



Audubon United Methodist Church

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February, 2019 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: "Perseverance"

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

Many of us watched in amazement as the Philadelphia Eagles and the Chicago Bears were down to the last few seconds of their playoff game. Chicago was in field goal range and had the opportunity to win the game with an easy kick. Bears place kicker Cody Parkey booted a perfect shot through the uprights...but wait, the Birds had called time out. In a few moments Parkey once again kicked only to have the ball slightly deflected by an Eagle player. Doink! Doink! The football hit the upright **and** the crossbeam. Eagles win!

And then the Saints came marching in. The first quarter of the game had some of us thinking the Eagles miracle would continue under Saint Nick. But then the Eagles lost momentum after a fake punt by New Orleans. In the waning moments of the playoff game Nick Foles marched the Birds down the field. He lofted a pass to star receiver Alshon Jeffrey only to see the ball pass through his hands into the clutches of a Saints defender. Interception! It was all over.

I write this not because I am a huge football fan (baseball is actually my favorite sport). But both these NFL playoff games showed me something we believers need to remember... How we handle defeat says a lot about our character and our faith. When Cody Parkey's kick hit the upright, he was sad, probably devastated, and yet in a matter of minutes he was on the field joining his fellow players from Chicago and Philadelphia for prayer (Parkey is a Christian). When the press began to savage Parkey, who stood up for him? His brothers (*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 February Newsletter is sponsored by Joan Windston in honor of the United Methodist Women-Victorious Women

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Feb. 10 Scout Sunday
- Feb. 12 Church Council 7:30 PM Conover Parlor
- Feb. 13 Deadline for February Newsletter—*send to Marilyn Radley at smradley@verizon.net*
- Feb. 18 Trustees meeting

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 PM
- 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.

Ushers needed...Men and Women to serve as ushers. Could you spare a few minutes before the traditional worship each Sunday for 4 month of the year (not consecutive)? Please contact the church office or **Chris Fitzgerald** if you are interested.

Greeters needed We are looking for a few friendly faces to serve as greeters for about 15 minutes before the 10:30 AM service during the months of March, July and December. See Barbara Cunane or contact the office.

The AUMC scholarship applications are now available at the AHS Student Personnel Office. The church awards a \$1000 scholarship annually to a graduating senior at AHS. The kids should be on the lookout for it and submit an application if they are pursuing any form of higher education.
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in Christ on the Eagles! Saint Nick made a beautiful pass to Alshon Jeffrey and no one is more disappointed that his failure to catch it resulted in an interception than he is. But in his postgame interview Jeffrey said, “Hey, I wanted this just as bad as them guys, things like that happen. It happens to the best of us. We’ll move on. It hurts right now, but I guarantee we’ll be back next year for sure.” Well said!

I can’t tell you why the Eagles won a game on a fluke double doink and why they lost a game on a missed catch. I’m sure the players involved, great players, men of faith, can’t quite understand it. But they will trust the Lord to guide them whatever happens and “He will make their paths straight.”

The next time you fail at something or win at something, for that matter, don’t try to figure it out yourself. Chances are you’ll get it wrong. Just submit to the Lord, trust Him, and He will get you to the goal line as only He can. *“we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us,” Romans 8:37.*

Pastor Walt

Mission News by Bruce Krout

Since 1963, the U.S. President has proclaimed February as “American Heart Month”. What I will share is not about the physical heart, but the spiritual heart exhibited by two young ladies. If you attended the Church service on Sunday December 31st, you heard a number of heartfelt Christmas stories. The one that stood out was shared by Mia Reich.

Mia’s eleven-year-old daughter Clara had already given Mom her Santa wish-list after Thanksgiving. However, Clara had a change of heart. She said she “felt blessed and didn’t really need anything.” Clara said she wanted to help others instead. Her twelve-year-old sister Caroline, quickly chimed in that there is a lot that we can do. Caroline suggested doing a collection of toiletries and winter outerwear and donating the items to H.O.P.E.’s Hands run by a family friend, Dean Walton. As a recreational therapist of a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program, Walton recognized that many of the clients were without basic necessities when they left the program to restart their lives. So, he started H.O.P.E.’s (Helping Other People Emerge) Hands to fill that need. The girls thought they could not only ask their friends and relatives to donate to this worthy cause, but they would pass out over 100 fliers in their neighborhood.



Clara (l.) and Caroline showing fliers amongst the donations from their drive.

(Photo provided by proud Mom.)

On the Saturday before Christmas the Reich family drove around collecting toiletries, coats, hoodies, and gloves from the neighboring homes. The Reich van was filled by the time they collected all of the pickups. After dropping off the donated items to Walton’s home, Clara said glowingly, “This is exactly what I wanted”.

I wanted to highlight this humanitarian work that Clara and Caroline completed. For youngsters of their age to be looking to selflessly serve others is remarkable! It was absolutely a spirit-filled Christmas for the Reich family. I know the parents are rightfully proud of their girls and their “big hearts”, and as a Church family, we are too!

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

Cancer With Hope Support Group

A new ministry is blooming at AUMC. Bruce Krout is leading the new cancer support group. The purpose of the group is to offer community and church members cancer education and to give emotional support. Spiritual support and real hope will be offered and given if the participant allows. The inaugural meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 31 at 7 PM in the Hoffman Room. Carol F. and Taylor W. are also part of the team. We are thankful to Shop-Rite Lawnside, who will donate healthy snacks (veggie tray, water and yogurt) and for sending their on-site nutritionist to the first meeting. Please spread the word to friends, neighbors and family who might benefit. All are welcome.

Scout Sunday, February 10th



The Scouts will be participating in the 10:30 AM service. All Scouts will be recognized on that day. Join us for refreshments after the service in the Hoffman Room.

Please make sure to greet our scouts and their families that day!

February Shut-in of the Month



Gale Lore
1323 Keswick Avenue
Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

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

Ladies Day at America's Keswick May 8th

9AM -3 PM Cost: \$22 for group and includes 3 sessions with Carol Kent and a gourmet box lunch.

"What makes my heart sing?" asks Carol. "Speaking to groups looking for messages that include humor and hope that speak to today's challenges by pointing to God's Word." She says, "I think women need to laugh because life is challenging, but I also think they want to go deeper



into God's Word and find out how to live in the middle of relationship struggles, difficult choices, and hidden fears. Women are longing for authenticity and practical strategies for living out their faith.

If you are interested, please see Lyn Radley.

Help Needed

Mary Bundick needs to find new housing soon. If you know someone who might be renting an apartment, even a room, please let the church office know so we can assist Mary in her search to find a new home.

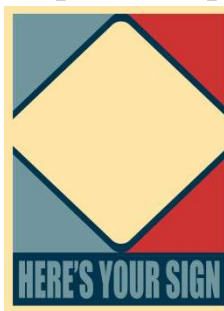


No need to write your check for Church in the new year! Electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Simply complete and return the electronic giving authorization form to get started which can be found in the narthex.

You can designate your offering to any of the following funds and you can choose the weekly, semi-monthly or monthly options.

Tithes & Offerings	Repairs and Maintenance
Advent Offering	Christmas Offering
Lenten Offering	Easter Offering
Thanksgiving Offering	United Methodist Women
AUMC Walker/Bowen/Betts Scholarship Funds	

Important update on lawn signs



Anyone who has an activity in the church that needs to be promoted with signs will be responsible for seeing that the signs are placed, either on the church grounds or the lawn signs that are placed around town. If the chairperson is not able to place the signs, he or she will

need to find someone who is willing to do so. Same goes for taking the signs down and putting them away. They might also want to check the signs we already have well before the date of the activity, as many of the signs we have are showing a lot of wear and tear and may need to be replaced. Signs are updated with dates and/or replaced through Bantle's Signs and Banners, now located in Bellmawr.

February Birthdays

- 5 Barbara Hertfelder
- 6 Alexa Campling
- 6 Chris Stanley
- 18 Christian Reich
- 19 George MacCulloch
- 23 Lori Ryan
- 25 Christy Schnyer



February Anniversaries

- 7 Cheryl and Bill Laxton

February Communion Offering:

Ranch Hope

Those assisting in our ministries for Feb.:

Greeters: Peg and George Keel

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

Liturgist: William Betts

Counters: Darlene and Chris Fitzgerald and Jean Whitely

Trustee to open and close church:

David Reich

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
- Marti W • Carol F

Our Friends with Special Needs

- Carol F • Dan A. • Doris K.
- Gwen E. • Joan W • Bill R
- Sandy A • Marge W • Gerry G.
- Cass Kyler • Peg K • Peg and Don L

College Students to keep in your prayers :

- Holly F • Tyler S • Emily W
- Christian R • Becca V • Ashley S
- Jake V • Kevin F
- Chris S (Seminary) • Christy S (law school)

Prayer Card Requests

- 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- US Coast Guard, Jim G – NJ
Army National Guard, James St -US Army and
Madison S US Army, Matt US Army in Europe
- George and Estelle for health issues
- Carol T and family on loss of sister-in-law Rene
- A miracle for husband Tom with cancer and cirrhosis and needs a transplant; for his Salvation.
–Barbara
- Please remember to pray for our church, the bishop, district superintendent and cabinet as they appoint our new pastor for July 2019.

- Lindsy asks for prayers for a viable cancer treatment for her dad, one that makes him comfortable. Most of all pray for his salvation
- Continued prayers for Joan as she recovers from knee replacement surgery
- Tracy asks for prayers for Peg and persistent cold
- Peg B asks for prayers for their daughter Jen, who has some health issues that require some surgeries.
- Dorothy offers praise as Dr. K. and his wife, Bernie who has had a successful kidney transplant
- Peg K asks for prayers for Pam
- Diane S. Please pray for my friend Carolyn's 2 great grandchildren
- Bob F upcoming knee replacement surgery

Prayers for our church

- Please pray for our church leaders as they make important decisions this winter and spring regarding appointments and for unity concerning the direction of the United Methodist Church.
- Please pray that AUMC will continue to grow in spirit and be seen as a beacon in the neighborhood.
- Please pray for Pastor Walt; for good health, strength, protection, and guidance.
- Please pray that others will see Jesus' spirit flowing from 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 our church.
- Pray that we can attract more families and others in the area who aren't attending church elsewhere.
- Pray that our members can experience unity that comes from the Spirit.

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, 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



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