

# The Lamplighter

Living and Sharing...



September, 2009

First United Methodist  
Church

## Pastor's Paragraph

The Best in the Country:

On a recent visit to Good Samaritan, Dr. Paul Scott, 94 years young, welcomed me into his room. He offered me a seat and proceeded to describe how important his church life has been and continues to be. He went on to say "thank you" in a number of ways, including how he appreciates his rides to church on Sundays. "This church," he commented, "is the best in the country."

While not bragging too much about it, he simply stated the situation as he saw it. While there are those who will argue against Dr. Scott's proposition, I must confess I'll cannot deny his thinking. Simply reviewing this week's loving God filled promotions describes how God is alive and well through us. This week we'll

- celebrate communion Sunday,
- receive a new member,
- offer a blessing of support to educators, administrators, and staff
- celebrate an open house for our Sunday morning education program,
- enjoy a fellowship meal on Friday night,
- coffee on Saturday morning and
- welcome a professional chef into our midst so he can create a special meal with locally grown produce. The meal for 90 is sold out.
- start a journey toward Financial Peace,
- sing our hearts out,
- continue to take a moral stand on healthcare reform needs,
- travel to Haiti (seven in our group) to offer and receive a taste of Christ's love in a community that is the poorest in the entire Western Hemisphere.

All this speaks well for God. We are serious and eager about our mission to become God's people living out the life of Christ by offering our "prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness". This is not an exhausting "to do list." This is a lifestyle of hope. The message is clear: Life is full if we let God into and out of our lives.

I think that's what Dr. Scott means when he says this congregation is the best in the country.

Please join us in our celebrations and our outreach to our neighbors. We have really been given the gift of hope—and that hope is what we enjoy and share!

--peace and grace

--Fred

Check our website regularly for photos, information and links

[www.auburnneumc.com](http://www.auburnneumc.com)

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## Music Schedule

### Music Sunday, September 13th

The worship service will be music centered. Marty Fattig, Spirit Wave and the Sanctuary Choir and others will all be present.

### Sanctuary Choir

Rehearsals for the 2009-2010 choir season continue on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the church Sanctuary. The choir

sings at 8:30 & 10:45 am worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month directed by Teresa Fletcher and at 10:45 worship the 3rd Sunday under the direction of Carol Ehmke.

The Sanctuary Choir is a SATB choir that provides special music during worship that is relevant to the days experience. We welcome all high school youth and adults who enjoy singing old favorites and new contemporary anthems.

#### HEARTWARMING WORSHIP and PRAYER

"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord."  
Psalm 84:1-2

## Meals on Wheels

#### RADICAL HOSPITALITY

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."  
(Romans 15:7)

First UMC is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of October. A sign up sheet will be in the library during September for you to volunteer your time.

Please sign up for a week—Monday through Friday. We need 2 to 4 people for each week. There have been about 24 meals to deliver.

Please put your name and phone

number on the calendar for the week you wish to deliver. Meals are picked up at the Auburn Senior Center at 10:45 am.

If you are unable to deliver, please call Kathy Reiersen at 274-4767.

Thanks to everyone who helps deliver meals.

## September Birthdays

1. Lonnie Clark
3. Darci Bantz  
Teresa Fletcher  
Marcia Goering  
Sarah Kruse  
Ken Wolken
4. Rich Schneider
5. Shirley Torres
6. David Grant
7. Jennifer Haynes
8. Linda Jones  
Roger Meyer

9. Andrew Ensz  
Emalee North  
Macee North
14. Rick Ellis  
Lee Lynch
15. Dana Farris
16. Opal Bohl  
Debbie Borgan
18. Dan Gausman  
Jason Hemmingsen
21. David Beard
23. Cathy (Bysfield) Adams

28. Terry Borgan
29. Shawn Bantz  
Amanda Fletcher

Please report the names of those missing from the birthday calendar to the church office.

## In the Mail

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Church dinner on July 26th. Special thanks to all those that helped: Midge Mason for helping set up the tables, shelling peas, peeling potatoes, making gravy, and overseeing the kitchen; Jean Larsen for peeling potatoes, making delicious beets and cucumbers & onions and overseeing the kitchen; Marilyn Bath for making the wonderful appetizers; Carol Ehmke for helping set up the tables, making the home-made biscuits, zucchini cakes and sugar cookies; Teresa Fletcher for helping cut veggies, Trish Hathaway, Hannah Jones and Rachel for helping with centerpieces and dining room help; Patty and Brooke Mason for their kitchen and dining room help; Frank Aue and Peggy Kuhl and Boni Hathaway for doing dishes; Orlah Hansen for kitchen help; Fred and Carol Richart and Kay Shenefelt for cleaning up; Tom Black for making green beans and helping, and Nate for mashing potatoes and always helping me with my projects.

I really appreciate everyone's help. If I left someone out I am really sorry.

Fred thanks for being energetic and having ideas to bring us all together.

Kim Beger

Hello Methodists,  
At Survivor 1 camp I made friends with many people including Cameron and Ben from Springfield. It was an interesting experience sleeping in trees. I plan to go to Survivor II next year with Cameron and Ben. Thanks for supporting camp this year!

From,  
Ellis Clopton

Dear Fred, Carol and Auburn UMC,  
What a delightful basket from your community garden—sunflowers, green beans, tomatoes, corn, a wide variety of squashes and potatoes—even purple ones—you shared with us. We enjoyed the produce at many meals and were grateful for your gift and for the gardening ministry you share.

Appreciatively,  
Bishop Ann B. Sherer

Thank you for the food donations. We are serving about 2,000 meals a

day this summer. Your gift was a blessing.

Blessings,  
Maggie, Open Door Mission

Thank you for the certificates to the Farmer's Market. We bought things for our cooking class.

Travis Armknecht, Nathan Rumery,  
Virginia Wiemers, David, Rachel,  
Magan, Amy

Thank you for allowing us the use of your Fellowship Hall. Giving the family a safe, comfortable meeting room has allowed this family to develop a plan for reunification.

Kathy Hespen,  
Family Group Conference  
Program

Thank you to everyone who helped us clean up the fallen tree in our front yard after the recent wind storm. We had several people stop by and offer us their services for a price, but our First UMC friends and family only offered themselves. We thank everyone for your help.

Dave & Teresa Fletcher

## Hospitality Meals

Starting August 26th, Wednesday night dinners will be provided. Dinner will start at 5:15. This will provide those attending events and meetings at the church to come from work or school and have din-

ner. \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

I am looking for people to help me prepare the dinners. If you are interested please call Kim Beger 274-4788.



## Brown Bag Book Study

### VITAL FAITH FORMATION AND PRAYER

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers."  
Acts 2:42

What: Let's try again to get together to choose our next book(s)!

When: **Thursday, September 10th 12:00 noon**

**Potluck Salad Lunch**—bring a salad or dessert to share.

The 'purple' room at the church

Bring a copy of a book you'd like us to read!

(or the title and some information about it)

Would you like a...

-Bible Study    -Fiction    -Non Fiction    -Poetry

The choice is ours!

*\*Everyone is invited - if you'd enjoy a lunchtime book study, please join us!  
Can't make it that day? - Call or stop by the church office and leave your suggestions!*



## Prayer Chain

To start the prayer chain during office hours, call the church office at 274-3329 or e-mail your request to

[aubunumc@windstream.net](mailto:aubunumc@windstream.net)

Office hours are from 9-3 Monday through Friday. After hours you may contact **ONE** of the following to have your request passed to the members of the prayer chain.

- Trudy Peaslee  
grammyboo3@gmail.com  
274-4536
- Arlene Whisler  
aw03712@windstream.net  
274-7634
- Carol Ehmke  
carolehmke@hotmail.com
- Susan Kruse  
susankruse07@yahoo.com
- Midge Mason  
274-4257

If you do not have e-mail and would like to be a part of the prayer chain ministry, please contact Jeannine Crotty. She will receive requests by e-mail and call those who do not have internet or e-mail access.



## New Books in the Library

### New kids books

- *Child's Play Museum*
- *Half a World Away*
- *Beetles, Lightly Toasted*
- *Who Needs Third Grade*
- *School Spirit*

### New adult offerings

- *A Decembered Grief*
- *Magnificent Obsession*
- *Dads and Daughters*
- *Living Well and Dying Well*

### *The 10 Greatest Gifts I Give My Children*

- *Chocolate for a Woman's Heart*
- *One Day My Soul Just Opened Up*



## Faith Formation

The **Sunday school kickoff party** is on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August. It will start at 9:30 am and parents will attend with their children. There will be stations to visit: Music, Student Teaching, Library, Puppets, and Snacks (it's a party so of course there are snacks thanks to the Hospitality Committee!).

Some of our youth are serving at the **Fresh and Local** event on August 31. Thank you to those that have volunteered. It will be a big day, it is the first day of school and they will be attending the school open house around serving. Nice Job Guys!

**Wednesday night programming** for children from 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade starts on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

The schedule is: Puppets at 5:00 pm, church meal at 5:30 pm, music at 6:00 pm. The music will end between 6:30 pm and 6:45 pm. The church meal will have an offering collected. The youth group (students from 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Leaders are: Music, Brent Comstock; Youth Group, Trish Hathaway, Deb Clopton, and Michelle Custer; and Puppets, Amy Conner. Please ask your children for information that the leaders may have given them. There will be puppet and music performances in October and the beginning of November. Then the puppet and music time will be used to work on the Christmas program.

**Camp Day** is September 20<sup>th</sup>. Those participating will be leaving Auburn about 9:30am. If you are interested in attending, please contact the

church office or Laurie Henderson. There were seven children attending last year and each had a great time.

**Safe Sanctuary training** will be on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. This is a date change, please try to make arrangements to attend. The class is \$20 and you will need to bring previous address information and well as reference information.

**Third grade students will receive their bibles** during church services on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a **confirmation informational pizza party** at noon on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents and student from 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will attend.

The **Sunday School teachers** for this fall are: Pre-K, Laurie Henderson; 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Susan Kruse and Tracie Rayes; 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, Gina Long; Youth, Sherry Black and Dave Fletcher.

Laurie Henderson would like someone to share her class. Please let the church office know if you are interested.

THANK YOU to these leaders!

The Youth will be discussing **Administrative Council representation**. One of the group will be attending council meeting once a month.

A children's bro-

chure has been created. If anyone has additional items they would like to see in the brochure, please let the church office or Amy know.

**Five new acolytes** are being mentored. Please take time to thank them. The new acolytes are: Emilee and Macee North, Brandon Lavigne, Darrian Costello, and Molly Grant. Thank you to Shannon for putting together the schedules.

Plans are being started for the **Christmas Program**. The program will be December 6<sup>th</sup>. Practices will be: November 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, and Dress Rehearsal on Dec. 5. The committee needs two additional volunteers which will assist on Wednesdays from 5p to 6:30p for practices, assist during the dress rehearsal, and assist during the program. Please contact the church office.

**Confirmation retreat weekend** is January 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>.



Josie at Guardian Angel Camp  
To view all camp photos:

[www.auburnneumc.com](http://www.auburnneumc.com)

(click on photo albums in the left navigation column)

## Green Team

\$600—the average amount that each U. S. household spends on chemical cleaning supplies. Did you know that for about \$20 you can replace every cleaning product in your home with a safer, non-toxic, biodegradable homemade version using common ingredients like baking soda, club soda, vinegar, and salt? Try this for carpet stains:

**Mix equal parts white vinegar and water in a spray bottle. Spray directly on stain, let sit for several minutes, and clean with a brush or sponge using warm soapy water. For fresh grease spots, sprinkle corn starch (my mother used cream**

**of tarter) onto spot and wait 15 - 30 minutes before vacuuming. For a heavy duty carpet cleaner, mix 1/4 cup each of salt, borax and vinegar. Rub paste into carpet and leave for a few hours. Vacuum.**

**Save:** \$580 a year by making your own nontoxic cleaning products.

**Spare:** the environment 40 pounds of toxic chemicals.

Source: *Go Green, Live Rich*  
David Bach

For more recipes: [www.eartheasy.com](http://www.eartheasy.com)  
Click on "Live" then on "Non-Toxic Home Cleaning"

### RISK TAKING MISSION AND JUSTICE WORK

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it for one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."  
Matthew 25:40

## Haiti VIM

A Volunteers in Mission (VIM) team of 7 from First UMC will visit the small island of La Gonave from September 4-14, 2009. La Gonave is located west-northwest of Pour-au-Prince, Haiti. This overpopulated island is one of the most economi-

cally deprived regions within a country considered the poorest in the Western Hemisphere. The mission team will help with a new water well and/or improve the village pier and help in the local church clinic.

Please remember the team in your

prayers during their mission trip. Those going are: Dennis & Patti Brady, Amy Ramsey, Julie Kernes, Fred Richart, Tom Black, and Diane Bolton of Council Grove, Kansas.

## Parish Health

**It's time for another bike ride!** The Parish Health ministry encourages anyone who is interested to ride their bikes or walk the Steam Boat Trace on Saturday, September 19th. Please meet at the church at 9:30 am. We will ride from Brownville to Peru, enjoy lunch, then return to Brownville. If you wish, you could end your trip at Peru. We will need vehicles to make this happen. On your return to Brownville, you may want to visit the fall flea mar-

ket. Please join us for a healthy and fun time. Rain date is Saturday, September 26th.

**Creighton University Study**—An invitation is extended to 12 to 14 year old girls! Creighton University is conducting an exciting new study concerning the importance of calcium in the diets of adolescent girls, age 12-14. This dairy study will involve five visits to Creighton University for painless evaluation. A monetary stipend will be offered

for each completed visit.

If you know a young girl, ages 12 to 14, please pass this information on and ask her parent to contact the pediatric nurses at (402) 280-4070 to see if she may be eligible. Our hope is that together, we may provide an economic and effective way for teenage girls to prevent excessive weight gain.

Here's to your good health,  
Parish Health Team

## Pastor Fred's Mission Apartment

Pastor Fred needs furniture for a basement apartment. This might best be viewed as a "Design on a Dime," project for mission.

It has been discussed and approved by the Trustees and Administrative Board that during the Brownville Outage, Pastor Fred could try and create a motel like apartment in the parsonage basement for use by an employee of the Brownville Nuclear Plant. Money garnered (minus expenses) will then go to a yet to be determined mission or educational project.

Jim Peaslee, has been asked to coordinate this effort with the Brownville Nuclear Plant. Please contact the church office, Dr. Fred or Jim, if you have any of the items listed below.

Things needed:

1. Recliner or small couch  
(Perhaps one could be "borrowed" from the youth

area)

2. T. V. and table
3. Small kitchen table and chairs
4. A couple waste baskets
5. Bed (Fred has two single beds he can take from the parsonage guest bedroom down stairs but thought maybe a larger bed would be more attractive to a renter). Of course the "z" like turns, may make getting a box springs down the basement steps difficult.
6. Bedding
7. Towels
8. Microwave
9. A few dishes (that a renter could use to prepare breakfast, etc.)
10. Lock for the door between the laundry room and living area of the parsonage
11. Chest of drawers
12. Alarm clock
13. Electric coffee pot

14. A new bathroom sink faucet that one can put a coffee pot under

We also need someone to paint a couple basement walls. (Pastor Fred has the paint.)

Carol Richart will work Labor Day to create this apartment, so please let the church office know if you have any of the above items that could be used. (Fred will be in Haiti while this basement transformation takes place, so any "wannabe" decorators are encouraged to drop by the parsonage basement on September 7, and give Carol a hand).



### GRACIOUS GENEROSITY

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity"  
2 Corinthians 9:11

## Lawn Mowing Schedule

Thank you to the following volunteers who have agreed to mow the church lawn.

September 6 Dave Pippert

September 27 Glenn

September 13 McMann/Beger

October 4 Glenn

September 20 Dave Pippert

Please mow the Friday or Saturday before the date listed. Please check with the church in the event of weddings or funerals that may be taking place. Also, it is always appreciated when you trim and then sweep the sidewalks clear of clippings.

## Youth Group Pizza Party

Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 pm.  
for the youth in 7-12 grade and their parents  
at the youth room/game room in the church basement.  
We will have pizza, drinks and dessert.



### CONNECTIONAL JOY AND COMMITMENT

"I'm a friend and companion of all who fear you, of those committed to living by your rules."

Psalm 119:63  
(The Message)

## D.U.M.P.

Don't Underestimate My Pick... of restaurant is a group interested in meeting once a month for fellowship at a local (or nearby) restaurant. They meet the forth Friday of each month at 5:30 pm. If meeting in Auburn they meet at the restaurant. When traveling out of town, the group carools from the church parking lot.

**September location**  
**Hickory Road**  
**Downtown Auburn**

## U. M. Women

### September Meeting

Sept. 2                    1:30 pm.

Program    Arlene Whisler

Devotion    Jo Grafton

Committee    Midge Mason

### Morning Book Study

September 16            8:30 am

Darlings Café



## Camp Fontanelle 50th Anniversary

Family fun for all! Dinner served, Opening of the 3rd Annual Corn Maze. 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. worship presided by Bishop Sherer. Meal will be served following the worship service until 3pm. Quilt auction, hayrack rides, pumpkins, entertainment, archery, petting zoo, inflatable bouncer, tree climbing, and much more! Donations always graciously accepted as this is our major fundraising event for the year. Open to the public. No reservations required. Help support

your camp.

*\*All tree climbers will need health/risk forms (available from church office or [www.campfontanelle.com](http://www.campfontanelle.com)—click on events, then on September in calendar, then Camp Fontanelle Fall BBQ) signed before climbing. Minors need signatures of guardians.*

**Cost:** Free will donation (fee for corn maze)

## Missing Addresses

The church is currently looking for addresses of members we have lost track of. Most of these are twenty-somethings who have begun their adult lives or college students who are living on or off campus. If you have a family member who has recently moved or will be moving to college please let the church office know where they are.

# September, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday Worship</b> 8:30 &amp; 10:45 am <b>Sunday School for all ages</b> 9:30 am</p> </div>		1	2 1:30 p—U. M. W. 5:15p—Meal served 5:30p— Financial Peace 7p—Sanctuary Choir	3 9:30 a—Women's Study	4 VIM Haiti Trip Depart	5 7:30—11 a—Farmer's Market at Fair Grounds
6 <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	7 Labor Day—Office Closed	8	9 5:15p—Meal served 5:30p— Financial Peace 6:30 p—Youth Pizza Party 7p—Sanctuary Choir	10 9:30 a—Women's Study 12 noon—Brown Bag Group Salad Pot Luck	11	12 7:30—11 a—Farmer's Market at Fair Grounds
13 <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i>  2009-2010 Sunday School year begins	14	15	16 8:30 a—UMW Book Study at Darling's 5 p—Children's Puppets 5:15p—Meal served 5:30p— Financial Peace 6 p—Children's Music 7p—Sanctuary Choir 7p—Youth Fellowship	17 9:30 a—Women's Study 12 noon—Brown Bag Group	18	19 7:30—11 a—Farmer's Market at Fair Grounds
20 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 a—Blood Pressure Screening 11 a—Camp Fontanelle 50th Anniversary Celebration	21	22 9:30 a—Pastor's Text Study 6 p—Administrative Council	23 8:30 a—UMW Book Study at Darling's 5 p—Children's Puppets 5:15p—Meal served 5:30p— Financial Peace 6 p—Children's Music 7p—Sanctuary Choir 7p—Youth Fellowship	24 9:30 a—Women's Study 12 noon—Brown Bag Group	25	26 7:30—11 a—Farmer's Market at Fair Grounds
27 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 3rd Grade Bible Presentations 12 noon—Pizza Lunch for Confirmands and Parents	28	29	30 8:30 a—UMW Book Study at Darling's 5 p—Children's Puppets 5:15p—Meal served 5:30p— Financial Peace 6 p—Children's Music 7p—Sanctuary Choir 7p—Youth Fellowship			

### Other Weekly Activities

Mon.  
10:00 Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting

Tues.  
9:30 Prayer & Share

Wed.  
5:30 Spirit Wave Rehearse

Thurs  
8:00 A. A.

Sat.  
8:00 A. A.

Garden Work at Lord's Acre— Fridays at 7:30 pm

Fitness Group M-F at 6:30 am  
M-W-F meet at church  
T-Th meet at AHS track  
In case of rain meet at Wellness Center track

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Presiding Bishop, Rev. Ann Brookshire Sherer  
District Superintendent, Rev. Randy Sailors  
Pastor, Dr. Frederick Richard  
Secretary, Teresa Fletcher

**Office Hours**  
Mon.—Fri. 9:00—12:30

**Worship Times**  
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:45 am.  
Sunday School 9:30 am.

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