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Auburn United Methodist Church

The Pastor's Page

I was watching the news this morning (3-10-2021) and they said that today is the one year anniversary of the first Covid-19 case in Michigan. It has been an incredible and difficult year. Today, Michigan has 598,014 confirmed cases, and 15,670 of our state residents have died in this pandemic – these are challenging times indeed, but there is hope.

We now have three effective vaccines available and being rapidly distributed. They will help people not to get the disease, so that it won't spread. For those who do still get Covid-19 after vaccination the science shows that cases are less severe and people are much less likely to die from it. The vaccination program, along with careful practices of social distancing, washing hands, wearing masks, keeping 6 feet distance from others, and avoiding large gatherings will all help in defeating this pandemic. Keep up the good work!

And congratulations! We have risen to meet the challenge of seeking to be Christ's church in the world, in safe and effective ways, even during a pandemic.

My gratitude goes out to our:

Tech Team - for helping us develop new ways to share God's love and widen the worship circle.

Worship Team – for helping to make online worship a full and quality experience.

Education Team – for helping to provide Christian education for all of our people, and especially for the special efforts to reach children.

Finance and Stewardship – for the careful management of resources and investment in technology that has allowed us to be resilient, and even grow in a tough time.

Missions Team – for your steadfast support of our mission priorities and envisioning new ones.

Evangelism – for knowing that we all need spiritual sustenance and helping to share resources.

Caregiving – for helping us to stay connected and cared for in this time of social distancing.

Trustees – for the supervision, maintenance and improvement of our facilities.

Staff – for dedicated, flexible, adaptive service and leadership.

You – and all who have continued to give of their time, talent, prayers and finances. You are very much needed and appreciated.

With the progress that has been made, we can worship in-person on Easter this year! We will gather to remember and praise God for the greatest hope of all! Christ Jesus is alive!

“Because He lives, we can face tomorrow” ...and whatever comes our way.

Shalom,
Pastor Rob



“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold, when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade.”

- CHARLES DICKENS

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WANTED

A few good men...

Over the years, our United Methodist Men's group has dwindled down to just a few guys. Bud Stevens is looking for a few guys to work with him to help revitalize the UMM and get more of our men involved in this great group.

If you are interested please contact Bud.
fcsdo@aol.com or 989-667-4585

June 21-25, 2021 on Elmwood & Beechwood Streets

Volunteers needed for painting homes, landscaping, clearing brush & trash, carpenters needed to fix porches & steps, handy people to make minor repairs, and people to bring & operate chain saws to clear trees & brush. Contact Tamara at 989-662-4245 or oneweekonestreet@gmail.com

There is also a sign up sheet at the Serving Center in the Fellowship Hall.

1 WEEK
1 STREET



Stella Tompkinson's Prayer Quilt



Don Tompkinson's Prayer Quilt

April Nahgahgwon has been really busy making prayer quilts for our church family members who need a little extra prayer and love, with the help of some friends like Carol Holiday and Gretchen Rodammer. Thank you to everyone who had prayed from home while April tied the quilts.

CONTACT TRACING

If you have attended church in the last couple weeks, you have been asked to sign in on a Contact Tracing sheet. I have had a few phone calls asking me where that information is going. Please rest assured that those sign in sheets are for AUMC use only and once I log the attendance into our attendance software, they get stapled together and filed in my file cabinet. I am finding it easier to keep track of attendance this way and for now, I have removed the Communication Cards from the bulletins, no need for you to sign in twice. You will also be asked to sign in for any Sunday School classes, committee or team meetings, or small groups you attend. This actually makes it a lot easier for me to gather the numbers I need for my yearly reports to the MI Conference.

If you are the leader of a group meeting, there is a file folder in the “For Pick Up” box outside my office door with lots of blank forms. Please have everyone sign in and drop it back in the box as you leave. Thank you—Jenn

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.

Roger Anderson	June Filcek
Don Gilson	Echo Ignafol
Sharon Dengel	Ardis Juhala
Shirley Doll	Ken & Ruby Christopherson
Robert & Dolores Wise	

FINANCIAL STATUS

FEBRUARY INCOME	YTD INCOME
\$10,906.00	\$ 21,468.00
FEBRUARY EXPENSES	YTD EXPENSES
\$13,795.64	\$28,174.38
A detailed Income & Expense Statement is available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.	



AUBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**207 S. Auburn Rd.
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Pastor:
Ministers:
Administrative Assistant:
Interim Bookkeeper:
Coordinator of Music:
Worship Leader & Keyboardist:
Nursery:

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

Church Office Hours:

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

Pastor's Typical Office Hours:

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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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).

