



Audubon United Methodist Church

314 Graisbury Avenue, Audubon, NJ 08106

www.audubonumc.com 856-547-6114

March, 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: "Love One Another"

"Above all maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8 Also see 1 Cor. 13

Who do we want to be as individual Christians and as a church? These next few weeks will help determine that. I believe the best place to start is with love through Jesus Christ. Who does Jesus want us to be and how do we get there? Peter, John, Paul and Jesus all say we must "love one another." Peter adds "love covers a multitude of sins." What does that mean?

To "cover" sin is to forgive it, and forgiveness is associated with love. The best example of a love that covers sin is Jesus' sacrificial death on our behalf Jesus' prayer from the cross, "Father, forgive them," says it all (Luke 23:34). Jesus' bearing of our iniquities was an undeniable act of love. In fact, Jesus did more than just cover our sin; He did away with it completely (Hebrews 6:5).

In 1 Peter 4:8, the apostle is talking about interpersonal relationships. As believers we reflect the love of God by forgiving others. Jesus told His disciples, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35).

Love also covers over a multitude of sins in that it does not gossip about sin. Rather than share the offences of our brothers and sisters in Christ with anyone who will listen, we exercise discretion and restraint.

Love does not cover over a multitude of sin by sweeping matters under the rug. Some have appealed to the forgiving nature of love in their

(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 March Newsletter is sponsored by Barb and Frank Cunane with thanks for all God's blessings to their loving family and in honor of Barbara's birthday.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- March 3 Victorious Women luncheon noon
- March 7 Bible Study
- March 12 Finance Committee-6:45 P.M. Church Council-7:30 PM Conover Parlor
- March 17 Deadline for March Newsletter—send to Marilyn Radley at smradley@verizon.net
- March 18 Trustees meeting

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.

Ushers needed...Men and Women to serve as ushers. Could you spare a few minutes before the traditional worship each Sunday for 4 month of the year (not consecutive)? Please contact the church office or **Chris Fitzgerald**.

Greeters needed We are looking for a few friendly faces to serve as greeters for about 15 minutes before the 10:30 AM service during the months of March, July and December. See Barbara Cunane or contact the office.

The AUMC scholarship applications are now available at the AHS Student Personnel Office. The church awards a \$1000 scholarship annually to a graduating senior at AHS.

(Continued - pastor's message from page 1)

attempt to hide indiscretion. For example, rather than report child abuse, a church might cover it up. This is not what true love does. Love protects by helping both the victim and the offender, and it also strives to prevent further offenses. Love covering sin also does not mean we disregard our own emotions or ignore our personal boundaries. We cannot "cover" sin by denying that it hurt us. We cover sin by acknowledging it and then extending the forgiveness God has given us to others.

Another way that love covers over a multitude of sins is choosing not to take offense at everything. Some sins against us are not worth confronting. Personal slights, snide or ignorant remarks, and minor annoyances can be easily forgiven for the sake of love. The world most often chooses to be offended these days. Do we follow the world or Jesus? If we are patient, not envious or self-seeking, we are much less likely to even take offense. Acting in love means we put others before ourselves. Love can cover a multitude of sin in that, when we act in true love, we are prone to overlook minor offenses, tolerate the provocations, and forgive the sin.

As we move through a time of uncertainty and change, it is my hope and prayer that at Audubon, we listen to Peter, John, Paul and Jesus...their witness recorded in Scripture, and love one another... it covers a multitude of sins, including ours!

Pastor Walt

The Current United Methodist Position on Human Sexuality (compiled

from <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/human-sexuality-backgrounder>)

We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God and that all persons need the ministry of the church.

We affirm that God's grace is available to all. We will seek to live together in Christian community, welcoming, forgiving and loving one another, as Christ has loved and accepted us.

We implore families and churches not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons.

Certain basic human rights and civil liberties are due all persons. We are committed to supporting those rights and liberties for all persons, regardless of sexual orientation.

We see a clear issue of simple justice in protecting the rightful claims where people have shared material resources, pensions, guardian relationships, mutual powers of attorney, and other such lawful claims typically attendant to contractual relationships that involve shared contributions, responsibilities, and liabilities, and equal protection before the law. Moreover, we support efforts to stop violence and other forms of coercion against all persons, regardless of sexual orientation."

The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching.

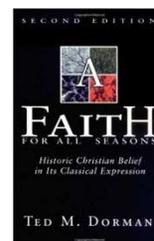
The United Methodist Church bans the ordination of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals," and it forbids the performance of same-gender unions in the denomination's sanctuaries and by its clergy in any setting.

Sexuality is God's good gift to all persons. We call everyone to responsible stewardship of this sacred gift. Although all persons are sexual beings whether or not they are married, sexual relations are affirmed only with the covenant of monogamous, heterosexual marriage."

A new Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, March 7th at 7 P.M. in Conover Parlor.

A Faith for All Seasons written by Steven Molin. The study will be led by Anne Simpson

Change is an often uncomfortable and disruptive force--yet nothing is more inevitable than the necessity of adapting to new circumstances. Whether it's leaving home, moving to a new city, getting married, having children, changing jobs, losing a parent, or retiring, we face many major transitions throughout our lives. Taking its inspiration from the familiar scripture passage of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8(For everything there is a season..."), A Faith For All Seasons explores how a vital relationship with Jesus Christ is essential for coping with the constant flux of contemporary life. When radical changes rock our world, the Lord guides and comforts us--and gives us the security to face the future with confidence.



There will be a major change in our lives when Pastor Walt retires. With this change in mind, I went searching for a Bible study to help us endure and thrive. In this study, we will discuss this change and other major life changes.

“How the faith of Christian people can endure, survive and thrive over the course of change -- intended to encourage people everywhere to refuse to be intimidated by change, because we are held by the ONE WHO NEVER CHANGES.”

March 7 Life is change

March 14 Changes of growing older

March 21 Families increase in size

March 28 Families decrease in size

April 4 Changing jobs, ministers

April 11 The Future

All are invited. I'm looking forward to a great study. Anne

AUM VICTORIOUS WOMEN

You are invited to a **Ladies Luncheon on March 3rd** - after second service. Enjoy a lunch, fellowship and devotional time.

Our guest speaker is from America's Keswick, "Barbara's Place". This is one of our mission projects that we support each year. Barbara's Place provides a women's (18+) addiction and trauma program that is designed to help women overcome the hurts and pains of addiction, trauma and abuse.

So please, mark your calendar and plan on joining us. May you all have Victorious living in Christ Jesus. Children are always welcome.

Questions? Contact Cheryl Laxton at 856-261-4228

Ladies Day at America's Keswick May 8th

9AM -3 P.M. Cost: \$22 for group and includes 3 sessions with Carol Kent and a gourmet box lunch.

“What makes my heart sing?” asks Carol.

“Speaking to groups looking for messages that include humor

and hope that speak to today's challenges by pointing to God's Word.”

She says, “I think women

need to laugh because life is challenging, but I also think they want to go deeper into God's Word and find out how to live in the middle of relationship struggles, difficult choices, and hidden fears. Women are longing



for authenticity and practical strategies for living out their faith.

If you are interested, please see Lyn Radley.

Mission News by Bruce Krout

What a pleasure it has been to team up with two wonderful ladies while we prepared to begin our new community support venture “**Cancer with Hope**”.

The first team member is Taylor Whylings who is employed as a nurse within the cancer unit of the University of Pennsylvania. The second is Carol Fennimore who is presently battling non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL). It is amazing to me that either would step forward to be a part of this ministry.

Taylor works at the #1 rated cancer hospital in our region and #10 in our nation. She is part of a surgical team who helps prepare patients for their surgery. For Taylor to volunteer for “Cancer with Hope” is astounding to me. To me it's like a car mechanic who after eight-hours of car repair is willing to work on a couple of more cars at the end of the day. To do that, on top of family responsibilities with two young grammar school-aged children, is impressive. Credit also goes to her husband Joe, an Audubon policeman, who gets “Dad time” while Taylor is at our meetings.

Carol Fennimore's story is remarkable for a different reason. She is involved with the University of Pennsylvania cancer program from the patient end. Not long-ago Carol noticed a bulge in her neck and after visiting a number of doctors determined that her lymph node was enlarged due to non-Hodgkin lymphoma. This is the 7th most common cancer type that begins in the cells of the lymph nodes. The lymph system is part of the immune system that protects the body from infection and disease. There is often a cure for Hodgkin lymphoma, but not for non-Hodgkin lymphoma that, unfortunately, Carol is battling. With NHL, you hope for remission or temporary recovery. She has had chemotherapy treatment for 6 months. The last treatment was in November that Carol reported as “being a rough ten days”. A recent body scan determined that Carol's prognosis was positive, as her lymph nodes had shrunk considerably following the November chemo.

Carol has demonstrated her belief in God throughout her retirement and her health ordeal. Repeatedly she has asked God “to use me.” She has had her down times for sure, but she knows to ask

Him for strength and courage to get through the tough times. “Send me an angel” has been requested periodically. On a number of occasions Carol has said to me that she’s fine with “whatever God has for me”. Carol has trusted in God many times throughout her life, believing, “It’s in His hands.”

As we go forward in our new cancer ministry, our team knows that we need to trust in God for wisdom and for things to happen in His time. In last month’s newsletter, Pastor Walt talked about professional football players trusting in the Lord, whether good or bad things happen. Carol Fennimore is showing that same trust in her life and I am so honored to be involved with her and Taylor in the “Cancer with Hope” support program. I believe all three of us have asked God to “use me.”

I will leave you with the same verse Pastor Walt used, as well:

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

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

Important update on lawn signs



Anyone who has an activity in the church that needs to be promoted with signs will be responsible for seeing that the signs are placed, either on the church grounds or the lawn signs that are placed around town. If

the chairperson is not able to place the signs, he or she will need to find someone who is willing to do so. Same goes for taking the signs down and putting them away. Signs are updated with dates and/or replaced through Bantle’s Signs and Banners, now located in Bellmawr.

Help Earn a Bench for 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.



Books! Books! – Too many books?

If you have books you no longer want or need, they can be donated to the Camden County Pop Up Library. They are a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit. They accept and greatly appreciate donations of any kind—books or supplies, money, or donate your time by becoming a volunteer



Pop Up Librarian! Books can be dropped off in Haddon Township. For more info, go to <https://camdencountypopuplibrary.org/donate/> or call the church office for more information.

March Shut-in of the Month



Wyone Beckman
120 Wyoming Ave.
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

March Birthdays

- 1 Elaine Soulliard
- 5 Maggie Bouch
- 9 Barbara Cunane
- 10 Mia Reich
- 12 Kevin Fennimore
- 12 Tracy Schnyer
- 15 William Betts
- 16 Becca VanArnam
- 18 Tim Bouch
- 22 Laurie Bouch
- 23 Caroline Reich
- 23 Anne Simpson
- 23 Don Canning
- 24 Scott Ryan
- 29 Sam Arcaini



March Communion Offering:

Camden Urban Ministry Initiative (C.U.M.I), cooperative after-school program in Camden.

Those assisting in our ministries for March

Greeters: Bruce Krout

Ushers: Barb and Frank Cunane and Mark VanArnam

Liturgist: Barbara Cunane

Counters: Allison and Don Cox

Trustee to open and close church: Don Cox

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 (law school)
- Chris S (Seminary)

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
- George and Estelle for health issues
- Carol T upcoming knee replacement surgery
- A miracle for husband Tom with cancer and
cirrhosis and needs a transplant; for his Salvation.
–Barbara
- Please remember to pray for our church, the
bishop, district superintendent and cabinet as
they appoint our new pastor for July 2019.
- Lindsy asks for prayers for a viable cancer
treatment for her dad, one that makes him
comfortable. Most of all pray for his salvation
- Continued prayers for Joan as she recovers from
knee replacement surgery
- Linda H recovering from 2 broken wrists
- Peg B and Lyn R ask for prayers for their daughter
Jen, with upcoming surgery.
- Scott recovering from recent hospitalization
- Pray for Annaliese R, USMC
- Peg K asks for prayers for Pam

- Brother-in-law Chris recovering from surgery
-Ruslana
- Bob F recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Mary Bundick needs to find new housing soon. If
you know someone who might be renting an
apartment, even a room, please let the church
office know so we can assist Mary in her search to
find a new home
- Ef D as she recovers from a double mastectomy
- A baby with a brain cyst
- Friend John, with an undiagnosed injury - William
- Brother-in-law Joe currently in the hospital-Diane

Prayers for our church

- Please pray for our church leaders as they make
important decisions this winter and spring
regarding appointments and for unity concerning
the direction of the United Methodist Church.
- Please pray that AUMC will continue to grow in
spirit and be seen as a beacon in the neighborhood.
- Please pray for Pastor Walt; 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 our church.
- Pray that we can attract more families and others
in the area who aren't attending church elsewhere.
- Pray that our members can experience unity that
comes from the Spirit.

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

Easter Lilies



It's the season of spring, the season of rebirth, and most of all the Season of our Risen Lord and Savior. As always, part of our Easter celebration is the placement of Easter Lilies in the sanctuary.

The price is \$9 per plant. Your order and payment will be due by Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday).

NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE!

Enjoy your lilies year after year. When you take them home after Easter Sunday Services, plant them 6 inches deep. They come up every year and bloom several times throughout the summer.

Please complete the following (Kindly PRINT):

Your Name	In Memory of:	In Honor of:

Total number plants _____ Total Amount enclosed _____

Signature _____

Please send completed orders with payment to the church office.

