



Audubon United Methodist Church

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April 2020 Newsletter



Worship Opportunities:

Our doors may be closed for now but join us for
9:00 A.M. Seekers Sunday School on Zoom
10:30 A.M. Service streaming live on our
Facebook page and later on YouTube
11:45 AM Bible 101 on Zoom
7 PM Wednesdays for *Comfort Food* on Zoom

Upcoming Meetings and Events

All events scheduled for April have been postponed. Not forgotten, just saved for later when we can all be together again!

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear friends and families of Audubon United Methodist Church, I hope and pray that you and your loved ones are well in these very challenging days. Having restraints over our normal daily lives makes us frustrated. I give thanks to God more now for the freedom I used to take for granted such as eating out, picking up a cup of Dunkin coffee on a way to a meeting, and going to a gym etc. Our normal daily lives seem to be out of balance. We hope to find comfort in the weekly worshipping together and the fellowship. Unfortunately, that must also be put on hold for the safety of all of us and of the surrounding community. The president and governor have issued a directive that there are to be no gatherings of more than 10 people. We are to follow the directives of federal, state and local municipalities. **Audubon United Methodist Church will remain closed to all public gatherings until further notice effective immediately. In other words, we will not hold worship service on Sunday at church.** However, it is truly important for us to stay connected as a community of believers. Audubon United Methodist Church will be offering worship service online and other programs for our congregation and the surrounding community.

These are what we are committed to offer for you.



1. Live stream worship service online

Sunday at 10:30 A.M. You can use your phone, computer, or tablet to watch the worship service from home. You can chat by typing.

Email to Pastorjisun@gmail.com your prayer request by Saturday morning.

The link to join the worship online will be sent to you each week.

The bulletin of the worship order and the announcements will also be sent to you in one email.

Please email me the prayer request to pastorjisun@gmail.com by Saturday.

Link for live stream worship: <https://www.facebook.com/AudubonUMC/>

2. Recorded worship service on YouTube & Facebook

By Sunday afternoon 3:00 PM, the recorded worship service will be available to re-watch at any time of your convenience on YouTube & Facebook.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/AudubonUMC/>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7T-BxrKGgDkWrn5TwCGMOA>

3. Electronic giving

We are ready to receive your heartfelt gift by using your own computer or phone.

You will get the information in the email along with the online worship link.

4. Seekers Bible study online

We will not cease from learning to grow.

Sunday at 9:00 AM. Starting March 29th

The easy video interact link, called ZOOM, will be sent to you.

5. Bible 101 class online

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6. **Comfort Food online program**

We want to feel connected while we are away from each other. We will pray, sing, read bibles and poems, listen to the talented Audubon musicians, and share our stories.

Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. **Starting April 1.**

The easy video interact link, called ZOOM, will be sent to you.

You will also get a separate email from me regarding this program because it will be made by your input.

7. **Care Call**

This virus is known to make the older generation more vulnerable by it. We will visit older congregation by phone to find out the needs. The type of needs may include, but not limited to, the technical support for online worship service or food shopping, etc. For this program we need help from younger generation. You will get a separate email for this.

8. **Be the Church**

How can we be the true church for such a time like this for the people who are affected by this virus situation and in need of necessities or helpers?

Stay tuned.

9. **Long Distance Pastoral visit**

I will be available for you for any pastoral care needs at any time. I won't be able to visit you at home in person as I used to for now. But you can always call, text, or email me when you need to speak with me or need to pray with me.

Note that all of the online links above mentioned including the electronic giving are available on our website www.AudubonUMC.com by one easy click. All email letters and notices will also be available on our website for your convenience.

It is our hope that we will be able to return to regular meetings and worship together soon. Please know that I am praying for you all and for all of your good health. May the God help us to go through this safely and hold our spirits together until we can once again greet one another in person in Christ.

God is with you! So are we for each other!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Jisun



You can sign up for electronic giving or give online with your phone, tablet or computer.

1. Of course, you can always mail your offering to the church office. We have a locked mailbox so that our mail is safe.
2. If you would like to try electronic giving with your smart phone, tablet or iPad, simply download the app. Search for **Vanco Payments Mobile Access** and download and install the app. It will show up on your device as **GivePlus**. Open the **GivePlus** app and search for our church with our zip code 08106. Once you have the app, you can either create an account or choose to give "one time." You can also choose to give through your credit card or through your bank account. Simply follow the prompts.
3. If you would like to continue to give electronically, fill out the Electronic Giving Form for **Vanco** and send to Carol Tait.
4. You can also go to our website, www.audubonumc.com and click on the link to give there. Again, you can either use your bank account or a credit card.

Call or email Carol Tait for more information.

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Mission News by Bruce Krout

"Life went from zero to crazy this week.", comedian Bill Maher said. To say COVID-19 has impacted our lives would be an understatement. Our Asian missionary couple is looking to return to the U.S. for a couple of reasons; the increased governmental scrutiny against Christians and the Wuhan virus. Joel and Alex Aponte and David and Kathy Mannon are adjusting their evangelistic efforts as N.J. college students find their on-campus

studies interrupted by the virus precautions taking place.

To thwart the growth of the virus, many companies are encouraging workers who can work on-line from home to do so. School districts have closed for weeks and many businesses are struggling to survive this financial upheaval of 2020. The sports and entertainment industries have shut down for an unknown period of time. Just as an engine can have a “governor” to limit speeds, our lifestyles are being throttled down due to various quarantines and restrictions by our human governors.

This pandemic may offer you opportunities to really be with friends and relatives like never before, due to the forced slow living. We will have more time to share our thoughts and beliefs as never before. With that I am reminded of a childhood friend of mine, Pastor Steve Rahter. Some of you may recall him presiding over my mom’s funeral, along with Pastor Walt, 7 years ago. Steve was raised Catholic and fell away from the church during his young adult years. In his early thirties he was coaching soccer in Somers Point at the Jr. High level. A 14-year-old boy named Eddie kept evangelizing Coach Steve every day during practice, encouraging him to attend the Praise Tabernacle Church in Egg Harbor Twp. Eddie even gave his coach a Bible. Eddie’s efforts worked. Steve visited the Church and fell in love with the relational Jesus. A couple of years later Steve received seminary training and became an asst. minister and shortly after became the head pastor of Praise Tabernacle. He has ministered there for 15 years now. You can view some of his great sermons through his church’s website @ praisetabernacle.com.

Keep praying during these crazy and trying times to lessen your stress level. Get outside and exercise which will help you to sleep well. Avoid the prepackaged junk food and consume more fresh fruits and veggies that are filled with healthful phytonutrients. These steps will help to strengthen your immune system and help fight any viruses. Finally, look for those opportunities to share the gospel in the next weeks and months. Successful evangelism is so easy, even a 14-year-old boy can do it!

Sharing God’s word and love, however we can, is our mission.

Virtua Health System is recruiting volunteers to serve as chaplain aides

throughout their system in Camden and Burlington Counties. Following a training and orientation period, volunteers are assigned to a specific hospital where they will visit patients, offering friendship and spiritual support. Virtua has reached out to Audubon UMC to see if anyone would be interested in training to be a chaplain aide. There are openings every day of the week and volunteers are asked to donate 2 to 4 hours each week. The two day training course is offered several times a year, and are being offered on Monday, April 27th and May 4th; Monday, June 8th and 22nd; and Thursday, October 29th and 30th. Classes are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call or email for an information package which includes details of the training and the process to become a volunteer. For information regarding volunteering at Virtua Marlton, Virtua Memorial and Virtua Voorhees, please contact Chaplain Marge McGinley at 609-914-6365 or email mmcginley@virtua.org. For information regarding volunteering at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes or Virtua Willingboro, please contact VP Mission and Ministry Russell Hansel at 856-757-3613 or email rhansel@virtua.org. Please be aware that new volunteers are required to bring a letter of endorsement from their spiritual leader. A form will be provided for that purpose.

Our Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 5 has been postponed. We’ll be seeking those eggs later this spring!



A Note from Anne Simpson to parents and children.

During these difficult times it's important for children to continue learning about God, even though we do not have Sunday school.

Here are some suggestions for 10 minute activities.

Resurrection eggs

If you have plastic eggs, great, but if not use small sandwich or snack bags. Number them 1-12. Fill them with symbols that represent the story of Holy Week. Older children can help with ideas for filling eggs. When eggs are full, hide them. After all eggs are found use contents to tell the story of the Resurrection.

1. Grey material to represent donkey Jesus rode on Palm Sunday
2. A piece of grass to represent palms.
3. Finger prints to represent praying hand of Jesus in Garden of Gethsemane
4. 3 dimes to represent Judas' payment for his betrayal
5. A piece of bread to represent Last Supper
6. A piece of soap to represent Pilate washing his hands
7. A thorn or piece of rosebush to represent crown of thorns
8. A small nail represents Jesus nailed to the cross
9. Purple paper represents torn curtain in temple
10. White paper or cloth represents Jesus' grave clothes
11. Wax or glue represents sealed tomb
12. Empty represents the empty tomb

This can be done over several days

Other activities: read a familiar Bible Story like Noah or Jonah in the whale. Have kids draw pictures or act scenes out.

Parents keep a record of what you do with your children. When they come back to Sunday School I'll have a nice surprise.

Please e-mail me what you are doing with the children & listen to Sunday Chats for other ideas anne9bay@g-mail.com. God is with us and we will get through this difficult time



VBS 2020 July 5 –July 10

Pam Alekseyev will be leading our VBS this year.

She is looking for Volunteers to lend her a hand.

Look for upcoming information!

Let her know YOU will help!



AUMC VICTORIOUS WOMEN POSTPONED!

Baby Shower to benefit Options for Women

Years ago, the AUMW supported the "Pregnancy Care Center", which was located on Merchant Street in Audubon. The center moved to Cherry Hill and is now called "Options for Women".

Options was established in 1985 as a nonprofit agency by grants and private funding, that means they can offer a safe, comfortable place to process an extremely difficult decision for free.

There are many things that might affect a decision about an unplanned pregnancy. At Options, you can calmly sort out your thoughts and emotions and consider all the choices available.

At our last AUM Victorious Women's meeting, we decided to have a Ladies Luncheon/Baby Shower to help support Options. They are in need of the following items: crib sheets, baby booties, baby shoes size 2 to 12 months, and hooded towels.

This Ladies Luncheon/Baby Shower will be a fun way for us to support a wonderful program for women and babies.

Just for fun, we are going to play "Name that Baby". Bring a framed baby or toddler picture of yourself. We'll display them on the stage and try to guess who each one is.

Prizes, games and lunch--children welcome!

We will be rescheduling this event, however, please plan to bring an unwrapped gift of one of the above items, your appetite and your spare change to put into a baby bottle for a donation collection.

We have not received any notice of cancellation for this event and will keep you posted.

Ladies Day at America's Keswick

May 13th 9AM -3 PM Cost: \$22 and includes 3 sessions with **Susie Larson** and a gourmet box lunch.

If you are interested, please see Lyn Radley



April Showers for Collingswood Manor Has been postponed until June.

A note from Mark VanArnam

We are now living in these days of stock market volatility, and economic uncertainty. People may be losing jobs, or feeling a reduction in their income.

I am happy to answer any questions, address any concerns, help with budgeting or cash-flow planning in any way that I can. I don't know all the answers, but I've been in the financial industry for 30 years and would be glad to help if it's possible.

Have you been reading our Lenten study

“TRUST”? Week 3 the readings from Exodus focus on the difficulties of the Israelites and are not much different from ours today.

- “When we face obstacles and difficulties, we have a choice – do we grumble and complain or do we trust God to provide for our needs?”
- “Hard times” and difficulties test us. And through these trials, God gives us the opportunity to grow into people who trust him no matter the circumstances.”

From Paul:

- “God allows thorns in our lives so that we will learn to rely on God’s grace completely, and we will see his power and might, which far exceeds our abilities to handle difficult situations on our own.”

Altar Flowers

There are several openings available for altar flower sponsors. Please see Linda Holonia or send an email to the office to be a sponsor. July 12, July 26, and Oct. 25.



April Shut-in of the Month



Joan Windston
43 Payson Ave
Audubon, NJ 08106

Keep her your prayers and let her know she is in your thoughts by sending a card.

April Birthdays

- 4 Bill Zane
- 5 Katie VanArnam
- 6 Tom Hertfelder, Jr
- 20 Estelle MacCulloch
- 24 Clara Reich
- 29 Walter Jesucosky IV



The April Newsletter is sponsored by Laurie Bouch to honor her parents, Peg and Don Lauk, her husband Tim and daughter Maggie.

Prayers – Praise – Thanks

Pray in the spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. Ephesians 6:18

Prayer requests from our weekly bulletins

- Doug J. • Crystal • Mary L.
- Shannon P. • Caitlyn C. • Mike & Tyler S.
- Mary P • Tiara C • Anne and Joe
- Tom H Sr. • Susan H • Ron & Samantha F.
- Charlie W and family • Marti W
- Carol F • Miles J • Youngsoon Choi
- Ruslana’s father Karl • Dr. K and wife Bernice

Our Friends with Special Needs

- Carol F • Dan A. • Gwen E.
- Joan W • Bill R • Peg and Don L
- Sandy A • Marge W • Peg and George K.
- Estelle M • Jim B • Keeyoung K

College Students to keep in your prayers :

- Maggy B • Holly F • Emily W
- Becca V • Colin R • Jake V
- Kevin F • Tyler S

Prayer Card Requests

- World Gospel Mission ministries and the Crakers
- International Students ministries and the Mannons
- Campus Crusade CRU Alex Aponte
- Our servicemen and women:
Walter J IV- US Coast Guard, Jim G – NJ Army National Guard, James S. -US Army and Madison S US Army, Kyle R – US Marines
- Pray for our country and the world as we struggle with COVID-19. Pray to stay a connected and loving church.
- Please pray for all those affected by the virus and those who continue to work to help those affected, as well as those who work to continue to provide us with the necessities while we are homebound.
- A miracle for husband Tom with cancer and cirrhosis and needs a transplant; for his Salvation.
- Helena asks for prayers for Keith to strengthen within himself and to call upon Jesus. His aunt passed on.
- The Keels ask for prayers for the Schliessler family on the death of Harry.

- Helena asks for prayers for Chris to have comfort and peace of mind. Chris' mom has passed on.
- Janet Acker asks for prayers for her sister-in-law, Judy who is facing chemotherapy after surgery for colon cancer.
- Prayer for Tyler and Mike -Diane
- Sarah M asks for prayer for her best friend Amanda. She is going through some personal stuff along with her kids.
- Barry asks for prayers for Harry, the night clerk at Speedy Mart. He had a heart attack last Friday.
- Cheryl L asks for prayers for God to show his mercy and grace for Victor V who is full of cancer.
- Wil P. has pancreatic cancer and gall stones and will start treatment as soon as his temperature remains normal.
- Bob F asks for prayers for his sister, Kathy, who is recovering from back surgery.
- Prayers for the Kyler Family on the loss of Cass
- Please pray for Denny and Tommy who were diagnosed with cancer.
- Bruce asks for prayers for his neighbor, Joe, who has a cancerous lymph node on his aorta.
- Helena asks for prayers the church be healed in every way and for her friends and family.
- William asks for prayers for the family and friends of his sister's friend who passed away recently.
- Linda asks for prayers for her 9 month old granddaughter, Tegan who is ill with a fever, and eating and breathing difficulties. Also pray for Ashley, who works in the public and is not feeling well.

Prayers for our church

- Please pray for our church leaders as we move forward in our 2020 vision for AUMC
- Please pray that AUMC will continue to grow in spirit and be seen as a beacon in the neighborhood.
- Please pray for Pastor Jisun; for good health, strength, protection, and guidance.
- Please pray that others will see Jesus' spirit flowing from us.
- Please pray that we will each experience a deeper spiritual walk with the Lord.
- Please pray that the leaders of AUMC would be led by the spirit to know God's will for us.
- Pray that we can attract more families and others in the area who aren't attending church elsewhere.

Church Staff:

- * Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jisun Kwak
- * Admin. Assistant: Linda Holonia
- * Director of Music: Mia Reich
- * Organist: David Reich
- * Pianist: Jesse Deal

Nursery helpers: Lauren F, Marissa W

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Pastor's email : pastorjisun@gmail.com

Church Office Hours

Monday: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Check out our website: audubonumc.com



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