

The Auburn United Methodist Church

These are the following Missionary/Mission projects that we have planned for the upcoming 2010 year.

Missionaries:

- Tom & Sara Gilson (Campus Crusade for Christ)
- David & Stephanie Shephard (His House Christian Fellowship)
- Marsha Alexander (Manos Juntas Mexico Ministry)
- Mary Gladstone (The Deaf Shalom Zone)

Missions:

- Church World Service Blankets + Program
 - Liberia Container Project 2010
 - Volunteers in Missions
 - Cass Community Social Services
 - Ezekiel Project of Saginaw
 - Accessibility Grants
 - Joy-Southfield Community free Health Clinic
 - Methodist Children's Home Society
 - Share Shop
 - Camp Scholarships-All BORM Camps
 - New Church Start Partnership-Salary Support
- Please see the Missions Bulletin Board on your way up to the Sanctuary for more information on these Ministries.





Just for KIDS

Make a joyful noise

People often gather with noisemakers to celebrate the promise of a new year. Be thankful and Joyful for the many blessings in your life.

Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

CODE: before come gladness him joyful Lord songs the with Worship



_____ the _____ ;



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Answer: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.



Cultivating good habits

Entering a new year is a good time to inventory our habits — the bad ones as well as the good. Greek philosopher Aristotle once opined on this subject: “Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts. We become temperate by doing temperate acts. We become brave by doing brave acts.”

Just so, we will become faithful lovers of God by seriously worshipping and faithfully following the Christian way of life. Attending corporate worship, learning more about Christianity, doing good deeds for others and participating in fellowship events are all good habits. They enhance your life and bring joy to people around you.

Have you ever wondered about the mission program of Auburn UMC? What missions or missionaries do we support? Where do our mission dollars go? In 2010 we will have a special section in the Link to highlight our work in the missions field called "Spotlight Mission of the Month", making everyone more aware of the missions and missionaries we support.

Spotlight Mission - January

Methodist Children's Home Society (MCHS) - founded 1917.

Many children require treatment to cope with their deep fears, low self-esteem, anger and depression as a result of rejection, abuse, or neglect. Methodist Children's Home Society has been responding to the needs of these special children in the following ways:

Residential Care: Children's Village offers care for 70 boys, ages 10-17 who are in need of a highly structured intensive environment. Seven cottages provide a home for the children. The treatment approach involves a team of professionals that evaluates each child's situation, responding to their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Children and staff eat meals as a family and spend time together in a safe, nurturing family atmosphere.

Foster Care: Foster children are those who have been legally separated from their parents because of some form of abuse or neglect. MCHS places foster children in homes where they can be safe and experience the love and support of a family.

Adoption: Many children that are in foster care are awaiting permanent placement with an adoptive family. Over 75% of children waiting for adoption are African-Americans. MCHS works at placing these children with loving and caring parents.

Literacy Programs: BookPartners is a school-based program that strives to end the cycle of illiteracy. It is an opportunity to help instill good values and raise self-esteem by mentoring one-on-one with students. Bookpartners is currently in four elementary schools.



BIRTHDAYS

2 - Anna Cruff
3 - Kim Rodriguez
4 - Irene Samborn
Cameron Corbat
Ross Corbat
6 - Joshua Foote
Daniel
Wieszeczincki
8 - Steve Bellows
11 - Kerry Salgat
13 - Derek Keenan
14 - Ron Gibbon
17 - Joan Schrott
Ty Robbins
18- Lane Troutman
23- McKenzie Ogram
25 - Lisa Anderson
26 - Chad Meylan
Morgan Wise
27 - Brandon Wise

ANNIVERSARIES

12 - Doug & Jane McDonald
29 - Ty & CarrieAnn Robbins

Eternal God, thank you for bringing us once again to the threshold of a new year. Help us dedicate each day of 2010 to following your will for our lives. Guide us, Lord, in all our decisions and actions, day by day and hour by hour. Help us accomplish all that you desire for us to do, until our mission on earth is finished. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

UMW General Meeting Minutes

The UMW General meeting of December 8, 2009 was opened with April presiding at 2:40 p.m. Refreshments by Pat Lyvere and April.

Gretchen had donations list. Gretchen recommended to give \$2200.00 for the following areas: James Karua Ogwen, Tom & Sara Gilson, Beacon of Hope, Red Bird Mission, God's Country Co-Op(U.P.), Methodist Full Gospel (B.Inglis), Bay Med free clinic, Youth Haven Ranch, Heifer Project, Local Food Pantry, David & Stephanie Shephard (CMU).

April had Response moment on Hospitality Ministry.

April had devotions on hospitality.

Joan Schrott read minutes from Nov. meeting.

Gretchen gave Treasurers report. Filed for audit.

Jo Dhyse-Mahl - Social Action-we should call our representatives on Health Care Program or call the White House.

Funeral dinners this month - Randy King.

Stella T. sent 6 cards.

Old & New Bus: Christmas Give a way, set up on Dec. 18th and help on Saturday Spa Day -Joan S. reported was good. Will try and do it next time in spring.

Military members - voted to send a check to the six service persons.

Worship Volunteers

Children's Church *January 3– Amy Samborn* *January 10– Jessica C*
January 17– Linda C *January 24– Carianne Robbins* *January 31– Jennifer Miller*

10:45 am	Greeters	Ushers	Prayer Room
1-3	Sharon Senn, Sue Plessner	C Witherspoon, E Putnam	Gloria Putnam
1-10	Sharon Senn, Sue Plessner	Bill & Liz Shephard	Bev Witherspoon
1-17	Kevin Myers, Binns Family	Tom & Dan W.	Kathy Maurer
1-24	Kevin Myers, Binns Family	M Grew, R Collins	Arlene Erwin & girls
1-31	A Robson, B Stoddard	T Miller, T Stevens	Marcus King

Worship Leader: Sam Samborn

8:30 am	Greeters	Ushers	Prayer Room
1-3	Joan & Jerry Schrott	Bernie & Sheila Hoy	Trudy Pischel
1-10	Joan & Jerry Schrott	N Simpson, Martha K.	Barb Anderson
1-17	Don & Stella Tomkinson	Steve & Kelly Krueger	Janet Samborn
1-24	Don & Stella Tomkinson	Ben Norton, Miles Pike	Joan Schrott
1-31	Dave & Deb Flora	Bernie & Sheila Hoy	Martha K.

Worship Leader : Deb Flora

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Worship Services

8:30 am & 10:45 am

A passionate,
Spirit-led community
where people meet and
serve Christ.



From the Pastor:

Another year has passed and with it more end of the world predictions with the release of the movie, "2012". December 21, 2012 is said to be the end-date of a 5,125-year-long Mayan Long Count calendar, and so the theorists are once again making end of the world predictions as so many did when we moved from one century to the next. Remember those?

This preoccupation with the end times has absorbed the attentions of many a Christian through the centuries. The book of Revelation with its cryptic imagery that easily lends itself to all sorts of interpretations has been used to bolster any number of these predictions, not to mention the book of Daniel and other apocalyptic writers whose visions have fed the imaginations of those concerned with the demise of the world as we know it. People have been drawn to these fantastic, cosmic scenarios time and time again.

What has always puzzled me about these preoccupations is that all such predictions have proven wrong, and yet people continue to be drawn to them century after century, generation after generation.

The Gospel of Matthew, like Mark, contains end-time descriptions. However, in the context of those descriptions come disclaimers like, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Matthew 24:36); and

"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Matthew 25:13) The way I hear this is that if such a day and time comes it's not for me to worry about because I don't and won't know when or how it will come.

Further, this last disclaimer is made in the 25th chapter in which Jesus tells a parable in which the king says to those invited into his kingdom: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." The way I hear this is that I'm called to live my life in ways that meet the needs of the least of these, to love the Lord, My God, with all my heart, mind and soul, and my neighbor as myself. Do that and let the 2012's come and go. I needn't worry or be preoccupied by the cosmic predictions.

In all of this, one of the sources of excitement for those who make end of the world predictions is to point to all the catastrophes in the world as signs that the end is near. Reading The Christian Century magazine's most recent edition, author Herbert O'Driscoll cites archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey, who preached a sermon on Hebrews 12. In the sermon he asked the question, "Why does God shake the earth?" Citing verse 27, he replied to his own question: "God shakes the earth so that what cannot be shaken may remain."

O'Driscoll's last line in his reflections drove home his point: "To serve in an age of earthquake is to be forced to decide what it is, for each one of us, that cannot be shaken." (p. 29, Christian Century, December 29, 2009)

The year 2010--as with every new year--brings new opportunities, new possibilities. Perhaps one of the possibilities is to consider what it is for you--and me--that absolutely cannot be shaken.