



# Audubon United Methodist Church

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## September, 2019 Newsletter

### Sunday Worship Opportunities:

- 9:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
- 9:00 A.M. Adult Sunday School  
Children's Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

### *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.



### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Sept. 2 Labor Day
- Sept 10 Administrative Council 7:30 PM
- Sept 11 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM
- Sept 15 Children's Sunday School Starts 9 AM
- Sept 16 Trustees 7 PM
- Sept 22 Joint outdoor service and luncheon
- Sept 26 Cancer with Hope 7 PM
- Sept 28 Laity Leadership Academy 8-5

### 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 PM
- Fridays:** The Link 6:30 – 8 PM
- CUBS:** Bears, Tigers and Arrow of Light meet  
Tues and Thurs. Pack meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month.

*The September Newsletter is sponsored by Marilyn and Scott Radley in loving memory of their parents, Francis and Alfretta Radley and Fred and Marion Kreckmann.*



### A note from the Pastor:

Dear friends,  
Time flies that it is already September. Time flies when you are having a good time. Yes, I am having a great time at Audubon, worshiping with such a beautiful minded people and getting to know each person better and deeper. At the same time, I sometimes feel strange to get up in a room that I am not yet so used to. It must be a lot more strange for you to see your pastor is not Rev. Walt Jesuncosky. "Who is this woman from a far away land of Korea?" you might have wondered. Some of you may have also questioned if a woman could be an effective pastor. I don't blame you if you did. I understand that change is difficult. I also understand that it's hard to feel comfortable around new challenges. I hope and pray that we can learn from each other and grow closer to God together. As I shared with you at the first Sunday worship service in July, I am the type of person who needs lots of help. Please help me to help you. I can promise you these though. I will love you as you are. I will trust you no matter what. As your shepherd, it's your happiness that I want because that's what God cares most about.

As I have promised, there will be the parsonage open house on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday. We will have one joint worship service that day at 10:30 AM and it will be an outdoor worship service if weather permits. We will have potluck lunch following the worship service. And then, off to the parsonage to have dessert!! Please mark your calendar. Again, whenever there is an opportunity, let's invite your friends and families to join the worship and fellowship. I hope to have you all visit my new home!

Yours truly, Jisun

## Meet & Greet gathering

A sign-up sheet is ready for you. There will be five identical gatherings. Please select one that suits your schedule. You are welcome to attend more than one meeting of course. Please invite your neighbors and friends for fellowship. Who knows? They may give us very different but helpful input. Pastor Jisun will lead all meetings.



made a difference in at least one child's life this summer. God bless you for sharing your talents.

*We still need someone to coordinate the Pumpkin Festival. Without leadership, this event cannot go on. We need you!*



*Please call the office to volunteer.*

## Chancel Choir rehearsals begin Wed.



**September 11<sup>th</sup>** 7:30-9 PM in the Chancel. Join the fun and fellowship and of course making great music!

## Sunday School

Children's Sunday School begins again on **September 15<sup>th</sup>**! Who will you invite to come with you (or your children)? Donuts and juice will be served in the Hoffman Room – behind the sanctuary- immediately following Sunday School. We hope to see all the children back for a fun filled, Jesus filled new year!



## Thank you from Kids Alley



Because of your faithfulness and generosity, we were able to send so many items to support the children of Kids Alley. Here's what we sent:

14 back packs; 20 crayons and colored pencil sets; 6 notebooks and binders; 49 composition books; 22 scissors; 43 folders; 12 glue items; 12 pen and pencil sets; 9 sharpeners; 3 calculators; 6 pencil pouches; 8 packs of paper.

## It's been a great summer!

- We welcomed Pastor Jisun;
- We had a very successful VBS;
- We had a great time marching in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade;
- We met many townspeople at National Night Out at which we gave out bottled water and information about our church.

**Thank you!** Linda and Susan would like to thank the many volunteers who helped to make this year's VBS, *Miraculous Mission* a success.

The children learned of God's miracles from Creation to Salvation. They had a miraculous time learning about Jesus and how He saves us! You all

## Mission News by Bruce Krout

I recently met a man who is recognizing he is in the twilight of his life and asked a number of good questions about the Bible. This gentleman was fairly-well versed in scripture as he was Catholic educated in his youth. A couple of his questions were "How can a loving God send people to hell?" and "How can God judge people who have never even heard about Jesus?" Excellent questions, right? I gave my best response at the time and told him I would return with more information when we met again. After reviewing my library of apologetic (defend the faith) resource books I was surprised to find that the one book that stood out the most and answered his questions best was written by Natasha Crain and is entitled "Keeping Your Kids on God's Side".

As Mission chair, I wanted to share this story with you because I believe that Missions is not just reaching out to our A.U.M. Church family every month to highlight and support the good works of area Christian agencies or Missionary individuals. Sharing God's word is not left for others to do. It is the responsibility of all of us to be prepared to talk to those who have questions about scripture. "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."- 1 Peter 3:15.

Crain's book is a well-written resource for parents (or grandparents) that addresses forty of the most common questions we face as Christians in our secular community. Areas covered in this book address the tough topics of religious worldviews, science and evolution, and more. Crain encourages her readers to ask their kids the tough questions, otherwise they will be getting these questions from agnostic or atheistic kids who will say they are crazy to believe. I intend to use this reference book

with the children at Kids Link and with my granddaughter Chloe. If you would like to look at my copy of this book, I will have it with me for you to check out. I strongly urge you to buy this book; it would be a great investment for you and your family!

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

**Cancer with Hope** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the Hoffman room. This is a support group for those suffering with the disease and those caring for and supporting them. **Next meeting is September 26.** All are welcome to attend.



**Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day**  
Boscov's has designated **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** as the day to help area non-profits raise funds, while giving some 25% discounts to those who purchase a ticket. The tickets cost \$5.00 each. 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.

### Name Tags

Fall is here and after summer vacations, yours may be a new face to Pastor Jisun. Please check to see if your name badge is on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. If not, please fill out a form and place it in the basket. We want everyone to wear their badges so Pastor Jisun can learn our names and put a face to each one. Thanks!



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### Christmas Bazaar Update

**A new date, Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>,** has been set for the 2019 Christmas Bazaar. The AUM Victorious Women will be hosting this annual event at the same place--our church, the same times--from 9 - 2, just an earlier, new date, **Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.** So mark your calendar and hold the date. More information coming soon!



### September Shut-in of the Month



Bill Rittmayer  
United Methodist Community  
460 Haddon Ave. Apt. 315  
Collingswood, NJ 08108

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

### September Birthdays

- 13 Lindsy Arcaini
- 19 Emily Whiteley
- 16 Gerry Gosk
- 27 Cindy Burrough
- 27 Terry Mazur
- 27 Jake VanArnam
- 29 Jack Deal

### September Anniversaries

- 24 Peg and George Keel
- 30 Diane and Mike Stanley

### September Communion Offering:

Local Benevolence

### Those assisting in our ministries for Sept.

**Greeters:** Mary Bundick and Karen Campling

**Ushers:** Bob Fonash; Ron Fennimore

**Liturgist:** Linda Holonia

**Counters:** Jane Gannon; Sue Medora

**Trustee to open/close church:** David Reich

## **Laity Leadership Academy**

Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> 8:30- 5

### ***Tools and skills for lay leaders facing the challenges of the 21st century***

Churches are encouraged to send a team of lay leaders to develop an action plan to implement a new ministry in their church and will be able apply for a seed grant. Certified Lay Servants who successfully complete the Laity Leadership Academy and implement the action plan will receive recertification recognition.

#### ***Leadership Academy Tracks available are:***

- ***Innovation in Youth Ministry***
- ***Storytelling through Small Groups***
- ***Generosity: Moving from Scarcity to Celebration***
- ***More From A Closer Walk***

Registration is \$50 by visiting: [www.gnjumc.org](http://www.gnjumc.org)

The event will be held at United Methodists of Greater New Jersey Mission and Resource Center  
205 Jumping Brook Road Neptune, NJ 07753

***See Pastor Jisun if you are interested in attending.***

## **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   • Marti W      • Carol F

### **Our College Students**

- Holly F      • Emily W      • Colin Reich
- Becca V      • Jake V      • Kevin F
- Tyler S      • Bill Z      • Maggie B

### **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

- 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 M US Army, Matt US Army in Europe
- Pastor Jisun and her/our ministry

- Ruslana on the loss of her 2<sup>nd</sup> mother, Sandy
- Tracy's mom recovering from fall and surgery
- Joan Crea home from the hospital
- Peg L in rehab at Collingswood Manor
- Don L having tests
- Our college students off for a new year of study
- Linda H on the loss of her sister and her aunt in hospice
- Wil (Elmer's Autobody) loss of his 43 yr old wife
- Passing of Sam T's cousin Jim
- Bonnie as she begins a new year at Mansion Ave
- Bill D recovering from a very serious car accident

## **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
- Church Office email : [audubonumc@verizon.net](mailto:audubonumc@verizon.net)
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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.

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