

Audubon United Methodist Church

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May, 2018 Newsletter

Sunday Worship Opportunities:

- 9:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
- 9:00 A.M. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

From the Pastor:

“That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.”
John 21:7 NRSV

As I write this letter, Carol and I are preparing to leave for the Outer Banks of North Carolina to visit Walter at Hatteras Inlet, his new Coast Guard Station. Hatteras Inlet is a former U.S. Life-Saving Service Station. The USLSS merged with the U. S. Revenue Cutter Service to form the United States Coast Guard in 1915. Their primary task along the coasts of the US was to rescue “souls” in danger of perishing at sea. It was (and still is) an important and dangerous task. The USLSS had an unofficial motto that said, “You have to go out; you don’t have to come back.” These brave men (and now women) willingly risked their lives “that others might live.” Reading the stories of rescues, watching some great Coast Guard movies (*The Finest Hours*, *The Guardian*) one thing becomes obvious... to save souls you have to get off the boat (or “helo”).

Peter, the “Big Fisherman” knew this. After a night of fishing with nothing to show for it, the Disciples looked ashore and saw a figure. He called to them, “No fish, huh?” The mysterious man told the frustrated fishermen to cast their net on the other side of the boat and they would find some. I’m sure these tired, hungry disciples were wondering “Who’s this guy telling us where to fish?” They did what he said and got a net full of fish (153 to be exact). At this point, John recognized who the stranger was, “It is the Lord!” he exclaimed. At that moment, Peter jumped out of the boat and headed to the shore where Jesus had prepared breakfast for his disciples.

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

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- May 3 Ladies Book study begins
- May 5 Vendor shopping and Attic Treasure
- May 7 Men’s Group 7 P.M. at Arcaini’s
- May 10 Church Council 7:30 P.M. Conover Parlor
- May 9 Ladies Day at Keswick
- May 13 Mother’s Day
 Deadline for the June Newsletter—*send to Marilyn Radley at smradley@verizon.net*
- May 21 Trustees meeting
- May 28 Memorial Day
- June 2 Bethany Christian Services Walk
- June 10 Children’s Day

Weekly Meetings:

- Mondays:** Seekers (7-8 P.M.) Conover Parlor
 AA (7:30-8:30 P.M.) Adult Assembly
- Wednesdays:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30-9 P.M.
- Fridays:** The Link at 6:30 P.M.
- Sunday after service:** Handbell Rehearsal

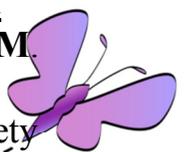


We have 2 tickets (\$22 each) to hear Liz Curtis Higgs at America’s Keswick on Wed. May 9th. If you would like to go, please call Lyn Radley.

Spring Shopping Extravaganza

Sat. May 5 from 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Come out and visit the many VENDORS who will have a variety of items for sale and also make a visit to our Attic Treasures room.



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If Peter had not bothered to get out of the boat, imagine how different the history of the Christian Church might have been. Think of all the people who were saved under the ministry and leadership of the Apostle Peter. Where would they have been? For folks to be saved, Peter had to get out of the boat.

Now, Peter wasn't a US Coastguardman ("Coastie") but he knew if any rescue would happen, if any souls were to be saved, he had to get out of the boat. Peter would have appreciated the motto, "You have to go out; you don't have to come back." Saving souls (yes, the term used for ship and aircraft passengers) takes commitment. It is risky business, but of vital importance. Peter eventually gave his life for his mission as have many Christians (and rescuers). I wonder if we, like Peter (and Coasties) are willing to get out of the boat to rescue souls? I mean in the spiritual sense. There are so many people who need rescuing...people in our families, our community, our world who need us now!

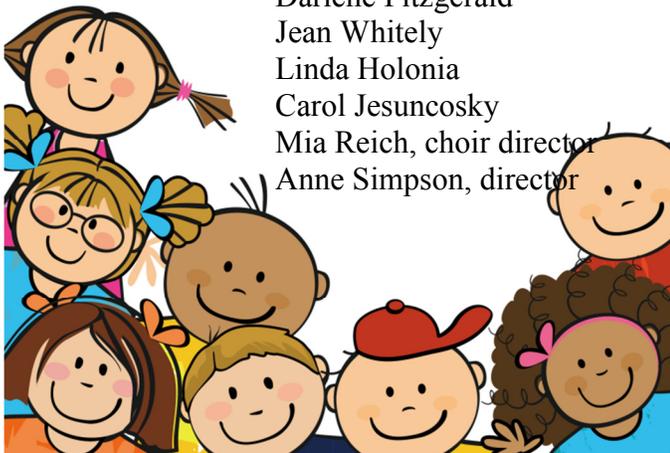
Pastor Walt

Children's Day June 10th

We are looking forward to all the children singing and acting on this day. Please have your children attend as many Sunday school and choir sessions as possible in the months of May and June. We would like all children to be involved and have it be a memorable experience for them. Thank you for your cooperation and faithfulness in having children attend and helping them learn more about the Bible and being a good Christian. It's never too early to start.

Children's Sunday School Staff

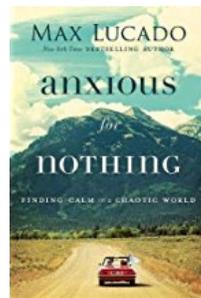
Darlene Fitzgerald
Jean Whitely
Linda Holonia
Carol Jesuncosky
Mia Reich, choir director
Anne Simpson, director



Ladies' Book Study

Thursday evenings May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 7-8:15/8:30 P.M. led by Carol Jesuncosky at the parsonage.

"When it comes to anxiety, depression, and stress-related illnesses, America is the frontrunner. Thankfully, there's a practical prescription for dealing with these issues. *Anxious for Nothing*, the most recent book from *New York Times* bestselling author, Max Lucado, provides a roadmap for battling with and healing from anxiety.



Max writes, "The news about our anxiety is enough to make us anxious." He knows what it feels like to be overcome by the worries and fear of life, which is why he is dedicated to helping millions of readers take back control of their minds and, as a result, their lives. *Anxious for Nothing* invites readers to delve into Philippians 4:6-7. After all, it is the most highlighted passage of any book on the planet.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Stop letting anxiety rule the day. Join Max on the journey to true freedom and experience more joy, clarity, physical renewal, and contentment by the power of the Holy Spirit. "Anxiety comes with life. But it doesn't have to dominate your life."

If you would like to order a book please contact Carol. E-books are also available online.

AUMC high school scholarship information is available in the Narthex



Bethany Walk for Children

Did you know that 19 children in foster care were reunited with their parents through Bethany Christian Services last year? On **June 2nd** several people from our congregation will participate in the *Bethany Walk for Children*. See Carol J if you would like to participate or donate.



Mission News by Bruce Krout

Last summer I asked Francis and Morgana Makuszewski to write a daily diary of their Delanco Camp experience. Both kids enjoyed the breakfast offered. Fran wrote about using leftover breakfast items such as French toast or sausage to catch fish later that day. Fran also snagged a toad one day. Singing, praying, and Bible study was also on the daily agenda. On one rainy day Morgana wrote about going to the craft shop to make crafts and on another having a dance party. They both enjoyed their camp experience.



Consider sending your child/grandchild to the Delanco Camp near Medford, NJ. The first week of camp starts July 8th. For \$325 or less, your youngster gets to experience a week of camp in a Christian based program of fun camp activities. Our AUMC families can once again receive a \$75 reimbursement toward the camp fee after you register your child. See Carol Tait or myself for details. Check out their website for details as to the weeks that the different age groups are involved. The Jr. Camp (for kids going into 4th to 6th grades). The next age group is Jr. High 1 which is for 7th through 9th graders. Groupings include all ages of teens. Check out the Delanco Camp website at Delanco.org (609-859-2262) for details. So many kids have grown spiritually through the Delanco Camp...think about sending yours!

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

Have you heard about the LINK?

Bring the kids out Friday night for some fun, food and fellowship! All kids in grades 5-8 are welcome to come from **6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. in our 3rd floor youth room.** Coleen M and William B are leading the group.



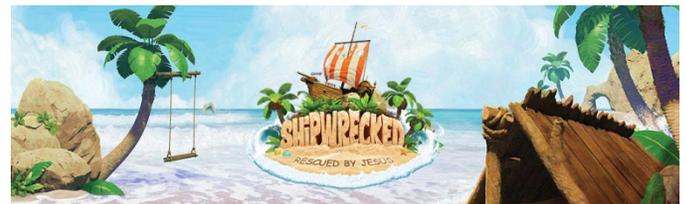
Thank you for your donations to Collingswood Manor April Showers

Through the generosity of our congregation and Holly F and her sorority sisters, we collected:

3 dish cloths	4 bottles of dish soap
2 bottles of laundry detergent	
2 boxes of laundry dryer sheets	
2 hand towels	5 wash clothes
7 prs of socks	4 puzzle books
13 boxes and 10 small pkgs of tissues	
40 bars of soap	4 bottles of soft soap
2 baby powder	16 dental floss
3 sponges	6 rolls of paper towels
7 rolls of scotch tape	2 pkgs of napkins
1 denture care	8 bottles of shampoo
7 bottles of lotion	13 tubes of toothpaste

Many bags of 12 count birthday, get well and all occasion cards as well as blank note cards.

Vacation Bible School is coming Sunday July 29 – Friday, August 3 from 6-8 PM



Rebekah is looking for volunteers to make a difference in the lives of children right here in Audubon. Please fill out the form in the bulletin or call the office to help. It's going to be a great time!

A Note from the Trustees

The trustees work very hard to keep our church clean, safe and in good repair. They are asking your help. Please be sure to **TURN OFF LIGHTS AND MAKE SURE ALL EXTERIOR DOORS ARE LOCKED** when you leave the building. **ALSO** if you are having a meeting that is not a regularly scheduled event, please let the church office know the date and time you will be using the church.

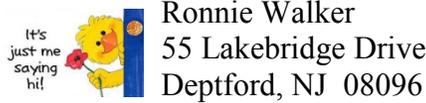
Finance Update

Giving has been down recently. We ask that you prayerfully consider your giving to God's work here at AUMC.



South Jersey Pops under the direction of Rob Bradshaw will perform their final production of the season on Sunday, May 20th at 3 PM at Lenape High School in Medford. The program will feature members of Audubon High School Choir. For more information go to www.shouthjerpops.org

May Shut-in of the Month



Ronnie Walker
55 Lakebridge Drive
Deptford, NJ 08096

Keep her in 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
- 22 Jesse Deal
- 22 Bill Makuszewski
- 26 Cole Reich
- 27 Ashley Schnyer
- 29 Emma Wine
- 30 Marge Watson
- 30 Colin Reich



May Anniversaries

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

May Communion Offering:

United Methodist Communities

Those assisting in our ministries for May:

Greeters: Helena Woodward and Bob Pugliese

Ushers: Bob Fonash, Jim Barrett, William Betts

Liturgist: Marilyn Radley

Counters: Karen Lyman, Sue Medoro, and Jane Gannon

Trustee to open and close church:

Sue Medoro

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. • Carol B • Charlie W
- Crystal • Mary L. • Mike & Tyler S.

- Shannon P. • Caitlyn C. • Anne and Joe
- George G • Mary P • Carol and Bill B.
- Tom H Sr. • Susan H • Ron & Samantha F.
- Beverly F (Chris’s mother) • Ruslana’s father

Our Friends with Special Needs

- Ginny A. • Dan A. • Doris K.
- Myrtle J. • Gwen E. • Eleanor T.
- Edith W. • Sandy A • Ronnie W.
- Gerry G. • Bill R • Joan W
- Janet K • Marge W • Peg and Don L

College Students to keep in your prayers :

- Holly F • Zabrielle H • Emily W
- Christian R • Becca V • Ashley S
- Jake V • Christy S • Adam C
- Chris S • Kevin F • Tyler S

Prayer Card Requests

- World Gospel Mission ministries and the Crakers
- International Students ministries and the Mannons
- Campus Crusade CRU Alex Simson
- Pray for our local missions—Kid’s Alley and Fellowship House
- Our servicemen and women:
 - Walter J IV- US Coast Guard
 - Jim G –Army National Guard
 - James S –US Army
 - Madison S- US Army
 - Matt –US Army
- Health issues of Janet K
- A miracle for husband Tom with cancer and cirrhosis and needs a transplant; for his Salvation. –Barbara
- Aunt Muriel -Linda H
- Clara, Mia with health issues
- My family --Helena
- Carol F for health concerns
- Tracy’s mom with health issues
- Brother-in-law Bud with esophageal cancer
- Jen looking for a new teaching position –Carol T
- Sandy A for her pain and mobility issues.
- Edith W home on hospice
- Edith’s family on the loss of her son Michael
- Joan receiving treatment
- Lauren is recovering from heart surgery but will need additional surgeries –Linda H
- Peg S for visits to drs. preceding her surgery
- Lindsy asks for prayers for salvation for her father, Marshall and friend Karen to find the truth of Jesus in their search through Buddha
- Karen C as she recovers from surgery

- Granddaughter Krystal for peace and strength
- My “sister” Carol and her husband Chuck as she enters hospice care -Dorothy
- George and Peg and their dog Tabby
- Rebekah as she begins a new job at ARC
- Mike, that they make the best plan for him and meet his needs. - Rebekah
- Our neighbor, Joe, passed away -Elaine

Praises

- A new baby girl for Bethany and Paul G

Church Staff:

- * Pastor: Rev. Dr. Walter Jesuncosky, III
- * Admin. Assistant: Linda Holonia
- * Director of Music: Mia Reich
- * Organist: David Reich
- * Pianist: Jesse Deal
- * Nursery helpers: Emily W, Maggie B, Lauren F

Church Office Hours

Monday & Wed. 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
 Friday 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

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 Pastor’s email : aumcpastor@verizon.net

Check out our website: audubonumc.com



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In the United States, Mother’s Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe the author to the words “Battle Hymn of the Republic” as a day dedicated to peace. In 1907, Anna Jarvis from Philadelphia began a campaign to establish a nation Mother’s Day and President Woodrow Wilson made it official in 1914.



The Bible has always reminded us of mothers;

“And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.” Genesis 3:20

“Honor your Father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.” Exodus 20:12

“She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.’ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”

Proverbs 31:26-31

Remembering our Mothers

*You’ll never forget your mother’s face,
 The sound of her voice,
 The gentleness of her touch...
 They let you know you were loved.*

*You’ll never forget the stories she told,
 The traditions she handed down...
 They let you know who you are.*

*You’ll never forget the lesson she taught,
 The things she stood for....
 They are her gift and your legacy.*

*You’ll never forget, and you’ll always know
 That you honor her every day in how you live and
 who you are.*

