



Audubon United Methodist Church

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June 2020 Newsletter

Worship Opportunities:

Our doors may be closed but our church is open!

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

10:20 A.M. Service streaming live on our

Facebook page and later on YouTube

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

ZOOM.US.COM MEETING ID: 732-520-3940

PASSWORD: 849210

PHONE DIAL-IN: 646 558 8656 JOIN US!

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dearest friends and families of Audubon United Methodist Church,

I miss you...

I miss hugging each one of you, especially the hugs and blessings I share with each one of you at the end of worship services. When I hug you, I hug you with my love. When I bless you, I bless you with my heart. I am sure that the time is coming and I hope that it won't be long. I am sure that it has not been easy for you to stay at home with not much connection with your loved ones and friends and even your neighbors as you used to. I am sure that it's been frustrating to feel that you have to avoid people. Some of you might have felt guilty when you reacted in a very strange way to others. I am with you. I do pray for all of us faithfully and wholeheartedly.

We do not know yet, as of May 23, 2020, when we will be able to get to our sanctuary to worship together. One of the frustrating things lately is the fact that we cannot plan anything for we do not know when everything will be cleared and safe enough to do the things we would want to do and be used to do. As I have said, when our New Jersey State officials declare that we can gather in the church building, our Church Council will discuss when we will begin to worship in our sanctuary and how we would worship to keep everyone safe. We are working on our own safety manual for it. Yes,

things will be very different than before. Our normal will not be the same at least for a while. I, however, promise you that we will congregate to worship and to fellowship as soon as possible. We will make our facility safe and sound. Until then, our church leaders will continue to do our best to provide the spirit filled worship online, the good learning opportunities, and the warm comforts you need. Let's continue to be patient and keep taking good care of our soul, mind, and body.

One thing I would like to encourage you to think and do, is to find the things that you can learn from this challenging time we are going through. Let's get something out of this challenge in our hands at the end of the tunnel. It does not have to be a big thing but something you can say to yourself that I learned this from this experience and knowing this will help me to grow and prepare for other challenges. I hope you write them down somewhere so that you can go back to read it when you need to. From time to time, I may question you.

Here is a scripture that I would like to share with you as a gift.

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.” (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17, New Revised Standard Version)

May God comfort your heart and strengthen you and grow you!

With all the love possible, Your pastor, Jisun.



I am looking for some people who would be willing to commit to a specific and regular time each week to pray for our pastor. You can do this at home! We can discuss maybe meeting once a month on Zoom for prayer if that works for everyone. Please email Lindsy Arcaini at hisjoy10@gmail.com



We will honor our fathers on Father's Day with a montage of photos.

You may submit one photo recognizing a father or father figure in your life. We will also include children's brief (5-7 second) videos wishing a Happy Father's Day. All submissions should be sent to Mia Reich at miamusic310@gmail.com by June 16th.

How to join us for worship and fellowship!

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  Pastorjusun@gmail.com

The link to join the worship online will be sent to you each week via email. The bulletin of the worship order and the announcements will also 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 can reach 100 subscribers. ITS FREE. (You do need to have a gmail address) We need 40 more subscribers.

2. Seekers Bible study online

Sundays at 9:00 A.M. on Zoom.

3. Comfort Food online program

Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. 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.

4. Care Calls

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.

5. 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.

6. Long Distance Pastoral visit

The pastor will be available for you for any pastoral care needs at any time. She won't be able to visit you at home in person as before. But you can always call, text, or email Pastor Jisun when you need to speak with her or need to pray with her.

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.

CHURCH FINANCES

Not one of us expected to be in a situation where we are not able to come together and worship.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

However, we are making the best of a bad situation with our online services. Perhaps it is because we are not meeting together that giving is **down 24%** this year as compared to last year. Regardless, our expenses continue. They do not take a break because we are not able to join together each week. We truly appreciate that many of you have continued to send in your weekly or monthly tithes and offerings. If you have not done so, and are able, please send your contributions to the church office as regularly as you are able. You may either mail it or drop it in the church mailbox, which is locked and is located in front of the church house.

In the alternative, you may take advantage of the other methods of giving as described below.

There are several other ways to continue to financially support AUMC while we are apart:

1. 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.

2. If you would like to **continue to give electronically**, fill out the Electronic Giving Form for **Vanco** and mail to Carol Tait.

3. You can go to our website, www.audubonumc.com and click on the link to give link there. Again, you can either use your bank account or a credit card.

Mission News by Bruce Krout

“A BIG THANK YOU to Bruce Krout and his granddaughter Chloe for bringing donations of notes, puzzles, books, and crafts from Audubon United Methodist Church for our Client Care Bags. We appreciate you!”



The above picture and caption are from the Haddonfield HomeWorks Facebook page on May 12th. **Thanks to many of you** for your puzzle donations! Deb Wiersman, pictured above, was thrilled to receive the many items and share them with their HomeWorks’ clients who are a part of the in-home care program offered through UMCommunities.

The Haddonfield HomeWorks office is located on Kings Highway across from the Municipal Building. This is the fourth office that has been set up in NJ in the last 4 years. Besides Deb Wiersman, the staff includes Mary Ann Taglioli, who has 20 + years of aide experience, along with Terra Tilden, the Director of Nursing, who oversees two dozen nursing aides.

HomeWorks offers a variety of senior in-home care services including personal care (bathing, dressing, skilled nursing, & exercising), companion care (light housework, meal prep, & errands), and memory/dementia care services, if needed. In addition to those services, they offer a stepping-stone service of Family Connect when family members simply want someone to check in on a loved one through the week. They also offer

another way to keep tabs on family members virtually via an in-home monitoring system.

Services for HomeWorks are private pay and do not involve any contracts. To learn more, you can contact any of the delightful staff members at (856)-300-2424 or send an email to info@umcommunities.org

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

The leadership, including the Worship Team is very thankful for your generosity in donating toward the new technology that was needed in order to broadcast worship services, and other meetings and classes during this very unusual time. Your generosity has covered almost 100% of the cost of this new equipment.

Volunteers Needed



We hope you are enjoying worshipping with us online each week. While we do not believe that online worship is ideal, it allows us to meet each week and worship until this pandemic passes. We are looking for one or two more volunteers who would be willing to edit the worship service after the Sunday worship service for posting on YouTube. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Scripture Readers Wanted! Call the office to volunteer!

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.

AmazonSmile Thanks to you and your AmazonSmile purchases, we have received \$34.54 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation. Check out Amazon Smile for Father's Day, on June 21.

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.



June Shut-in of the Month



Bill Rittmayer
UMCommunity of Collingswood
460 Haddon Ave. Apt. 315
Collingswood, NJ 08108

Keep him your prayers and let him know he is in your thoughts by sending a card.

June Birthdays

- 1 Carol Jo Fennimore
- 4 Tom Hertfelder
- 7 Frank Cunane
- 19 Chris Fitzgerald
- 22 Barry Zane
- 22 Eric Lore
- 28 Linda Holonia
- 30 Carol Tait
- 30 Kyra Lyman



June Anniversaries

- 1 Lois and Don Reiter
- 15 Coleen and Bill Makuszewski
- 18 Jack and Ef Deal
- 18 Jesse and Liz Deal
- 23 Fern and Frank
Montesano
- 25 Cindy and Rich
Burrough
- 25 Sarah and Pat Gibbons



The June Newsletter is sponsored by Barbara Hertfelder in memory of Charles and Amanda Poopert.

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.
- Pray for all fathers and those who stand in for fathers
- 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.
- Karen H having Hip surgery June 23
- A miracle for husband Tom with cancer and cirrhosis and needs a transplant; for his Salvation.
- Lyn and Scott's grandson Liam is having major Knee surgery June 17 pray for him and his family.
- Two friends of Lyn and Scott are undergoing treatment for Pancreatic Cancer – Stan and Tom.
- Our prayers of sympathy for Chris and Steve Schuster on the passing of her father
- Pray for our students graduating from college and high school.

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

Church Office email : audubonumc@verizon.net

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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