

## The Auburn Light

Auburn Community Church

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## Worship Service Hawaiian Style Sunday July 22

Rev Joan Ishibashi of the Western Reserve Association shared "talk story" with the congregation about the last queen of Hawai'i. Queen Liliuokalani was a devout Christian and member of the UCC. She wrote hymns and directed the choir in the local UCC Church. After her father's death, she ruled Hawai'i until she was deposed in 1893 by the American Forces. She did not want her people to be hurt so she gave up her throne without a battle.

While she was imprisoned she wrote a hymn "The Queen's Prayer" in which she asks God to forgive the people who imprisoned her and separated her from her people; her love for them and for God was so great. In the 1990's, the head of the UCC apologized for the role of the UCC in the overthrow of the monarchy of the country of Hawai'i.

The choir sang "The Queen's Prayer" in Hawaiian and the congregation sang hymns in the Hawaiian language. Bob Boles played the ukulele. It was a wonderful celebration of God's love for all of his people with leis, Hawaiian shirts and dresses, coconut, pineapple and beautiful flowers.

Aloha!



## Queens Prayer O Kou Aloha No

Your love is in heaven and your truth so perfect. I live in sorrow imprisoned; you are my light, your glory my support. Behold not with malevolence the sins of humankind, but forgive and cleanse. And so, O Lord, beneath your wings be our peace forever more.

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**All articles for the Auburn Light** must be submitted by the 15th of the month by email to Bob Boles at:

[newsletter@auburnchurch.net](mailto:newsletter@auburnchurch.net).

Any additions to the calendar go to Pastor Brown - 543-1402.

## Mission Committee - July

The mission project for the service personnel was very successful. Thank you for all your contributions. We shipped three boxes to Leah Byler - Casey's granddaughter in Afghanistan on June 29th. We collected items such as wipes, eye care, hand care, skin care, foot care in addition to \$130.00. This money was used for similar items purchased from Marcs and most of the shipping cost.

Our next project was a collection of wet wipes, snacks, water and Home Depot gift certificates. The items will be used by workers and the certificates will be used by the Back Bay Mission workers for supplies. All will go with the Biloxi crew with Pastor Charles on July 21.

We will do our annual collection for Geauga County School Children for school supplies. We will do this until the middle of August. Pencils, crayons, glue, paper, etc. plus dollars can always be used and are very appreciated.

The community of Auburn Church has been very generous in supporting our missions projects for our county and our world. We recently learned our church contributed \$675.00 to Our Wider World Mission last year.

THANKS TO ONE AND ALL !



Our youth and children enjoying a snack

## Ode to the Zucchini

Linda Andersen

Zucchini , oh zucchini,  
It's not that I'm ungrateful.  
When I think of all your vitamins,  
There must be loads, in every plateful!

But for days, my kitchen's been a mess,  
And it's all because of you, I guess.  
I'd vowed I would not waste  
A single one of you.  
I baked you and I fried you,  
Pickled, froze and dried you.  
I made every zucchini recipe I knew.

And Now, just as I tucked the last of you  
In a quaint new bread, called "banzizi",  
My proud little boy is telling me,  
"Look, Mom, I found 13 more zucchini!"  
So, zucchini, oh zucchini,  
Though I think you're quite terrific,  
Could you, please, just try to be  
A little less prolific?

## Quarterly meeting July 15.

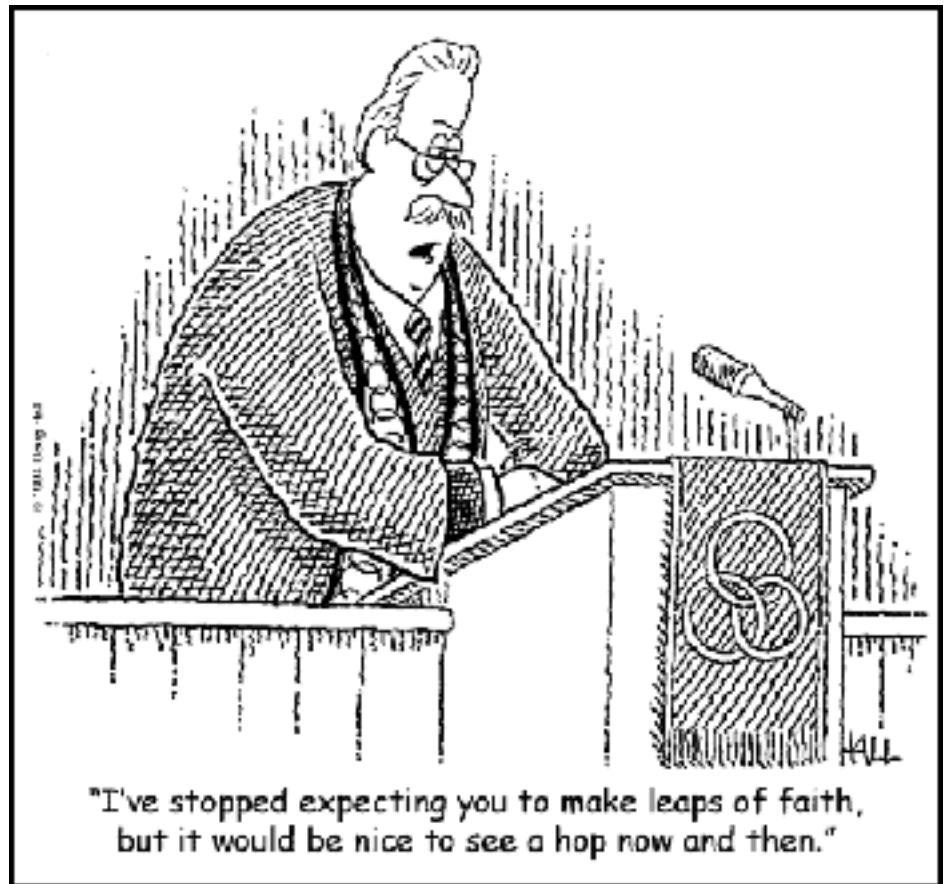
**Trustees** report stated that the church is no longer renting tables and chairs to non members, any member wishing to use the chairs and tables can do so by contacting the trustees. Currently, the trustees are considering repairs on the parsonage and arranging upgrades and repairs in the church. If you know anyone who is a CPA specializing in not-for-profit organizations, the trustees are interested in having the books audited.

**The Diaconate** has been filling the pulpit for Sundays that the Pastor is out of town. There will be an ice cream social in September.

**The missions** committee reported that they sent 32 boxes of personal supplies to Leah Byler in Afghanistan, items sent with the mission group to Biloxi and \$675.00 to Our Churches Wider Mission. Current projects include the heifer project with the youth group and school supplies for Geauga children in need.

**The youth group** held a service in June and is conducting another at the end of July. There was discussion on how to attract more children to the youth program. Everything is ready for a dynamic Christian education, all that is needed is the children. The ice cream social would be a great opportunity to invite the neighbor kids or grand kids, nieces and nephews to Auburn Church.

**Music committee** reports that Valerie Stone is leaving as



of August 12. The committee is actively seeking a new accompanist. Spread the word. The choir has been asked to sing three anthems at the combined service of the UCC at Burton Century Village on August 19.

**Pastor Charles** thanked the congregation for their flexibility and support during his first year. He is enjoying being the Pastor of Auburn Church. He has been helping Newbury Church members with hospital visits until the new pastor is installed. Pastor Charles is in charge of the mission trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxy July 21st-29th, 2007. He has been appointed a moderator for the Western Reserve Association.

**Under Old Business**, the window fund is almost paid off with \$700.00 of an over

\$17,000 project remaining. There was considerable discussion on a new sound system.

**Under New Business** Ideas were proposed to attract new families into the church. Sharon and Daniel Ceden are interested in looking into a sound system and some contemporary music infused in the service. They are willing to look into the matter and bring information to the trustees.

The time of year has come to nominate officers for next year. Anyone interested in holding an office may contact president Fred Dietz.

The turkey dinner will be November 9th.

The next meeting will be October 21, 2007

## **Newsletter Online!**

Many more members have chosen to read the newsletter on-line and not have it mailed. Postage is now 41 cents. The online newsletter will have the pictures in color taken during services and special events. These newsletters will remain on-line if you want to check back later. Go to [Auburnchurch.net](http://Auburnchurch.net) and choose Newsletters in the left menu.

## **Handicap Equipment**

Need handicap equipment? We can help. There are wheel chairs, canes, crutches, and more at the church for anyone who needs them. See what is there before you rent or buy and keep as long as needed.

