



AURORA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Office hours for pastor: Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Office hours for secretary: Monday 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & Thursday 10:00 a.m. to noon

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SCRIPTURE for September 2024:

September 1 Sunday	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Mark 7:1-23	Communion
September 8	Mark 7:24-27	James 2:1-17	
September 15	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38	
September 22	Mark 9:30-37	Psalms 1	
September 29	Psalms 124	James 5:13-20	

Pastor's Ponderings - September 2024

Greetings in Christ,

Leaving home, whether a child is going off to further their education or an adult leaving to live with a child or moving to an assisted living facility is not easy. If you have been there - You undoubtedly know the difficulty and yet the brave front you put on! God does help us prepare for this transition by making us grow in our years. When a child leave home, we wonder how they will survive without us. Yet they do well - in fact quite well. Our children tend to surprise us!

As an adult who must move to another area or to a facility - we wonder how we will survive. Yet, we find as tough as it is, and it is tough, God puts people in front of us to help us through. Remember you are not alone with your feelings. God knows exactly how you feel. He had a child leave home also. But God knew in advance everything that would happen to His Child, and you will know nothing about what will occur in your life or the life of your child. So, talk to God about it. You can pray about your situation and your child's future.

Pray that God will give you and your child a selective memory. You want your child and yourself to remember strengths and forget about those times when you were disappointed in life. You want recollections to be of "Kodak" moments. The best there was!

No matter how much you prepare for the day, "letting go" just will not be enough. You have done an excellent job of preparing for these moments. So, pray. For yourself and for your child. Remember that God has great plans for us. He is a wonderful and gracious Lord, and we will be surprised at the plans He has for us. Plans to start all over again. From the song "Wonderful Words of Life": "Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; ... Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life."

God is good, all the time; all the time, God is good. Looking forward to seeing you during September on Sunday - at 10:30 am. Remember you can start anew and be refreshed!

Blessings,

Pastor Barb

Pastor Barb's schedule for September:

September 4, 2024, Wednesday ~ Office Day

September 10, 2024, Tuesday ~ 2-4 pm ~ Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting (ZOOM meeting)

September 11, 2024, Wednesday ~ Office Day

September 15, 2024, Sunday ~ Administrative/Trustee Meeting following worship.

September 16, 2024, Monday ~ One on one meeting with Conference Superintendent, Laurie Kantornen, Peace UMC in Virginia from 10:30 am – noon.

September 21, 2024, Wednesday ~ Office Day

September 23-24, 2024, Monday & Tuesday ~ BOM Retreat, Normandale UMC, **NO office day this week**

September 26, 2023, Tuesday ~ 2 pm ~ Interchurch will meet at Faith Lutheran in Hoyt Lakes

October 3, 2024, Thursday ~ Office Day and Nursing Home worship

We will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 6, 2024



THANK YOU for the birthday cards and wishes and the Gift Certificate to Creation Quilting - Awesome! Pastor Barb

TRUNK or TREAT - We will once again host Trunk or Treat for the Mesabi East School children, as we have done in the past. We have discovered how the parents appreciate this meal. Trick or Treating in Aurora is on Thursday, October 31 and we will provide the meal from 4 – 6 pm. You will hear more about fund raising for this event in September and October. Over the years we have learned a lot about what to serve and what not to serve! God is good!

2025 Phone Directory Update:

The 2025 updated Directory is being edited – if your phone number or address needs correction – please call Ruth in the office 218-229-2113, you can leave a message, and she will get back to you. Or you may e-mail Ruth at auroraumc@frontier.com with your corrections. Thank you.

Pumpkin Fest ...

is just around the corner, October 19. We will be selling mostly bakery items and some crafts. Please stay tuned, check the announcements in the bulletin for further details. Everyone's help is needed. *Joyce*

ADMINISTRATIVE/TRUSTEE MEETING – Sunday – September 15 following Worship

COFFEE AN' – if you would like to host coffee and following a worship Sunday – please let Pastor Barb know – remember you get to pick the date and serve something **SIMPLE!**

