



Audubon United Methodist Church

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February 2021 Newsletter



Sunday Worship Opportunities:



Our Doors are 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.



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

10:30 A.M. Traditional Service in person and streaming live on our Facebook page and posted later on 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.

- Weds. *Comfort Food* on Zoom 7:30 PM**
- Tues. Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 PM on Zoom**
- Tues. Feb 9 Church Council 7:30 PM on Zoom**
- Mon. Feb 15 Trustees Meeting**
- Wed. Feb 17 Ash Wednesday**
- Mon. Feb 22 Cancer With Hope on Zoom**

**ZOOM MEETING ID: 732-520-3940
PASSWORD: audubon
PHONE DIAL-IN: 646 558 8656 JOIN US!**

The February Newsletter is sponsored UMW in honor of all VICTORIOUS WOMEN

A note from the Pastor:

An-nyoung-ha-she-yo?

Some of you may remember the Korean greeting that I have introduced while back. Its literal meaning is “Are you being well?” This is one Korean word you may want to remember. When you, the non-Korean speaking person, say this to

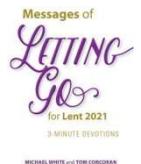
any Korean, you will find big smile from their faces without exception.

I begin my letter with my favorite greeting with hope that you all are “being well.”

There is a Korean saying, “Time flies like an arrow.” I feel it more and more as each year passes by particularly in this COVID era, while we were eager to see this time passed, we are shockingly surprised that one year has already flown like an arrow. I hope that you know for a fact that God was there with us and will be with us all the time. You will be able to see and feel the presence of God if you open your mind, “in an unexpected moment, at a least expected place” as I preached on January 24, 2021.

Yes, time flew and the season of Lent is right around the corner. Lent (Latin: Quadragesima, 'Fortieth') is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday which is February 17 this year and ends six weeks later, a day before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, and self-denial. In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries in order to replicate the account of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days; this is known as Lenten sacrifice.

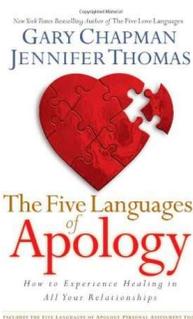
I would like to suggest some ways we can observe the season of Lent in meaningful productive ways together. First one is to separate 15 minutes of your day for the daily devotional as we did last year instead of sacrificing something you enjoy. You are right that you do not need to give up on sweets, chocolates, or ice cream. The devotional we will read together is, titled, *Message of Letting Go for Lent 2021: 3 minute devotion*. You can pick it up after worship service or from the church office. You are welcome to



deliver them to your neighboring church families when you pick yours up.

We will receive *Lenten Prayer Calendar*. This calendar contains names of our church family on each day during Lent. In your devotional time, please add a brief prayer for the designated families. Place the calendar where you will see it well for sure and wish their wellbeing throughout the day. When you do it, you will know for sure someone is doing it for you.

I am planning to preach a series of sermon during the Lent, titled, “*The Five Languages of Apology*” based on the book, written by Gary Chapman and Jennifer Thomas “The Five Languages of Apology:



How to experience healing in all your relationships.” Each Sunday, we will reflect on each language of apology. We have been through a lot lately... personally, nationally, yes, internationally. This book concludes with a chapter of a profound question, “What would

the world be like if we all learned to apologize effectively?” I am sure that God has something quite different to tell each of you. I would like to nudge you to open your ears to listen to the still small voice of God whispering into your ears as sincerely as you can. We will also devote our Wednesday evening online gathering, *Comfort Food*, for it. Together, we will echo on the theme of each language of apology of the week.

My daily devotional time is 7:00 AM each day. During the season of Lent, I commit to walk the journey of Lent beginning at 6:00 AM in the morning. Please join me in this journey of hope and renewal by listening to the sermons each week, participate in the Comfort Food table of Wednesday evening online, read the book yourself with open heart, and pray daily with the devotional.

Will you, please?

Prayerfully,
Your pastor, Jisun.

Our Vision Statement:

“We are a Christ-centered family of Christians. We are actively seeking to grow the kingdom of God by bringing the Word and Love of God to the

community. We may not always think alike, but we always love alike as God has taught us.”

Mission News by Bruce Krout

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Red Bird Mission founded by Rev. J.J. DeWall who wanted



“to bring Jesus into every heart”. His plan was to spread the Good News of the Gospel to the southern Kentucky-area

communities via churches, schools, and mission projects. Red Bird Mission built their first hospital in 1928 and eventually many clinics, as well. Rev. DeWall was from the Evangelical United Brethren Church that later joined with the Methodist Church and became the United Methodist Church in 1968.

Our AUMC supports the Red Bird Mission financially each year. Did you know that roughly ten years ago, five adults and six of our own teens went for a week during the summer to build a new roof on a house and repair a floor and a roof on a trailer home through the Red Bird Work Camp? Some of the group members were involved in a painting project at a local school on the Red Bird Campus. Those mission-minded AUMC members were Christy & Tracy Schnyer, Rose & Sam Arcaini, Barry, Paula, Nicole & Billy Zane, Diane & Chris Stanley and Pat Mace.

Barry Zane told me that this isolated, rural area of the Appalachian Mountains is hard-hit by poor housing and lack of employment. The two main employers in the region are the Federal Prison system and Red Bird Missions. Many church groups throughout the United States reserve months in advance to go to Red Bird to help out the needy. A committee decides when you arrive as to what type of project your group will be involved with. Ten years ago, the cost for a family of 4 to stay at Red Bird and pay for construction supplies was \$1,200 for the week. Two thirds of that cost went toward building supplies. A typical work camp schedule includes devotions at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast and leaders’ meetings. Groups go to their work sites from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. and return for dinner and worship service or fellowship meetings in the evening.

What a worthy organization the Red Bird Mission is! Check out their website at rbmission.org. Are you bringing Jesus into someone’s heart this week like Rev. DeWall?

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

Cancer with Hope



Join our Journey of Hope Cancer Care Ministry February 22 on Zoom. For more information, please contact Bruce Krout.

Collingswood Food Pantry

We continue to collect paper and plastic grocery bags for the food pantry at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Collingswood. Please leave them on the porch leading to the pastor's office at the church house, not the front porch. If you or anyone you know is in need, please contact Elaine Soulliard who is our liaison with the pantry and may be reached at 609-280-4792.



Coming Feb. 1, join Liz Curtis Higgs on Facebook LIVE for Rise and Shine Mondays! A scripture, a story, a reflection, and a prayer, shared in a few

lively minutes. All the joy-filled encouragement you need to start your week with a smile, every Monday @ 8am LIVE. Too early?



Watch whenever you wake up. Not on Facebook? No problem. Each video for Rise and Shine Mondays will be posted on my website for two weeks. Rise, sister mine. And shine!



For a spiritual boost at the close of each week, join Liz Curtis Higgs on First Thing Friday, as we spend a few minutes unpacking just one verse from the Bible. You'll find me every Friday @ 8a.m. LIVE on our Christ Church Facebook page, then posted on my Liz Curtis Higgs Facebook page moments later. Pure joy!



No need to write your check for Church in 2021! Electronic giving

gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Simply complete and return the electronic giving authorization form to get started which can be found in the narthex.

You can designate your offering to any of the following funds and you can choose the weekly, semi-monthly or monthly options.

Tithes & Offerings Repairs and Maintenance
Advent Offering Christmas Offering
Lenten Offering Easter Offering
Thanksgiving Offering United Methodist Women
AUMC Walker/Bowen/Betts Scholarship Funds
A Future With Hope – Miracles-Covid Relief Fund

Reminder: if you are using envelopes, DO NOT use any left from 2020 as your number may have changed and your giving would not be recorded properly.

Altar Flowers

There are several openings available for altar flower sponsors. June 27, July 25, Aug.15 and 22, Oct.24 and 31, and Nov. 28. The cost is \$14.510 per arrangement. Please see Linda Holonia or send an email to the office to be a sponsor

February Shut-in of the Month



Joan Windston
43 Payson Ave.
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

February Birthdays

- 2 Alexa Campling
- 4 Evelyn Alekseyev
- 5 Barb Hertfelder
- 18 Christian Reich
- 19 George Mac Culloch
- 19 Sue Medoro
- 23 Lori Ryan
- 25 Christy Schnyer
- 27 Allison Cox



February Anniversaries

- 7 Cheryl and Bill Laxton



February Communion Offering:

Ranch Hope

February Liturgist: William Betts

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
- Miles J • Susan H • Ron & Samantha F.
- Charlie W and family • 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.
- Gerry G • Keeyoung K

College Students to keep in your prayers :

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

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- U.S. Coast Guard, Jim G – N.J. Army National Guard, James S. -U.S. Army
- Continue to pray for Bill D recovering from a stroke
- Pray for Helena on the loss of her sister, Marty
- Loss of the Kondras’ friend Andy
- Pray for the Murray family on the loss of Stan
- Praise! Bill and Elaine have a new granddaughter

Prayers for our church

- Please pray for our church leaders as we move forward in our 2021 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 we will each experience a deeper spiritual walk with the Lord.

Church Staff:

- * Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jisun Kwak
- * Admin. Assistant: Linda Holonia
- * Director of Music: Mia Reich

* Organist: David Reich

* Pianist: Jesse Deal

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Pastor’s email : pastorjisun@gmail.com

Church Office Hours

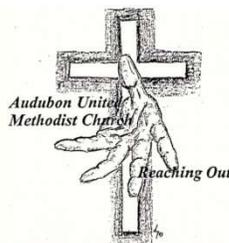
Monday & Wed. 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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

Check out our website: audubonumc.com



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**Vision 2021
Writing Acts 29**

Lindsay 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=5cxCGMgZVu8>

Don’t forget about our Outreach cards!

Use them to share with others inviting people to reconnect to their faith and also to our church.

