



Audubon United Methodist Church

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July/August, 2019 Newsletter

Sunday Worship Opportunities:

- 9:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
- 9:00 A.M. Adult Sunday School
- Children's Sunday School resumes in September
- 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

From the Pastor:

Dear friends at the Audubon United Methodist Church,

I would like to tell you how grateful I am to be your pastor. You have been so nice to me and dealt this transition most graciously. I am especially grateful for the work that you have done on the parsonage. I have been amazed to see how generous you all have been by donating your time and labor for all the difficult jobs that needed to be done. Thank you! I would like to invite all of Audubon family to a parsonage open house & outdoor party to show you all the changes which you have made and also to share my grateful heart for your "parsonage make over." Stay tuned! It's coming in early September when everyone will be back from vacation. Let's hope I would open all the boxes by then.



As we begin the new journey together I would like to share a bible verse with you so that we may walk the journey in the same mind.

In Luke's Gospel, the 21st chapter, 28th verse: *Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.*

In C. S. Lewis' miraculous little book, *The Screwtape Letters*, Screwtape: a veteran in the legions of Satan - writes to his nephew Worm-wood - a very junior devil - on techniques for trapping

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Our Doors are always open!

Our Church Building is Handicap Accessible. Elevator access to the sanctuary and the lower level can be found on the Graisbury Ave. side entrance. Handicapped parking is available on Graisbury and also in the rear of the church house.



The July/August Newsletter is sponsored by Joan Windston in loving memory of husband, Owen and by Pat and Sarah Gibbons in loving memory of parents, Mary and Robert Gibbons and Jim and Nancy Myers.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- July 4 Audubon Town Parade
- July 7 Welcome our new Pastor Jisun Kwak
- July 9 Church Council 7:30 PM
- July 14 Vacation Bible School begins
- July 15 Trustees 7 PM
- VBS
- July 16 VBS
- July 17 VBS
- July 18 VBS
- July 19 VBS closing program
- July 25 Cancer with Hope 7 PM
- Aug.19 Trustees
- Aug.22 Cancer with Hope 7 PM

Weekly Meetings:

- Mondays:** Seekers (7-8 P.M.) Conover Parlor
- AA (7:30-8:30 P.M.) Adult Assembly

Summer Camp season is here!

Did you know that AUMC offers a \$100 stipend to offset the cost for our kids who attend one of the Christian summer camps in our area? See Carol Tait for information.

Information about local camps can be found at

- Delanco.org;
- Malagacamp.org;
- Pinelandscenter.org
- Haluwasa.org



Mission News by Bruce Krout

Pastor Walt and Carol Jesuncosky always had big hearts for missionaries and mission organizations. It's no wonder, as Pastor Walt's mom was the mission chair at the Millville 1st United Methodist Church when he was a youngster. Pastor Walt also had cousins who did mission work in Iran decades ago while the Shah was in power. During Carol's teen years she had mission friends who would stay with Carol's family when they returned to the South Jersey area. Carol was the mission chair at one of Walt's first church assignments. Each month she would highlight one organization by creating a display for the congregation to review. Having adopted two boys, the Jesuncosky's always supported adoption agencies such as Bethany Christian Services. Other Jesuncosky favorite missions are Ranch Hope, Red Bird, Henderson, Atlantic City Rescue, and the Delanco Camp.

Over the years I found Pastor Walt to be very supportive and appreciated his willingness to allow me to share announcements with our congregation, often on short notice. He frequently would add mission insights to my messages. In a recent conversation I had with Pastor Walt he made a great point. He felt that Christians should financially support Christian agencies primarily because non-Christian donors will not, for the most part. Such sage advice will be missed and so will the Jesuncoskys!

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

Name Tags Please check to see if your name badge is on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. If not, please fill out a form and place it in the basket. We want everyone to wear their badges so Pastor Jisun can learn our names and put a face to each one. Thanks!



Directory Update! Please complete the form in the bulletin and put it in the offering plate or put it in the administrative assistant's folder in the hallway or stop in at the church office. Be sure to include family members' information as well. Thanks!

Altar flower sponsors are needed for one arrangement on July 14 and July 28. The cost of one arrangement is \$14.50. Please see Linda Holonia if interested.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day is back and we are participating once again. This year Boscov's has designated **Wednesday, October 16th** as the day to help area non-profits raise funds, while giving some great discounts to those who purchase a ticket. The tickets cost \$5.00 each and entitle the bearer to a discount of 25% all day! 100% of the ticket donation goes directly to the selling organization, (so please purchase your ticket through AUMC) See Linda Holonia or contact the church office to purchase one for yourself and a few for friends and family

Cancer with Hope meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the Hoffman room. This is a support group for those suffering with the disease and those caring for and supporting them. All are welcome to attend.



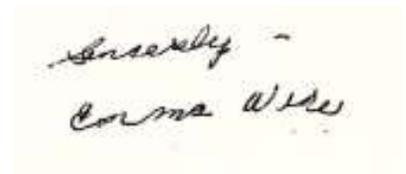
Just a note to try to convey my many, many thanks for the celebration of my centennial birthday.

Thank you for inviting my friends and family. They really appreciated being included.

The theme of "Queen for a Day" was really inspired and very appropriate. It all came together well.

I pray that this group may continue. It is a blessing and an asset to the life of the church.

May you prosper in your every endeavor and again I say thanks,



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Christians and luring them to Hell.

“The church...” he counsels, “is a fertile field, if you just keep them bickering over details, structure, organization, money, property, personal hurts, and misunderstandings. One thing you must prevent. Don't ever let them look up and see the banners flying, for if they ever see the banners flying, you have lost them forever.”

“Don't ever let them look up... and see the banners flying.” The banner of a God of love and mercy; the banner of a Church which, despite human faults and failings, is still the mightiest force for good in all this vast creation; the banner of a Christ whose body and whose blood have given us new life, true life in love for Him and for each other.

Look up today with me, as we begin this new church year, look up beyond all the petty inconveniences and disagreements that chafe our life together, look up and see the banners flying.

Look up and see emblazoned there the message of God's love for this charming town, Audubon, the Gospel of Christ's cross for all who share his sufferings on our streets and in our hospitals, the promise of the kingdom for all who live in darkness and despair.

I am looking forward to be with you and for you!

Your pastor, Jisun (Gee-sun)

VBS is coming! July 14-19

Everyone (ages 3-100) is invited to join us as we discover Jesus' Miraculous



Mission and learn how He saves the world! The children will learn that –

God made me. God keeps His Word. Jesus came for me. Jesus saves me. Jesus is coming for me.

Fearless teacher, Bob Kondras will take the adults on a mission through the book of Exodus!

If you would like to help the kids discover more about Jesus, please see Linda Holonia or Susan Medoro.

Scholarships were awarded from our church at Audubon High Schools graduation.

The Steven Betz Scholarship went to Maggie Bouch. Maggie has been a communion steward and nursery aide for our church. She is active in many sports especially tennis. Maggie will be attending James Madison University in Virginia. She will be majoring in engineering. Congratulations to one of our family.



The Walker/Bowen Scholarship went to Zachary Olszewski. Zach belongs to St. Vincent Palotti Parish. He has been an altar server for 9 years and leader of church youth group. School activities involved being Vice President of class & president of student body. He is president of Teen Advisory Council at Ronald Mac Donald house. He volunteered 435 hrs. in the past year. Zach will be attending Fairfield University where he will be majoring in Public Relations & Non-profit. Congratulations!

Live Nativity- Is it Christmas Already?

We need a committee to organize our Live Nativity and planning begins now! We need someone to chair the event and oversee the



team (Cast and Costumes; Assembly of the stable; Open house coordinator; Christmas Tree display) and people to head each of those areas. In the past one person has done it all, but it's become too big an event for that to continue. The Live Nativity is a major event and people come from near and far to visit us. As they say, it takes a village, in this case it will take an entire congregation to make this a truly divine evening. Please volunteer to be a part of an extraordinary event!

July Shut-in of the Month



Joan Windston
43 Payson Ave
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

July Birthdays

- 2 Peggy Lauk
- 5 Carol Jesuncosky

- 6 Peggy Cheney
- 7 Adam Cox
- 8 Fern Montesano
- 8 Marilyn Radley
- 10 Diane Stanley
- 10 Helena Woodward
- 22 Peggy Bradshaw
- 23 Tyler Stanley
- 24 Sam Tait
- 29 Morgan Makuszewski
- 31 Peggy Schnyer

July Anniversaries

- 1 Carol and Sam Tait
- 2 Elaine and Bill Soulliard
- 27 Lindsy and Dan Arcaini

August Shut-in of the Month



Peggy Lauk
122 Willet Way
Thorofare, NJ 08086

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

August Birthdays

- 5 Don Lauk
- 5 Sarah Cox Jesuncosky
- 10 Marissa Whiteley
- 11 Mary Tharan
- 15 Mary Bundick
- 17 Peggy Keel
- 31 Mark VanArnam

August Anniversaries

- 2 Laurie and Tim Bouch
- 2 Peggy and Don Lauk
- 24 Estelle and George MacCulloch

July/August Communion Offering:

Local Benevolence

Those assisting in our ministries for July

Greeters: Carol Tait

Ushers: Barb and Frank Cunane, Mark VanArnam

Liturgist: Bob Kondras

Counters: Darlene and Chris Fitzgerald and Jean Whiteley

Trustee to open and close church:

Darlene Fitzgerald

Those assisting in our ministries for Aug.

Greeters: Muriel McCoy and William Betts

Ushers: Peg and Tracy Schnyer

Liturgist: George MacCulloch

Counters: Allison and Don Cox

Trustee to open and close church:

Ruslana Snyder

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 • Beverly F (Chris' mother)
- Marti W • Carol F

Our Friends with Special Needs

- Carol F • Dan A. • Doris K.
- Gwen E. • Joan W • Bill R
- Sandy A • Marge W • Gerry G.
- Cass Kyler • Peg K • Peg and Don L
- 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- U.S. Coast Guard, Jim G – NJ Army National Guard, James S. -US Army and Madison M US Army, Matt US Army in Europe
Kyle Ross, US Marine
- Jisun Kwak as she begins her ministry with us

Church Staff:

- * Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jisun Kwak
- * Admin. Assistant: Linda Holonia
- * Director of Music: Mia Reich
- * Organist: David Reich
- * Pianist: Jesse Deal
- * Nursery helpers: Maggie B, Lauren F, Marissa W
- Church Office email : audubonumc@verizon.net
- Pastor's email : aumcpastor@verizon.net

Church Office Hours

Monday & Wed. 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Friday 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Check out our website: audubonumc.com



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