



Audubon United Methodist Church

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October 2020 Newsletter



Worship Opportunities:

9:00 A.M. Seekers Adult Sunday School in person and on Zoom

10:30 A.M. Service in person and streaming live on our Facebook page and YouTube

Please call the church office to reserve your place in a pew. We are limited to the number of people who can worship in the sanctuary at one time.

Comfort Food on Zoom 7:30 PM Wednesdays

Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Finance Committee 6:45 p.m.

Church Council 7:30 on Zoom

Tuesdays-Oct. 6, 20, 27 and Thursday Oct 15-

Virtual Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 PM on Zoom

Cancer with Hope – Monday October 26

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

PASSWORD: 849210

PHONE DIAL-IN: 646 558 8656 JOIN US!



Your prayer requests may be sent to the office, audubonumc@verizon.net, and will be shared with the church community via email.

The October Newsletter is in memory of those no longer with us in the Fidelis Class

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Audubon United Methodist Church encourages each individual to challenge ourselves to go beyond our comfort zone to reach out to others to gently nudge them to build personal relationships with God. Each Sunday we are introduced to new challenges we can do.



1. Reach out to one person to have fellowship and pray for/with the person.

2. Invite one person to our worship service either online or in person.

3. Meditate and Share Spiritual Food of the Week with others.

4. Sharing our own produced testimonial videos with friends and families via Facebook, Twitter, or text message, etc.

Lindsy Arcaini 's Outreach Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4F51XGqSjk&t=10s>

Sandy Albrecht's Outreach Video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8w_6X6Vpwc

Canon Of Praise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfOyoRULHP8>

Carol Fennimore's Outreach video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qw46y21s1C0>

May God abundantly bless you and keep you and yours in love! Your pastor, Jisun

Empowered by God - Responding by Grace

“Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking” (2 Cor. 8:7).

We are entering into our annual stewardship emphasis entitled, “Empowered by God — Responding by Grace.” During this time, we will consider how God has empowered us and how our response, by grace through faith, can be used by God, especially in the ministry here at Audubon United Methodist Church.

Just what does it mean to be empowered by God? The Lord Jesus said that His disciples would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them (Acts 1:8). That not only happened as He said it would, but we, too, receive God's power by His grace through our faith in Christ as the Holy Spirit takes up residence in us. As we experience God's power

through faith in Christ, our hearts respond. Our response begins with the realization that God owns everything. As Edwin Frizen stated, “. . . Scripture is full of evidence that all that we have comes from God.” God is our Source.

And what should be our response to God’s provision for us? According to 2 Corinthians 8:7, we respond by “faith,” implicitly trusting God to provide all that we need. We respond by “speech,” sharing the good news of the Gospel with others. We respond by “knowledge” through the study of God’s Word. We respond in “complete earnestness,” that is, through a demonstration of the sincerity of our love for the Lord. And we respond by excelling in the “grace of giving.”

As an example of what it means to give by grace, the Apostle Paul points to the Christians at Macedonia. These were poor people — dirt poor, poor as the proverbial church mice — who were commended by Paul for giving beyond their ability to give. How could they do that? The answer is found in 2 Corinthians 8:5 — “. . . they gave themselves first to the Lord.” Giving does not begin with the movement of the hand to the wallet, purse or pocketbook. Giving begins in the heart. This principle is still in operation today. As we give our time, talents and treasure to the Lord, we do so by God’s grace because we have already given our hearts to Him.

“Empowered by God — Responding by Grace.” That was true of the Macedonian Christians. May it also be true of us here at Audubon United Methodist Church.

Next month we will be asked to make our Faith Promise to support the work of Audubon United Methodist Church in 2021. We cannot do it without you!

Christian Education and Anne Simpson

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6



Kids outgrow everything except a good Biblical foundation. Please pray for our kids, teens, and

education program. We are looking for someone to co-teach our teens’ Sunday School class. Please contact Anne Simpson.

Volunteers Needed

We will continue streaming our worship online as well as worshipping in person.

- 1) We are looking for a few more volunteers who would be willing to edit the worship service after the Sunday worship service for posting on YouTube; and,
- 2) When we are in the sanctuary, assisting with either the camera or computer for livestreaming the service.



If you are interested, please contact the office.

Mission News by Bruce Krout

Real fast...Which state has the motto “The Land of 10,000 Lakes”? If you thought Minnesota, you would be correct. Another state with almost as many lakes is Florida. One of the mission organizations that we support is Jersey Cru- Metro and Alex Simpson-Aponte who was involved with sharing Christ at Stockton, Rowan, Kean, and Middlesex County Colleges.

You may recall that Alex preached to us during the transition period between Pastor Walt and Pastor Jisun. Things have changed a lot since then. Alex married fellow Cru member Joel Aponte and they are now working and studying at Cru headquarters located in Lake Nona, which is southeast of Orlando, FL. Both of them are involved in numerous Cru activities including digital ministry and personal skill development. Alex is, or will be, studying women’s leadership skill development and how to reach out cross culturally. She is also heavily involved with Cru on Facebook and Instagram both nationally and locally. Joel is involved with data research for Cru. Presently, one of his assignments is determining if Cru is reaching everyone demographically.

Remember when Cru was called Campus Crusade for Christ? This wonderful organization was originally founded in 1951 by Bill and Vonette Bright who began their ministry on the UCLA campus. Cru’s vision has always been to follow the Great Commission by reaching out to college students through evangelism and Bible study. This

God loving organization has created a great digital ministry for the world. Take some time to explore Cru.org to see the vast amount of information available that is focused not only on students (EveryStudent.com), but also athletes and military communities. Check out the 4-minute video on YouTube entitled “Falling Plates”.

It was great getting caught up with Alex. She is obviously “on fire” for the Lord. I love her energy. She asked many questions about our Church family and how we are coping with the pandemic. She is jealous, yet happy for us, that we are meeting physically and virtually. The churches in her area are newly planted ones that are mostly small groups that meet in area school settings. Don’t be surprised if she visits with us one Wednesday evening during our Comfort Food session.

To support Alex and Joel go to:
give.cru.org/0658906

*Sharing God’s word and love (food & shelter),
however we can, is our mission.*



We are collecting grocery bags; paper and plastic, for the Food Pantry. You will find a plastic container on the side porch to deposit your bags. Any questions, please contact Elaine Soulliard at 609 280 4792

Cancer with Hope

Are you living with a cancer diagnosis? Our heart is to serve, comfort and encourage men, women and families fighting cancer with practical support and spiritual care. If you or someone you care about is impacted by cancer, let us be your partner in your fight! Join our Journey of Hope Cancer Care Ministry October 26 via Zoom For more information, please contact Bruce Krout.



VICTORIOUS WOMEN



Look for the announcement of a Zoom meeting for November!
It will be great to just talk!

More College Graduates 2020

Tyler Stanley - Rowan
Emily Whiteley - Camden County College

From the Crakers



A Reflection I would like to share with you.

Psalm 33 begins: *Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him.*

I am reminded that our hope and our assurance is not in our own strength, but in our heavenly Father’s strength. We can’t accomplish much without the Lord regardless of our training, our energy or our resources. On the same line, our fears, insecurities, and weaknesses are insignificant when compared to our wise, powerful Heavenly Father who calls us to do hard things in His name. One of those hard things for me was returning to the States. Yet, we can wait on Him because He is our shield, is steadfast and is so trustworthy. Throughout history, the Lord's promises and faithfulness are prevalent all through the pages of scripture. Therefore we can look up without hesitation and know that He is faithful and present even in our todays. Psalm 33 reminds me that when (not IF) we are surrounded by things that could so easily steal our hope and our joy, we can still trust in the Lord because He has proven again and again to be our rescue (v. 18-20).

Upon returning to the States, all of my insecurities about the unknowns of living in the States after so many years was a bit overwhelming. It was like experiencing reverse culture shock. But again, I remind myself of His character, His promises and His love over me, and I can be comforted in that truth because He is the Strong One, and I am not. What a great God we serve and worship.

As I was reflecting on Psalm 33, I thought I would share a few of my thoughts with you. I also wanted to use this opportunity to “retry” this contact software called *mailchimp* and see if I have everyone’s correct email address. We appreciate you so much! We praise the Father for His faithfulness and grace. I pray that we all can be certain of His promises and that we can be used as His vessels wherever we are.

Blessings to you, Michelle (for Denny too)

CHURCH FINANCES

Thank you to all of our faithful givers. Your gifts, in addition to the small loan received from the Small Business Association (through the Payroll Protection Plan), has enabled us to keep up with our bills.

The Finance Committee has begun work on our budget for 2021 and it is a challenge to forecast what our income will be in 2021 so that we can budget for our expenses. This year, we had to cancel Sunday School, the Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, and Pumpkin Festival, not because of the finances, but due to Covid 19. Although the Live Nativity may not happen this year, we want to provide all of these programs next year for our community and for us. Hopefully we will also be able to make necessary repairs and improvements to the church properties and not put them off any longer than necessary. We also want to be able to forge ahead with Vision 2020 plans.

Some of you may have been affected economically by the pandemic and are wondering the same things. How much more can I put on a credit card and still be able to pay it off? Will we be able to take a vacation next year? The questions go on and on.

Please pray for wisdom for the church officers even as we are praying for you!

 On September 17, Audubon United Methodist Church received a new donation of \$76.09. AmazonSmile's impact to date for Audubon United Methodist Church: \$449.76.

Thanks for supporting Audubon United Methodist Church and continuing to generate donations.



Bosco's Friends Helping Friends is back in a slightly different form. There are no passes to purchase. Shop in person or

online on **October 14th or 15th from 9:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m.** At the time of your purchase designate Audubon UMC as your non-profit organization. The church will receive 5% of your purchase and you will receive 20% off the lowest price of most of your purchases. There are some exclusions. Don't forget to tell your family and

friends about the sale and ask them to designate AUMC as their non-profit organization of choice.

The September/October Upper Room is still available in the folder on the church house porch. If it is raining, the folder will be between the screen door and the front door.



October Shut-in of the Month



Joan Jones
27 N. Oak Ave.
Mt. Ephraim, NJ 08059

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

October Communion Offering

United Methodist Communities

October Birthdays

- 9 Dorothy Groves
- 9 Darlene Fitzgerald
- 11 Paul Acker
- 12 David Reich
- 13 Cheryl Laxton
- 13 Kaitlyn Ryan
- 13 Keira Ryan
- 16 Bill Simpson
- 23 Sarah Gibbons
- 24 Virginia Kitchmire



October Anniversaries

- 4 Allison and Don Cox
- 12 Lori and Scott Ryan
- 17 Barbara and Frank Cunane -50th
- 22 Peggy and Tracy Schnyer



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
- Rosemarie
- Ef D
- Susan H
- Ron & Samantha F.
- Carol F
- Miles J
- Youngsoon Choi

- Charlie W and family
- 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
- Kevin F
- Becca V
- Colin R
- Emily W

Prayer Card Requests

- World Gospel Mission ministries and the Crakers
- International Students ministries and the Mannons
- Campus Crusade CRU Alex Simpson-Aponte
- Our servicemen and women:
Walter J IV- US Coast Guard; Jim G – NJ Army National Guard; James S. 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 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.
- Pray for the McCullough family. June, wife of our former pastor, passed away Sept. 11
- Pray for Barbara H
- My cousin, Pat with challenging health issues
- Praise for answered prayers for our friends Tom and Mark. Both had successful cancer surgeries.
- Pray for our friend Stan still undergoing treatment for Pancreatic Cancer
- Prayers for Dorothy and David Groves
- Pray for our students in school either virtually or in person.
- Pray for Tracy’s older sister, Melanie for healing

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 area.
- Please pray for Pastor Jisun; for good health, strength, protection, and guidance.
- Please pray that others will see Jesus’ spirit in 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.

Altar Flowers The following people designated their altar flower payments to be used for the technology needed to live stream our worship services while the church was closed due to the pandemic. We are so thankful to them.

DATE	SPONSOR	DEDICATION
March 29	Bill & Elaine Soulliard	In loving memory of Diane and Leonard
March 29	Bill and Anne Simpson	In loving memory of Ethel Simpson
April 5	Muriel McCoy	In loving memory of Mery Stranieri
April 19	Frank and Barbara Cunane	In loving memory of Sgt. Max Nimphie & Tim Mahoney
April 19	Bill and Anne Simpson	In loving memory of loved ones
April 26	George & Estelle MacCulloch	In loving memory of Sarah Garcia & Rose MacCulloch
May 3	Emma Wine	In loving memory of Mother & Dad’s anniversary
May 10	Don & Peg Lauk	In loving memory of Irma Lauk and Marion Lynch
May 10	Lyn and Scott Radley	In loving memory of Francis Radley
May 17	Joan Windston	In loving memory of Owen Windston
May 17	Bill and Anne Simpson	In honor of their anniversary
May 24	Joan Windston	In loving memory of Audrey Shriver
May 31	Bill & Anne Simpson	In loving memory of James & Ethel Simpsons’ anniversary
June 7	Bob & Anita Fonash	In honor of their daughters, Tracy & Amy’s birthdays
June 14	Jack & Ef Deal	In honor of their anniversary
June 21	Mary Tharan	In loving memory of her father, Elmer Tharan

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June 28	Frank & Barbara Cunane	In loving memory of William H. & Elizabeth Cunane, George and Pete Cunane and Billy
July 5	Bill & Anne Simpson	In loving memory of James Simpson
July 12	Frank & Barbara Cunane	In honor of their grandchildren
July 19	Carol Fennimore	In loving memory of Ron Fennimore, Sr. on his birthday
July 19	Bob & Barbara Kondras	In loving memory of Anna Bishop
July 26	Peg Lauk	In honor of Don's birthday
August 2	Bob & Barbara Kondras	In loving memory of Margaret & Peter Kondras
August 2	Cindy Burrough	In loving memory of Paul Weise
August 9	Dorothy Groves	In loving memory of George W. Groves, III
August 9	Tracy Schnyer	In honor of Peg Schnyer
August 16	Mary Bundick	In loving memory of James Tolliver and Elmer Madara
August 23	Fidelis Class	In loving memory of departed members
August 23	Bill & Anne Simpson	In loving memory of Margaret Mar Sturgis
August 30	Peg Cheney	In loving memory of Rev. & Mrs. Clarence B. Conover
August 30	Susan Medoro	In loving memory of Dorothy James

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

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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.

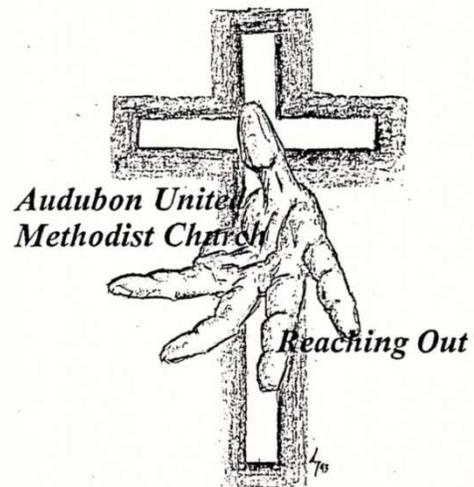
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Check out our website: audubonumc.com



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Vision 2020



**Sunday, October 18th
@ 1:00 P.M.**

Starting at Logan Memorial Presbyterian and winding 3 miles through Audubon and

Haddon Heights. Maps will be available. To set up a walker profile or donate online, go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/haddonheightsnj>