

# Audubon United Methodist Church

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## March, 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: "March Madness?"

*"When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem." Luke 9:51*

March is my least favorite month of the year. I have my reasons. March is stuck between football season and baseball seasons. Thank heaven for Spring Training! Basketball? Not my cup of tea. March weather is crazy. I know the old "March comes in like a lion, out like a lamb" saying, but it mostly seems damp, dreary, cold and windy all month. It's hard to know what to wear with the constant temperature swings. Flowers? Coming, but not quite there yet. Corned beef and cabbage anyone? So I decided to work on a change of attitude. This March will actually be a run up to Easter which is April 1. In order to give myself a different perspective on March, I thought of Luke 9:51. Jesus is moving ever closer to his ultimate destiny, a destiny that would be fulfilled in Jerusalem on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. He "set his face to go to Jerusalem." In what direction are you looking? Why not immerse yourself in this glorious Lenten preparation for the amazing events of Holy Week and Resurrection Day? I would like to invite you to come on this Journey to Jerusalem, too. We will start a special Lenten Supper Club Series of Bible Studies on the Book of Jude (next to last book of the Bible) on Wednesdays at 6 pm. Our women will be sharing in a special retreat in Lancaster, PA. There will an Open House and Easter Egg Hunt for our community on Palm Sunday. Holy Week will feature an Upper Room Communion Service and a Good Friday Tenebrae Service at AUMC. Why not fill your life with Jesus Christ and the days leading up to the greatest event in human history, the resurrection of Jesus?

*(pastor's message continues on page 2)*



### *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 March Newsletter is presented by Barb and Frank Cunane giving thanks for all of God's blessings, to their family and in honor of Barb's birthday.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- March 5 Men's Group 7 P.M. at Arcaini's
- March 13 Church Council 7:30 P.M. Conover Parlor
- March 16-18 Ladies' Spring Retreat
- March 18 Deadline for the April Newsletter—send to Marilyn Radley at [smradley@verizon.net](mailto:smradley@verizon.net)
- March 19 Trustees meeting
- March 25 Easter Egg Hunt 1-2:30 P.M.
- March 29 Holy Thursday Communion
- March 30 Good Friday Tenebrae Service
- April 1 Easter

### Weekly Meetings:

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

Wednesdays: Supper Club 6 PM  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30-9 P.M.

Fridays: The Link at 6:30 P.M.

Sunday after service: Handbell Rehearsal

### Altar flowers

One sponsor is needed for July 29 and November 11. Please contact the church office if you would like to be one of these sponsors.



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As we begin March together, we need to get out of the doldrums. Don't just sit home on a Sunday morning and pretend it's a blizzard outside (watch it snow in March!). Maybe you enjoy watching the NCAA basketball tournaments, but there's still time for church. Come out and help us with the Open House and Egg Hunt. Wednesday nights are more fun if you come and feast on the Word and Potluck! If you have appreciated our Holy Week services in the past, don't be among the missing when the doors open. Oh, yeah, and bring a friend. I plan to change my attitude and have a Christ-empowered March. How about you? It may seem like madness to some. Our bible passage may seem like Jesus had chosen a path of madness that would end on the cross. But the good news is coming April 1; there is resurrection. The only way to get to resurrection is to set your face to go to Jerusalem with Him. Let's begin our journey.

*Pastor Walt*

**Special Announcement!**

**AUMC is in need of a Vacation Bible School Director/Coordinator for 2018. If we are unable to fill this position, this important ministry is in danger of being discontinued. If the Lord has laid on your heart to step up, please see Pastor Walt.**

**Supper Club**

Supper club meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM. Our special Lenten edition is the study of the book of JUDE. You may be surprised by what you find in that tiny book! Bring a covered dish to share and enjoy good food, fellowship, study and worship.



**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.



**Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday March 25 1-2:30 PM.** Please contact Lori Ryan to help with crafts, snacks and treats. **We will need many dozens of filled eggs!**

Lori has also requested empty boxes.

**New Ministry**



Do you live alone? As your church family we care about you. We are beginning a program called Angels Unaware, wherein a church member would like to contact you each day, just to be sure you are okay and to see if you need anything. This is not meant to be an extended phone call; it's just a wellness check to make sure you are okay. **If you would like to be part of this ministry, either as a caller or as one who receives a call, please contact the church office or fill out the form below and return it to the church, either by mail or in the offering plate or in person at the office.** Thank you!

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I would like to take part in the ministry  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like **to call** one or two members each day to make sure they are well;  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like **to receive** a phone call from a church member each day

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BEST TIME TO CALL or MAKE A CALL:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Early morning      \_\_\_\_\_ Late morning  
\_\_\_\_\_ Early afternoon      \_\_\_\_\_ Late afternoon  
\_\_\_\_\_ Early evening

**Victorious Women - UMW**

**Annual Women's Retreat**

The Westmont-Audubon UMC 9<sup>th</sup> Annual **Ladies Spring Retreat**, "Jesus my Joy", is March 16-18, 2018. Final payment is due by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Ladies Day at America's Keswick May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Twenty-five ladies are already registered to hear Liz Curtis Higgs speak. Tickets may still be available. If you want to go, see Lyn Radley,



## Mission News by Bruce Krout

I came across two signs in Barrington that focused not only on congratulating the Philadelphia Eagles on winning the Super Bowl, but also specifically acknowledged Nick Foles. I quickly learned (thanks Bob Kondras) that Nick Foles lives in nearby Barrington. The wait is finally over for the Eagles to win it all. Every day I hear folks talking about this fairytale season. The excitement in our area is palpable. How wonderful was it to hear Doug Pederson (Moorestown, NJ resident) and Nick Foles give praise to God after their victory? There are a lot of Eagles players who are champions for Christ! They are excited and very willing to share their belief in Jesus. I recently came across an outstanding U-Tube 7-minute video entitled, "The Philadelphia Eagles Locker Room's Binding Force". Check it out for yourself and then consider sharing it with friends and family. Use the video to plant seeds in those Eagles fans you know who are weak or non-believers. You can be a champion for Christ!



The director of the Fellowship House has reached out to A.U.M.C. to help provide canned fruits and vegetables. They are collecting canned goods to put in Easter baskets for the needy families involved in their program of South Camden. You'll recall that we supported them this past Thanksgiving. Your support was greatly appreciated then. The canned goods collection will last through the month of March.

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### **Easter food basket list 2018:**

- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of green beans
- 1 bag of fresh potatoes
- 2 boxes of cornbread
- 2 cans of yams
- 2 boxes of macaroni & cheese
- 1 can of gravy
- 1 can of pineapples
- 1 box of sugar
- 1 box or bag of cookies
- 1 can of coffee
- 1 can of juice



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

## AUMC high school scholarship information is available in the Narthex.

### Have you heard about the LINK?

A new ministry devoted to our youth! Anyone in Upper Elementary through Junior High School is welcome.

**They meet Friday night at 6:30PM in our 3<sup>rd</sup> floor youth room.** Coleen M and William B are leading the group.



### Two interesting showings at local theaters

**"Connect" in theaters Feb. 27 and March 1.**

**Kirk Cameron**, a passionate advocate of marriages and families, has created what may be his most exciting and much-needed project to date, one that aims to enlighten and encourage parents in today's digitally driven environment.



In a social media-centered world, the smart phone has become a cultural rite of passage for kids. But is that rite all wrong? How can this generation of parents blaze a new trail to equip their kids to thrive in an ever-changing digital environment while steering clear of the dangers that lurk nearby? With six teenagers, Cameron fully understands this dilemma. So, he went to the experts, and what he learned will enlighten, challenge and equip parents.

### **"I Can Only Imagine" Opens March 16th**

The film follows the life of Mercy Me's lead singer, Bart Millard, and the trials that shaped him and his famous song. Millard became a Christian at a young age, but his life was not easy. He was abandoned by his mother at the age of eleven



and left alone with his abusive father. His active imagination and love of music served as an escape from the terrible reality that was his home life. As he aged, Millard took up football in the hope that he could somehow use the sport to connect with his father. Millard suffered a career-ending injury, however, and took refuge once more in music. A teacher of his saw the potential he was hiding, and gave Millard the push he needed to pursue his dream of becoming a musician.

## March Shut-in of the Month



Eleanor Tucker  
221 Hampshire Ave.  
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

## March Birthdays

- 1 Elaine Soulliard
- 5 Maggie Bouch
- 9 Barbara Cunane
- 10 Mia Reich
- 12 Kevin Fennimore
- 12 Tracy Schnyer
- 13 Rose Arcaini
- 15 William Betts
- 16 Becca Van Arnam
- 18 Tim Bouch
- 22 Laurie Bouch
- 23 Anne Simpson
- 23 Caroline Reich
- 23 Don Canning
- 24 Scott Ryan
- 29 Sam Arcaini



## March Communion Offering:

Camden Urban Ministry Initiative cooperative after school program

## Those assisting in our ministries for Feb.:

**Greeters:** Mary Ann Mazur and Bruce Krout

**Ushers:** Barb and Frank Cunane, Mark Van Arnam

**Liturgist:** Barbara Cunane

**Counters:** Alison and Don Cox

**Trustee to open/close church:** Don Cox

## 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     • Bill Z

## Prayer Card Requests

- World Gospel Mission ministries and the Crakers
- International Students ministries and the Mannons
- Campus Crusade CRU Alex Simson
- Pray for our new neighbor—Kid's Alley - now at Trinity Lutheran Church on WHP
- Our servicemen and women:  
Walter J IV- US Coast Guard, Jim G –Army National Guard, James S –US Army and 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
- Joan for recovery from knee replacement surgery
- Joe F healing from hand surgery
- Mike S recovering from neck surgery
- Laurie B knee surgery and recovery
- Tracy's mom with health issues
- Brother-in-law Bud with esophageal cancer
- Jen traveling to New Brunswick daily –Carol T
- Sandy A for her pain and mobility issues.
- Myrtle J asks for prayers

## 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 email : [audubonumc@verizon.net](mailto:audubonumc@verizon.net)  
Pastor's email : [aumcpastor@verizon.net](mailto:aumcpastor@verizon.net)

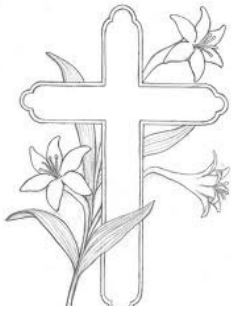
## Church Office Hours

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](http://audubonumc.com)



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## 2018 Easter Lilies



It's the season of spring, the season of rebirth, and most of all the Season of our Risen Lord and Savior. As always, part of our Easter celebration is the placement of Easter Lilies in the sanctuary. The price is \$8:50 per plant. Your order and payment will be due by Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday).

***NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE!***

*Enjoy your lilies year after year. When you take them home after Easter Sunday Services, plant them 6 inches deep. They come up every year and bloom several times throughout the summer.*

Please complete the following (Kindly PRINT):

Your Name	In Memory of:	In Honor of:

Total number plants \_\_\_\_ @ \$8.50 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send completed orders with payment to the church office.*

