

Audubon United Methodist Church

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October, 2018 Newsletter

Sunday Worship Opportunities:

9:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
9:00 A.M. Sunday School for adults
10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

From the Pastor:

IS THAT REALLY IN THE BIBLE?"

¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT

As a pastor I am often amazed at what people tell me the Bible says. I like to think I know the Bible pretty well...I've studied it daily since I accepted Christ as my Savior at age 16. I own most Bible translations available. I've studied it in Greek, Hebrew and German (and forgotten most of that). And still I hear things preached on TV and radio, asserted as fact on the street corner, and held as an article of faith by folks in churches that I've never read in the Good Book before. Here are just a few of the things I've heard over the years that I would like all of us to reconsider no matter how many times we've heard it.

GOD WANTS ME TO BE HAPPY. Chapter and verse, please! God did not say that anywhere in His Word. We want to be happy. We want our families to be happy. We want our friends to be happy. We even say folks have the right to the "pursuit of happiness." God doesn't say that. He does say he wants us to have **JOY**. "You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16: 11." I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!" John 15:11. The Bible talks about us having joy (different than happiness) in dozens of places. We are to have joy even in the midst of suffering and trouble! Our joy does not come from external things...it comes from a right relationship with God.

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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 October Newsletter is presented by the Fidelis Sunday School Class in memory of our members no longer with us.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Oct. 4 Ladies Bible Study led by Anne Simpson
- Oct. 9 Church Council 7:30 PM Conover Parlor
- Oct. 14 Victorious Women Luncheon Meeting
- Oct. 15 Trustees Meeting
- Oct. 20 Church Conference
- Oct. 21 Pumpkin Festival

Weekly Meetings:

Sundays: 9 A.M. Sunday School Classes-all ages
9:45 AM Children's choir
11:45 AM Bell Choir rehearsals

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

Wednesdays: 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir rehearsals

Fridays: 6:30 – 8 P.M. The Link

CUBS: 6:30 P.M. Bears Oct. 2, 16
7 P.M. Arrow of Light Oct 4, 17
7 P.M. Pack Meeting Oct 19

Church Conference Saturday, October 20

First Korean UMC Cherry Hill

1995 Marlton Pike East
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Pumpkin Festival October 21st 1-2:30 PM



An afternoon of Fun, Food and Pumpkins, pumpkins, pumpkins! Please watch the bulletin for help needed and sign up in the Narthex or call Lori Ryan.

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GOD WANTS TO PROSPER ME! Yeah, sort of like that song from Janis Joplin in the Sixties “Lord, Won’t You Buy Me a Mercedes Benz?” “But our God wants to give you what you want,” some insist. “It says so right here in the footnotes of my *Prosperity Bible*.” I don’t have that Bible. My Bible (every one of them I own, actually) promises to give me, not what I want, but *what I need*...¹⁹ “And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19 NLT. God blesses us in spiritual ways, sometimes even material ways, but we are not to keep the blessing for ourselves. We are to be good stewards of the things God has entrusted to us and use them for his glory. The Apostle Paul put it this way...¹¹ “Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have.”¹² I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.¹³ “For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:11-13 NLT.

GOD IS A LOVING GOD. HE UNDERSTANDS AND FORGIVES ME. So far, so good. This is true in and of itself. Unfortunately, I hear this quoted as more of an excuse than a testimony of God’s great forgiveness. Read John 8:1-11. It is one of the greatest stories of forgiveness in the Bible, usually called “The Woman at the Well.” When the religious leaders were ready to stone a woman for her sins, Jesus challenged the mob by saying “Whoever hasn’t sinned should throw the first stone.” Powerful stuff. Jesus asked the woman what happened to the crowd of accusers (they all had dropped their stones and melted away). No one was there to lay a charge against her. Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, *don’t sin anymore*.” That last line is where people stumble. I hear folks say they have confessed their sin to God, then they go right out and do it again. But God gives us victory over sin if we are willing to surrender our lives to him. The question is “have we surrendered, or are we merely retreating?”

IT WAS GOD’S WILL. Really? How do you know? Folks are all too quick to tell you something

was God’s will, but they haven’t even come close to the Mind of God. God can reveal his will for you, but we must follow the Bible’s instructions on how to discover it... “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 21:2 NLT. Knowing God’s will for your life requires us to have a change of heart, mind, and direction that can only come from a living, vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ.

So the next time someone tells you “God says...” check it out. It may be wishful thinking, an urban legend, or just plain wrong. If it squares with the Word of God, consider it good advice!

Pastor Walt


Help Wanted

Ruslana is looking for help in her daycare Wed, Thurs, and Fri. 11 AM -5 PM.

She also needs occasional help in her Tea Room in Haddonfield. Please call her if you are interested or would like to know more about these positions.



If you shop on smile.amazon.com

 select Audubon UMC, Amazon will donate .05% of your eligible purchases. www.smile.amazon.com is the same as shopping on www.amazon.com

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. See Linda Holonia



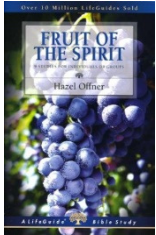
Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends Day

is back and once again we are participating. This year Boscov’s has designated **Tuesday, October 16th** as the day to help area non-profits raise funds. 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, (purchase your ticket through AUMC) and donors will have the opportunity to win fabulous prizes, while enjoying refreshments and entertainment. See

Linda Holonia throughout the store. See Linda Holonia or contact the church office.

Ladies Bible Study Thursday, October 4

Anne Simpson will be leading a 6 week ladies Bible study group on Fruits of the Spirit. It will meet Thursday evenings at 7 PM in the Conover Parlor.



Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. To be spiritually mature is to show the fruit of the Spirit of Christ in our lives. The New and Old Testament passages you will study highlighting each quality will help allow the Spirit's fruit to ripen

Victorious Women luncheon meeting

On **Sunday, Oct 14** all women are invited to a luncheon meeting. It's been a while since we've been together for fellowship, so join us following the 2nd service, 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. "Younger ladies" are always welcome.

Who Are the Victorious Women?

We are the local unit of United Methodist Women (UMW). All women of AUMC are encouraged to join Victorious Women. It's easy to become a member - just attend a meeting and check us out! We have several programs and events during the year including our wonderful Christmas Bazaar. Most of what we raise goes for AUMC and various mission projects.

The UMW-United Methodist Women-is an integral part of the United Methodist Church, authorized by the General Conference to organize units in local congregations. According to the **Book of Discipline**, which contains the principles of the United Methodist Church, "there shall be an organized unit of UMW in every local church." The UMW is an organization of lay women centered in relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and as a group, are focused on ministries with women, children and youth.

The UMW is rooted in mission and involved in mission programs locally and globally. We are an **INCLUSIVE** group; a community of women who nurture and encourage each other in spiritual growth and personal development. Our purpose is to know God, to develop a creative and supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in ministries of the church.

Mission News by Bruce Krout



Kids Alley was very appreciative of our school supply donation!

In the year 1900, the risk of being diagnosed with cancer was 1 in 30, in the year 1990, the risk was 1 in 4, and in the year 2000 the risk was 1 in 2. Few families today have not been impacted by this terrible disease. Our church and the Cancer Treatment Centers of America will be partnering in a monthly cancer support program for our community. This community support program will be called Cancer With Hope. The purpose of this ministry is to bring comfort and encouragement to individuals and their families fighting cancer. Training has begun to prepare "advocates" for this venture. The monthly program will share informative podcasts and offer guest speakers that discuss all facets of dealing with cancer. I'm excited to inform you that Taylor Whylings, an AUMC member and University of Pa. bone cancer nurse has stepped up to join in this endeavor. Her expertise and insights will be very helpful. The Cancer Treatment Center of America is a great organization at battling cancer, but in addition is very spiritually oriented. As one of their promos says... "We treat the whole person...body, mind and spirit." A spiritually oriented organization and information is perfect for all concerned. Please pray for wisdom for us in this new venture.

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

*****October is CROP Walk month...listen for details.*****



Repairs & Maintenance vs. Capital Improvements

As you may have noticed, certain envelopes have two lines pertaining to our buildings themselves titled Repairs & Maintenance and Capital Improvements. It would probably be quite beneficial to elaborate on the difference between the two.

Repairs and Maintenance refers to the regular upkeep work that the buildings require. Bear in mind that we own the church, the church office, the parsonage, associated garages and land. That naturally takes a great deal of resources to maintain. This account handles the non-permanent (*i.e.* repeatedly necessary over time) work that these facilities require. That could be everything from new light bulbs to small repairs and cleaning supplies. Fortunately, our members are very generous in giving for R&M and understand these vital needs. For those who use weekly envelopes, the green envelopes are dedicated to Repairs and Maintenance.

Capital Improvements refers to “permanent” work to the buildings and land. Permanent is a term used loosely, as these changes may not last through the Tribulation period following Christ’s return. But the term in this case describes an improvement lasting more than a few years (replacing a toilet for example). The new sound system and the work needed on the bell tower are examples of capital improvements. As there are no dedicated envelopes for Capital Improvements for those who use weekly envelopes, people may not be as aware of the acute need for funding in this area. There are certainly plenty of people who contribute, but the excessive costs involved make it worth mentioning that more funding will be needed in the near future. The good news is that these items last a very long time, so it is money well spent. I should also point out that we often set up dedicated accounts as we have for the sound system. We will also do the same for the bell tower..

As always, we are so grateful for the funding our members provide that enables us to continue the Lord’s work in this area. I hope I am able to provide a little more clarity in how our contributions are put to use.

Yours in Christ,
William

October 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.

October Birthdays

- 7 Edith Ward
- 9 Dorothy Groves
- 9 Darlene Fitzgerald
- 12 David Reich
- 13 Kaitlyn Ryan
- 13 Keira Ryan
- 16 Bill Simpson
- 23 Sarah Gibbons
- 24 Virginia Kitchmire



October Anniversaries

- 12 Lori and Scott Ryan
- 17 Barb and Frank Cunane
- 22 Peggy and Tracy Schnyer
- 24 Barbara and Tom Hertfelder



October Communion Offering:

United Methodist Communities (Homes)

Those assisting in our ministries for Oct:

Greeters: Janet Acker and Don Canning

Ushers: Lindsi and Dan Arcaini, Sam Arcaini, and Chris Fitzgerald

Liturgist:

Counters: Barbara Hertfelder, Sue Medoro, 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.
- 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)
- Ruslana’s father Karl
- Dr. K and wife Bernice

Our Friends with Special Needs

- Carol F
- Dan A.
- Doris K.
- Gwen E.
- Eleanor T.
- Joan W
- Edith W.
- Sandy A
- Marge W
- Gerry G.
- Bill R
- Peg and Don L

Prayer Card Requests

- World Gospel Mission ministries and the Crakers
- International Students ministries and the Mannons
- Campus Crusade CRU Alex Simspon
- 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
 - Kyle Ross – US Marines
- Peg and Don L. Peg has a concussion after a fall.
- Mom, Carol, having eye surgery -Tracy
- Melanie D for breast cancer
- Comfort for those who have lost loved ones recently - Scott
- My sister Marti having heart surgery -Helena
- Carol F for health concerns
- For those who pray for me -Carol F
- 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 living with her son Steven
- My granddaughter, Lily - Becky
- Joan receiving treatment
- Thanks for a new home. – Mary B
- Paris K
- Our daughter Julie and her husband are expecting a baby in March 2019 -Elaine
- The SPRC as they meet with the D.S. about a new Pastor
- Terry
- Joshua (Cindy’s nephew)
- Tiara K.
- Alexa

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: Maggie B, Lauren F, Emily W

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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