



The Auburn United Methodist Church

207 S. Auburn Rd.

Auburn, MI 48611



Special dates

- World Day of Prayer, March 5
- Third Sunday in Lent, March 7
- Girl Scout Sunday, March 7
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, March 14
- First Day of Spring, March 20
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21
- Passion/Palm Sunday, March 28
- Holy Week, March 28-April 3

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

On Palm Sunday, many congregations sing a hymn written for children but loved by adults, too. Jeanette Threlfall, an Englishwoman, composed “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” in 1873.

Threlfall’s parents died when she was still very young, so she was sent from one relative to another. She also had two serious accidents during childhood, leaving her disabled.

Threlfall handled her difficulties by developing a beautiful, cheerful character. She was more concerned about others than herself. People loved to visit her because they left feeling uplifted and joyous. Threlfall became known for her sacred poems and hymns. Many are considered classics, filled with sound doctrine and fervent devotion.

Here is the first stanza of her Palm Sunday anthem:

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.

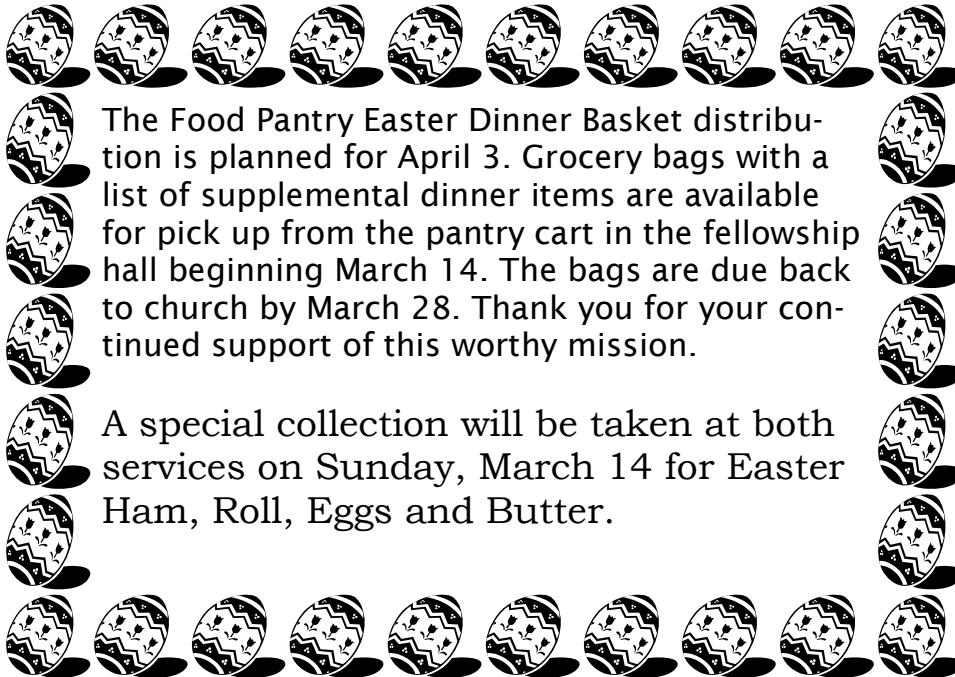
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,

The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

During Jesus’ earthly life, colored cloth was very expensive. Only royalty and wealthy people could afford it. When Jesus was arrested and sentenced to die, the soldiers set about humiliating him (see Mark 15:16-20, NRSV). They found a purple cloak — the color of royalty — and put it on him. Then they placed a crown of thorns on Jesus’ head. “Hail, King of the Jews!” they mockingly cried. The soldiers hit Jesus with a reed and spat on him. They taunted him and knelt before him, pretending to honor him.

Despite what he endured, our Lord did end up a King — King of kings and Lord of lords.

Food Pantry Updates



The Food Pantry Easter Dinner Basket distribution is planned for April 3. Grocery bags with a list of supplemental dinner items are available for pick up from the pantry cart in the fellowship hall beginning March 14. The bags are due back to church by March 28. Thank you for your continued support of this worthy mission.

A special collection will be taken at both services on Sunday, March 14 for Easter Ham, Roll, Eggs and Butter.

Scripture and Sermons

3/7 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

"Finding Freedom as Stewards of God's Gift: Deepened by prayer"

3/14 John 12: 1-8 "Finding Freedom as Stewards of God's Gift: Defined by Generosity"

3/21 Consecration Sunday

3/28 "The Cry of the Whole Congregation"

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Robert Wise
- 4 - CarrieAnn Robbins
- 6 - Dave Foote
- 7 - Trenton Witter
- 11 - Rose Anderson
Zachary Jezewski
- 12 - Samantha Vinecki
- 13 - Jean Vinecki
- 14 - Miles Pike
Rebecca Dengel
- 22 - Andrew Binns
- 24 - Jessica Czyzewski
Jennifer Tyson
- 26 - Andy Samborn
Troy Winslow
- 28 - Jamie Bacon

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Harlan & Carol Holiday
- 3 - Don & Stella Tomkinson
- 4 - Dave & Debra Flora
Ted & Nancy Tiede
- 6 - Paul & Anne Witter
- 30 - Pete & Laura McQuire

3-5 graders

On Sunday, March 7, we will have a lesson on communion. Then on Sunday, March 14th during Sunday School we will have Pastor come in for communion.

On Sunday, March 21st, we will be going to Brittany Manor to put on a program.. It will last about 30-45 minutes. Meet at the church at 2:15pm. We will go to McDonalds for a snack after.

Linda and Arlene

March Spotlight Mission: David & Stephanie Shephard

David Shephard grew up in the Auburn United Methodist Church. He and his wife Stephanie are serving on the staff of "His House Christian Fellowship" on the CMU campus in Mt. Pleasant, Mi. This campus ministry is a "Biblically Based Church", which means that the doctrines and theology are based solely on the Bible and what God has called us to be through His Word.

One of their focus areas are small group ministries, or LifeGroups. These are groups of about 5-10 people who meet weekly for Bible study. Outreach is also a big focus and the main reason that they are on campus. David says, "It is a blessing to be around students who are making life changing decisions daily, and to be able to be there to help them get a solid foundation in their faith as they decide what their life will be all about. I have such a great passion for these students, and God has called me here to see as many students experience Christ as possible – a task that is challenging, but SO rewarding."

Along with his ministry roles, David oversees the Creative Arts teams.

Auburn United Methodist church supports the ministry of David and Stephanie Shephard through our mission giving.

Haiti Donation Talent Show

Faith. Hope. Inspiration.

Saturday, March 20th 2010 at 6:00pm

Performers: practices for the talent show start on Sunday, February 14th from 4:30pm-6:30pm (come sometime within that time frame). Practices will continue to be every Sunday at the same time. All participants must attend at LEAST two rehearsals if they want to perform in the talent show. Dress rehearsal is scheduled for March 19th at 6:00pm.

"We can make a difference"



Employment Opportunity Food Service Manager/Head Cook at Judson Collins Center: United Methodist Camp and Retreat Center in the Irish Hills area of southeastern Michigan. Full time position in the summer and part time year round. Responsibilities include overall supervision and operation of the food service for summer camp and weekend retreat groups. Possible onsite housing option. Inquiries can be made to Sarah Ratz, Director at 517-467-7711 or judsoncollins@umccamps.org

Where does the time go?



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I've been hearing a lot of questions about my whereabouts lately, but there is no need for any concern. Perhaps some of you have been hoping I was caught in a trap. Sorry to disappoint you, I assure you I'm alive and well.

For most of the winter I've been keeping low and trying to stay warm, however my old friend, Morris can't say the same. I hope to someday make the trip to see his burial sight on the hillside of his backyard, where he loved to creep around in the grass. While was glad he moved away with Pastor and Bev, it is ironic that I miss him. I understand he truly adapted well and enjoyed his time there. He was able to help them with the transition into their new retirement life style.

I am looking forward to spring. I've been checking the calendar and see that there are lots of activities coming up in the church and I don't want to miss any. I hope to be in touch soon.

*God's Blessings,
The Church Mouse*

When an elderly woman asked a church usher to seat her close to the pulpit, he tried to talk her out of it. "If you sit up front, you won't be able to sleep," he said. The woman looked the usher square in the face and asked, "Do you know who I am?" "No, I don't," he responded. "Well," she said firmly, "I'm the preacher's mother." Fully embarrassed, the usher asked, "Do you know who I am?" "No," she answered. "Good!" whispered the fellow. "Sit anywhere you want."

What is faith?"

Sight is not faith, and hearing is not faith, neither is feeling faith; but believing when we neither see, hear nor feel is faith; and everywhere the Bible tells us our salvation is to be by faith. Therefore we must believe before we feel, and often against our feelings, if we would honor God by our faith."

—Hannah Whitall Smith



"WERE YOU THERE...?"

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: Consecration Sunday Is Coming
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: Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical
: perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church
: merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see fi-
: nancial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their
: relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry
: with a percentage of their incomes.

: Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Conse-*
: *cration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and
: spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education
: emphasis this year.

: *New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the
: need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development,
: rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating
: people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat
: people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as
: an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people to-
: ward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question,
: "What percentage of my income if God calling me to give?" During morn-
: ing worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and
: members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary,
: benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the
: world.

: Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card*
: does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sun-
: day. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing
: a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal
: embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

: We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards.
: During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of
: instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commit-
: ments as a confidential act of worship.

: We will encourage participation in consecration Sunday events
: through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members.
: Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their
: cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit every-
: one to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

: Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecra-
: tion Sunday events.

: Church Council Chairperson,
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: Sam Samborn
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Our Vision Statement

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



Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

9:00am – 2:00pm

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Worship Services

8:30 am & 10:45 am

8:30 March 7

Worship Leader Bud Stevens
Prayer Room Sandy Burr
Greeters B Eschenbacher, F Wegener
Ushers Ben Norton, Dennis Rogers

8:30 March 14

Worship Leader Bud Stevens
Prayer Room Barb Anderson
Greeters B Eschenbacher, F Wegener
Ushers Steve & Kelly Krueger

8:30 March 21

Worship Leader Bud Stevens
Prayer Room Trudy Pischel
Greeters Agness Schmidt, Pat Behm
Ushers Ben Norton, Nancy Simpson

8:30 March 28

Worship Leader Bud Stevens
Prayer Room Joan Schrott
Greeters Agness Schmidt, Pat Behm
Ushers Bernie & Sheila Hoy

10:45 March 7 Children's Church Amy Samborn

Worship Leader Shelby Thompson
Prayer Room Kathy Mauer
Greeters Pat Lyvere, Betty Stoddard
Ushers Bill & Liz Shephard

10:45 March 14 Children's Church C Robbins

Worship Leader Shelby Thompson
Prayer Room Marilyn Davis
Greeters Pat Lyvere, Betty Stoddard
Ushers Melissa Grew, Reggie Collins

10:45 March 21 Children's Church Jennifer Miller

Worship Leader Shelby Thompson
Prayer Room Bev Witherspoon
Greeters Chuck & Bev W.
Ushers Kevin Myers, Allison Binns

10:45 March 28 Children's Church Kathy Maurer

Worship Leader Shelby Thompson
Prayer Room Jo Dhyse-Mahl
Greeters Chuck & Bev W.
Ushers Todd Stevens, Kirk Williams