

# Audubon United Methodist Church

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## June 2023 Newsletter



### 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 Ave.



and

also behind the church house.

### Sundays:

- 9:00 A.M. Children's Sunday School
- 9:00 A.M. Seekers Adult Sunday School in person and Zoom.
- 10:20A.M. Traditional Service in person and streaming live on our Facebook page and on YouTube.
- Sat. June 3 & 17 Small Group study at 9:30 A.M.
- Sun. June 4 Luncheon for all who will help with VBS
- Sun. June 11 Luncheon to welcome Ken Carson
- Tues. June 13 Finance meeting 6:45  
Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M
- Sun. June 18 Father's Day  
Book Club following worship
- Tues. June 20 Trustees Meeting 7 P.M.
- Tues. June 27 Cancer with Hope 7 P.M.
- Every Mon. Seekers Adult Sunday School on Zoom
- Every Weds. Comfort Food via Zoom 7:30 P.M.
- Every Thurs. Chancel Choir rehearsal 7:30 PM
- Every Sat. Men's Bible Study 9 AM Lower lounge

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

***The June Newsletter is sponsored by Barbara Hertfelder in loving memory of Charles and Amanda Poopert.***

### 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."***

### Congregation Luncheon June 11



Join us as we welcome our new organist/pianist, Ken Carson. Ken is a recent graduate of Rowan University where he majored in music. His major instrument is oboe and he minored in Pipe organ. He comes to us with an abundance of experience in church and choral music. Ken works as a technician repairing/refurbishing accordions in Phila.

We are very excited to have him join our music ministry!

### VBS July 17-22 6-8:30 PM



Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for this VBS. Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. They'll find that even when they mess up it's never "game over."

Much help is needed whether in person or with donations. Please see the page in the bulletin with a very diverse selection of items needed to make our VBS successful.

See Carol Jo, Ruslana or Sue to help!

### Our Graduates

Congratulations to:

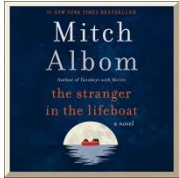


**Katie VanArnam,  
Haddonfield High School**

**Maggie Bouch, James Madison University**

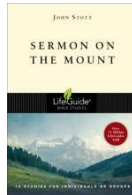
## Book Club meets June 18 following worship

*"What would happen if we called on God for help and God actually appeared? In Mitch Albom's profound new novel of hope and faith, a group of shipwrecked passengers pull a strange man from the sea. He claims to be "the Lord". And he says he can only save them if they all believe in him."*



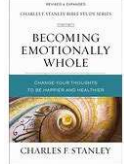
## Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study meets every Saturday from 9-10 A.M. Rob Forker is leading a new study on **Jesus' Sermon on the Mount**. Bring your coffee and a friend.



All men are welcome!

## Small Group Study



The study on "Becoming Emotionally Whole" will meet on Saturday, June 3 at 9:30 AM. Come join us in Conover Parlor.

## Cancer with Hope



The group will meet on Tuesday, June 27 at 7 P.M. (and the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday July & August) in the Anne Simpson Room and on Zoom. Those affected by cancer, whether you are a patient or a loved one or a support for someone facing the disease, you are welcome. Please, contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450 for more information.

## Summer Camp

Summer camp time is almost here. If you are going please make sure to apply for your \$100.00 stipend from AUMC. Also first time campers at Delanco Camp can get a discount at online registration.



## Have you kept up with your faith promise to God through AUMC?

Have you forgotten to make your faith promise this year? It's not too late. Forms are available in the Narthex or see Linda Holonia to get one. We are lagging in our giving this year. We are about \$28,000 behind last year and we need your help. We will need to replace our roof at a great cost very soon. You will hear more about this soon. You may also give electronically.

See Carol Tait or contact the office for more information.

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## June Homebound of the Month



Jim Barrett  
Woodbury Mews Rm. 18  
122 Green Ave.  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Let him know you are thinking of him by sending a card.

## June Communion Offering:

Local Benevolence

## June Liturgist

Sue Medoro

## June Trustee Opener/Closer

Sue Medoro

## June Birthdays

- 1 Carol Jo Fennimore
- 3 Sandy Hook Siegel
- 5 Christine Fennimore
- 6 Mitch Siegel
- 7 Frank Cunane
- 9 Bill Dameshek
- 12 Rob Forker
- 13 Mike Stanley
- 19 Chris Fitzgerald
- 19 Peg Bradshaw
- 20 Pam Alekseyev
- 22 Eric Lore
- 22 Barry Zane
- 23 Jane Gannon
- 28 Linda Holonia
- 30 Kyra Lyman
- 30 Carol Tait



## June Anniversaries

- 1 Lois and Don Reiter
- 8 Jean and Shawn Whiteley
- 13 Carol and Walt Jesuncosky
- 15 Colleen and Bill Makuszewski
- 18 Ef and Jack Deal
- 18 Jesse and Liz Deal
- 19 Peggy and Dave Bradshaw
- 23 Fern and Frank Montesano
- 23 Cindy and Richard Burrough
- 25 Sarah and Pat Gibbons



## **Mark your calendars!**

**VBS is July 17-22! Spread the word!**

**Ushers Needed**

Ushers are busy folks on Sunday morning. Ushers are greeters, they hand out the bulletins, count how many people are in attendance, and collect the offering. If you would like to be part of this ministry, use the **Opportunities to Serve** sheet in the bulletin



**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*

**Intercessory Prayer Needs**

- Doug J.
- Shannon P.
- Mary P
- Carol F
- Joan W
- Sandy A
- Gerry G
- Pat H
- Dee G
- Estelle M
- Bill S.
- Crystal
- Susan H
- Tiara C
- Dan A.
- Joe
- MaryAnn M
- Gail L
- Ef D
- Miles J
- Dorothy G
- Charlie W and family
- Mary L.
- Mike & Tyler S.
- Kevin H
- Gwen E.
- Peg and Don L
- Rosemarie
- Bill D
- Jim B
- Peggy C
- Lauri M

- Continue to pray for Carol T's brother as he begins cancer treatment, and his son recovering from rotator cuff surgery.
- Continue to pray for Bill Simpson
- Continue to pray for Estelle. She is home
- Praise! For Pam A's successful surgery

**Church Staff:**

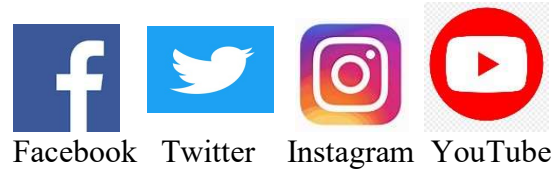
- \* Pastor: Garrett Gouveia
- \* Admin. Asst.: Linda Holonia
- \* Director of Music: Carl Ellinwood, Jr.
- \* Organist: Ken Carson
- \* Nursery Aides: Calvin R, Ana B., Mike B.


Church Office email : [audubonumc@verizon.net](mailto:audubonumc@verizon.net)  
 Pastor's email : [rev.garrettmgouveia@gmail.com](mailto:rev.garrettmgouveia@gmail.com)

**Church Office Hours**

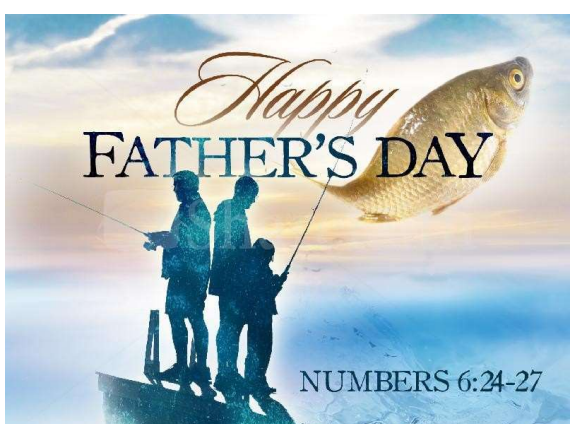
Monday 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.  
 Wed. and Thursday 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

**Check out our website:** [audubonumc.com](http://audubonumc.com)  
 Search **AudubonUMC**





The righteous man walks in his integrity; **His children are blessed after him.**  
 PROVERBS 20:7



## Greater New Jersey Annual Conference News

Pastor Garrett and Carol (and Sam) Tait attended Annual Conference May 21-23. If you would like to see any recordings of the Annual Conference, go to <https://www.gnjumc.org/2023-annual-conference/>

In summary:

- New Conference Lay Leader, David Yamoah, was elected;
- 8 churches disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church;
- 11 churches were closed;
- 1 new deacon was ordained; 5 new elders were ordained; 3 Deaconesses were commissioned; 1 new provisional Deacon was commissioned; 8 provisional Elders were commissioned;
- 2024 Budget of \$23 million was approved; we will be apportioned 15.3% (12.5 % is for GNJ and 2.8% is for the general church). This is referred to as Shared Ministry;
- The Safe Sanctuary policy was approved with edits;
- The sale of Pinelands Center (formerly known as Mt. Misery) by NextGen Ministries was supported;
- The “Christmas Covenant,” which calls on the 2024 General Conference to reorganize the church into regions, including a new U.S. region, was endorsed by GNJ; however this is a matter for General Conference;
- “A Safer GNJ” was approved, with edits, to develop and implement trauma-informed practices to support survivors and others affected during and after the complaint process that supplement the requirements of the Book of Discipline; require training in sexual ethics and sexual abuse prevention for all clergy, church staff, lay leaders, and youth ministry leaders; and promote sexual ethics education and resources on GNJ’s website;
- Legislation, “Reclaiming the Narrative” requesting Bishop Schol be censured was referred to the Northeast Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy;”
- An offering of \$8,000 was given to support GNJ’s response to Hurricane Ida (which took the lives of 30 people, disaster declarations in 12 counties, and over 85,000 FEMA registrations from residents;
- 7,000 meals were assembled and packaged by volunteers for Rise Against Hunger; and,
- Three conference resources were highlighted to help congregations chart new directions in ministry and leadership development, including the **Pathways for Fruitful and Healthy Ministry** initiative, the evolving **Leadership Academy**, and the new **Engage** initiative to offer coaching and other support to pastors and church leaders.

If you would like to be more informed about the United Methodist Church, here are some resources:

[www.gnjumc.org](http://www.gnjumc.org)

<https://www.umc.org/en>

<https://wesleyancovenant.org/>