

# Audubon United Methodist Church



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## Summer 2021 Newsletter



### Sunday Worship Opportunities:



***Our Doors are open!***

***And we are meeting in person!***

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 optional.

10:20 A.M. Traditional Service in person and streaming live on our Facebook page and posted later on YouTube.

Face masks are optional. Windows will remain open for fresh air ventilation as required by the CDC.

Weds. *Comfort Food* on Zoom 7:30 PM

Tues. July 13 and August 10 Church Council 7:30 P.M. in person & Zoom

Tues. July 27 and August 30 Cancer with Hope 7:00 P.M. Zoom

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

*The Summer Newsletter is sponsored by Joan Windston in loving memory of her husband Owen and Pat and Sarah Gibbons in loving memory of their parents, Mary and Robert Gibbons and Jim and Nancy Myers.*

### 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."***

### From the pastor's desk

Pastor Jisun continues her in-depth series of sermons on The Lord's Prayer.



### Back to Normal but with a fresh start

Hope you are as excited as I am to get back to normal life, but also feel like this time is a chance to start something new.

How about a new name for Sunday School?

Let's brainstorm & come up with some new titles for teens & kids! We can have a contest to see who has the cleverest title.

Email you ideas to church office

**Sunday School for children and youth begins Sept. 12**

**Thanks to everyone who helped with the Luau on the Lawn.** As they say, a good time was had by all!



## **Mission News by Bruce Krout**

I recently had an enjoyable lunch with the Rutgers (New Brunswick) Campus Director of International Students Inc., David Mannon. One of his first comments to me was how grateful he is for the consistency of mission support from our AUMC and individuals from our Church, as well.

Since the Rutgers University spring break of March 2020, when things shut down due to the pandemic, David's ministry has had to be virtual. He said he learned new techniques for interacting and evangelizing with international students. One major change has been to be more focused and personal



when interacting through Zoom meetings. In the fall when the Rutgers University campus opens up again and we're back to our new normal, David will continue to utilize this newly adopted technique of digging deeper into the students' personal life.

David spoke about his usual interaction with the Asian students he interacted with this past school year. Keeping in mind that the major focus and interest of the students is learning English as a second language (ESL) primarily. He would begin by asking, "What are you thankful for?". Secondly, he asks, "What difficulties are you experiencing in your life?". By asking these sensitive questions David believes it helps in deepening their relationship. He often would end the sessions with a Bible verse.

David's ISI volunteer outreach team looks to be expanding with a young man named Paul whose parents immigrated from Taiwan. Another Livingston campus student named Gabriel who was born in Hong Kong and wants to be a volunteer for ISI is presently teaching at a nearby charter school. "Befriending every international student at Rutgers" is David's worthy goal and a smart way to get the Word into the Biblically closed parts of the world.

International Students, Inc. ([internationalstudents.org](https://internationalstudents.org)) has an interesting website and helpful app that you can utilize called God's Story. It is a resource that helps to answer the philosophical questions of origin, purpose, and destiny. Download the free app and see if it can't help you in evangelizing to others! Also available is a well-done video series for evangelizing found at this link: <https://internationalstudents.org/ris-modules/>

If you would like to give financially through online support to David Mannon's ministry, go to this link: <https://internationalstudents.org/team/david-mannon/> If you would like to send a check, make it payable to "ISI" and send it to:

International Students, PO Box C, Colorado Springs, CO 80901 and put on the memo line "Account #5353".

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



## **We are having a baby shower**

September 19 to benefit Options for Women a pregnancy care center. We will have a luncheon and a speaker.



Please see the flyer in the Narthex for details! This is a joint program with Kindness Kommittee. *Anyone may take a baby bottle bank to fill with loose change during the summer.*

## **The Bazaar is Back!**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 20.

We are collecting Christmas and household items. No clothing. Please remember that one person's trash is not necessarily our treasure. Please have them clean and ready to sell. You may leave the items downstairs in the UMW room, or contact Lyn Radley, Lois Reiter, or CJ Fennimore.

## **These are your UMW officers:**

President- Marilyn Radley  
Vice President- Carol Jo Fennimore  
Secretary- Linda Holonia  
Treasurer - Jane Gannon  
Chaplain- Elaine Soulliard  
Bazaar Chairperson - Lois Reiter

## **Kindness Kommittee**

is going to provide lunch for the police department . We are going to provide each member of the department (15) with a \$10 Wawa gift card. If you would like to contribute to the cost, please send or take your donation to the church office. Please indicate that your donation is for the Wawa gift cards.



## **Cancer with Hope**



Join our Journey of Hope Cancer Care Ministry **Tues. July 27 and August 30 @ 7 PM** in person and on Zoom. Contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450 for more information



## Congratulations to our High School graduates:

Lauren Fitzgerald – attending Rizzieri Aveda School

Caden Reich – attending Rowan University

**Lauren was the recipient of the AUMC Walker/Bowen/Betts Scholarship of \$1000.**

Here is her faith essay.

*“Anyone who has played a sport knows how important a coach is in order to guide the team. Without a coach keeping their players motivated and disciplined, the team would be unsuccessful. God acts as my coach for a fun little sport called LIFE. Everyday I’m met with challenges from work, school and just the world in general.*

*When I first started my job, I had a hard time and the only thing that helped me through it was praying. I’m generally a pretty anxious person, so talking to God about my worries helps me. I prayed and continue to pray every day before work and during work. God helps me talk to difficult customers that come and go throughout my shift. I am able to forgive and forget about hurtful people because of the words from God.*

*Another thing I tend to struggle with is sleeping. When my anxious thoughts mix with my inability to sleep, it’s hard for me to fall asleep. As I’m lying in bed, it helps me to be able to talk to God about my day and the worries I’m holding onto. Being able to let out my feelings without judgement is comforting and sometimes that alone helps me fall asleep. If this isn’t enough, just praying to ask for help falling asleep always works. Even when I’m awake I am constantly talking to God. He helps me with the simple tasks like finding a pen; sometimes I need help with harder situations like advice for when I get into a fight with a friend.*

*Overall God continues to help me with all the problems thrown at me. Like a coach, he constantly encourages me and pushes me to do my best. God is one thing in my life that is always reliable; I’m glad I can always count on him as a player counts on their coach. I don’t think I would have made it so far in my academic life without the help from God, or even life in general.”*

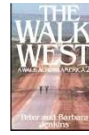
## Collingswood Food Pantry

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 Souliard at 609-280-4792.



## From the Book Nook

Are you looking for some place to go this summer? Why not read your way across America with Peter Jenkins and



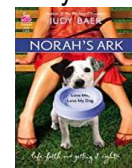
his bride Barbara as they set out to discover America together. They begin in New Orleans walking through the bayous of Louisiana, across the dusty plains of Texas, the prairies of New Mexico and into the Colorado Rockies. Then the cattle roving Idaho ranges over mountains and valley to the Pacific.



Looking for intrigue? Julie Wallace has always wanted to write. Trying to escape the Great Depression, Julie's father buys the *Alderton Sentinel*, a small-town newspaper in flood-prone Alderton, Pennsylvania, and moves his family there. As flash floods ominously increase, Julie's investigative reporting uncovers secrets that could endanger the entire community.



Are you a pet lover? **Norah's Ark** is told by her pet dog, Bentley who's not likely to win any beauty pageants, and is afraid of cats. But his human, Norah Kent, thinks he's the greatest despite all his shortcomings. Norah says she's perfectly happy being single, and that in God's time she'll marry Mr. Right. But Bentley thinks God's time may be right now.



Max Lucado had several books on our shelves on a variety of topics. *The Library is located downstairs in the Edna Simons Room.*



**We were pleased to celebrate the baptism of Stevie Sheilds, daughter of James and Brianna (Rizzo) Sheilds on June 8.**

## Health & Wellness – Short and Sweet

**“Enjoy the Summer While Staying Safe”**

Last month I posed 2 questions: “Is it Post-Pandemic time?” and “How does the lifting of restrictions affect each one of us?” It concerns me when I see the Ocean City or Wildwood boardwalk on the news. It is just as crowded as before the pandemic. There are occasional persons

with a mask, but social distancing is nonexistent. With crowds like this, what will the pandemic situation be by the end of July? The seashore is only one example along with sports stadium crowds, amusement/theme parks, and large picnic gatherings to name a few.

You **can** participate in these types of gatherings and fun activities! Just do so **wisely**. Here are some suggestions:

- Visit the beach at off times and don't set up your umbrella and chairs close to other families. Remember 6 feet. Try to find less touristy beaches.
- Enjoy the boardwalk on off hours – morning and afternoon and later in the evening. Consider a mask especially when you browse the boardwalk stores.
- Sports venues: Wear a mask to protect yourself. Those cheering around you can spread germs by droplet.
- Amusement and theme parks: Week-ends and holidays are usually more crowded, so visit during a week day. Wear a mask to protect yourself.
- Picnics: Avoid large gatherings. Enjoy this activity with family and friends you know. Have a mask with you.
- Museums and Movie theaters: These tend to be large indoor spaces, so risk is very low. Still consider a mask. Theaters are quite safe being sanitized between each viewing. Wear a mask except when enjoying the snacks available.

**Exercise:** Get outside and enjoy the fresh air and beauty of summer! Outdoor exercise is preferable as every breath takes in clean healthy air. If you are exercising with a group maintain safe distancing. Enjoy a walk around Haddon Lake or any other County park.

**Road Trips:** Plan a day trip and take food with you to have a picnic. There are so many great places near Audubon to work into a day trip. Go to the Poconos, drive along the Hudson River, follow Ocean Drive from Brigantine to Cape May, or visit the Cape May Zoo. The possibilities are endless! One extreme word of caution – Some people, after being cooped up inside for over a year, can't wait to get out onto the road and may be careless and inconsiderate of other drivers. So be mindful of the speed limit and check your mirrors frequently.

**Riding in a taxi** – wear a mask and keep the windows open.

*If you are unvaccinated always wear a mask and social distance regardless of where you are and with whom.*

When you are in a public setting, YOU need to decide what you want to do. Continue wearing your mask? Continue to social distance?

*Have a safe and happy summer!*

Watch for this column for Shorts on Health and Wellness in the monthly Newsletter. For September I would be happy to receive suggested topics you are interested in. So if you have Questions/suggestions? – contact Dorothy Groves. Cell phone 609-405-4134, or [email at grovesdorothy@gmail.com](mailto:emailatgrovesdorothy@gmail.com)



AmazonSmile has made a charitable donation to **Audubon United Methodist Church**, in the amount of **\$65.96** as a result of qualifying purchases made by customers this quarter who have selected this charity. To date, **\$623.04** has been sent to Audubon United Methodist Church.

### **Easy summer Option: Electronic giving**

If you are away this summer, electronic giving is 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
Major Repairs	Advent Offering
Christmas Offering	Lenten Offering
Easter Offering	Thanksgiving Offering
AUMC Walker/Bowen/Betts Scholarship Fund	
United Methodist Women	

### **July and August Communion Offering:**

Local Benevolence

### **July Shut-in of the Month**

Joan Jones – 27 N. Oak Ave.  
Mt. Ephraim, NJ 08059

### **August Shut-in of the Month**

Sandy Albrecht – 137 S. White Horse Pike  
Audubon, NJ 08106

*Let them know you are thinking of them by sending a card.*



## July Birthdays

- 2 Peggy Lauk
- 5 Carol Jesucosky
- 6 Peggy Cheney
- 6 Robert Pugliese
- 7 Adam Cox
- 8 Marilyn Radley
- 8 Fern Montesano
- 10 Diane Stanley
- 10 Helena Woodward
- 10 Eliana Deal
- 20 Emma Rittman
- 23 Tyler Stanley
- 24 Sam Tait
- 28 Bruce Kraut
- 29 Morganna Makuszewski
- 31 Peggy Schnyer



## July Anniversaries

- 1 Carol and Sam Tait
- 2 Elaine and Bill Soulliard
- 22 Dave & Peg Bradshaw
- 26 Bruce and Lori Krout
- 27 Lindsy and Dan Arcaini
- 29 Bethany and Paul Griffis



## August Birthdays

- 5 Don Lauk
- 5 Sarah Jesuncosky
- 6 Chloe Pietropaula
- 6 Barbara Kondras
- 9 Rob Bradshaw
- 10 Marissa Whiteley
- 11 Mary Tharan
- 14 Bea Fisher
- 15 Mary Bundick
- 17 Peg Keel
- 18 Janet Acker
- 23 Bob Kondras
- 26 Jim Barrett
- 28 Jean Whiteley
- 31 Mark VanArnam



## August anniversaries

- 2 Tim and Laurie Bouch
- 2 Peg and Don Lauk
- 21 Joe and Christine Fennimore
- 24 George and Estelle MacCulloch



## 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.                • Susan H                    • Mike & Tyler S.
- Mary P                      • Tiara C                    • Anne and Joe
- Miles J                      • 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                      • Gail Lore                    • Keeyoung K

### **Prayer Card Requests**

- World Gospel Mission ministries and the Crakers
- International Students Int. ministries and the Mannons
- Campus Crusade "CRU" Alex Simpson-Aponte
- Our servicemen and women:  
Walter J IV - U.S. Coast Guard, Jim G – NJ  
Army National Guard, James S. -US Army
- We need volunteers to take leadership roles in teaching, trustees, and SPRC. Pray for God's voice.
- Barb C's sister Lois who fell and broke her ankle
- Estelle has been in the hospital
- Dorothy broke a bone in her leg
- Bill D recovering from surgery
- Carol J has a fractured knee cap
- Bill and Anne S for strength during Bill's chemo treatment
- William asks for prayers for the president at his work as she has recently lost her father.
- Lindsy's Act 29 challenge to pray with and through scripture.

### **Prayer guide for from WGM**

**July:** Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings. Hebrews 10:22

Pray for someone close to you who is seeking the Lord. As God that He will reveal himself to them and for Him to use you as someone who points to the Father. Ask Him to give them eyes to see and ears to hear.

**August:** The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18

Pray for healing in the life of someone near to you who has recently experienced brokenness, pain or loss. Pray that the Lord will use you to help bring about that healing and that He will show up in powerful ways to change their heart and life.

## **Church Staff:**

- \* Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jisun Kwak
- \* Admin. Asst.: Linda Holonia
- \* Director of Music: Mia Reich
- \* Organist: David Reich
- \* Pianist: Jesse Deal

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## **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)



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## **Vision 2021**

## **Writing Acts 29**

Lindsy 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](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.

