

Audubon United Methodist Church

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Summer 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 Ave. side entrance. Handicapped parking is Graisbury Ave. and also



available on behind the

church house.

Sundays:

- 9:00 A.M. New Summer Children's Sunday School to follow VBS .
Look for information in the bulletin!
- 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.
- Tue. July 4 Audubon Parade
- Sat. July 8 Small Group Bible Study, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Tues. July 11 Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M
- July 17-21 VBS 6-8 P.M.
- Tues. July 18 Trustee Meeting 7 P.M.
- Tues. July 25 Cancer with Hope 7 P.M.
- Tues. Aug. 15 Trustee Meeting 7 P.M.
- Tues Aug 29 Cancer with Hope 7 P.M.
- Every Mon. Seekers Adult Sunday School on Zoom
- Every Weds. Comfort Food via Zoom 7:30 P.M.

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 memory of her husband Owen, and by Pat and Sarah Gibbons in 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."



As we step into the summer season, anticipation fills the air as we eagerly await Vacation Bible School (VBS), a time of joy, learning, and growth in our faith. VBS has always been a cherished event in our community, bringing together children, families, and volunteers in a celebration of God's love.

This year, we have even more reasons to look forward to VBS. With a fun theme, engaging activities, and an enthusiastic team of dedicated volunteers, we're thrilled to embark on this adventure of faith and fun. The program promises to be a transformative experience for all who participate, nurturing spiritual growth and fostering lasting friendships.

I will be away during a few weeks of August. While I will miss everyone, we will have two guest speakers that will give inspiring sermons and compassionate guidance. I look forward to listening when they speak. As we embark on this new season of growth and possibilities, I am filled with a sense of profound excitement and gratitude. Our church family has always been a beacon of love, compassion, and faith, and now we stand at the threshold of an even more remarkable journey together.

Audubon UMC is headed towards a future brimming with promise and purpose. We are charting a course that embraces innovation, inclusivity, and a deep commitment to serving others. Through prayerful discernment and the collaborative efforts of our congregation, we are paving the way for transformative experiences and spiritual growth.

This summer, as the sun illuminates our paths and the warmth of fellowship envelops us, I find myself eagerly anticipating the countless blessings that lie ahead. The opportunities for community outreach, impactful ministries, and heartfelt worship experiences are boundless. We have an incredible team of leaders and volunteers who are devoted to creating an environment where all can thrive and find their place in God's divine plan.

Each one of us plays a vital role in shaping the direction of Audubon UMC. As we come together in worship, service, and fellowship, we cultivate a spirit of unity that

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We have had a new back door for a while. It's a heavy metal door. It is a very tight fit when opening and closing it. Whenever someone is locking it, please shut the door tight. Literally, make sure it's shut and then lock it. Make sure the top lock goes through. Look through the crack, make sure the lock goes through then make sure the bottom lock is locked as well. The door lock may not seem to work when unlocking but just push the door closed and it will work. There have been times the door is found unlocked. This is all about safety. Someone could come in and hide in the church. We are all responsible for taking care of the church and making it safe for everyone.

Water bottles are now in the church. All water dispensers are filled. If you see it is empty, please let one of the trustees know so we can refill.

Trash:

When anyone is throwing trash outside in the trash cans it must be in a trash bag. Several months ago we found Keurig pods thrown out in the bottom of the outside trash can not in a trash bag. We had to empty the trash can and put it in a trash bag. That's not fair to the trustees. The town will not take anything not in a trash bag. Please be considerate.

Recycle:

Many times we have seen bottles and plastics in the narthex trash can and the kitchen trash can that should be recycled. We have small trash cans downstairs that are labeled recycle and one is upstairs. Please take care to recycle .

Update on pointing the bricks and the roof

For months we have been trying to get estimates on the pointing of the bricks and have had no luck. Finally, this past month we had two companies come out. We will have those estimates soon. We have to do the pointing first before we can put a new roof on.

Summer Camp

Summer camp time is here. If you are going please make sure to apply for your \$100.00 stipend from AUMC (see William Betts). First time campers at Delanco Camp can get a discount of \$50 at online registration. Go to their website: Delanco.org for more information.



Financial hardship? Contact the office, we may be able to help.



We are planning to celebrate the 4th of July by participating in the town parade.

The theme this year is "Audubon's Small Businesses Make Good neighbors." We need your help to participate and show the townspeople that we at AUMC are great neighbors. Please consider joining us. If anyone has a vehicle and/or a trailer we could use to create a float, please contact Ruslana Snyder immediately at thebubblychef@comcast.net. Please contact the office or complete the Opportunities to Serve if you intend to help in any way. The parade will follow the original route but will end at the Frank Ward Recreation Center instead of the high school

VBS July 17-21 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

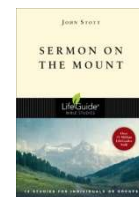


Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for this VBS. Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus 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."

NEEDED: Volunteers; donations of supplies (see list in the Bulletin) and funds. No gift is too small. A plate is in the Narthex. See CarolJo, Ruslana or Sue to help!

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study is on hiatus for the summer and will resume in September. Pastor Garrett is leading the study on **Jesus' Sermon on the Mount**. Bring your coffee and a friend. All men are welcome!



Cancer with Hope

The group will meet on the last Tuesday during the summer - July 25 and Aug 29, at 7 P.M. (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.



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transcends differences and strengthens our bonds. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of others, bringing hope, healing, and love to our community and beyond.

I personally want to express my deep appreciation for all of you who contribute your time, talents, and treasures to the life of our church. Your dedication and enthusiasm fuel the flame of our shared vision, and I am humbled to be part of such an inspiring community.

Pastor Garrett



What's that yellow piece of paper in the pew rack?? It's a QR code that you can scan to give electronically. See Carol Tait if you have questions about giving using the QR

code or online giving.

Audubon United Methodist Church has been issued a \$52.13 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation that includes a one-time bonus donation and an extra amount from the reallocation of undisbursed funds. This program has been discontinued but we are thankful for those whose purchases have added to our donation.

Children and Youth Choirs

Music Director Carl Ellinwood is starting 2 new choirs in the fall! Calling all children ages 4-5th grade and youth 6th grade and up: if interested please let us know either on the opportunities to serve form or by talking to Carl.

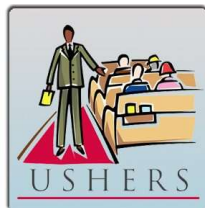


Adult Chancel choir is also looking for new members.

Carl is also hoping that some of us who play instruments will join the music program.

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.



We are happy to announce that this year's scholarship is going to one of our own: Katie VanAmam. Katie will attend the University of Southern

California to study journalism. Katie graduated last week from Haddonfield High School where she was active in Peer Leadership, the Environmental Club, the choir, and costume crew. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. In her application Katie indicated that this scholarship is especially important to her as it is faith-based and comes from her own church. You may be surprised to know that as part of their application we ask each student to answer one of several faith-based questions. Katie chose to tell us how faith has enabled her to handle a specific event in her life. She shared with us how when she was 8 years old she was diagnosed with Lymphoma and underwent two years of chemotherapy. She shared extensively about the ordeal she experienced. The support she needed came from the people of her own church, AUMC. Her faith in God and the support of her church helped Katie overcome her cancer. Our faith in God and our prayers and support helped Katie to grow in her faith and to trust him to guide her through the next stages of her life. Congratulations Katie! We are so proud of you!



July Homebound of the Month



Peg Lauk
122 Willet Way
Thorofare, NJ 08086

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

August Homebound of the Month



Joan Widnston
43 Payson Ave
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

Summer Communion Offering:

Local Benevolence

Summer Liturgists

July – Dorothy Groves

August – Bob Kondras

Summer Trustee Opener/Closers

Don Cox

July Birthdays

- 2 Peg Lauk
- 5 Carol Jesuncosky
- 6 Peg Cheney
- 6 Robert Pugliese
- 7 Adam Cox
- 8 Fern Montesano
- 8 Marilyn Radley
- 10 Diane Stanley
- 10 Helena Woodward
- 10 Eliana Deal
- 20 Emma Rittman
- 22 Peg Bradshaw
- 23 Tyler Stanley
- 24 Sam Tait
- 29 Morgan Makuszewski
- 31 Peg Schnyer



July Anniversaries

- 1 Carol and Sam Tait
- 2 Bill and Elaine Soulliard
- 27 Dan and Lindsai Arcaini
- 29 Paul and Bethany Griffis



August Birthdays

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



August Anniversaries

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

Intercessory Prayer Needs

- Doug J.
 - Shannon P.
 - Mary P
 - Carol F
 - Joan W
 - Sandy A
 - Gerry G
 - Pat H
 - Dee G
 - Estelle M
 - Charlie W and family
 - Crystal
 - Susan H
 - Tiara C
 - Dan A.
 - Joe
 - MaryAnn M
 - Gail L
 - Ef D
 - Miles J
 - Dorothy G
 - Mary L.
 - Mike & Tyler S.
 - Kevin H
 - Gwen E.
 - Peg and Don L
 - Rosemarie
 - Bill D
 - Jim B
 - Peggy C
 - Lauri M
 - Dave R
- Prayers for the family of Bill Simpson on his passing
 - Prayers for Elaine and Bill as they move to the mountains full time.
 - Continue to pray for Estelle. She is in rehab
 - For Pam A's continued recovery from brain 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., Chloe P.

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Pastor's email : 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.

Pastor Garrett's summer office hours:

Tues-Wed-Thurs. 9 – 11:30 A.M.

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