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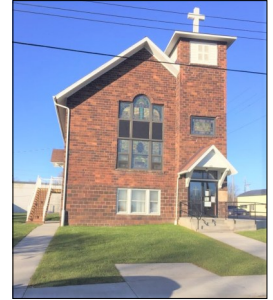
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Mission Statement

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

Pastor's Reflection



I'll be the first to admit it — life is full right now. Beautifully, meaningfully, exhaustingly full. I'm taking a fascinating course on Early Christianity through the Medieval and Reformation periods. I'm deep in preparation for Annual Conference — that wonderful, busy gathering where United Methodists come together each June for the business of the church, to worship, to welcome those new to ministry, to honor those retiring, and to remember with love those who have passed. Every single thing on my plate matters to me. But it is quite a plate!

I told someone just the other day that I feel like I'm treading water. And then I caught myself and thought — well, at least my head is above water! The trouble is, I seem to be doing it with only one leg... so I'm just spinning in circles!

As I've brought this to God in prayer, I keep hearing the same gentle but firm response: "*Peace! Be still.*"

Isn't that just like God? When we get overwhelmed — and we all do — we can forget who is actually in charge. (Hint: it's not me!) When we find ourselves in the boat with a storm raging all around us, God can calm it with a single word. That's the kind of God we serve.

As we move into the beauty of spring and summer, I want to make a vow — especially to myself — to listen to my body, to slow down, and to make time for rest, respite, relaxation, and restoration. I invite you to join me. Let's rest in God's word and allow the waters to calm.

May is such a gift of a month. It brings flowers and new growth, and with it come two of my favorite celebrations.

Mother's Day invites us to honor the women who have nurtured, guided, and loved us — not for their perfection, but for their faithfulness, shown in countless quiet, everyday moments. Whether your relationship with your mother is close or complicated, joyful or bittersweet, may we give thanks for the love that shapes hearts and points us toward God's grace. And may we hold tenderly those for whom this day carries grief.

Graduation marks both an ending and a glorious beginning. As we celebrate the students in our congregation and community who are stepping boldly into new seasons, we give thanks for their growth, their perseverance, and the calling God has uniquely placed in each of their lives. May we surround our graduates with prayer and encouragement, reminding them that God goes before them — and walks with them — wherever the journey leads.

This month, I encourage you to pause and offer prayers of thanksgiving. Thank God for His goodness and faithfulness. Thank Him for the mothers and mother-figures who have shaped who you are. And ask His blessing on every graduate stepping out into the wide, wonderful world ahead.

And if you, like me, are feeling a little like you're treading water with one leg — take heart. The One who stills the storms is right there in the boat with you.

Peace. Be still.

With love and gratitude, Pastor Mary

Charge Celebrations

New Auburn Birthdays

- 15 Ralph Butterfield
- 18 Lori Hanson
- 19 Tricia Stuckert
- 25 Carol Butterfield

New Auburn Anniversaries

- 23 Don and Ilene Moos

Bloomer Birthdays

- 06 Kim Leonard
- 13 Delaney Stoffel
- 31 Andrew Woodman

Bloomer Anniversaries

- 05 Nelda and Charles Thomas

New Member Sunday

Thank you to everyone who brought treats to help celebrate our new member Sunday and welcome new members: George - Barb - and Emily!
It was also nice that Ilene took the New Auburn service so Pastor Mary could spend time with new members and others for fellowship after church!



Congratulations!

The Community Table Thank You

A big thank you to Barb and George, Pastor Mary, Ilene, Dale and Maryann and Chris and Frank for volunteering at the Community Table, preparing and serving lunch to those in need. Those in need of a hot meal, those in need of a smile and conversation, those in need of being heard and seen and those in need of being treated with dignity and respect.

Thank you team for being the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors. And thank you to our churches who are supportive of this opportunity.

Blessings upon all God's children.

Chris Draxler



Graduation Sunday

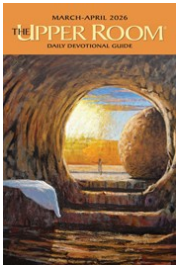
Come and join us at New Auburn UMC, May 17th at 9:15am to celebrate our high school graduates Allison and Joe.

There will be a potluck in the basement of the church after the service.



Missions and Ministries

New Auburn UM Women of Faith



Thursday, May 7th, 1:00 New Auburn Church Upper Room Bible Study Invitation: come for coffee and great discussion.



New Auburn Loose Change for May

Loose Change offering for May will go to support our youth group, Bloburn.

Ongoing Prayer Ministry


Please lift up our homebound friends in prayer.

**Bloomer and New Auburn friends:
Verona Donahue, Louise Hacker, Gordy Chapman...**



Bloomer On Going Missions

Keep on collecting your...

...**Aluminum cans**...SAVE your ALUMINUM CANS...we will not collect them thru the winter...but please SAVE them and we will get them in the spring!

...**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. Remember to enter them into the Box Tops website.

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

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.

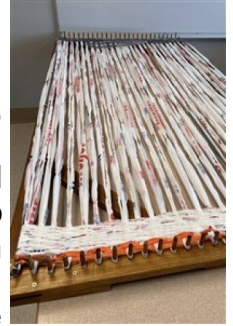


Plarn

Every Tuesday 10:15 – 11:45am, we meet, we cut, we weave, we talk, we laugh, we care for the earth, all in the Bloomer UMC's basement, to make a positive difference in someone else's life.

Come join us and discover what we are doing!!!!!!

If you have questions, please ask me.....Chris 715 225-2983



Children and Youth Programming

Phew, what a busy fun filled year of learning about Jesus and being his hands and feet in the world! May is the month when all of the programming ends for the summer.

This school year we began a new program for the preschool kids and continued with our established programs.

In April the Kidzillion kids did a great job in their Easter program and enjoyed the bonus Easter candy that came with the program. They also got to spend time outside enjoying the early spring.

The Pre-Kidzillion kids also went outside to enjoy the beautiful weather. They learned about God's creation. They learned how to help God to take care of his beautiful flowers by planting some and they used their gifts that God gave them to create some beautiful chalk art.

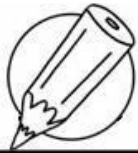
Bloburn is helping homeowners with spring clean up and the Village of New Auburn with some cemetery maintenance.

In May we will continue to enjoy the beautiful weather and learning about Jesus.

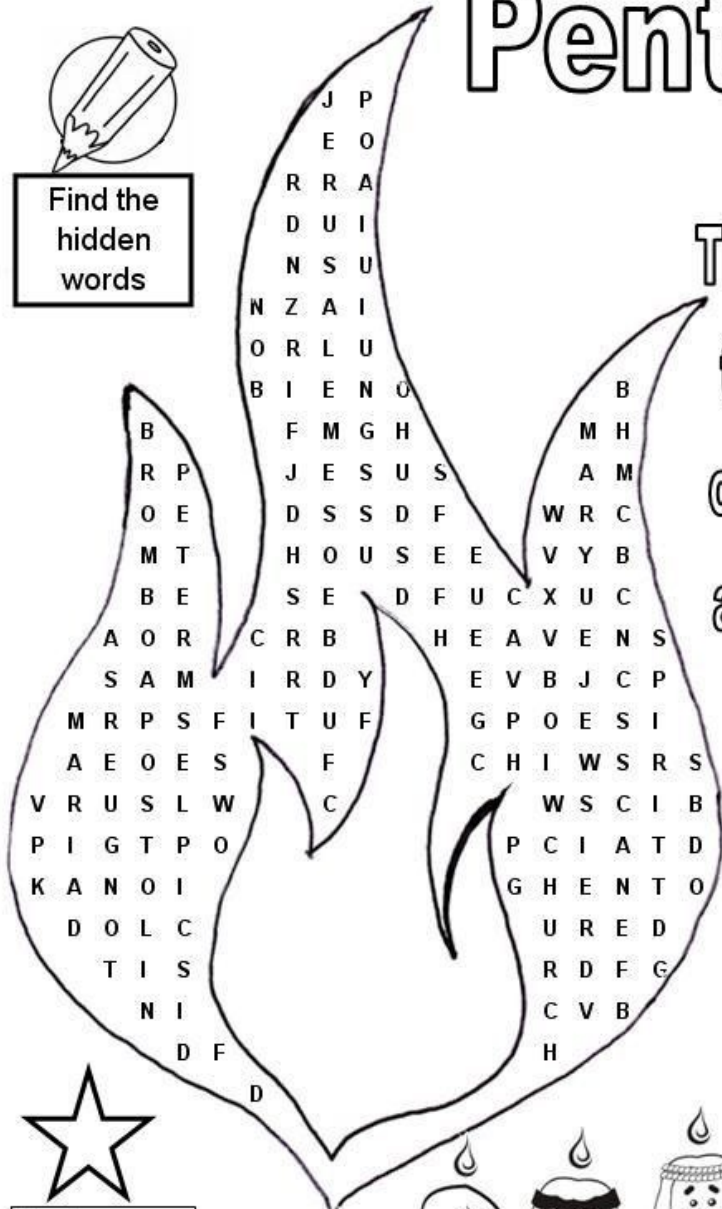
In next month's newsletter watch for some pictures of all of the kids and youth from the year.



Pentecost



Find the hidden words



Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

Acts 2:3



- Wind
- Heaven
- House
- Tongues
- Fire
- Spirit
- Jews
- Jerusalem
- Peter
- Jesus
- Wine
- Disciples
- Mary
- Church

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