



Audubon United Methodist Church

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December, 2019 Newsletter

Sunday Worship Opportunities:

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

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.



Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Dec. 4 Bishop's Day in Southern Region
- Dec. 5 Greening of the Church 6 P.M.
- Dec. 10 Administrative Council 7:30 P.M.
- Dec. 12 Christmas Caroling
- Dec. 15 Live Nativity
- Dec. 16 Trustees 7 P.M.
- Dec. 22 Chancel Choir Cantata
- Dec. 24 4 P.M. Children's Christmas Eve Service
8 P.M. Traditional Candlelight Service

Weekly Meetings:

- Mondays:** Seekers (7-8 P.M.) Conover Parlor
AA (7:30-8:30 P.M.) Adult Assembly
- Wednesdays:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M.
- Fridays:** The Link 6:30 – 8 PM
- CUBS:** Bears, Tigers and Arrow of Light meet
Tues and Thurs. Pack meeting 3rd Friday of the month.

The December Newsletter is sponsored by George and Estelle MacCulloch in memory of loved ones

Bishop's Day on the Southern Region

Wednesday Dec. 4th. Laity session is 7-9 PM at the
Trinity UMC in Mullica Hill
284 Cedar Rd, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
To attend contact Soomin Lee tel:732-359-1010

A note from the Pastor:

Thank you for the enthusiastic participation in the process of selecting the ministry of Audubon UMC 2020, the perfect vision. We selected the top five choices. 52 ballots were collected. There were many great ideas. The problem was that we could not do all of them. But we will somehow find a way to implement many of them. I promise. Also the result showed that all existing programs are supported to continue overwhelmingly except the pumpkin festival.

What are the top five choices and how to carry them out?

The number 1 choice is Bigger On-line presence. Audubon church wants to reach out to the community by providing strong worship connection beyond the Sunday worship service such as live streaming worship service to those who cannot come to the worship service and post the sermon on the website for the same reason. For this, it is recommended to form a Web Team.

The second choice is to improve infrastructure for church growth and safety. Audubon wants to have our facility ready to welcome new people, therefore, recommend investing in making the building more safe and appealing and resolve the parking issue. For this, we need to form a Facility Improvement Team to find some innovative ways to improve our facility to be welcoming and safe.

The third choice is active advertisement. Audubon wants our community to know who we are and what we do so that the community would join in this movement of making a positive difference. For this we need a Publicity Team which will find the imaginative ways to proactively promote our church and its ministry.

The fourth choice is offering community programs from which community people may benefit. This may mean providing some seminars on the relevant topics such as parenting, finance, etc. or offering a reliable *(continued on page 2)*

space for a support groups as a need is identified. We need a Community Program Team.

The fifth choice is random acts of kindness. Audubon is very interested in making our neighbors feel encouraged and supported. This is the ministry in which we can be very creative and have fun. We need a Caring Team for this.

Council has affirmed that five leaders would be our core team members of Audubon UMC 2020 to oversee the five area teams and communicate with the church council and the congregation. Each leader from the core team will lead one team in the five areas: Web team, Facility improvement team, publicity team, community program team, and caring team. The names of the teams are only temporary. Each team will create their own name.

Audubon church needs you. Don't worry if you don't have leadership or creative ideas. We will work together. I will participate in all areas in some way. If your heart moves, please let me know of your interested team. Our goal is to form all teams by the end of this year.

One thing I can promise is this. We will have fun. If ministry does not generate joy in us, something is not right. Let's gather! Let's have fun! Let's please God!

Your proud pastor, Jisun.

Covered Dish and Greening of the Church Thursday, December 5

Come join the decorating fun! We begin at 6 P.M. with a covered dish dinner then off to fill the church with Christmas beauty! If you can't make dinner come later and join the fun! Everyone is welcome.



Live Nativity December 15th 5- 7:30 PM



We are still in need of a few volunteers. Please see Diane Stanley. This is an excellent event open to our community and draws hundreds to our church. Let's work together to make it the best yet!

Christmas Bazaar Update

This is a quote from Walt Disney, *"Whatever you do, do it well. Do it so well that when people see you do it they will want to come back and see you do it again and they will want to bring others and show them how well you do what you do."*

I mention this quote because it reminds me of all of you who have worked and contributed to the success of our Christmas Bazaar year after year; you do it well.

You have done it so well that we're starting to recognize repeat visitors, and yes they are bringing their friends.

Taking advantage of Facebook and the Internet has really helped us better advertise for this event.

(and it's free, signs are very expensive to have made) Thank you all for posting and using the Internet to advertise for us. I believe it helped us a lot.

Over the years, we have heard comments that our Christmas Bazaar is one of the nicest in the area. You should feel proud of compliments like this because it is a reflection of all your hard work. Thank you, thank you so very much.

As of this date, we have deposited \$2,953.30 which is about \$500 more than we realized last year. WAHOO!

With gratefulness, the Audubon United Methodist Victorious Women are pleased to announce the following profits, and will be able to continue supporting several missions and projects in our community and here in our own church for the 2020 year. Wishing each of you a blessed Christmas and happy New Year. 🎄🎄🎄🌸

Attic Treasures	696.25
Baked Goods	463.00
Baskets	654.50
Cafe'	158.50
Christmas Shop	371.05
<u>Vendors</u>	<u>610.00</u>
Total	\$2,953.30

Blessing Tree

The tree is up in the lobby (Narthex). There are many families in our area who are experiencing hard times. **Please consider taking a gift tag or two and return the wrapped gift by December 15th.**



Each family member listed 3 needs and 3 wishes. The red tags are needs and the green ones are wishes. It is my hope that each member receives at least one need and one wish. Be sure to sign the gift tag out on the sign out sheet. Please attach the gift tag to your wrapped gift in a way that it can be easily removed. The week of December 15th we will sort the gifts and pack them up by family so they are ready to be picked up on the 21st.

If you have any questions please contact Linda Holonia at lhlonia@yahoo.com.

If you shop on smile.amazon.com

 and select Audubon UMC, Amazon will donate .05% of your eligible purchases. To date we have received \$262 this year. www.smile.amazon.com is the same as shopping on www.amazon.com.

Audubon United Methodist Church has been issued a \$31.60 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between July 1 and Sept 30, 2019

Gift card order forms are available in the narthex. This program gives a percentage of the value of the card right back to our church. Christmas shopping could not be easier if you give gift cards! See Linda Holonia



From The Treasurer



Thank you to the volunteers who serve as counters and head counters.

These individuals spend approximately a half hour after the second service counting the offering, filling out a form (which comes to me telling me how to post the contributions, *i.e.*, *Envelopes, Repair & Maintenance, etc.*), and depositing the funds in the church's account. Their names are listed in the bulletin each week. If you would like to join this exclusive group, please see Bill Simpson.

Mission News by Bruce Krout

For the last few years we have been reaching out to the attendees of the Live Nativity through our Prayer Station activity. As you know, Diane Stanley and I have approached folks to see if they have any concerns that they would like our church to pray for. Most will mention that they do have some family health issue they are presently dealing with. Others will simply go with the default comment for us to pray for continued health in the next year.

Diane and I usually have an “icebreaker” item with us to share with those we speak to. This year we’ll share a list of YouTube Near-Death Experiences that often involve angels. Our own AUMC angels will be in costume that evening so it’s easy to segue to a discussion about N.D.E.’s. Below is the list of suggested video titles we’ll share:

- “Near Death Experience Expert NDE/ Life After Death (Heaven)” John Burke (18:40 minutes).
- “Back from Heaven- Captain Dale Black-100huntley (8:34 min.)
- “Brain Surgeon certain his own near-death experience. Art of Spirit Awaken!” (6:33 min.)
- “I Died, Went to Heaven, and Came Back- Spark 2019 (12:39 min.)

Three years ago, I gave my loved ones the book “Imagine Heaven” by John Burke as a Christmas present. I’m always searching for ways to trigger thoughts or discussion about our Savior in an effort to encourage my family to grow in their faith or to begin following His Word. Consider sharing the above videos or book with friends and loved ones in your life this Christmas. “For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.” Merry Christmas to you and yours!



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

Cancer with Hope will not be meeting this month.

Next meeting is January 23, 2020.



Audubon Winterfest Dec. 6th 6-9 PM

AUMC will participate in this event at the William Penn Bank. The town Christmas tree lighting will take place during the event. We will have a table where kids can stop by and make a simple craft, enjoy some coloring and activity pages, warm up with hot chocolate. Their parents can also sign them up to receive a letter from an angel.

We need volunteers to staff the table. We also need volunteers to write angel letters on Sunday, Dec 8 between our morning services. Please see the signup sheet in the lobby.

During Our All Saints Sunday celebration on November 3rd

we remembered family and friends with flowers which were taken to our shut-ins.

<u>Presented by</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Peg Cheney	Rev. & Mrs. Conover Blake Cheney
Elaine & Bill Soulliard	Diane Robinson Charles Moon
Jisun Kwak	John & Julie Patchin
Jack Deal	Porter & Ethel Bailey
David James	Tom & Dorothy James
Peggy Bradshaw	Edwin & Doris Lyons Elinore Bradshaw Walt & Peg Cook
Bruce Kraut	Ginny Krout
Cheryl Laxton	Parents
Lyn & Scott Radley	Alfretta & Francis Radley Marion & Fred Kreckmann
Ruslana Snyder	Mom, Sandy
Jean Whiteley	Margaret & Wally Kolasa
Mary Bundick	Jim Tolover Harriet Walters Fran Tolover Calvin Ross Brenda & Elmer Madera Edward Ross Pearl Nelson Mary Pizzuti
Carol Fennimore	Ron Fennimore Sr Joseph & Josephine Russella
Janet Acker	Marion & Mike Dietrich
Muriel McCoy	Edwin Smith
Pam Alekseyev	Chuck Jones Lula Little
Fitzgerald family	Bill & Beverly Fitzgerald Tom & Marie Hamer

Linda Holonia	Paul Holonia Orpha & Herb Knecht Muriel Stevens Robin Chiniewicz Debbie Roussell
Bill Simpson	Ethel & James Simpson Jimmy Simpson Mae & Newton Sturgis
Bob Kondras Anne Simpson	Margaret & Peter Kondras William & Marie Sweeten John Simpson Andrew Murphy John Matthews Francis & Barbara Convery Esther & Frank Sweeten
Laurie Bouch	Irma Lauk Marion Lynch
Barbara Kondras Dorothy Groves	Anna & Norris Bishop Mother & Daddy George Carole
Lindsi Arcaini	Roe Smith Marshall Smith Emma Smith
Carol & Sam Tait	William Ross Grace & Robert Cato Samuel & Evelyn Tait William D Ross Jr.
Lois Reiter The Griffis Family Peg & George Keel	Evelyn & William Eastep Josiah David Griffis Our Parents Danny & Jason Sally Hickman
Diane Stanley Mary Tharan George & Estelle MacCulloch	Elmer & Evelyn Tharan Ralph & Betty Fred & Marion Clarence & Mary Ellen, Phillip
Jane Gannon	Anna Close, William Gannon Rich Gannon
Allison Cox	Herman & Dorothy Klopp Elmer & Margaret Waltz
Don Cox	Don & Geneva Cox

*For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

December Shut-in of the Month



Sandy Albrecht
137 S White Horse Pike
Audubon NJ 08106

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

December Birthdays

- 2 Joan Windston
- 10 Dan Arcaini
- 12 Lois Reiter
- 13 Sandy Albrecht
- 15 Bill Soulliard
- 29 Carol Fennimore



December Anniversaries

- 10 Mia and David Reich



December Communion

Offering: Urban Ministries

Those assisting in our ministries for Dec.

Greeters: Cheryl Laxton

Ushers: Peg and Tracy Schnyer

Liturgist: Carol Tait

Counters: Allison and Don Cox, Becky and David James

Trustee to open and close church:

Joe Fennimore

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.
- Shannon P.
- Mary P
- Tom H Sr.
- Charlie W
- Crystal
- Caitlyn C.
- Tiara C
- Susan H
- Marti W
- Mary L.
- Mike & Tyler S.
- Anne and Joe
- Ron & Samantha F.
- Carol F

Our College Students

- Holly F
- Becca V
- Tyler S
- Emily W
- Jake V
- Maggie B
- Colin Reich
- Kevin F

Our Friends with Special Needs

- Carol F
- Gwen E.
- Sandy A
- Cass Kyler
- Dan A.
- Joan W
- Marge W
- Peg K
- Doris K.
- Bill R
- Gerry G.
- 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; Kyle R- USMC
- Pastor Jisun and her ministry in our church
- Jesuncosky family is thankful for all the prayers for Miles' pacemaker/defibrillator implant.
- Peg and Don L continuing to recover
- Praise for William passing first part of CPA exams
- Continued healing for Joe K with broken ankle
- Bea Fisher who is recovering from broken wrist.
- Rob as he begins a new job and it be permanent
- Helena and her sister Elsie who is on hospice
- Linda's friend Lori with broken wrist
- Alexa C struggling with medication increases
- Tom H for his very serious health issues
- Strength for Barb H as she cares for Tom
- William's co-workers Pam and Sue
- William's friend Chris recovery from eye surgery
- Pray for Jay B on the passing of his wife, Judith
- Rebekah seeking a new job
- Ef's sister Teri who has cancer
- Cousin Richard recovering from blood clot
- Jisun's dad in care facility
- Jisun's mom as she recovers from falls
- Sue M's daughter Gina with a difficult pregnancy
And safety of unborn baby Maxine
- George K having heart procedure this week
- A local child in crisis
- William's uncle's father with broken leg
- Tracy's brother-in-law's father in great pain
- Healing for Sandy Albrecht- having rehab in home

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 : 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



AudubonUMC



You are again invited to share in placing one or more poinsettias in our sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

The price is less than last year - \$3.50 per plant.

We would like to have them in the sanctuary for Sunday, December 22.

Therefore, **orders MUST be placed by Wednesday December 18. No orders will be accepted after this date.**

You may take you poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve service on December 24.

Please complete the order form below and give it with your payment to the church secretary.

P L E A S E P R I N T

<i>Your Name</i>	<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>In Honor Of</i>

Signature: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

