

BLOOMER AND NEW AUBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

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Mission Statement

To share the Good News of Jesus Christ, through our worship, our education, and our role in our community and the world.

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Mission Statement

To spread the good news of Jesus Christ and the message of God's grace.

A Message From Pastor Josh

Happy new year, my brothers and sisters in Christ! This past year has been one for the history books. It was a year filled with change and adaptation, difficulty and loss, and re-evaluation and growth. It is my prayer that each of you have grown deeper in your faith, stronger in your resolve, and fuller in your hope for the future. To those of you that feel like the weight of the world is on your back, or to those who have lost loved ones, and to those who feel alone, let me share some encouragement with you. God knows what you are going through, God understands your pain, God sees you, and God is always with you. My friends, a new year is upon us and that means new, and more, opportunities for growth and ministry. For the remainder of this letter, I would like to offer you some insight into the direction our churches will be going in 2021.

In this new year, we are going to continue to develop our online ministry. Those of you who participated in our Christmas Eve service know that we utilized the Church Online Platform for this service. The platform allowed us not only to stream the service, but it also allowed us to create a more connectional community experience using the host and participant chat features. This platform will allow us to better track attendance and participation, pray with each other, and celebrate church milestones. The platform will also allow us to create additional worship service opportunities beyond our normal Sunday times. This platform will help position us to fulfill our mission and purpose which is to create disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This leads us to our next topics which are church growth and discipleship.

Now you might think it odd, that we are going to spend time focusing on church growth with the year we just experienced. Some of you might even be saying, "Pastor Josh how can we talk about church growth when we haven't even had in-person services consistently?" My answer is yes, it may seem paradoxical, but I believe God is shaking things up. He is calling us out of comfort zones and calling us to do things differently.

A Message From A Guest Writer cont.

Our mission remains the same regardless of the circumstances and right now I believe there are people who need to hear about the love of Jesus. Therefore, it is my intention to spend some time visioning – thinking about the kind of church we want to be and what we want our churches to look like in the next five to ten years. We will need to plan and set goal to reach that envisioned destination. And, as always, we will need to continue growing together in our faith and disciple each other.

Friends, while these times may seem uncertain, there is still ministry to be done. I believe that if we continue to go where God leads and persevere through the challenges, will find joy, abundance, and satisfaction on the other side. I hope you will join me on this amazing journey we are going to take in 2021. God Bless.

Christmas Eve Thank You

I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all of you who helped and participated in our Christmas Eve service. For many, this was the first time that they did not have the opportunity to be in church at Christmas. Yet, as a church family we were able to come together and create something that was special and meaningful, it just looked different.

Thank you to all of you who sent photos or videos. Thank you to all the children and youth who were willing to answer questions and share their understanding of the Christmas story. Thank you to those who helped prepare and host the service. Thank you to the Martin family for the beautiful gift of music and for their work on video editing. Thank you to Michelle for all the work compiling, organizing, editing, and creating the final service.

Thank you from Pastor Josh and Family

From our family to yours, thank you for all the prayers, encouragement, and support that we have received throughout this year. We are truly blessed to have such an amazing church family. Thank you, too, for all the Christmas cards, gifts, and goodies. We are looking forward to seeing where God leads all of us in this next year and glad you are all with us! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

United Methodist Women and Ministry Info

New Auburn Women's Group

New Auburn's Women's Group will not be meeting January through March. The next meeting is scheduled for April.

New Auburn Loose Coin

Our New Auburn UMC loose coin will be going to the New Auburn After School Lunch Program. Thank you so much for your generosity.

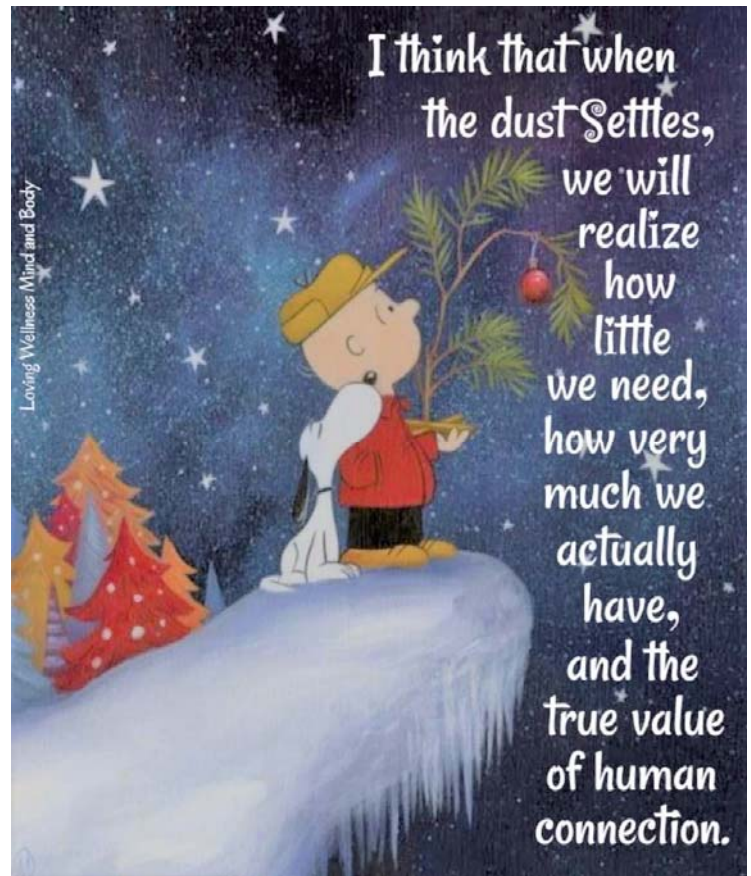
Bloomer Loose Coin

The first quarter of 2021 will see the loose coin offering go to the Family Support Center in Chippewa Falls.

Save The Date

- * New Auburn UMC—Trustees meeting at the church Wednesday, January 6th at 4:00pm
- * New Auburn Administrative Board Meeting—Tuesday, January 12th at 5:00pm

Bloomer UMW



Happy New Year from the Bloomer United Methodist Women! We wish you many blessings in 2021.

In Person Worship

At the time of printing Bloomer United Methodist Church is planning on beginning in person worship again on January 10th at 10:30am. If all goes well with reopening we can transition back to adult Sunday school and reevaluate children's programming.

As of print time a decision hasn't been made for New Auburn United Methodist Church.

Just like in 2020 this information can change on a dime due to the severity of COVID-19 in our county and state. If there is a change you will be notified via social media, website, text and phone.

No matter what happens there will be online services. When in person starts we will once again Livestream on Facebook from Bloomer UMC at 10:30. Then the service will be put on YouTube in the afternoons on Sunday as long as there are no technical difficulties. If you are unable to find them on Sunday to watch the services are also posted on the website bloomerumc.com by Monday evenings.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. All this is done to help keep you safe and to build disciples of Christ in whatever ways we can.

Mission and Ministries



NEW AUBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We are still collecting items for our Church "Purse Mission Project" for the local area Abuse Centers.

The personal care items that we need for the used purses are as follow: Tooth brush, small tooth paste, deodorant, bar of bath soap, small wash cloth, and small hand towel, small bottle of shampoo, small package of facial tissue, nail clippers, snacks, personal sanitary and hygiene products. Also any other thing that you think would be nice to have in the purses.

If you bring a package of any of these items they will be divided up and then put in each of the purses that need them.

Thank You for your help with this mission project.



Caps and Personal Hygiene

Do you have any brand new personal hygiene products or hats that you have knit that you would like to donate to various organizations? Talk to Juanita Fransway and she can help you get them to people in need. You can find her Sunday mornings at Bloomer UMC.



Ongoing Prayer Ministry



Please lift up our homebound friends in prayer.

Bloomer and New Auburn friends:
Dick and Verona Donahue, Betty Kistner, Ellen Mark, Fern Meisner, Juanita Ruffedt, Jim Young, Betty Wallsch, Louise Hacker.

Bloomer On Going Missions

Keep on collecting your...



...**Aluminum cans**...The money is used toward helping our youth with summer camp funding and such. Thank you so much for the donations and keep them coming!

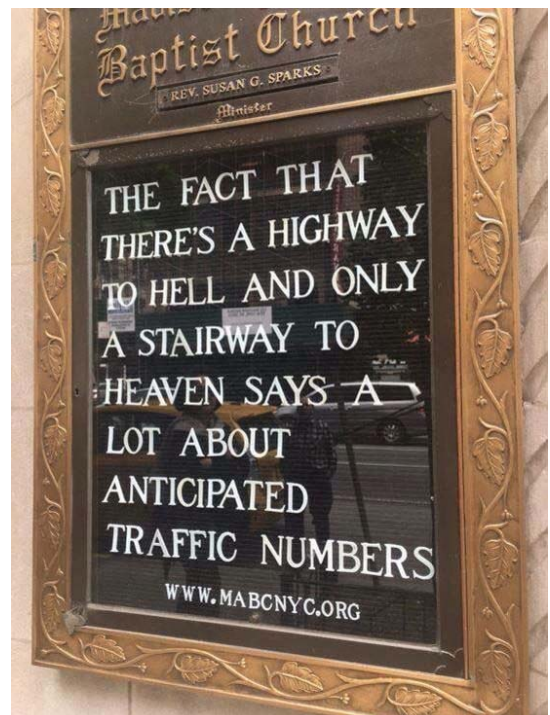
...**Pop tabs**...They will be given to Ronald McDonald House Charities to help raise money so the people that need to stay there are able to do it without worrying about how to pay for where they will stay when their child is in the hospital.



...**Box Tops**...The box tops go to help the area schools.



If you have any questions about these missions please feel free to contact Maryann Gurness or Juanita Fransway.



Charge Celebrations

New Auburn Birthdays

06 Kristin Kouba
08 Mark Mullen
11 Jenna Super
12 Amanda Ebner
14 Kathryn Nelson
23 Snow Chase
27 Debbie North
27 Buckshot Trowbridge
31 Becky Breezee

New Auburn Anniversaries

20 Morgan and Desiree Mommsen
28 Ken and Sue Mullen

Bloomer Birthdays

02 Dennis Snyder
04 Connie Krenz
05 Lisa Prince
05 Erik Larson
08 Devon Harrison
16 Hailey Dachel
19 Analise Dryden
22 Sarah Bourget
22 Ethan Hauf
31 Autumn Gray

Bloomer Anniversaries

03 Steve and Angie Woodman

2020 Santa's Helpers Thank You Update.

We received a very nice thank you from the Santa Helper's Committee which reads: United Methodist Church Members, "Thank you once again for helping with the Santa Helper Program. What a wonderful community we live in with such compassionate and generous people! Thank you for all the support over the years." Our donations to this mission was almost double from last year. Thanks to ALL that contributed...Veda

Christmas Eve Service Thank You

A huge ginormous thank you to everyone that participated in the Christmas Eve Service. Thank you to the parents and teachers that sent in videos of the children and youth answering questions. Thank you to the Martins for the beautiful music. Thank you to those of you that attended the church online at 4 and 6:30. It was a great way to worship together even if we could be in person. This was the "practice run" for future online services to reach more people. Rest assured the audio will improve in the future. The people that put the online services together are learning more and more each day on how to improve your worship experience. Thank you all for your patience and prayers! If you were unable to see the service you can find it on our website, bloomerumc.com or YouTube.

Progressive Live Nativity

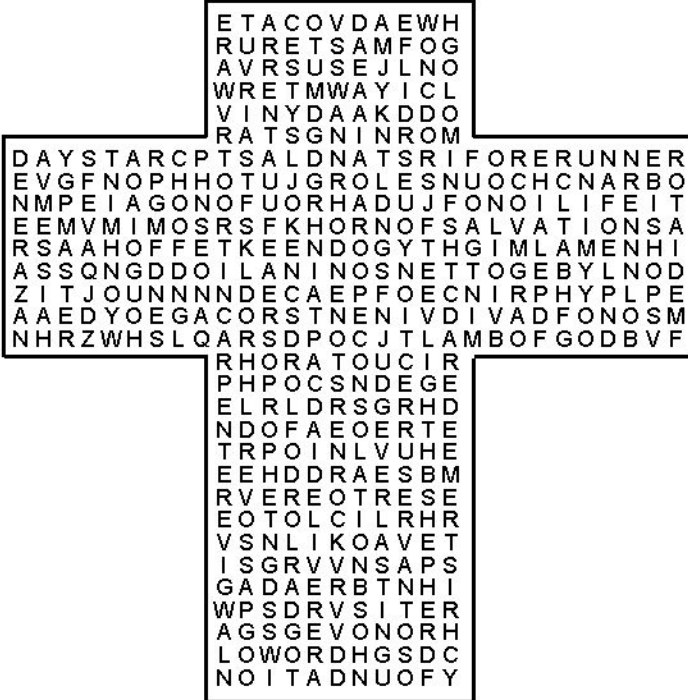
Thank you to Sandi and Katie Marek, Noah and Ava Olson and Pastor Josh and Sarah Bourget for participating in the Ecumenical Progressive Live Nativity. The turn out was wonderful and the weather was beautiful. You all did a great job! Thank you to Dale and Maryann Gumness for being our church's representatives as group/song leaders. You too did a great job.

A Thank You From Michelle

I just want to thank you all for your patience these last few months. I know that it is a little more difficult to reach me at the church because I've been working in the evenings and from home quite a bit. I do check the church emails several times a day though, so you can easily reach me via email or call and leave a message on the church phone because that too gets checked on a regular basis. My hope is that school will start again on January 4th like planned and I'll be able to work in the mornings again. It will probably be from 8am until 10am Monday-Friday but that can change too depending upon the school schedule so please continue to go with the flow and know that I appreciate you so much for doing that.
Love,
Michelle

A Little Extra

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate
Almighty
Alpha and Omega
Amen
Apostle
Beloved Son
Bishop
Branch
Bread
Captain
Carpenter
Chosen
Christ
Consolation
Cornerstone
Counselor
Day Star
Deliverer

Door
Emmanuel
Everlasting
Faithful and True
First and Last
Forerunner
Foundation
Governor
Head
High Priest
Holy and Just One
Horn of Salvation
I AM
Jesus
Judge
King
King of Kings
Lamb of God

Lawgiver
Life
Light
Lion of Judah
Lord
Lord of Lords
Master
Master
Mediator
Messiah
Mighty God
Morning Star
Nazarene
Only Begotten Son
Passover
Priest
Prince of Peace
Prophet

Redeemer
Resurrection
Rock
Savior
Servant
Shepherd
Son of David
Son of God
Son of Man
Vine
Way
Wonderful
Word

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Bible Pathway Adventures

MARY

Bible Verse Match

Read the scriptures below.
Put the letter on the right next to the correct answer on the left.

- ____ The angel Gabriel tells Mary she will have a special son.
- ____ She is Joseph's wife.
- ____ She is Yeshua's mother.
- ____ She presents Yeshua at the Temple on the 8th day.
- ____ She escapes to Egypt with Joseph and Yeshua.
- ____ She scolds Yeshua for staying at the Temple after the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
- ____ She attends a wedding in Cana with Yeshua.
- ____ She waits at Golgotha when Yeshua was crucified.
- ____ After Yeshua's death, she joins the disciples in Jerusalem.

- A. Luke 2:7
- B. Luke 2:41-50
- C. Matthew 2:14
- D. John 2:1-12
- E. Luke 1:30-33
- F. John 19:25
- G. Acts 1:13
- H. Luke 2:22
- I. Matthew 1:24

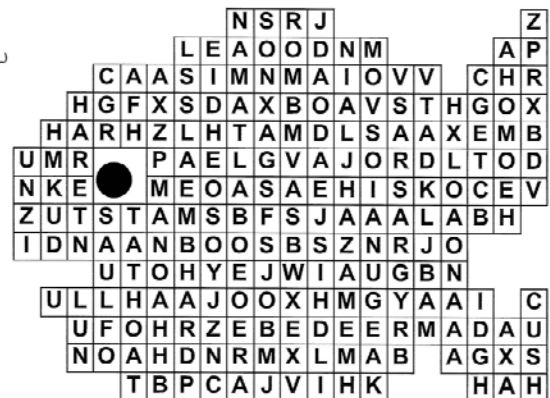


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Fathers in the Bible

Find the fathers of the following people hidden in the fish.

- ____ Isaac and Ishmael
- ____ Cain and Abel
- ____ Jehoshaphat
- ____ Obed
- ____ Nimrod
- ____ Absalom and Solomon
- ____ Samuel
- ____ Lot
- ____ Esau and Jacob
- ____ Joseph and his brothers
- ____ David
- ____ Simeon Peter
- ____ Ephraim and Manasseh
- ____ Rachel and Leah
- ____ Moab
- ____ Samsom
- ____ Shem, Ham, and Japheth
- ____ Joshua
- ____ Jesse
- ____ Jonathan
- ____ Rehoboam
- ____ Abraham
- ____ John the Baptist
- ____ The apostles James and John



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