



# AURORA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Barbara Hegfors

Worship: Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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## **SCRIPTURE for May 2025:**

May 4	Revelations 5:11-14	John 21:1-19	Communion/Native American Sunday
May 11	Acts 9:36-43	John 10:22-30	Mother's Day
May 18	John 13:21-35	Revelations 21:1-6	Honoring Graduates
May 25	John 14:23-29	Acts 16:9-15	Memorial Sunday

## **SCRIPTURE for June 2025:**

June 1	John 17:20-26	Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Communion/Ascension Sunday
June 8	John:14:8-11	Romans 8:14-17	Pentecost Sunday
June 15	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15	Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday/Father's Day
June 22	Galatians 3:23-29	1 Kings 19:1-15	
June 29	Luke 9:51-62	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	

## *Pastor's Ponderings ~ May/June 2025*

*Greetings in Christ,*

*As we enter May, we enter a month with many events. We find that it is full of honoring and special events like Mother's Day, Graduation Sunday, and Memorial Sunday. Through all these events and for all the special people we can see God's workmanship at work. And in June - we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday on the 8<sup>th</sup>, the day the church moved into today's world.*

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10.*

*Did you realize that the word workmanship indicates an ongoing process? Perhaps that is why May is full of honoring - from young people to mothers to remembering loved one. All have made a mark on us; all are in our hope and dreams for the best is yet to come. Their aspirations and achievements that give us pride, grace, and above all love.*

*So, if we are God's workmanship, we are God's ongoing project. In other words, God is not finished with us yet! And that is the good news. I am glad, for I would hate to think that I was as good as I was going to get.*

*So, if you are feeling less than adequate today, thinking that you are not up to God's standards as a Christian - cheer up! God is not through with you yet! In fact, God is working on you right now - even as you read this letter! God knew that we would all make big mistakes, and that God created us in Christ Jesus to do good works. God's preparing the road for us each day. God has given us many roads of choice from which to select and along those roads we pick, God is there to guide us each step of the way.*

*We may not be where we want to be today, but if we are further along than we were yesterday, we are making progress. We are on the right road. After all, we are God's workmanship and God only turns out good stuff!*

*We congratulate all young people on their achievements from the past school year. We honor our mother, sister, and friends that have given us a listening ear and a heart of love. We give praise to those loved ones who we remember on Memorial Day, each of them who have touched our hearts in so many ways. On Pentecost Sunday - we give thanks for we, as disciples of Christ, are moving the church forward!*

*May you feel God's working through you!*

*Many blessings,*

*Pastor Barb*

## **Pastor Barb's Schedule for the month of May:**

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday, May 4 – Worship; Communion/Native American Ministries Sunday  
Sunday, May 11 – Worship; Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 18 – Worship; Honoring Graduates  
Sunday, May 25 – Worship: Memorial Sunday

### **OFFICE DAYS AND MEETINGS**

Sunday, May 4 ~ Administrative Board/Trustee meeting following worship  
Wednesday, May 7 ~ Office day  
Wednesday, May 14 ~ Office day  
Wednesday, May 21 ~ Office day  
Wednesday, May 28 ~ Office day

## **Pastor Barb's Schedule for the month of June:**

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday, June 1 – Worship; Communion/Ascension Sunday  
Sunday, June 8 – Worship; Pentecost Sunday  
Sunday, June 15 – Worship; Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday/Father's Day  
Sunday, June 22 – Worship  
Sunday, June 29 – Worship

### **OFFICE DAYS AND MEETINGS**

Wednesday, June 4 ~ Office day  
Wednesday, June 11 -13 ~ MN Annual Conference – **NO** Office day this week  
Wednesday, June 18 ~ Office day  
Wednesday, June 25 ~ Office day

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**Next Scheduled Administration Board/ Trustee Meetings –**  
Sunday, May 4, 2025 following worship

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**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED COFFEE AN' ON VARIOUS SUNDAYS - IT IS SO APPRECIATED. BLESSINGS TO YOU FOR SAYING YES!**

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**HONORING GRADUATES** ~ if you have someone in your family (siblings, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc.) who is graduating from high school, college or some form of higher education please let us know and include their degree and plans for the future. We would like to have a listing of those who are graduating listed in the May 18<sup>th</sup> bulletin. Please have information to the church office by May 12th. You can call the office at 218-229-2113 or let Pastor Barb know 218-969-0135. Or email: [auroraumc@frontier.com](mailto:auroraumc@frontier.com) or [bjturtle@frontiernet.net](mailto:bjturtle@frontiernet.net).

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**MEMORIAL DAY** – As we did last year, the Administrative Board and Trustees are again asking members and friends to give a memorial donation to the church in honor/memory of someone. The amount of the gift would not be shared, only the name of the person who is being honored/remembered. Donations to the Memorial Fund can be sent to Aurora UMC, Attn: McKenzie Fossell, P O Box 36, Aurora, MN 55705. Please indicate that your gift is for the Memorial Fund. **We would like to receive the gifts to the Memorial Fund prior to May 19<sup>th</sup> so that on Sunday, May 25<sup>h</sup>, Memorial Sunday, we can recognition to those being remembered.**

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## 171<sup>st</sup> SESSION OF THE MINNESOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UMC



JUNE 11-13, 2025 at the St. Cloud Convention Center in St. Cloud. Drawing from 1 John 4:7-21, the theme of the conference will be “Created for Love.” We gather annually to be reminded what it means to be named and claimed by Jesus for the sake of our mission. This year, we will be reminded that we are created by love and for love. We will explore how to live together, anchored in our identity as Christ followers who are inspired to live with hope, possibility, and purpose.

Together, we determine mission priorities, commission and ordain ministers, hear challenges to grow in faith and witness, conduct the business necessary for an organization to function, and celebrate how we have brought God's love to others in Minnesota and around the world.

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**2025 LOVE OFFERING:** Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference Session.



The theme of the 2025 Annual Conference—which will take place June 11-13, 2025 at the St. Cloud Convention Center—is “Created for Love.”

Our Love Offering theme this year is “Love in Action.” Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as we put love into action. Donations to the 2024 Love Offering totaled **\$142,963.40**, a 78 percent increase from the 2023 total! How much will we raise this year?

This year's Love Offering will go to:

- Africa University for student scholarships (30%)
- Immigration Law and Justice Network (30%)
- OC Ministries (20%)
- Midwest Mission (20%)

We will also collect supplies and kits for Midwest Mission and United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

**LOVE OFFERING will be received June 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> so Pastor Barb can take a check to Annual Conference.**

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