD INCOME
Roger Anderson	June Filcek	\$10,886.15	\$10,886.15
Don Gilson	Echo Ignafol	JANUARY'S EXPENSES	YTD EXPENSES
Sharon Dengel	Don Spaulding	\$15,560.24	\$15,560.24
Shirley Doll	Wes & Donna Samborn	A detailed Income & Expense Statement is available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.	
Ardis Juhala	Leatha Fahrner		
Robert & Dolores Wise	Ken & Ruby Christopherson		

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS				FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES	
1	Julia Wegener	7	Larry Carr	6	Larry & Patty Carr
1	Ashley Fry	9	Pat Hughes	23	Jerry & Joan Schrott
2	Echo Ignafol	10	Jacob Krueger		
2	Christine Meylan	14	Josh Nystrom		
3	Pat McIlvenna	19	Chuck Hill		
4	Paulette Miller	25	Chuck Witherspoon		
5	Bruce Hayward	27	June Filcek		
6	Ted Tiede	27	Ed Putnam		

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
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.

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.

AUMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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 Food Pantry Prep 6:00 Peer 360	2:00 Carving Club 5:30 Worship MT 6:30 Praise Band	1:00 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	9:00 FridayCHAT	
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AUBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**207 S. Auburn Rd.
Auburn, MI 48611
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Pastor Rob's Cell
(989)415-3830**

*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
Email: office@auburnumc.org
www.Facebook.com/AuburnUMC

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).

