



# Audubon United Methodist Church

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**July/August 2020 Newsletter**



## Worship Opportunities:

**Our doors may be closed but our church is open!**

**9:00 A.M. Seekers Sunday School on Zoom**

**10:30 A.M. Service streaming live on our**

**Facebook page and later on YouTube**

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

YouTube:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7T-](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7T-BxrKGgDkWrn5TwCGMOA)

[BxrKGgDkWrn5TwCGMOA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7T-BxrKGgDkWrn5TwCGMOA)

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

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

**PASSWORD: 849210**

**PHONE DIAL-IN: 646 558 8656**

**JOIN US!**

Email your prayer request by Saturday morning to [Pastorjisun@gmail.com](mailto:Pastorjisun@gmail.com)



## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Audubon families and friends,  
How are you doing? I hope that you and your family are doing well in God's grace. It's been a very challenging four months. Yet, you have been very faithful in terms of worshiping God and offering your gifts of time and money and presence while we are physically apart. As I have said before, this will pass and soon we will get together to worship God in person. Amen!

Time flies! It is my one year anniversary of serving the Audubon UMC. We've accomplished a lot so far. I thank you for that. I am deeply moved by the openness and willingness of our congregation especially of the faithful leaders.

Along the way, I have observed many things and I believe that it is time to boldly step forward. And I am ready to do it with you. Please tell me to slow down if you think I move too fast. I am willing to pace with you. But I hope that you would not slow me down only because you have not done it this way before. Covid 19 taught us that the way we are used to do things would not work anymore and we

had to adapt to the change quickly. And we've proved that we can do that! Once again, please, always remember that I am open to any conversation you would like to have with me and willing to shift my direction when I understand the need. I am here for you.

Audubon Vision 2020 team has been working together to carry on the hopes that Audubon congregation placed in their hands. We will step forward boldly together.

Audubon Evangelism Initiative is another one to lead us to step forward boldly. I hope and pray that the lay evangelist Paul Morelli would help us to reignite the light in our heart so that we can be the brave instruments of God to bring people closer to God and to our church. After learning from him these two initiative Sundays, we will gather ideas of what we can do as a church and also individually. I hope all of you will join the online small group gatherings to add input even if you are not so much into evangelism. It is another set of Meet & Greet but online.

Most importantly, please pray each day as we are to step forward boldly. We need to do all things in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. That's the only way we will bear fruit. I already have begun to pray for this daily at 6:00 A.M. It is my way of telling God that I am serious about this and God, you need to be serious with us.

Thank you for trusting me as your leader. I am so excited to be your pastor.

Your pastor, Jisun.

## We welcome evangelist, Paul Morelli to the pulpit June 28 and July 5, our Evangelism Initiative Sundays.

Lay evangelist, Paul Morelli will lead us in worship to share with us what evangelism means: the whys and hows.



Mr. Morelli is a friend of Pastor Jisun's and you may remember that she introduced us to him a few weeks ago during worship.

*Dear friends at Audubon United Methodist Church, Greetings in the name of Jesus the Christ!*

*I am Paul Morelli, a Conference Evangelist. I was an atheist in 1976 and went to a Lay Witness Weekend to keep my wife from nagging at me about church and listened to the testimony*



*of a new Christian of 3 weeks (who never said a word, but mumbled, cried and stammered) and then the Lay Evangelist J. D. Varner presented the plain simple truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and I found myself responding and going to an altar to make Jesus my Savior and Lord. I have had the heart of an evangelist for 44 years (I will be 65 in December) and became a Certified Lay Minister / Evangelist in 2009. I was certified as a Conference Evangelist in 2018 and have served on staff at Lakeside UMC as staff evangelist for 10 years and acting associate for the last 3. Over the last 10 years, I have planted 13 house churches, done jail and prison ministry, taught evangelism seminars, preached as an evangelist and led the WPA annual conference evangelist board for several years. I have been a delegate to Annual Conference for 15 years, and a General and Jurisdictional delegate in 2016, 2019 and 2021. I will be leaving staff at Lakeside June 30 in order to focus full time on evangelism through Mustard Seed Ministry and I have a vision of four areas of focus in my ministry going forward:*

- *About 1/4 of my time will be spent on raising up 100 lay evangelists that we have named "Geographical Evangelists" in our western PA annual conference (about 10 per year). Currently we have 3 lay (Conference Evangelists) and I am one of them. I have received a small grant from*

*the United Methodist Foundation that will be split with General Evangelist Rev John Zimmerman, to help implement and develop this visionary project.*

- *About 1/4 of my time will be spent speaking at and helping churches plant, enliven and revive evangelism leadership and efforts within their local churches.*
- *About a 1/4 of my time will be spent doing trainings and seminars throughout the annual conference.*
- *The remaining time will be spent doing actual one on one evangelism wherever and to whoever I meet as I go about my days.*

*I enjoy sailing, riding my motorcycle, camping, photography, Ham Radio (WB3AGL), Scuba Diving, and "tinkering" in my garage.*

*Email: [umevangelist@yahoo.com](mailto:umevangelist@yahoo.com) 814-771-4486 cell*

### **Church Re-Opening**

Dates and guidelines will be forthcoming.

We are committed to prepare our church to be safe and secure and our worship service to be spirit-filled at the same time.

If you do not feel comfortable gathering together yet, please continue to worship with us online. We will continue to watch how the Covid 19 situation progresses. STAY TUNED!



### **Summer Bible Story Time**



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From July 6<sup>th</sup> until August 10<sup>th</sup> the children are invited to listen to Bible stories and sing along with some wonderful songs each Monday morning for about one-half hour beginning at 10:00 a.m.

This will be a fun and relaxing way for the children to learn about the Bible. Please complete the form below to register for Story Time. Registered families will receive an email each Sunday with that week's Zoom details. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRB7k76RlyOsZi5jt-cLDs5anLO5yxFMqHbIL3F1MAwrUIKQ/viewform>

## Mission News by Bruce Krout

A couple of weeks ago I was checking in on Michelle and her husband to see how they were doing since they moved back to our region. I was surprised and pleased to learn that she was with her mom and dad in the Sarasota, Florida area. Michelle had been visiting with her parents and was taking her mom, Donnabelle, to the doctor for arthritis treatment. I got to speak with Reverend Will Hoffman. What a delight it was to reminisce with him about his 7 years (1977-1984) as pastor of AUMC. I shared with him how Bob Kondras or George MacCulloch will mention Reverend Will from time to time. They have mentioned in the past how Reverend Will referred to our Lord not as Father, but as “Daddy”, or that he had a very limited wardrobe closet because he just wasn’t much into fashion. The Hoffman’s live in Northport, FL, which is a very large suburb geographically and located southeast of Sarasota. He’s getting around with a seated walker nowadays and takes advantage of a senior bus service when Michelle is not available. He recalled fondly visiting with a number of you at Mary Tharan’s house when he was last in town. Reverend Will Hoffman remains as upbeat as ever, praise be to God!

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

P.S. I ran out of space to tell you about Michelle. Send me an email request or check out our bulletin board and I’ll tell you what’s new with her and her husband. (bnkrout@gmail.com)

## We are partnering with the Food Pantry

at Saint Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Collingswood! This food pantry services residents of surrounding towns, including Audubon. There are several ways that you can help: food donations, monetary donations, volunteering your time, and possibly delivering food at the request of a home delivery. If you are interested or have any questions about our partnership or the program, please contact Elaine Soulliard at 609 280 4792.



*The July/August Newsletter is sponsored by Joan Windston in loving memory of her husband Owen, and Pat and Sarah Gibbons in loving memory of their parents, Mary and Robert Gibbons and Jim and Nancy Myers.*

## Audubon United Methodist Church

### Scholarships:

This is a small sampling of the activities these students have been involved in at school, church and in town. We have confidence that each of these young people will be successful in their endeavors.

**Leon Walker/Jeffrey Bowen Memorial Scholarship** is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a commitment to their church and plans to continue their education. This scholarship was awarded to Riley Jakubowski.

Riley will attend Rowan College of South Jersey, a program that starts at CCC and he will finish at Rowan, a four-year program. He will study special education. He has been active in his faith through his church, volunteering at a camp and retreat center and as a representative in his denomination and at a National Peer Leadership Summit in 2019. He has also been active in many areas at AHS and in town.



## Stephen Betts Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee was so impressed with these applicants, that they wanted to acknowledge the following two students with a gift of \$200 each. These gifts were presented in memory of Stephen Betts, a member of AUMC who died at a relatively young age from pancreatic cancer. Steve was a man of great faith who loved his family and his church. These gifts were awarded to Connor Ciccone and Rebecca Savidge.



Connor received a \$200 award. He impressed the committee to the extent that we could not omit recognizing him. He will attend Widener to study nursing, having been inspired by his dad who is a nurse and his desire to help others. He has also been active in his church as a leader in his youth group and Bible study. He was also instrumental in starting FCA at AHS. His commitment to his faith was undeniable.

Rebecca impressed us as well with her faith. She will attend Rutgers Camden where she will major in mathematics. Her goal is to be a special ed teacher. We awarded her a \$200 award as well. She too had been very active in her church and her youth group. She went on a mission trip to an Apache reservation in Arizona with members of her church in 2018. She worked along with Connor in establishing FCA at AHS. She is a member of a disciple making group at her church.



I am looking for some people who would be willing to commit to a specific and regular time each week to pray for our pastor. You can do this at home! We can discuss maybe meeting once a month on Zoom for prayer if that works for everyone. Please email Lindsy Arcaini at [hisjoy10@gmail.com](mailto:hisjoy10@gmail.com)



### 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**.



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](http://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 email Carol Tait for more information. 856-546-0242 (h); [Crosstait630@yahoo.com](mailto:Crosstait630@yahoo.com).

### Volunteers Needed

We hope you are enjoying worshipping with us online each week. While we do not believe that online worship is ideal, it allows us to meet each week and worship until this pandemic passes. We are looking for one or two more volunteers:

- 1) Who would be willing to edit the worship service after the Sunday worship service for posting on YouTube; and,
- 2) Once 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.

### July Shut-in of the Month



Estelle MacCulloch  
340 w. Graisbury Ave  
Audubon NJ 08106

### August Shut-in of the Month



Marge Watson  
99 E. Main Street, Room 402  
Marlton NJ 08053

*Keep them in your prayers and let them know they are in your thoughts by sending a card.*

## July Birthdays

- 2 Peggy Lauk
- 5 Carol Jesuncosky
- 6 Peggy Cheney
- 8 Marilyn Radley
- 8 Fern Mantesano
- 9 Adam Cox
- 10 Diane Stanley
- 10 Helena Woodward
- 22 Peggy Bradshaw
- 23 Tyler Stanley
- 24 Sam Tait
- 29 Morgana Makuszewski
- 30 Peggy Schnyer



## August Birthdays

- 5 Don Lauk
- 5 Sarah Cox Jesuncosky
- 10 Marissa Whitely
- 11 Mary Tharan
- 15 Mary Bundick
- 17 Peg Keel
- 31 Mark VanArnam



## July Anniversaries

- 1 Carol and Sam Tait
- 2 Elaine and Bill Soulliard
- 27 Lindsy and Dan Arcaini



## August Anniversaries

- 2 Laurie and Tim Bouch
- 2 Peg and Don Lauk
- 24 Estelle and George MacCulloch



## 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   • Marti W
- Carol F      • Miles J      • Youngsoon Choi
- 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

## **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.
- Pray for Rev. Myrna Bethke, Gateway South District Superintendent, who suffered a stroke. Please pray for her healing, her husband Drew, and her whole family
- Kristi M who was hospitalized with complex issues and will need additional surgery. Pray for wisdom for the doctors, accurate diagnoses and treatment, and full recovery.
- William has taken all 4 tests on the way to becoming a CPA
- William's co-worker Tammy on the loss of her mother.
- Keep our Bible Story Time in your prayers for a successful alternative to VBS this year.
- Mike S surgery went well and pray for complete healing
- A miracle for husband Tom with cancer and cirrhosis and needs a transplant; for his Salvation He is also recovering from a fractured hip.
- Lyn and Scott's grandson Liam's knee surgery has been postponed but continue to pray that it will happen soon
- 2 friends of Lyn and Scott are under going treatment for Pancreatic Cancer – Stan and Tom.
- Barb and Frank are thankful for successful ear surgery on their grandson Jeffry. Continue to pray for healing. Another surgery is anticipated.
- Bill and Elaine S are happy to announce that their daughter Julie and son-in-law Mick are expecting their second baby in January 2021!!!

## **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 email : [pastorjisun@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://audubonumc.com)



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