

# Audubon United Methodist Church

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## September 2022 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 is on the Graisbury Ave. side entrance. Handicapped parking is available on Graisbury and also in the rear of the church house.



#### Sundays:

9:00 A.M. Children's Sunday School  
Seekers Adult Sunday School in person and Zoom.

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

**Face masks are now optional but please wear masks when singing.**

Fri. Sept. 2 Town Meeting with the Pastor  
Thurs. Sept. 8 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M.  
Sat. Sept. 10 Bible Study- Brown Dog Café 9:30 A.M.  
Sun. Sept. 11 Children Sunday School begins 9 A.M.  
Book Club following service  
Tues. Sept. 13 Finance Committee 6:45 P.M.  
Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.  
Fri. Sept. 16 Third Friday on Merchant St. 6-9 P.M.  
Mon. Sept. 26 Cancer with Hope at 7 P.M.  
Every Weds. Comfort Food on Zoom 7:30 P.M.  
Every Thurs. Choir rehearsal 7:30 P.M.

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

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

### 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."**

### Opportunities to Serve - Get involved!



The Opportunities to Serve form is in the bulletin each week. Just check off what interests you and place it in the offering plate or the office mailbox; or you can email

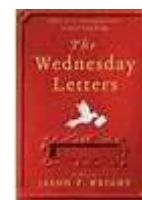
Pastor Garrett at [rev.garrettmgouveia@gmail.com](mailto:rev.garrettmgouveia@gmail.com)

Here some of the opportunities available:

- Sunday School teachers needed
- Chat with the Children "chatters"
- Join the Bible Study at Brown Dog Café
- Ushers needed for Sunday morning
- New Book Club starting this month
- The restart of our men's group
- Help with 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday event for Sept and Oct.
- Help with the Sunday morning live stream – from operating cameras to setting up equipment, etc.

### New Book Club Selection The Wednesday Letters

**We meet on the 2nd Sunday following service.** "Jack and Laurel have been married for 39 years. They've lived a good life and appeared to have had the perfect marriage. With his wife



cradled in his arms, and before Jack takes his last breath, he scribbles his last "Wednesday Letter." When their adult children arrive to arrange the funeral, they discover boxes and boxes full of love letters that their father wrote to their mother each week on Wednesday. As they begin to open and read the letters, the children

uncover the shocking truth about the past. In addition, each one must deal with the present-day challenges. Matthew has a troubled marriage, Samantha is a single mother, and Malcolm is the black sheep of the family who has returned home after a mysterious two-year absence. The Wednesday Letters has a powerful message about forgiveness and quietly beckons for readers to start writing their own "Wednesday Letters."

### Children's Ministry

**Sunday School begins September 11.**

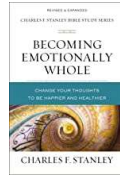
Sunday school teachers are needed!

You can make a difference to a young person by volunteering to be a teacher. We hope to have enough teachers to teach every other week. All materials are provided. Contact Pastor Garrett.



## Small Group Bible Study

Join us at the Brown Dog Café on Merchant Street Saturday mornings beginning Sept. 10 from 9:30 – 10:30 A.M.



*“Emotions are a gift from God, who created each of us with a capacity to feel and to express our feelings to others. For this reason, we need to know how to express our emotions in healthy ways, learn how to cope with negative emotions, direct our emotions toward good outcomes, and give voice to our feelings in order to improve communication. In Becoming Emotionally Whole, Dr. Charles Stanley reveals how we can take the necessary steps toward lasting emotional health, regardless of where we are on the spectrum of emotional growth.”*



### Choir season is here!!

We will begin on Thursday, Sept. 8th with rehearsal in the church from 7:30-9:00 P.M. We will resume singing at services on Sunday, Sept. 18th.

### Christmas Bazaar is coming!

November 19 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

We are now collecting clean, usable items for our Attic Treasures and our Christmas Room. Please see Lois R or Lyn R if you have any questions. Items can be placed in the back of the Adult Sunday School room.



*thank you*

- The Trustees thank everyone who helped with the beautification of the grounds around the church building. It was hard work but it looks so nice!
- Thanks to everyone who helped out on 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays. We love getting the word out about our church. Do you believe there are people in town that don't even know we are here?
- Thanks for all the school supplies donated for Kids Alley. You have just made a child's day! Thanks too to Carol Tait who delivered the supplies.
- I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of your scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to further my education! Sincerely, Natalie Sylvester
- Thank you so much for your amazing act of kindness of helping to pay for my amazing camp journey. I really appreciate it. I had a great time! Jaylen Holonia

## Trustees Corner

The new *Trustees Corner* is here to keep everyone informed what the Trustees are planning, projects that we are working on and what our needs are.



The outside has been mulched and borders are almost done. We will be planting flowers and nice shrubs in the Spring. The next important thing: the trustees are getting estimates for the church and the church house. They both need a new roof. Hopefully, we will have the estimates soon and the decision of who we are hiring will be decided next month.

Lastly, a lot of you say I wish I could help but I can't physically. There are other ways you could help. Lending tools we may need, providing financially for a project we are working on, or if it's a Saturday workday, would you consider providing lunch? There are all kinds of ways to help the trustees. Just ask how you can help. We appreciate any help and the support the church gives. See you next month.

### Garden Club

Who has a green thumb?

Who loves to take care and maintain their garden? The



church needs a Garden Club. The Garden Club will help maintain the new gardens. Planting, weeding and watering. If it could be maintained on a regular basis then nothing would be overgrown. The goal is to for our gardens to be beautiful and stand out in the community.

Contact Ruslana if you are interested in helping in any way.

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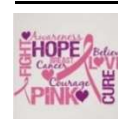
This quarter AUMC received \$39.87 as a result of qualifying purchases made by you (Jan. 1 – March 31).

Thanks to customers shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) or using the Amazon app with AmazonSmile turned ON, everyday purchases make an impact.

So far, AmazonSmile has donated **\$825.12** to Audubon United Methodist Church.

Please designate AUMC when shopping AmazonSmile.

### Cancer with Hope



Will be meeting on Monday, Sept. 26 at 7 P.M. Contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450 for more information



## **Missions**

When I (Michelle) was given the diagnosis of cancer, we weren't scared or surprised, but instead, we had a peace that was undeniable. We went right to the Lord and prayed for His will to be done. We prayed boldly and confidently that the Lord would put His healing touch on me. My treatment included seven rounds of chemo every two weeks and then six more weeks of daily radiation along with the chemo. This was an experience I won't ever forget, but definitely one I would like to forget. During this time, the Lord used each of you to hold up my arms when I didn't think I could take any more. Your prayers, words of encouragement, telephone calls, and cards were a huge blessing. I had both MRI and CT scans done after my treatment was over and saw the doctor on July 5 for a physical exam. The doctor was pleased with the scans and what they did not find. There was no evidence of cancer spreading to any of the other organs, and no lymph nodes were visible either. He said I was in remission, and he wanted to watch and wait for two years. We were beyond excited about the news, and I will take "watch and wait" as I know the Lord has touched my body. In fact, the doctor ordered another test with a biopsy on July 21. After seeing the biopsy report and getting a call from my surgeon, the doctor said that the biopsy showed no evidence of cancer at all! Praise the Lord! All glory goes to Him! So now, the doctor wants to do quarterly biopsies for the next two years to monitor my "no cancer" report.

Also, Denny was completely surprised and overwhelmed by the outpouring of love from everyone for his sixtieth birthday! I'm sure the mailman was wondering what the occasion was when he delivered over 200 cards during that short period of time! The cards, online birthday wishes, text messages, etc. made his heart swell with gratitude and his eyes swell with tears! Thank you for encouraging and blessing him in this way!

## **From the Treasurer, William Betts**

Carol Tait (Co-Treasurer) and I have been sharing/splitting the responsibilities of the church finances.

**William** – Pays all of the bills, records all deposits and reconciles the bank statements. He also prepares reports for the Finance Committee. In addition he is the contact for Annual Conference and pays our Shared Ministry and Insurance bills monthly, prepares the annual Fund Balance and Workers' Compensation Reports and the financial aspects of the year-end statistical report to Annual Conference. He also contributes to the creation of the annual church budget.

**Carol** – Takes care of payroll and payroll taxes, Vanco electronic giving and purchases with the church credit card.

All invoices and requests for checks and reimbursement should be directed to William at

[treasurer.Audubonumc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.Audubonumc@gmail.com).

We both are part of the Finance Committee which is headed by Bob Kondras, Finance Chair.

**As you may have noticed, we have two donation categories pertaining to our buildings themselves titled Repairs & Maintenance and Major Repairs.**

Whether you give with weekly or monthly envelopes, online, or with credit cards, these two categories should show up among the options. It would probably be beneficial to elaborate on the difference between the two.

**Repairs and Maintenance** refers to the regular upkeep work that the buildings require. Bear in mind that we own the church, the church office, the parsonage, associated garages and land. That naturally takes a great deal of resources to maintain. This account handles the non-permanent (*i.e.* repeatedly necessary over time) work that these facilities require. That could be everything from new lightbulbs to smoke detector batteries. Fortunately, our members are very generous in giving for R&M and understand these vital needs.

**Major Repairs** refers to "permanent" work to the buildings and land. The term in this case describes an improvement lasting more than a few years. A new roof and the work needed on the bell tower are examples of major repairs.

Currently, the church buildings need several major repairs. The donations we receive greatly favor Repairs & Maintenance rather than Major Repairs, at times almost up to 10 to 1. While we always strive to respect the wishes of donors, this puts the Finance Committee in the uncomfortable position of having to shift funds from R&M to Major Repairs. Given the current needs for several large projects, we beseech everybody giving to those two categories review their donations and adjust the larger proportion to Major Repairs. This request especially applies to those with automatic online giving set up as they may not review their giving allocation more than once per year.

As always, we have tremendous gratitude for the funding our members provide that enables us to continue the Lord's work in this area. I hope I am able to provide a little more clarity in how our contributions serve His purposes in this community.

## **September Homebound of the Month**



Bill Dameshek  
1655 Swedesboro Ave.  
Paulsboro, NJ 08066  
*Let him know you are thinking of him by sending a card.*

## September Liturgist

Kimme Williams

## September Communion Offering:

Local Benevolence

## September Birthdays

13 Linds Arcaini  
 19 Gerry Gosk  
 19 Emily Whiteley  
 20 Garrett Gouveia  
 23 Paul Griffis  
 27 Cindy Burrough  
 27 Terry Mazur  
 27 Jake VanArnam  
 29 Jack Deal

## September Anniversaries

23 Ally and Garrett Gouveia  
 29 Susan and Mario Medoro  
 30 Diane and Mike Stanley

## Peggy Cheney's new address

421 Squire Pope Road Apt. 512  
 Hilton Head Island, SC 29924

## 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.
- Kevin H
- Carol F
- Joan W
- Sandy A
- Gerry G
- Pat H
- Dee G
- Estelle M
- Charlie W and family
- Crystal
- Michelle
- Tiara C
- Dan A.
- Bill R
- Peg K
- Gail L
- Ef D
- Miles J
- Bill S
- Mary L.
- Mike & Tyler S.
- MaryAnn M
- Gwen E.
- Peg and Don L
- Rosemarie
- Bill D
- Youngsoon
- Dorothy G
- Lauri M
- Ruslana's father, Karl

## Prayer Card Requests

- World Gospel Mission ministries
- International Students ministries (ISI) and the Mannons
- Campus Crusade CRU Alex Simpson-Aponte
- Our servicemen and women:
- Our Pastor and family
- Peg K in rehab
- Sandy in rehab

- The Murphy family on the loss of Marty J
- Don C on the loss of his sister, Jill
- David G for healing
- That our Sunday School will blossom in the newly named Anne Simpson Room.
- Ruslana's father, Karl, recently diagnosed with cancer

## Church Staff:

- \* Pastor: Garrett Gouveia
- \* Admin. Asst.: Linda Holonia
- \* Director of Music: Mia Reich
- \* Organist:
- \* Pianist: Jesse Deal
- \* Nursery Aide: Marissa W.

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Pastor Garrett email: [garrettmgouveia@gmail.com](mailto:garrettmgouveia@gmail.com)

Pastor's office hours: Mon, Wed, Fri. 9AM – 1PM

## 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 2022 – Writing Acts 29

Listen for our weekly challenge each Sunday and don't forget to watch our YouTube videos especially the ones on prayer partnering.

