



# Audubon United Methodist Church

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## January, 2020 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



***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 January Newsletter is sponsored by George and Estelle MacCulloch in memory of their fathers, George Garcia and James MacCulloch.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Jan. 14 Finance 6:45; Church Council 7:30 PM  
Conover Parlor
- Jan. 19 Deadline for February Newsletter—send to Marilyn Radley at [smradley@verizon.net](mailto:smradley@verizon.net)
- Jan. 20 Trustees meeting
- Jan. 23 Cancer with Hope

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month.

### A note from the Pastor:

We selected 5 core points for the ministry of Audubon UMC 2020, the perfect vision. Leading those ministries are:

- Better Online presence: Chris Fitzgerald
- Community Outreach: Mark VanArnam
- Random Acts of Kindness: Lois Reiter
- Advertising: Diane Stanley
- Improved Infrastructure: Barry Zane

### Mark your calendars now for our new pictorial directory!

**On FEBRUARY 7 & 8** photographs will be taken by Lifetouch. You need not be a member to have your picture taken or to be included in the directory.



A free 8x10 will be provided to each person or family who has their picture taken as well as a free printed church directory and a bonus Shutterfly gift. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Any questions, see Barbara Cunane.

### Confirmation Class 2020

Pastor Jisun is planning the class so please contact her if your child is at the age to be confirmed. The usual recommended age for the confirmation class is 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up. This year we may consider 6<sup>th</sup> grade children as well for the class

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

### From The Treasurer



Thank you to the volunteers who serve as counters and head counters.

These individuals spend approximately a half hour after the second service counting the offering, filling out a form (which comes to me telling me how to post the contributions, *i.e.*, *Envelopes, Repair & Maintenance, etc.*), and depositing the funds in the church's account. Their names are listed in the bulletin each week. If you would like to join this exclusive group, please see Bill Simpson.

## **Mission News by Bruce Krout**

What a delight it was for Dan Arcaini and I to meet Ms. Davis of Parkside Methodist the morning before Thanksgiving. We dropped off a trunk load of turkeys and a van filled with more than enough fresh fruit and vegetables to feed 16 Camden families, thanks to you! It was a precious moment of 2019. There were many precious moments throughout last year. Here are some of my recollections:

- Carol Fennimore sharing her inspiring cancer story and walk and relating how she's "fine with whatever God has for me".
- Learning last Spring that we were going to receive a gifted minister in Pastor Jisun.
- Emma Wine's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.
- A Children's Day activity when the kids acknowledged Pastor Walt, which included spelling out his name.
- Pastor Walt's retirement luncheon at The Kove.
- Two weeks prior to Pastor Walt's final Sunday with us and seeing his wife Carol in tears in the receiving line. The reality of them leaving us hit home for her that morning.
- Walking in Pastor Jisun's first July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.
- Kids Alley Director Brenda Hallahan sharing with us her upbringing and her walk with Jesus.
- "Meet and Greet" get togethers.
- David Mannon and Alex Aponte's sermons.
- My granddaughter reading the Lord's Prayer in front our congregation.
- Christmas caroling in front of Wyone Beckman's house even though she wasn't home. While walking to our cars afterward a neighbor of hers, a hundred yards away, yelled a loud "Thank you" to us from his back yard.

What was your precious moment of 2019? Every day is a gift from our Lord. Celebrate each and every day of 2020. Have a Happy and Purposeful New Year!

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

**Live Nativity** - Thanks to everyone - workers, Nativity Cast, Allison and the kitchen staff, crafters, the Link, and everyone who helped make the 2020 Live Nativity a great success and blessing. It was a team effort and I am sure the Lord used all your hard work to touch many lives for Christ.

## **Blessing Tree Update**

A great big thank you to everyone who took a gift tag (or several) to help make Christmas happier for 11 families in the area. You may think it is not a big deal, but when you hear the stories when the packages are picked up, you would realize that you are making a difference!! I would be remiss if I didn't tell you that Logan Memorial Presbyterian helped us by taking 2 of the families this year. Your act of kindness and generosity has made an impression on many families. You may not see the results of your actions, but you are making a difference. I would also like to thank my helpers this year, Susan Medoro who arranged for the packages to be picked up and Joan Windston who wrapped some of the gifts. Again, thank you, thank you, thank you!

## **Ladies Day at America's Keswick**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** 9AM -3 PM Cost: \$22 for group and includes 3 sessions with **Susie Larson** and a gourmet box lunch. Susie is a talk show host, national speaker, and author of fifteen books and many articles. In both 2016 and 2017, Susie was nominated and voted into the top ten groups for the National John Maxwell Leadership Award. Susie has been married to her dear husband Kevin since 1985 and together they have three wonderful sons, three beautiful daughters-in-law, one amazing grandson, and one adorable pit bull named Memphis. Susie's passion is to see women everywhere awakened to the value of their soul, the depth of God's love, and the height of their calling in Christ Jesus.



If you are interested, please see Lyn Radley.

**VBS 2020 - it is time to start planning and we need a volunteer to chair this important event!**

See Pastor Jisun if you are interested

## What Is a ‘Doxology’?

If you’ve spent much time in the church, chances are you have sung “The Doxology.” But how familiar are you with what could be the most widely sung Christian hymn of all time?

The lyrics to the song most of us think of when we hear the term “doxology” are as follows:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

But while this specific song has come to be known as “The Doxology,” a “doxology” actually has a **broader meaning** simply as “an expression of praise to God.” By this definition, many passages of the Psalms, could be considered doxologies. Just a **few examples** would be **Psalm 96:6**, **Psalm 111:1** and **Psalm 113:1**. In the New Testament, **Paul’s** words in **Romans 11:36**, **Ephesians 3:21**, and **1 Timothy 1:17** could also be considered doxologies.

Notably, the word “doxology” **comes from the Greek words** “doxa” and “logos.” The former means “glory” and the latter means “word,” so “doxology” literally translates to “word of glory.”

### **Doxology and Church Tradition**

Within the Roman Catholic and Anglican traditions, there are specific songs that are called doxologies, in addition to the one with which most Protestants are familiar. One of these is known as “the greater doxology,” or Gloria in Excelsis, which is usually sung in Latin. In English, the Roman Catholic version reads as follows:

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Gloria Patri, also known as the “lesser doxology,” is used in many Christian traditions at the conclusion of singing the psalms:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

The song we know as “The Doxology” is a “metrical doxology,” meaning it is sung in the same meter. Within the Protestant tradition, it is often sung after the last hymn of the service.

It is also worth noting the importance of the doxology within the Jewish tradition. It became a practice within Judaism to recite a doxology, or “**kaddish**,” at the conclusion of the main parts of a synagogue service.

So where did the hymn, “The Doxology,” come from? It was written by a man named Thomas Ken, who was an Anglican bishop in the late 17th century and whose life was characterized by a refusal to compromise what he believed.

Born in England in 1637, Thomas Ken was orphaned at a young age and grew up living with his married sister. He was ordained around 1662, and in 1680, he was appointed royal chaplain to King Charles II.

Ken took a number of bold stands because of his beliefs. These included refusing to surrender his residence for the king’s mistress, refusing to publish documents in support of Roman Catholicism (for which he was imprisoned), and refusing to support the reign of William and Mary. For this last decision, Ken was punished by losing his bishopric. He died in poverty in 1711.

Accounts say that Ken wrote the song that was the source of “The Doxology” in 1674, publishing it later, and making final revisions to it in 1709. This song is called “Awake, my soul, and with the sun.” The very last stanza is what eventually became the brief but powerful hymn of praise to the triune God of all creation.

### **Giving Envelopes**

Envelopes are available in the lobby. Did you know that it is not necessary to make a faith promise (pledge) to AUMC in order to receive a box of envelopes? Just let William Betts or Linda Holonia know that you would like to receive a box.

### **No need to write your check for Church in the new year! 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

**January Shut-in of the Month**



Cass Kyler  
 162 Cedarcroft Ave.  
 Audubon, NJ 08106

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

**January Birthdays**

- 3 Holly Fitzgerald
- 4 Don Cox
- 5 Bill Laxton
- 8 Scott Radley
- 9 Don Reiter
- 17 Caden Reich
- 18 Ruslana Snyder
- 22 Joe Fennimore
- 26 Elijah Nicholas
- 31 Gail Lore



**January Communion Offering:**

Ranch Hope

**Those assisting in our ministries for Jan.:**

**Greeters:** Mark VanArnham and MaryAnn Mazur

**Ushers:** Bob Fonash, Ron Fennimore

**Liturgist:** Tracy Schnyer

**Counters:** Jane Gannon, Sue Medoro

**Trustee to open and close church:**

Ron Fennimore

**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.
- Cass Kyler    • Gerry G      • Keeyoung K

**College Students to keep in your prayers :**

- Maggy B      • Holly F      • Emily W
- Becca V      • Colin R      • Jake V
- Kevin F      • Tyler 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- USCoast Guard, Jim G – NJ Army National Guard, James S. -US Army and Madison S US Army, Matt US Army in Europe Kyle R – US Marines
  - George and Estelle for health issues
  - Family- of Dan Dexter on his passing.
  - A miracle for husband Tom with cancer and cirrhosis and needs a transplant; for his Salvation. –Barbara
  - Loss of Barb C nephew
  - Praise that Peg L has been able to get out.
  - Peg and Tracy pray for friends having medical issues: Christine, Tray, Jen and Kaitlyn
  - Fiore family on passing of their grandfather
  - Ken K recovering from a heart attack
  - Diane and health issues
  - A couple having marital issues and seeking God's leading
  - Passing of Jason's co-worker Taj
  - Celebrate with Sue M on the birth of grandbaby, Maxine
  - The Reich family asks for prayers for Neil Stauffer as he passes from this life to the next. Pray that the family will be comforted as they cope with the recent loss of 3 family members.
  - Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bob and Anita
- 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 our church.
  - 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
- Church Office email : [audubonumc@verizon.net](mailto:audubonumc@verizon.net)  
 Pastor's email : [pastorjisun@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://audubonumc.com)



*AudubonUMC*

**CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2020**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Archivist Bruce Krout  
 Church Council Chair Allison Cox  
 Church Council Vice-Chair Bill Simpson  
 Church Council Secretary Linda Holonia

**FINANCE**

Chair\* Bob Kondras  
 Finance Secretary\* L. Holonia, B. Simpson  
 Head Counter\* *Bill Simpson*  
 Treasurer\* Carol Tait  
 Memorial Fund Treasurer\* Barbara Kondras

\*Finance Committee Members: George MacCulloch, Don Canning, William Betts, Trustee Representative

**LAY LEADER** Bruce Krout  
**LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONF.** Carol Tait  
**ALTERNATE** Diane Stanley  
**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY** Linda Holonia

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair: Pastor Jisun  
 2020 Peg Cheney, ~~Rebekah Barrus~~, Jean Whiteley  
 2021 Don Canning, Becky James, Susan Medoro  
 2022 *William Betts, Lois Reiter, Marilyn Radley*

**STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair: William Betts  
 Lay Member is a member; Lay Leader is *ex officio*  
 2020 Allison Cox, Marilyn Radley, Bill Simpson  
 2021 W. Betts, CarolJo Fennimore, Cheryl Laxton  
 2022: *Chris Fitzgerald, Don Canning, Jane Gannon*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

2020 Lana Snyder, *David James*, Susan Medoro  
 2021 Don Cox, Bob Fonash, David Reich  
 2022 *D. Fitzgerald, J. Fennimore, R. Fennimore*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM**

Director/Sunday School Supt. Anne Simpson  
 Members: Jean Whiteley, Coleen Makuzewski, *Bob Kondras, Dorothy Groves*, Darlene Fitzgerald, *William Betts*, Lori Ryan, Diane Stanley, Linda Holonia

**COLLEGE/MILITARY MINISTRY** L. Holonia

**VBS COORDINATOR:** TBD

**SCHOLARSHIP TEAM:** Linda Holonia, Pastor, Christian Ed Director, others as needed

**COUNCIL OF ELDERS** Peg Cheney, Bob Kondras, George MacCulloch, Anne Simpson, Carol Tait, Mark VanArnam, William Betts, Chris Fitzgerald

**HOSPITALITY & LUNCHEON COORD.**

Allison Cox

**MISSIONS** Bruce Krout

**UMW PRESIDENT** Cheryl Laxton

**WORSHIP**

Chair: Dorothy Groves

**Usher Coordinator** Chris Fitzgerald

**Greeter Coordinator** Frank & Barbara Cunane

**Communion Stewards:** Allison Cox, Laurie Bouch, Muriel McCoy, Lindsi Arcaini

**Acolytes** CarolJo Fennimore

**YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM:** Coleen Makuszewski, William Betts, Bruce Krout

*Italics = new*

**(ALL OFFICERS are members of Church Council)**

**2020 BUDGET**

Copies are available in the Lobby (Narthex)