



Audubon United Methodist Church

314 Graisbury Avenue, Audubon, NJ 08106

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June, 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: The Last Word

"I thank my God every time I remember you,"

Philippians 1:3 NRSV

On April 1, 2001, I received a phone call from the District Superintendent telling me it was the Bishop's intention to appoint me to Audubon. I'd been to Audubon a number of times as a youngster shopping with my parents at E. J. Korvettes. I knew it was a nice area, but never dreamed back then I would live in Audubon, let alone be a pastor here. The Lord had his plans and the rest is history.



Now, 18 years after that phone call, I am retiring to a lovely rancher in the town my family and I have called home ever since. We've raised our sons here. They both graduated from AHS. The boys participated in sports and marching band in Audubon. They met their future brides here (one down, one to go). We were blessed with a great church family (many have gone on to heaven) and made friends with folks inside and outside the church. We've laughed, cried, prayed, and rejoiced together.

Now it is time for Carol and I to say goodbye and thank you. Thank you for your love and support in the good times and the difficult times. Thank you for providing a lovely home for us, for helping us raise and mentor our children, for allowing us to be part of your lives. As you all know, we aren't going far...literally just around the corner to our home on Cedarcroft Ave. You will still see us around at the

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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 June Newsletter is sponsored by Barbara Hertfelder in loving memory of Charles and Amanda Poopert.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- June 1 Bethany Walk
- June 2 Ladies Tea for Carol
- June 9 Children's Day Luncheon for Pastor Walt
- June 11 Finance Committee-6:45 PM Church House
Church Council-7:30 PM Conover Parlor
- June 16 Father's Day
Pastor Walt's last Sunday
- June 17 Trustees meeting
- July 7 Welcome our new Pastor Jisun Kwak



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.



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supermarket or Wawa. Carol will continue her part-time job in Haddonfield. You will see me on my front porch sipping coffee or lemonade. I will rebuild my train layout. But we will no longer be your pastoral family. Though I could continue in full time ministry until the mandatory retirement age of 72, I know in my heart it is time for me to step down and leave the work to someone with new ideas, new gifts, new strategies. I honestly don't know if I will ever be the pastor of a church again. Right now, I want to rest, renew, travel, and enjoy my retirement. Carol and I may not return to AUMC, as the tradition says, for one year. We will visit other churches, Ocean City Tabernacle, Ocean Grove Camp Meeting, and Malaga Camp in the weeks ahead. Your new pastor, Jisun Kwak, has been kind enough to invite us to stay involved here, but we will honor the tradition and the bishop's directive and stay away (though you may see us at the 4th of July Parade and the Live Nativity as spectators). Carol and I covet your prayers for us as we transition to a new life. Your prayers for Walt & Sarah, Miles and Morgan are much appreciated as well. Keep Pastor Jisun in your prayers, too. She needs your support and encouragement as you journey together to what may be the best days of Audubon United Methodist Church.

So, for now, we say thank you and "God be with you 'till we meet again." It has truly been a blessing to have ministered with you, for you, and to you for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor Walt and Carol

Returning to a Previous Appointment

1. As of the effective date of a new appointment, a pastor shall immediately cease all pastoral counseling and pastoral visitation with members or member families in the previous appointment. Since appointments are generally announced at least several weeks in advance, each pastor has adequate time in which to affect closure and make appropriate referral to another for the pastoral care of members.

2. Pastors shall have a clear understanding with former congregations that they will not return to officiate at baptisms, weddings, and funerals, or do pastoral counseling or pastoral visitation in that parish. Pastors, active or retired, shall respectfully

decline to participate in such duties when invited by members of a former congregation. Declining all such invitations is the responsibility of the previous pastor.

3. The District Superintendent must be consulted by the previous pastor in advance of any return for pastoral functions. Such visits to former churches shall require the advance approval of the District Superintendent. The present pastor should never be under any pressure to invite the previous pastor. Pressure to involve the previous pastors should not be generated by either the congregation or the previous pastor.

June 1, 2019



**BETHANY'S
WALK.RUN
FOR CHILDREN**

at Laurel Acres Park
1045 S. Church Street, Mt. Laurel,
NJ 08054

5K at 8:30AM

1 mile walk at 10 AM.

See Carol Jesuncosky if you wish to walk or sponsor one of the walkers from our congregation!

Audubon United Methodist Church has been issued a \$25.19 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between January 1 and March 31, 2019.



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day

is back and once again we are participating. This year Boscov's has designated **Wednesday, October 16th** as the day to help area non-profits raise funds, while giving some great discounts to those who purchase a ticket. 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, (so please purchase your ticket through AUMC) See Linda Holonia or contact the church office to purchase one for yourself and a few for friends and family.

Ladies Luncheon and Tea
Sunday, June 2nd, after 2nd service.



It takes a special person to be a pastor's wife, and we have been blessed with Carol Jesuncosky for 18 years. Ladies, please join us for a Luncheon/Tea, to show Carol how much we've appreciated her service to the Lord and also to our church

and community. Questions call Lyn 856-858-5094 or Cheryl 856-546-6427

"A virtuous woman is wise and kind, clothed with dignity and strength. She is a comfort and encouragement to those around her. She loves God and shall be blessed." Proverbs 31

High School graduates

Maggie Bouch-AHS
Franny Reismann-AHS

College graduates

Ashley Schnyer - The College of NJ
Christy Schnyer – Rutgers Law
Chris Stanley – Princeton Seminary
Emily Whiteley – Camden County College



Mission News by Bruce Krout

“Sinicization” is a term that describes the policy that the Chinese Communist Party is using to strongarm its religious institutions to conform to Party values and priorities. These regulations were put into effect in February 2018 and impacted all global religions in China whether Christian, Buddhist, or Muslim. Inspectors monitor churches and temples to make sure they have Chinese flag raising ceremonies, and teach the Chinese constitution and core socialist values. Religious freedoms are infringed upon further by the “Five Forbidden” policy which prohibits five kinds of people from participating in religious activities: children under 18 years old, Communist Party members, students, military personnel, and public officials. With all of these restrictions it is obviously difficult for Christianity to flourish. Recent communications with one of our Asian missionaries have reflected this clampdown. Please pray for all who are dealing with this Sinicization.

Knowing the reality of this world situation, it is important that we support our missionary organizations. One of these is the International Students, Inc. ISI is an outreach to evangelize to international college students so that they can learn about Jesus and hopefully gain a personal relationship with Him and take “the Word” back to their friends and families. David Mannon (George and Estelle MacCulloch’s son-in-law), of ISI, recently told me that he was putting more effort into reaching out to the Chinese Rutgers students. This past school year three Rutgers’s University students have benefitted from their ISI experience and have come to know Christ.

This spring, the founder of ISI, Dr. Bob Finley passed away at 96 years of age. This remarkable man recognized back in the 1950’s that many missionaries were being expelled from China. He had the vision to begin a program evangelizing to students studying here in the safe confines of the U.S. This program has truly blossomed since then.

Please check out the Graisbury Ave. bulletin board for details as to how you can financially support missionaries working locally or globally. As we approach Independence Day, please recognize **how blessed we are** to live in a country where religious freedom still exists!

To support David Mannon of International Students, Inc. go to the following site: isionline.org/Home/DavidMannon.aspx

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

VBS is coming! July 14-19

Everyone (ages 3-100) is invited to join us as we discover Jesus' Miraculous Mission and learn how He saves the world!



If you would like to help the kids discover more about Jesus, please see Linda Holonia or Susan Medoro.

June Shut-in of the Month



Bea Fisher
154 Yale Rd.
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

June Birthdays

1 Carol Jo Fennimore
4 Tom Hertfelder
7 Frank Cunane
19 Chris Fitzgerald
22 Barry Zane
22 Eric Lore
28 Linda Holonia
30 Kyra Lyman
30 Carol Tait

June Anniversaries

1 Lois and Don Reiter
13 Carol and Walt Jesuncosky
15 Coleen and Bill Makuszewski
18 Ef and Jack Deal
18 Liz and Jesse Deal
23 Fern and Frank Montesano
25 Cindy and Richard Burrough
25 Sarah and Pat Gibbons

June Communion Offering:

Local Benevolence

Those assisting in our ministries for June

Greeters: Barbara and Frank Cunane

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

Liturgist:

Counters: Barb Hertfelder and Barb and Frank Cunane

Trustee to open and close church:

David James

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)
• 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

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- U.S. Coast Guard, Jim G – NJ
Army National Guard, James S. -US Army and
Madison S US Army, Matt US Army in Europe
• Jisun Kwak as she begins her ministry with us
• Estelle for health issues
• Gail L on passing of son Eric
• A miracle for husband Tom and for his Salvation.
• Peg and Don Lauk with health issues
• Lindsi asks for prayers for her dad, Marshall, his
treatment, and most of all pray for his salvation
• Chris F mother on hospice
• Helena's sisters
• Peg, Tracy and family on the passing of Peg's
father, Ed
• Maryanne M with health issues
• Linda's cousin Robin passed away
• Miles with heart issues
• Congratulations to Miles and Morgan on their
engagement.
• Congratulations to Adam C on his engagement
• Rebekah and Rob

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



AudubonUMC

*You are cordially invited
to attend the
Retirement Celebration of
Walter Jesuncosky III
on Sunday June 9, 2019.*

*The event will be held at The Kove
20 West Atlantic Avenue, Audubon, NJ
from 1-4 PM and will include a
hot buffet dinner and program.*

*The cost per person is \$30.
Children 4-6 are \$15,
Children 3 and under are free.
Paid reservations may be made to
Carol Tait (856-546-0242)
no later than May 31.*

Please give your paid reservations to Carol Tait or mail to Carol, 258 Cedarcroft Avenue, Audubon, NJ 08106
Make checks payable to Audubon United Methodist Church

Name _____

I/We will attend the Retirement Celebration Reservation details are below.

_____ 7 - Adults x \$30	\$ _____
_____ children 4-6 x \$15	\$ _____
_____ children 3 and under are free	\$ _____ <u>0</u>
_____ total persons to attend	total enclosed \$ _____