



Audubon United Methodist Church

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May, 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: Choosing a Good Minister

Years ago I came upon a story about a church looking for a new pastor. The story has changed over time with it being adapted to fit the need. I recently came across it again on the internet and thought I would share this timely message with our church as we go through the appointment process.

One of the toughest tasks a church faces is choosing a good minister. A member of an official board undergoing a painful process finally lost patience. He's just witnessed the pastoral relations committee reject applicant after applicant for some minor fault...real or imagined. It was time for a bit of soul searching on the part of the committee. So he stood up and read this letter purported to be from an applicant.

"Ladies and Gentlemen: Understanding your pulpit is vacant, I should like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications. I've been a preacher with much success and also have had some successes as a writer. Some say I'm a good organizer. I've been a leader most places I've been.

I'm over 50 years of age and have never preached in one place for more than three years. In some places, I have left town after my work caused riots and disturbances. I must admit I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrongdoing.

My health is not too good, though I still accomplish a great deal. The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities. I've not gotten along well with religious leaders in the towns where I have preached. In fact, some have threatened me, and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records.

(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 May Newsletter is sponsored by Mary Tharan in loving memory of her parents, Elmer and Evelyn Tharan.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- May 3-5 Ladies Retreat in Lancaster PA
- May 8 Ladies Spring Day at Keswick
- May 9 Game Night 6-10 PM
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 14 SPRC meeting 6:30 PM
- Church Council-7:30 PM Conover Parlor
- May 19 Celebration of Emma's 100th Birthday
- May 20 Trustees meeting
- May 26 Open house -Carol and Walt's new home
- May 30 Cancer with Hope
- June 1 Bethany Walk for Children
- June 2 Ladies Tea with Carol J at noon
- June 9 Children's Day
- Retirement Celebration for Walt

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.



June 1, 2019

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!

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I have been known to forget whom I have baptized. However, if you can use me, I promise to do my best for you."

The board member turned to the committee and said, "Well, what do you think? Shall we call him?"

The good church folks were appalled! Consider a sickly, troublemaking, absent-minded ex-jailbird? Was the board member crazy? Who signed the application? Who had such colossal nerve?

The board member eyed them all keenly before he replied, "It's signed, The Apostle Paul."

When a pastor comes or goes there are several common reactions.

"This new pastor isn't at all like Pastor _____." I'll never accept him/her."

"It's time Pastor _____ left. We need change."

"I think I'll just sit back and wait to see what happens."

And finally, "Let's pray for our new pastor. I have to believe God is behind the pastor's coming and we should work together to bring people to Jesus Christ, care for our church family, and grow our ministry together."

Which are you? Would you have turned down the Apostle Paul if the bishop sent him to our church?

Please pray daily for Pastor Jisun Kwak as she prepares to minister in Audubon. I believe the Holy Spirit is behind the choice and trust AUMC's best days are ahead. Step up and help especially through the next year (even though you may be overworked and tired). Don't miss out on being part of the great things God is about to do! You are the church!

Pastor Walt

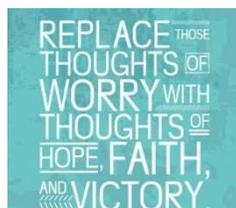
(PS: Please pray for our family as we transition to our new lives!)



Save the date... Open House at Pastor Walt & Carol's new home, 231 Cedarcroft Ave. on **Sunday, May 26 from 2-5 pm.** All members and friends are welcome.

Cancer with Hope

May 30th 7 PM Meet with our care team in the Hoffman Room.

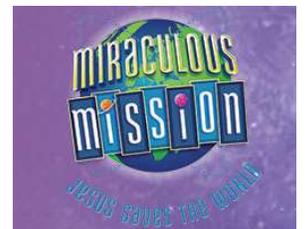


Do you like to play games, board games,

that is? Our next game night is **Thursday May 9 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.** we will be offering an open play board game night. This evening is planned for all ages, as games of all kinds will be offered. Come when you can and leave when you must. Parents of younger children are asked to stay and play too, as we do not have sufficient manpower to supervise young children. You can also bring your own game to share. If you have any games at home that you don't use any more, you may donate them too. Simply bring them to church and drop them in the narthex. We will meet in Fellowship Hall where tables will be set up for various games. For those wishing to play role playing games, they will be set up in smaller rooms, as these games go much longer than a typical board game. Refreshments will be available.

VBS is coming! July 14-19

All kids (and adults) are invited to join us as we discover Jesus' Miraculous Mission as we 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.



Help Earn a Bench for Audubon Rec Center

Save and bring your plastic bags and wraps to the Audubon Library, Municipal Bldg. or the High School. If 500 pounds are collected, the town will earn a TREX bench for the Rec Center. Collection is from December through June. Bags and wraps will be recycled into eco-friendly decking and railing.



Mission News by Bruce Krout

Consider sending your child/grandchild to the Delanco Camp. Delanco Camp is an interdenominational Christian camp in Tabernacle, N.J. The campers spend a week connecting with God in nature, enjoying outdoor sports, games, and activities, as well as taking Bible classes and singing songs around the campfire. The first week of camp starts July 7th. For \$350 or less, your youngster gets to experience a fun week of camp in a Christian based program. First time campers get a \$50 discount by Delanco Camp. Our AUMC families can also receive a \$100 reimbursement toward the camp fee after you register your child. See Carol Tait or myself for details. [Junior Camp](#) is July 7-13; [Junior High 1](#) is July 14-20; [Middler](#) is July 21-27; [Teen](#) is July 28 – August 3; and, [Junior High 2](#) is August 4-10. Groupings include all ages of teens. Check out their website (Delanco.org.) for details about the Camp and the weeks scheduled for each group. All registrations are done online. So many kids have grown spiritually through the Delanco Camp experience; consider sending yours.

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

Thank you! To all those who provided eggs, treats and staffed the event with special thanks to Ruslana and Lori.



Thank you! for your donations to Collingswood Manor's April Showers. We took 3 large cartons of items for the residents.



Thank you! so much to everyone who helped me through my recent accident. We sincerely appreciated all of the meals provided by our church family. Rebekah really had her hands full with the additional responsibility of taking care of me. If it were not for your generosity in providing our meals we would have been eating take-out! To Carol Tait for filling in at the office when I could not function; to Sue Medoro who faithfully drove me to doctors and therapy sessions, your kindness was so appreciated. And to you all for your prayers and cards, they meant more than you can know. Thank you for once again being there to support me during a difficult time. Love, Linda

Ladies Retreat May 3, 4, 5 in Lancaster PA

Ladies Day at America's Keswick May 8th

1 Ticket left! 9AM -3 P.M. Cost: \$22 for group and includes 3 sessions with Carol Kent and a gourmet box lunch. 17 ladies are currently attending. If you are interested, see Lyn Radley.

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

UMW's VICTORIOUS WOMEN are hosting a 100th Birthday Luncheon

Celebration on Sunday, May 19th, after 2nd service. Our special guest of honor is Emma Wine. Pass the news and please plan on joining us to mark this rare milestone. Questions call Lyn 856-858-5094 or Cheryl 856-546-6427

This celebration is for our entire congregation, her family and friends.



May Shut-in of the Month

It's just me saying hi!



Jim Barrett
Woodbury Mews, Room 219
122 Green Avenue
Woodbury NJ 08096

Keep him in your prayers and let him know he is in your thoughts by sending a card.

May Birthdays

- 2 Lauren Fitzgerald
- 12 Pat Gibbins
- 22 Jesse Deal
- 22 Bill Makuszewski
- 26 Cole Reich
- 27 Ashley Schnyer
- 29 Emma Wine - 100
- 30 Marge Watson
- 30 Colin Reich

May Anniversaries

- 13 Anne and Bill Simpson
- 30 Darlene and Chris Fitzgerald

May Communion Offering:

United Methodist Communities

Those assisting in our ministries for April

Greeters: Helena Woodward, Bob Pugliese

Ushers: Bob Fonash, Ron Fennimore

Liturgist: Barry Zane

Counters: Karen Campling, Sue Medoro,

Jane Gannon

Trustee to open and close church:

Sue Medoro

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 • Emily W • Tyler S
- Becca V • Ashley S • Jake V
- Kevin F • Christy S • Chris S

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
- The Jesucosky family as they transition to new homes – Walt and Carol, Miles & Walter and Sarah
- A miracle for husband Tom and for his Salvation.
- Peg and Don Lauk with health issues
- Lindsy asks for prayers for her dad and his treatment, most of all pray for his salvation
- Chris F mother on hospice
- Helena's sister Elsie on hospice
- Bill D's nephew in rehab for drug addiction
- Dorothy G with fractured foot
- Linda's cousin Robin with health issues
- Mary B for Jim's cousin Pearl in rehab
- Krystal D with mono
- For Mikey who is having a hard time
- Rebekah and Rob
- For Ruslana on the passing of her mother
- A friend suffering from depression – Cheryl
- Megan's friend's father...DE police officer seriously injured on the job.
- Nancy recovering from surgery
- Peg B recovering from surgery
- Eric L with health issues
- Maryanne M with health issues
- Peg S father dealing with cancer
- Miles with heart issues

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

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Church Office Hours

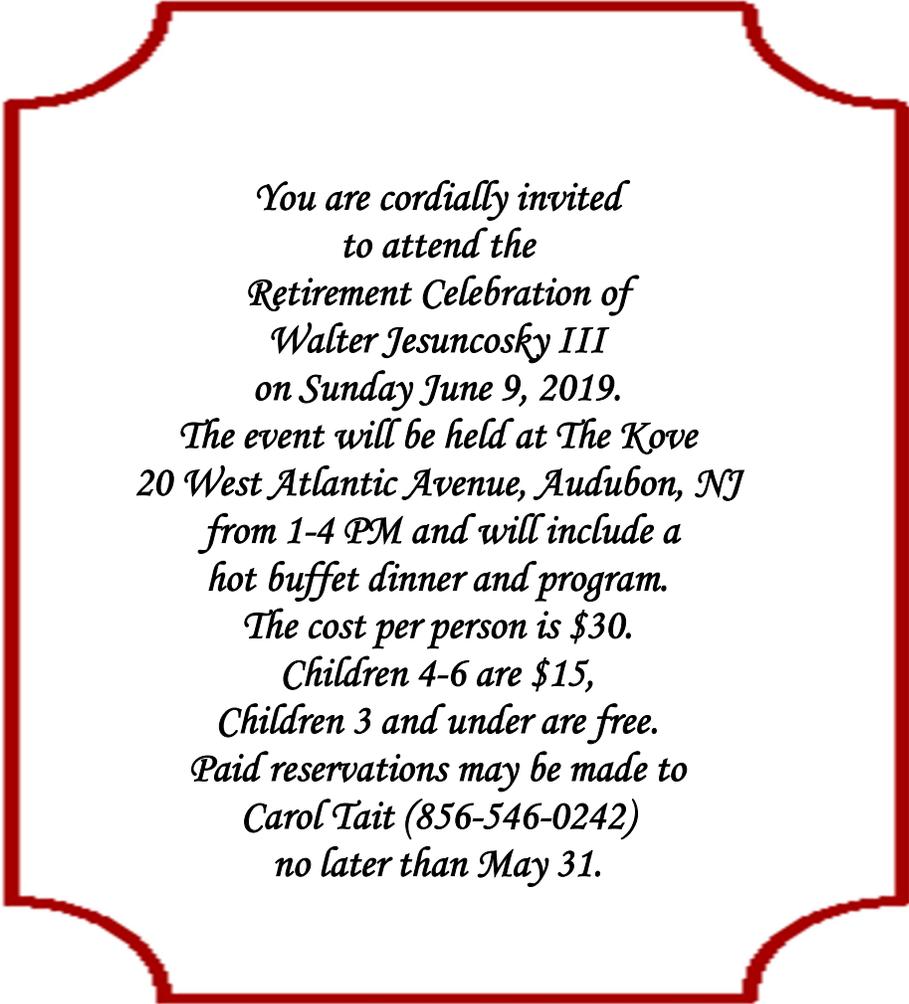
Monday & Wed. 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Friday 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Check out our website: audubonumc.com

www.facebook.com/AudubonUMC





Please send your paid reservations to Carol Tait, 258 Cedarcroft Avenue, Audubon, NJ 08106

Name _____

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

_____ of Adults x \$30	\$ _____
_____ of children 4-7 x \$15	\$ _____
_____ of children 3 and under are free	\$ 0
_____ total persons to attend	total enclosed \$ _____