



Audubon United Methodist Church

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May 2020 Newsletter

Worship Opportunities:

Our doors may be closed but our church is open!

9:00 A.M. Seekers Sunday School on Zoom

10:30 A.M. Service streaming live on our Facebook page and YouTube

7:30 P.M. Mondays - Bible 101 on Zoom

7:30 P.M. Wednesdays - *Comfort Food* on Zoom

ZOOM.US.COM

MEETING ID: 732-520-3940

PASSWORD: 849210

PHONE DIAL-IN: 646 558 8656

JOIN US!

1. Live stream worship service online

Sundays at 10:20 AM.

You can use your phone, computer, or tablet to watch the worship service from home. You can chat by typing.

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

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

Link for live stream worship:

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

YouTube:

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

PLEASE log in to YouTube and “like” our page so we have can reach 100 subscribers. It’s Free. (You do need to have a gmail email address) We need 45 more subscribers.

2. Seekers Bible study online

Sundays at 9:00 AM on Zoo

3. Bible 101 class online

Mondays at 7:30 PM on Zoom

4. Comfort Food online program

Wednesday at 7:30 PM on Zoom

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.

5. Care Call

We can all become very isolated during this time of sheltering in place. Several people will be making calls to touch base with you each week – just to let you know we are thinking of you and praying all is well with you.

6. 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.

7. 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 easy one 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

CHURCH FINANCES

During this very unusual time, our church finances are being impacted. We still have salaries to pay and, just like you, utilities, insurance payments to Conference, lawncare, etc., so please continue to support AUMC.



Of course, anytime you are unable to attend worship, you can mail your offering to the church office. Please do not send cash. We have a locked mailbox.

**GIVE
PLUS+**

On your smart phone, tablet or computer, search for the GivePlus app and search for our church by zip code 08106. Once you have the app, you can either create an account or choose to give “one time.” You can use your credit card or your bank account. Simply follow the prompts.

**online
GIVING**
easy. fast. effective.

At our website, audubonumc.com, there is a link to give. Again, you can either use your bank account or a credit card. If you would like to continue to give electronically, click on the Tithing page and fill out the Electronic Giving Form for Vanco and mail to the church office or give to Carol Tait.

Call or email Carol Tait for more information.
856-546-0242 (h) Crosstait630@yahoo.com

We hope you are enjoying the ability to worship online – a different way during these shelter in place times. We also realize that these are difficult economic times, but if you are



able to contribute toward the cost of our NEW TECHNOLOGY which enables us to stream our services and use ZOOM, we would be most thankful. The amount spent to update our communications is \$2,605.29. To date, we have received \$1,406. Every gift in any amount is appreciated!

Mission News by Bruce Krout

COVID-19...Are you still reading or did that term scare you away? In this nightmarish time we are living through, I wouldn't blame you for not continuing to read. The constant noise about this virus is mind numbing isn't it?

Prior to the closing of area parks, I noticed a great difference and greater receptivity while biking. I

bike year-round so I know what the usual responses look like normally. Since mid-March, park walkers are now more likely to give eye contact, smile, and ask, “How ya doing?”. This change is due to the quarantining we find ourselves in. Folks are appreciating one another because their social circle has shrunk.

In the late 1960's, Desmond Morris, a biologist who wrote a couple of best-selling books, The Naked Ape and The Human Zoo, discussed how the human being was unable to deal with urban centers well because they were caged up in buildings and disconnected from their more natural and optimal setting of a 200 person/family tribe.

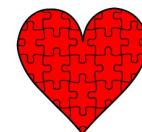
The number of people that we interact with has dropped immensely this past month, so those we do come in contact are more appealing and we don't take the interchange for granted as before when we were exposed to hundreds of folks every day. Our daily demands have also lessened, which opens great opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Below is a list of my top apologists/defenders of the faith. Check out a few of these sites. For parents and grandparents, I refer you to Josh McDowell's site for great youth devotionals.

1. Josh McDowell: Josh.org
2. Sean McDowell: seanmcdowell.org
3. Ravi Zacharias: RZIM.org
4. Greg Koukl: STR.org
5. J. Warner Wallace: oldCaseChristianity.com
6. Frank Turek: crossexamined.org
7. William Lane Craig: Reasonable Faith.org

Stay well and take advantage of this unique opportunity to evangelize!

Scripture Readers Wanted! Call the office to volunteer!

A big thank you to everyone who donated puzzles and puzzle books for the clients of UMC HomeWorks!! The program was a huge success and the people of the United Methodist Communities were very appreciative.



Upper Room Devotionals are available on the Church house porch.

SPRC Meeting – Thursday, May 14

A Note from Anne Simpson to parents and children.

Watch each Sunday for Mrs. Simpson's chat with the Children.

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

Other activities: read a familiar Bible story. Have your children draw pictures or act out scenes.

Parents, please, 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. We don't know what that will look like - be it in person or online - but it will happen! Volunteers needed to help!



AUMC VICTORIOUS WOMEN April Showers for Collingswood Manor Had 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.

Altar Flowers

While we are worshipping at home, and no flowers will be placed on the altar, all sponsors of those arrangements are being asked to allow their altar flower donations go to the cost of the technology we have purchased to make online worship possible.



Watch for your letter if you are a sponsor.

May Shut-in of the Month



Peg Lauk
122 Willet Way
Thorofare, NJ 08086

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

May Birthdays

- 2 Lauren Fitzgerald
- 9 Kim Williams
- 14 Pat Gibbons
- 15 Pastor Jisun
- 22 Jesse Deal
- 22 Bill Makuszewski
- 26 Cole Reich
- 27 Ashley Schnyer
- 29 Emma Wine
- 30 Colin Reich
- 30 Marge Watson



May Anniversaries

- 13 Anne and Bill Simpson
- 30 Darlene and Chris Fitzgerald

The May Newsletter is sponsored by Mary Tharan in memory of her parents, Elmer and Evelyn Tharan.

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 Simpson
- 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.
- Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Pastor Jisun and her family on the loss of her father. We are thankful her sisters could be here from Korea and California to celebrate his life.
- A miracle for husband Tom with cancer and cirrhosis and needs a transplant; for his Salvation.
- Jim G and Gerry and family on the passing of her brother Rich
- Tom G recovering from surgery
- 2 friends of Lyn and Scott recently diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer – Stan and Tom.
- The Bowdoin family dealing with the COVID-19
- Pray for Lindsy's friend Francine who is open to listening about Jesus but afraid to fully accept Him as her own.
- For Dorothy's cousin Carol and family dealing with the passing of her husband and her mother and for her ill brother.

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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Celebrate your mom (or someone who has been like a mom to you) on Mother's Day, next Sunday!! Please send a photo along with a

brief statement about your mom or a brief (5-7 seconds) video about your mom to Mia Reich at miamusic310@gmail.com by Monday, May 4th (tomorrow). These photos and videos will be incorporated into our worship service on Mother's Day.

