

AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT:

This church is very active in mission and ministry. We are a vital church, which is reflected in the many things that go on around the building and with the congregation. The Leadership Committee is gearing up and will be looking for people who are interested in using their gifts to serve the church. Just as the committee gives much thought to who we will approach, we hope you will prayerfully consider being a larger part of the mission of this church if you are asked to be a part of the leadership.



Please use the bulletin insert to suggest members whose gifts and talents match the needs of the church. Specifically, we seek three new Session members, four members to serve as Deacons, one Junior Deacon, one APC Foundation member, and two at-large members of the congregation to serve on the 2020 Leadership Development Committee.

For more information or to personally suggest potential leaders, contact any of this year's Leadership Development Committee: Julia Nixon, Barb Morrow, Sue Peterson, Polly Bassett, Peggy Jones.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters-This week someone went out of their way to tell me they were praying for me. I'm sure a lot of you do pray for me and I pray for many of you. I was just thinking how, as people of faith, prayer is our first response to difficulties.

The first reason we turn to prayer is that we believe God hears us. We believe that because [Scripture tells us so](#). All through the Bible there are examples of people praying to God and God listening. In fact, the person who turns to prayer the most is Jesus himself. When he is weary and heavy burdened, Jesus goes to the father in prayer. So often the Bible describes Jesus going off to a place by himself to pray.

Another reason we readily turn to prayer is out of a sense of isolation. When we are hurting we usually feel alone and forgotten. It is in prayer that we are reminded that [God is always with us](#). God is ever-present in our ordinary lives, walking with us during both good times and bad. Through prayer we remind ourselves of God's promise to never desert us.

Finally, we turn to prayer because God is our friend, as well as our creator and redeemer. Steeped in grace and love, we enhance our relationship with God through our prayers. Prayer and meditation are a means by which we fortify the bonds we have to our God and join in conversation.

A strange thing is that my nature is to let my prayer practices slip when I'm having hard times or get over busy. I find myself racing along and trying to do things by myself, taking no time to ask for help from God or anyone else. I think this is my nature and also human nature, common to us all. We get the idea that we know best and pursue our own plans. Prayer and presence are not part of our lives when we [are running on self-will](#).

I know each of us has different faith practices. But I also know that the practice of prayer has stood the test of time. Prayer is what reconnects us to God while it centers us and moves us off the hamster wheel. Prayer for others disrupts the focus on ourselves that is human nature. Prayer is a good thing and we benefit by its practice.



Shalom, Pastor David

THANK YOU

A huge thank-you from the Mission Action & Interpretation Committee to those who contributed Health kits for Church World Services. We sent a total of 35 kits!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Please join us when class resumes on Sunday, Sept. 29. This year Pastor David is lining up the speakers and identifying topics of interest, and he is open to suggestions.

As always, class meets in the lounge immediately after worship. Coffee and treats are served. Everyone is welcome!

UPCOMING 175th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

The committee is excited to announce that, along with the opera recital we have scheduled for Nov. 17, we have also arranged for a jazz concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. The concert will feature three musicians, one of whom is Pastor David's stepson Jon Gardner. The trio plays regularly in clubs in New York City. More information about this concert will be forthcoming. We are excited that we can offer it on the weekend in which we will conclude our year-long 175th celebration. And we look forward to welcoming these talented jazz artists to our church.

Meanwhile, mark your calendars for:

September 15: "Pews, Pies, & Pastors"

Church members will perform a light-hearted skit, written by church member and noted author/playwright Rachel Roberts. The skit will be performed during the worship service. This is a must-see event! The public is invited so feel free to bring friends. A light lunch will follow.

November 17: Mary Engle and Mary Castello recital at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Opera singer Marie Engle, whose two previous recitals at APC were very well-attended and well-received, will return that day for another performance. Marie recently graduated with her Master's Degree from Juilliard School of Music in New York City, where she remains to do free-lance vocal work and continue her studies. Marie will be accompanied on piano by Mary Castello, the two of them having performed in communities around the United States and Canada during the past few years. Ms. Castello has a Master's Degree from McGill Conservatory in Montreal, has served as young artist at the Vancouver Opera, and is currently on staff at Acadia College in Nova Scotia.

November 23: Christmas Stroll

The church will be featured on the Lion's Club annual "Christmas Stroll." The day will feature a soup luncheon and a sale – of baked goods and a new church cookbook!

December 7: Jazz concert in the sanctuary at 7 p.m.

December 8:

Birthday Party in Fellowship Hall following worship – in observance of the Dec. 6, 1844 date when a handful of pioneers organized Auburn Presbyterian Church.



CHURCH HISTORY QUESTION:

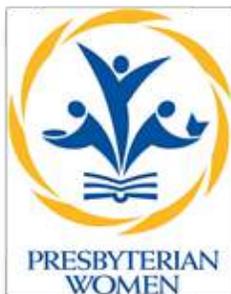
When was Boy Scout Troop #169 organized at our church?

FAIR PARKING - B & G COMMITTEE NEEDING VOLUNTEERS:

The Building & Grounds Team will be raising money during the week of the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair by collecting donations to park. We rely on volunteers to park the cars and accept donations. Please call the church office if you can arrange your schedule to help out during one of the following days. (On Friday and Saturday we need several volunteers to fill the three hour shifts.) **Also, if you would like to reserve a parking place for the week you may do so by calling the church office at 925-2987. The cost is \$30 for the week.**



Monday, September 23:	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 24:	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 25:	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 26:	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Friday, September 27:	8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. (three hour shifts)
Saturday, September 28:	8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. (three hour shifts)



Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet Wednesday,, Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our first lesson will be led by Pastor David from our book entitled "Love Carved in Stone - A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments." After bible study we will be assembling some non-perishable items for the Nov. 23rd bake sale, so bring a sack lunch and all are invited!

NOTE: Program directories are available in the church office.

FUNERAL DINNERS: We are in need of help for the preparation and serving of funeral dinners. This service we provide is one of the most rewarding missions that we perform as Presbyterian Women. Please don't forget to fill out your form that was mailed to you. If you did not receive a form in the mail, or have misplaced it, you may pick one up at the back of the sanctuary.

CHURCH COOKBOOK: The deadline has past for recipes, but if you haven't had the opportunity to submit yours, you may still do so, but don't delay!

TO ALL COOKS, BAKERS AND CANDY MAKERS!

On Saturday, November 23, our church will be included in the Auburn Christmas Stroll as part of our 175th church year celebration.

The Presbyterian Women's Circle will be participating in this with a Bake Sale in Fellowship along with the youth luncheon.

We would like to encourage EVERYONE to furnish some items for the bake sale. You can take your items to the church on Friday, November 22 between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. or make arrangements with the secretary if you cannot meet those hours.

Your items will help so much in making the event successful, and we thank you in advance for your participation!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Cheryl John or Judy Ditmars.



WHO WANTS TO SEE A BROADWAY MUSICAL?

The Fellowship Committee is planning another trip to Chicago to see the popular musical *Dear Evan Hansen* at the CIBC Theatre in Chicago. When calling about tickets we found that it is a very popular musical to get tickets for, but we were able to put a hold on tickets for **Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 2 p.m.** for the following seats:

Row B - Mezzanine at \$113.00 each (8 tickets)

Row K - Mezzanine at \$89.00 each (10 tickets)

Row M - Mezzanine at \$89.00 each (4 tickets)

Row N - Mezzanine at \$89.00 each (4 tickets)

Row B - Balcony at \$52.00 each (6 tickets)

Row C - Balcony at \$52.00 each (4 tickets)

This **group rate** cost is for the seats only and an additional cost would occur when adding either a bus or train to get to Chicago.

We have a hold on the tickets until **September 13**. If you are interested in going, a sign-up sheet is located at the back of the church. Select which seat you want and make your checks payable to Auburn Presbyterian Church with "musical" written in the memo portion of the check. If something comes up and you would be unable to attend, there will be no refund from the church, however, the church will work with you to try to find a buyer for the tickets.

We won't know the final cost of the entire trip including transportation until next year (closer to the August date).

"PEWS, PIES, & PASTORS"



Church members will perform a light-hearted skit, "Pews, Pies, & Pastors," **Sunday, Sept. 15th**, as part of Sunday worship service. This skit is written by church member and noted author/playwright Rachel Roberts. The skit, presented by a cast of fifteen members of the church, is one feature of the church's year-long 175th anniversary celebration. It's a skit about the heritage and history of the Auburn Presbyterian Church. This is a must-see event! We would love for the public to enjoy this event, so please invite your friends and neighbors to join you for worship. Let's see if we can pack the church! A light lunch will follow.

Note: Next skit practice will be Saturday, September 14th at 9:00 a.m.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Do you like to sing, enjoy fellowship with other church members, and have fun—all at the same time? Then join our chancel choir! Our first rehearsal will begin on Wednesday, August 28 at 7:00 PM. Let Marjorie Reinsch (260-243-0874) or Julia Nixon (260-582-9224) know whether you can join us that day or have any questions about the choir. Everyone is always welcome—on-the-job-training is provided at no cost!!!!

