



Audubon United Methodist Church

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November 2020 Newsletter



Worship Opportunities:

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

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.

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

Wednesdays-Comfort Food on Zoom 7:30 PM

Sunday Nov. 1 All Saints Day

Recognizing our long-time members

Recognizing the Saints who have passed on to glory.

Sunday, Nov. 8 – Recognition of Veterans

Tuesday, Nov. 10 Church Council 7:30 on Zoom

Tuesdays - Nov. 3, 17, 24 and Thursday Nov. 12-

Virtual Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 PM on Zoom

Monday November 23 - Cancer with Hope

ZOOM MEETING ID: 732-520-3940

PASSWORD: audubon

PHONE DIAL-IN: 646 558 8656 JOIN US!

The November Newsletter is sponsored by Mark VanArnam.

Volunteers Needed

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

We are looking for volunteers to assist with either the camera or computer for livestreaming the service from the sanctuary. If you are interested, please contact the office.



Daylight Savings ends Sunday, November 1st. Set your clocks BACK one hour on Saturday night.

“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. God is our Source. God is the Creator and Sustainer of life. God is the Provider of all that we have, whether it be life itself, the air we breathe, water which sustains us, or financial resources through which we obtain the necessities of life. 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.

Christian Education and Anne Simpson

Our Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m. will be in person and live streamed. As in the past, it will focus on children's involvement.

The Christian Education Team would like all children to be involved either in person or at home. We will have bags with a Nativity craft and a candle in the pews or we will deliver them to your home.



Please email your address to the church secretary if you intend to be online or register for in person worship no later than Dec. 10th.

The November/December Upper Room is 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.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Join us via Zoom (Meeting ID is: 720 700 6812) Passcode is: Logan (capital L) on **Tuesday, November 24th at 7:30 P.M.** The question is: “What are you thankful for?” Send your response to the church office to be included in the service.



Streaming on AUMC Facebook and YouTube sites.

Gift cards Program

Order cards for your gift giving or personal needs and AUMC receives a portion of your purchase. Your cards are delivered to you within the week that the order is placed. Email the office for a list of stores and order forms.



Recognizing our Veterans Nov. 8th

Don Cox -	U.S. Air Force
Don Canning	101 st Airborne U.S. Army Rangers
Frank Cunane	82 nd Airborne US Army
David James	82 nd Airborne, U.S. Army
Bill Dameshek	U.S. Army
Bob Fonash	U.S. Army
Jason Holonia	U.S. Army
Donald Lauk, Sr.	U.S. Army
Tracy A. Schnyer	U.S. Army
Samuel A. Tait	U.S. Army
Bill Laxton	U.S. Army
Chris Fitzgerald	U.S. Marines
Pat Mace	U.S. Marines
Don Reiter	U.S. Coast Guard
Barry Zane	U.S. Coast Guard
Jim Barrett	U.S. Navy
George MacCulloch	U.S. Navy

Thank you for your service!

Recognition of our long-time members

Barbara Kondras	65 Years
Dorothy Groves	63 Years
Virginia Kitchmire	63 Years
Janet Acker	63 Years
Peg Cheney	62 Years
Lois Reiter	60 Years
Marilyn Radley	60 Years
Mary Tharan	60 Years
Bill Simpson	60 Years
Robert Kondras	58 Years
Bea Fisher	58 Years
Barbara Nachtrieb	55 Years
David James	55 Years
Jack Deal	54 Years
Bill Rittmayer	53 Years
Susan Medoro	51 Years

We give thanks to God always for you
I Thessalonians 1:2

Mission News by Bruce Krout

This will be the third year we have donated foodstuffs to the Camden Urban Ministry Initiative (CUMI) during Thanksgiving. CUMI is made up of five Camden churches which includes Parkside, Asbury, Ferry Ave., Bethel and New Beginnings UMC. These five Methodist churches formed this United Methodist group in the year 2000 to bring the youth of Camden together to connect with their peers and with God.

If you would like to show your love toward our Camden neighbors, please bring potatoes, carrots, and frozen turkeys the Sunday before Thanksgiving on **Nov. 22nd**.

If you don't have time to shop, a monetary donation can also be given to me or placed in the Church office mailbox. This money will be used to purchase bulk fruit & vegetables from Verchio's Produce Market in Brooklawn. We will be delivering the foodstuffs to Parkside UMC.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in," Matthew 25:35

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



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 November 23 via Zoom. For more information, please contact Bruce Krout.



Blessing Tree




Things will be a bit different this year. No tree to pick names from. The list will be electronic for you to view. Look for an email from the office then notify the office of the person(s) you choose

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.

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

We traditionally make our Faith Promise pledge in November on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Please read again, Pastor Jisun's message on the first page as you pray for God to empower you and how you will respond by grace/

If you shop on Amazon, make sure you use Amazon  Smile and designate Audubon United Methodist Church. We receive a donation for every purchase.

Christmas Eve Services



In person worship and streaming on Facebook and YouTube

4 P.M. Children and Family

8 P.M. Traditional Candlelight

Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!

November Shut-in of the Month



Pat Mace
117 Virginia Ave.
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

November Communion Offering

Urban Ministries

November Birthdays

- 4 Coleen Makuszewski
- 6 Ef Deal
- 10 Frank Montesano
- 11 Francis Makuszewski
- 17 Rebekah Forker
- 20 Jim Goslin
- 20 Gwen Evans
- 24 Karen Holloway
- 25 Richard Burrough
- 28 Megan Ryan
- 29 Jason Holonia



November Anniversaries

6 Barb and Bob Kondras

29 Lyn and Scott Radley



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
- Holly F
- 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
- Dee G

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. --US Army
- 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.
- Mike S recovering at home from surgery.
- Roger recovering from an accident
- Ashley S recovering from surgery.
- Joe with multiple health issues
- Pray for our friend Stan still undergoing treatment for Pancreatic Cancer

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.

Our pictorial directories are here!!

Remember when life was normal, and you had your photos taken way back in February? The directories are now available for you to pick up in the church office during office hours. Please call ahead to let Linda know you are coming, and she will have the directory waiting for you in the hallway so there will be no worry about personal contact.

UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery

If you would like to help with the disaster response to the hurricanes and fires out West, designate UMCOR on your check.

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

Church Office email : audubonumc@verizon.net

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.

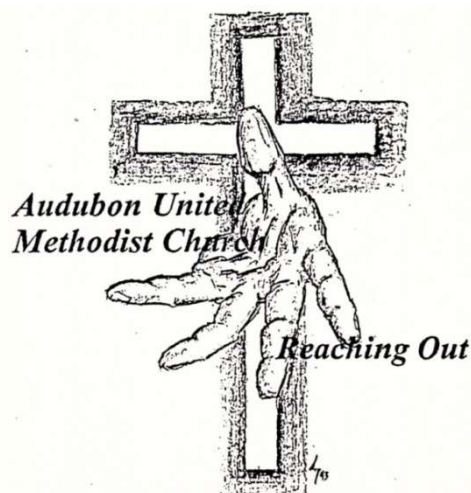
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Check out our website: audubonumc.com



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Vision 2020



Writing Acts 29

Lindsi 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 Video

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

Carol Fennimore's Outreach Video

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

Helena Woodward's Outreach Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5cxCgMqZVu8>



CONFERENCE FUNDS

MIRACLES EVERYWHERE-COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

The COVID-19 Relief Fund will provide urgent relief to:

- Individuals who have lost jobs, for their groceries and utilities

- Local churches and Hope Centers to meet their communities' needs with food pantries and soup kitchens, senior care, and other frontline outreach

- Innovative new missions and ministries that emerge to help our neighbors and neighborhoods recover from this terrible virus. The applications for individual aid, church/Hope Center grants, and new mission grants will be available on the GNJ website by the end of May. Funding distribution will begin immediately thereafter and continue on a rolling basis.

A FUTURE WITH HOPE

<https://www.gnjumc.org/afwh/a-future-with-hope-news/>

The team funnels information to GNJ leadership which helps inform our calls to action on the COVID-19 Resources pages. As the situation unfolds, A Future With Hope will advise on the best ways for churches to engage in relief and recovery.

Food Collection and Distribution

Food insecurity is emerging as a critical issue during this time. A Future With Hope is coordinating with GNJ congregations on guidelines for food pantries and other collection and distribution.

Employment Help from the Neighborhood Center

AFWH's Hope Center, The Neighborhood Center in Camden is ready to help with the introduction of career support groups.

Our Vision

Hope emerges where residents, businesses, organizations, government, and institutions work together to heal communities.