



Audubon United Methodist Church

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September 2020 Newsletter

Worship Opportunities:

Worship in person, beginning Sunday
September 6th!

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 note you MUST 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.

7:30 PM Wednesdays- *Comfort Food* on Zoom

Tuesday, Sept. 8 - Church Council 7:30 on Zoom

Sunday, Sept. 13 Grandparents Day –if you
don't have one, perhaps you could adopt one
from our church! Send a card or a note of
cheer!

Tuesday, Sept. 15 - Virtual Choir Rehearsal at
7:30 PM on Zoom

Monday Sept. 28 Cancer with Hope

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

PASSWORD: 849210

PHONE DIAL-IN: 646 558 8656 JOIN US!

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parents, Marion and Fred Kreckmann and
Alfretta and Francis Radley

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear friends, greetings in the precious name of
our risen Lord.

I faithfully pray for you each day and hope for your
wellbeing and safety.

It's been tough for us to live with these unusual daily
challenges caused by COVID-19. Please, feel free to
contact me at any time if you find yourself in need of

some spiritual and emotional support. I am here for
you.

One of the very good and statistically proven ways to
positively cope and to sublimate the challenges to
feeling blessed, is to move away from your usual
routines and do some meaningful things.

Audubon's Vision 2020 team is on board to help
each of us find ways to participate in the ministry of
God, and to bring the Kingdom of God into our midst
during this uncertain and isolated time. Our efforts
to write a new chapter in the Book of Acts, Acts 29,
certainly is an important part of it.

- We will reach out to the nearby community
by sending postcards to introduce our heart
and very existence.
- We will find an *Outreach of The Week* for us
to participate individually.
- We will support the local Food Pantry by
donating needed goods as well as our labor.
- We will create short testimonial videos of our
own with the hope that someone may hear it
with their open hearts. Watch this one:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4F51XGqSjk>

By doing all of these, if we can help to transform one
soul in God, it will be worth our efforts. These are
only a part of the chapter. You will hear more and we
also welcome your input.

In order for us to be able to sincerely do all these, we
also need to prepare ourselves. If we do not feel the
presence of the Holy Spirit in our own life, it will not
be easy for us to naturally share the love of God with
others. Starting in September, you will receive
weekly devotions from me. A very short devotion
to carry us through the week. I also challenge you to
find a moment to spend time in prayer daily. This
will bring the miraculous spiritual strength for you.
Trust me.

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If you do not know how to pray, just recite the Lord's Prayer as sincerely as possible and speak the

names you want to pray for, again, as sincerely as possible. Do not forget to pray for yourself. If you do not know how to pray for yourself, then, just say, "Have mercy on me, Lord."

You may already have your own way of praying to God and a daily devotion. Please, continue with what you are doing. No need to change it to the new suggestion. But if you have not yet developed a certain way, I hope that you will start this journey with me starting in September.

We are in this journey of writing a new chapter together. Wouldn't it be nice if we can say before God, at the last day of our outing to this world, that I have saved one soul?

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

Beginning September 6th, we will open the church doors for in-person worship!!!

We will continue to meet weekly at that time, unless circumstances with the virus cause the governor to change the guidelines allowing us to do so. Again, you will be asked to RSVP your attendance at worship by Wednesday of the week prior to the service. You may RSVP by calling the church office or by using the form on the church website, www.audubonumc.com. Our goal is to do our best to keep everyone safe during this trying time. In the meantime, please continue to join us on Facebook or YouTube for worship each Sunday at 10:20 a.m. Invite your family and friends to join us as well! What could be simpler than attending church in the comfort of your own home over your morning coffee!!

We will have a time of Blessing of the Children during our worship service on September 6th, before they return to school.



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

Christian Education and Anne Simpson

Dear Parents,

To say 2020 is a difficult time is an understatement.

The teachers of your children's classes and I miss seeing their smiling faces and the teens sleepy nods. We want to have the safest environment for them to come back to class in person, but we are going to wait to see if the Audubon public schools are successful with in-person learning first.

In the meantime, encourage your children to listen to Chats with Children during on-line service. I will be talking about anxiety, jealousy and forgiveness. Stories about Joseph, Moses and Abraham will be included too. Please use these chats as a starting point for discussions around the dinner table.



I have coloring pages and word puzzles

available related to these topics. I can mail or e-mail material to you just please let me know @ anne9bay@gmail.com or 856-428-9039

After you and your family have settled into a September routine, look for a survey coming from me near the end of the month. I would like your input into the returning process for our children.

God is with us always

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 would be interested please contact the office.

Annual Conference will be held virtually October 5 & 6.

UMW -- VICTORIOUS WOMEN

Where has the time gone? The last six months have been a challenge in so many different ways. The corona virus has certainly changed the way we gather. One thing is for sure, we all look forward to gathering together again in person. I miss seeing you all.

The UMW is a vital part of our congregation and women's ministry. By now, we would be planning a Fall Ladies Luncheon gathering, and would be getting organized for the Christmas Bazaar that we had planned for November 21st. That one event provides us the funds to support so many mission projects. At this time, we obviously will not be able to consider having the Christmas Bazaar as we usually do. We will need to come up with an alternate way to achieve our goals.

So Ladies, until we get the go ahead for events like this, we will need to get our thinking hats on and get creative.

Praying to see the light at the end of the tunnel soon.
Hugs and kisses. Cheryl



Mission News by Bruce Krout

Thank you, thank you, thank youuuuuuuu for your school supply donations to Kids Alley!



I spoke with Brenda Hallahan, the director of Kids Alley, a couple of weeks ago. You remember that she preached to us one Sunday morning in July 2019. I asked how they coped during this past Spring with the Covid-19 restrictions. Kathy Foley and the teaching staff reached out to many of their families to help with tutoring through Zoom. Seven of the children were even given Chromebooks so they could continue their schoolwork at home.

Kids Alley benefitted by their recent move to a more spacious facility on Rt. 130 and Terrace Ave. in Pennsauken. Brenda gave thanks to God for having such a large building, as He can see the future. They were able to offer their annual summer camp in their building on a limited basis. They usually have 50 participants during camp. This year they followed the CDC policy and were able to offer a 2-day program to 40 kids. Twenty kids met on Monday/Tuesday while the other twenty met on Thursday/Friday during July. Wednesday was cleaning day to prevent spreading germs. Thankfully, none of the kids picked up the Covid-19 virus during camp.

Brenda shared with me how “super happy” the children were to have summer camp. One of the appreciative kids, who comes from a single parent family, said “Miss Brenda thanks for camp”. Many of the other kids hearing that sentiment chimed in with thankful comments as well.

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

We have partnered with the Food Pantry at Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Collingswood!

We are collecting grocery bags; paper and plastic, for the Food Pantry. You will find a plastic container on the porch to the pastor's private entrance to the church house where you may deposit your bags. If you are interested or have any questions about our partnership or the program, please contact Elaine Soulliard at 609 280 4792.



Cancer with Hope meets each month on the last Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Hoffman room.



This is a support group for those suffering with the disease and those caring for and supporting them. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, please call Bruce Krout

Neighborhood Center in Camden Announces the Formation of Career Support Groups for All that are Unemployed or Seeking A New Employment!

The Neighborhood Center in Camden now offers a Career **Support Group** to those who are employed or unemployed and could benefit from a creative, supportive group to discuss the challenges of today's work environments, careers, work-life balance, goal setting, training, career transitions, and job search requirements.

Mike Landis, the Executive Director is offering the program directly to anyone that can benefit - **whether you are a donor, volunteer or just in need of a supportive environment you are welcome.** Mike, prior to becoming the Executive Director was a partner with a national retained search firm and a Human Resource executive in Fortune 500 companies. His clients included Bank of America, ConAgra, British Telecom, Dow Jones, and Diageo to name a few at the Vice President level engagements and above. Prior to retained search Mike was Vice President of Human Resources at Diageo, with prior positions at Campbell Soup, and Siemens in Human Resources and Corporate Strategy.

The on-line group provides a confidential space for encouragement, listening, and skill building in a faith centered environment. Sessions will be held each week via Zoom starting the first week of September. The sessions are free, however if you do obtain a new job, we only ask that you consider a tax-free donation to the Neighborhood Center's work with families in Camden when and only when you can afford to make a donation.

This will be the second time Mike has provided a free support group, during the great recession he managed and led a group at Christ Church, Philadelphia for two years. Nearly all of the attendees obtained new positions or started new careers.

Contact Mike directly with his e-mail: Michael.Landis@ncicamden.com or call Center's office and let us know you plan to attend, (856) 365-5295. We will then plan on a time and distribute the Zoom link. Feel free to pass along to friends and family who might benefit from participation. The Neighborhood Center, 278 Kaighn Avenue, Camden, NJ

CHURCH FINANCES



Perhaps it is because we are not meeting together that giving is **down 15%** this year as compared to last year. Regardless, our expenses continue. They do not take a break because we are not able to join together each week. We truly appreciate that many of you have continued to send in your weekly or monthly tithes and offerings. If you have not done so, and are able, please send your contributions to the church office. You may either mail it or drop it in the church mail box, which is locked and is located in front of the church house. In the alternative, you may take advantage of the other methods of giving as described below.

1. If you would like to **try electronic giving**, with your smart phone, tablet or iPad, simply download the app. Search for **Vanco Payments Mobile Access** and download and install the app. It will show up on your device as **GivePlus**.

GIVE+ Open the **GivePlus** app and search for our church with our zip code 08106. Once you have the app,

2. If you would like to **continue to give electronically**, fill out the Electronic Giving Form for **Vanco** and mail to Carol Tait.

3. You can **go to our website**, www.audubonumc.com and click on the link to give link there. Again, you can either use your bank account or a credit card.

Call or e-mail Carol Tait for more information. 856-546-0242 (h); Crosstait630@yahoo.com.

Altar Flowers

A Sponsor is needed for Oct 25. Please contact the church office by phone or e-mail.



The September-October issue of the Upper



Room is now available in the folder on the church house porch. If I am expecting it to rain, the folder will be between the screen door and the front door.

September Shut-in of the Month



Sandy Albrecht
137 S. White Horse Pike
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

September Communion Offering:

Local benevolence

September Liturgist: George MacCulloch

September Trustee to open and close

church: David Reich

September Birthdays

- 13 Lindsy Arcaini
- 19 Emily Whiteley
- 19 Gerry Gosk
- 27 Cindy Burrough
- 27 Terry Mazur
- 27 Jake VanArnam
- 29 Jack Deal

September Anniversaries

- 24 Peg and George Keel
- 30 Diane and Mike Stanley

From AMAZON SMILE FOUNDATION

Audubon United Methodist Church has been issued a **\$76.09** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2020.

Thank you for shopping at AmazonSmile and designating Audubon United Methodist Church as your charity.

Remember, when you shop with Amazon, always go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>. It is the same website as Amazon. If you haven't shopped with AmazonSmile before, you will be asked to choose a charity – please choose Audubon United Methodist Church.

Vision 2020



*Audubon United
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Reaching Out

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.
- Shannon P.
- Mary P
- Ef D
- Charlie W and family
- Carol F
- Ruslana's father Karl
- Rosemarie
- Crystal
- Caitlyn C.
- Tiara C
- Susan H
- Miles J
- Dr. K and wife Bernice
- Mary L.
- Mike & Tyler S.
- Anne and Joe
- Ron & Samantha F.
- Holly F
- Youngsoon Choi

Our Friends with Special Needs

- Carol F
- Joan W
- Sandy A
- Estelle M
- Dan A.
- Bill R
- Marge W
- Jim B
- Gwen E.
- Peg and Don L
- Peg and George K.
- Keeyoung K

College Students to keep in your prayers :

- Maggy B
- Becca V
- Kevin F
- Holly F
- Colin R
- Tyler S
- Emily W



Congratulations to Rutgers Univ. Grad, Jake V!

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 S. -US Army 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.
- Please 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 Bethke family on the loss of Myrna, our district superintendent this summer.
- Pray for Barbara H on the loss of her husband Tom this summer.
- A woman in the neighborhood hospitalized with pneumonia.
- Lyn and Scott's grandson Liam had major knee surgery June 17, still recovering, pray for him and his family.
- 2 friends of Lyn and Scott are, undergoing treatment for Pancreatic Cancer – Stan and Tom. Tom is having extensive surgery this month and friend Mark with prostate cancer.
- Pray for Rev. Josh Schuster recovering from concussions and on a leave of absence.
- Pray for our students going back to school either virtually or in person.
- Bill W. for healing
- Fern Montesano for healing
- Siri family on the passing of Bob-Lois & Bruce
- Ana - she fractured her wrist
- Bob F's brother in law Bud for healing
- Healing for Trey Love
- Continued healing for Kristie Marz
- Praise for a very successful surgery for Liam

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 neighborhood.
- Please pray for Pastor Jisun; 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 us.
- Pray that we can attract more families and others in the area who aren't attending church elsewhere.

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 e-mail: 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

<https://www.facebook.com/AudubonUMC>



You do not have to be on Facebook to see our church page. It is a "public" page.

