

Summer 2017 Newsletter



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10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service

Coffee An' following Worship

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**AURORA
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

Monday (except holidays) 1pm ~ Bible Study, Northland Village

Tuesday 10am ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday (except 4th Tuesday of month) 1pm ~ Knitting &, Fellowship Hall

Thursday 7:00pm ~ Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

3rd Tuesday of each month 2pm ~ Trustee Meeting, Fellowship Hall

3rd Tuesday of each month 3pm ~ Administration Board Meeting, Fellowship Hall

4th Tuesday of each month 12:30pm ~ Ladies' Lunch, location TBA



SCRIPTURE

June 4	Acts 2:1-21	John 7:37-39	Communion/Pentecost Sunday
June 11	Genesis 1:1-2:4	Matthew 28:16-20	Trinity Sunday
June 18	Genesis 18:1-15	Matthew 9:55- 10:8	Father's Day
June 25	Psalms 86:1-10	Matthew 10:24-39	
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July 2	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42	Communion
July 9	Roman 7:15-25	Matthew 11:16-30	
July 16	Roman 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-23	
July 23	Roman 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-43	
July 30	Roman 8:26-39	Matthew 13:44-52	
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August 6	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21	Communion
August 13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33	
August 20	Roman 11:29-32	Matthew 15:10-28	
August 27	Roman 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20	

OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR CHURCH:

Memorial Sunday

On May 28, 2017 we remembered those who entered the church triumphant this past year and were remembered by family and friends through gifts to Aurora United Methodist Church. Those we remembered were: Patricia Barnes, Albin Boben, Ruth Maki, Lillian Moscatelli, and William and Marie Sedgemann. The new kitchen stove and microwave oven were purchased through these gifts.



Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017



On Pentecost Sunday I encourage you to wear red, and to share a red geranium plant in the sanctuary. You may bring your plant in on that Sunday and it will be set up with many others. This is always a very colored filled Sunday and the winds of the Spirit work in wonderful ways.

Peace with Justice Sunday

In honor of **Peace with Justice Sunday on June 11, 2017** you are asked to take a few minutes to think about how you could encourage peace within yourself, your family, your church, your school, your community, your state, your country and the world. Could you read a book either alone or to someone else pertaining to peace? Could you pray for peace? Could you practice peace? Could you give money to support peace initiatives of the United Methodist Church? What can you do to promote Christ's peace on earth? Remember each Sunday at the end of service we sing "Let There Be Peace on Earth." Let that peace begin with each one of us as we support this mission offering.



2017 LOVE OFFERING for MISSIONS



The Minnesota Annual Conference has a tradition of taking a LOVE offering that will be brought to annual conference by the delegate. This year Annual Conference will be held from June 20 through June 23 in St. Cloud at the St. Cloud Civic Auditorium. **We will receive offering for the Love Offering on Sunday June 4 and June 11.**

This year's LOVE Offering will go to United Methodist University of Sierra Leone – School of Applied Health Science. Sierra Leone has one of the lowest life expectancies in the world, where one in every five children dies before their fifth birthday. The vast majority of the country's citizens don't have access to health services, and there is an acute shortage of trained health professionals. This portion of the LOVE Offering will be used to expand United Methodist University of Sierra Leone by creating a School of Applied Health Science in the city of Bo. Funds may be used for rehabilitating an existing classroom building, hiring staff, preparing a curriculum, and purchasing materials. The school will be adjacent to United Methodist affiliated Mercy Hospital, where students will receive practical, hands-on training. Midwives, nurses, community health officers, and technicians who graduate from this new institution will significantly improve the accessibility and quality of health care throughout Sierra Leone.

30% of the LOVE Offering will go to Emma Norton Services which helps women, children, and families achieve victory over homelessness, mental illness, and chemical dependency. The Twin Cities based nonprofit provides safe, affordable housing through Emma Norton residence, which supports 50 women in transition at any given time, and Emma's Place, which houses 13 families on a permanent basis. In addition to housing, Emma Norton Services provides case management, peer and individual support programs, youth programs, life skills and out of poverty training, mental health support, and advocacy for women with disabilities. Through Emma Norton Services families receive resources and coaching to equip them on their path toward stability.

The last 10% of the LOVE Offering will go toward Mission Scholarships. Mission trips transform the lives of participants by giving them an opportunity to grow in faith and gain a new perspective of the world. Through the United Methodist Church's Volunteers in Mission program teams spend up to two weeks working on mission projects domestically or abroad. Most teams from Minnesota are engaged in hands on projects that build infrastructure to endure that nutritional, medical, and educational programs in developing countries become sustainable and locally run. Team members pay their own way and the LOVE Offering helps offset the cost for first time participants.

Summer Hymn Sing Worship

This summer our Hymn Sing Worship will start on June 14 and continue each Wednesday through August 16. The offering will once again go to the Aurora Area Food Shelf, which helps individuals in Aurora, Palo, Embarrass, Biwabik and Hoyt Lakes. As a reminder, it takes approximately \$3000 per month to operate our food shelf. 99% of the monies go directly for food; the other 1% goes to the administrative fee in being affiliated with the AEOA and Second Harvest Food Bank.



Julie Helgerson has agreed to play for the worship service again this year. Thank you to Julie. As usual we will serve root beer floats and anything that anyone would like to bring. If you would like to donate to help in the cost of the root beer float please see that Pastor Barb gets your donation. Thank you ahead of time.



Thank you to Peg Bateman, Joyce Baudek and everyone else who helped make the Pancake Breakfast on May 21, 2017 a success. Ladies, the pancakes and sausages were delicious!

United Methodist Day 2017 at the Twins:

Is Tuesday, August 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM. You can join other United Methodists for an evening of big-league action and fun as the Twins play the Texas Rangers at Target Field. Bishop Bruce Ough will be in attendance.



Cost: The Deck: \$31; Home Run Porch View: \$16 (\$3 from every ticket will benefit UMCOR International Disaster Response.

How to Order: 1. Call 1-800-33-TWINS (hit “0” to speak to an attendant). Phone lines are open during business hours and most evenings/weekends during Twins games. 2. At the START of your call, be sure to reference the United Methodist Day promotion. 3. VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, and AMERICAN EXPRESS are accepted. A \$5 service/handling fee will be added to each order. 4. The attendant will discuss ticket-delivery methods with you.

For questions or groups of 25 or more, please contact Nick Corcoran with the Minnesota Twins at (612) 659-4083 or nickcorcoran@twinsbaseball.com

Deadline to order: July 20, 2017 at 5 PM.

No exchanges or refunds; offer not valid with any other discounts or promotions. Game-date and time are subject to change.



WHY DO THE AURORA METHODIST WOMEN SUPPORT EMMA NORTON?

Here are some of the reasons.

In 2016, because of support ...

107 women at Emma Norton Residence,

16 families with **68** kids at Emma’s Place, and

16 men and women in our Adult Rehabilitation Mental Health Services (ARHMS) program
... found a safe place to begin to heal and grow in stability.

100% of ARHMS program participants maintained their housing while receiving services.

67% (2 out of 3) of families who moved out of Emma’s Place moved into safe, permanent housing.

47% of women moved out of Emma Norton Residence to safe, affordable housing.

100% of youth ages 6-12 at Emma’s Place participated in a youth engagement activity at least once per quarter.

63% of youth ages 12 and younger at Emma’s Place performed at or above grade level in math and/or reading.

93% of women at Emma Norton Residence with a stability plan completed at least one goal from that plan.

90% of parents at Emma’s Place completed a self-sufficiency Stability Plan.

54% of women with a goal to find a job obtained employment while living at Emma Norton Residence.

100% of parents at Emma’s Place were referred to resources to support their self-sufficiency.

100% of ARMHS program participants reported a decrease in their mental health symptoms.

100% of youth in grades 9-12 developed a personalized career and live goal plan.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

JUNE

White Community Hospital Foundation Blood Drive: Friday, June 3rd, 10am to 5:30pm. Bloodmobile will be parked at Aurora Community Center. Contact Jan Moore at (218)229-3466.

AARP Safe Driving Renewal Course is scheduled for Thursday, June 8th from 9 am to 1pm. Call 229-2094 or 229-2856, to sign-up, questions or additional information. There is a fee.

AARP Safe Driving Course is scheduled for Saturday, June 17 from 9am to ? This is an 8 hour class. There is a fee. Please bring a lunch.

AUGUST

White Community Hospital Foundation Blood Drive: Monday, August 1st, 10am to 5:30pm. Bloodmobile will be parked at Aurora Community Center. Contact Jan Moore at (218)229-3466.

