

Audubon United Methodist Church

314 W. Graisbury Avenue, Audubon, NJ 08106

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May 2024 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 Ave. and also behind the church house.



Sundays:

- 9:00 A.M. Children's and Teen Sunday School
- 9:00 A.M. Seekers Adult Sunday School in person and Zoom. ID: 732-520-3940 PASSWORD: Audubon
- 10:20 A.M. Traditional Service in person and streaming live on our Facebook page and on YouTube.
- Sat. May 4 Wedding of Ken and Hope
- Sat. May 11 Spring Vendor Blender and Attic Treasures
- Sun. May 19 Luncheon after Worship
- Tues. May 14 Finance Committee 6:45 P.M.
Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- Tues. May 21 Trustees Meeting
- Sat. May 25 Small Group study at 9 A.M.
- Sun. May 26 Book Club following service
- Mon. May 27 Memorial Day
- Tues. May 28 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 P.M.

The May Newsletter is sponsored by Mary Tharan in memory of her parents, Elmer and Evelyn Tharan.

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."

Congratulations on a successful Raise the Roof campaign!

There is still an outstanding balance of \$8,998 on the brick pointing around the church and the bell tower.

The roof work is scheduled for mid-May. It will take a week to complete. Also if anyone can help weed the gardens, which would be great. Big shout out to Frank Cunane who weeds when he can. Is anyone else able to help? It would be most appreciated.

In the narthex people are putting all kinds of food in the trash baskets and we now have been attracting mice there. It's not just a little piece here or there. It's half a sandwich or half a meal. Please stop doing that. It makes our job harder. Ruslana

Coming Saturday, May 11 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Victorious Women is sponsoring a Mother's Day Vendor Blender. You will have the opportunity to shop in time for Mother's Day from vendors and craftspeople. The kitchen will be open with breakfast & lunch foods as well as baked goods. Attic Treasures Thrift Store will also be open with extended hours.



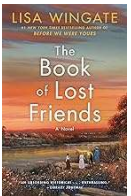
Small Group Study May 25 9-10:30 AM

We are studying the "**31 Women of the Bible**" and meet the fourth Saturday of each month. This month read the chapters on Lot's wife and Jael.. Women of all ages are welcome!



Book Club – May 26 *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate.

Bestselling author Lisa Wingate brings to life startling stories from actual "Lost Friends" advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as newly freed slaves desperately searched for loved ones who had been sold away.



Teen Class

Pre-teens and teens, invite your friends to come with you to this new Sunday School class designed just for you. Meet on the third floor with teachers are Kimmee Williams and Pastor Garrett

Mission Update from Linda Holonia

I want to share something from the Craker's recent update. As a little background, Michelle is the daughter of Wil Hoffman, a former pastor here at AUMC. She married Denny and they entered the mission field. For many years they served in China and Taiwan. Since 2022 they have returned to the States and Denny leads a Chinese Christian church in South Carolina.

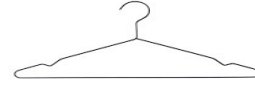
They shared that before they arrived, the church had built a beautiful \$15 million church building on land that they had previously purchased. They dedicated the building in January 2020 – just before COVID struck. The church remained closed, and they held worship online (sound familiar?). They continued to worship and eventually returned to their new building.

As Michelle put it, "God often has us undertake new, challenging endeavors. Scripture teaches us to put our trust in God and "lean not on [our] own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5) when we feel doubt and uncertainty. When our minds are filled with fear and doubt and say, "I don't think we can do this," we have to refocus on God and put our trust in Him. But once we've made the decision to step out in faith, "he will make [our] paths straight" (v. 6). We become more confident taking leaps of faith by learning who God is through spending time in prayer and in the Scriptures. "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord" (Psalm 40:4). When we trust God, the ultimate result is deep, genuine happiness."

They stepped out in faith and because they obeyed God, they were able to become debt free in five short years! Their story made me think about our story. We sought help for our bell tower repair and roof replacement. Through several sources, including your faithful support of these efforts, we will be replacing our church roof this month without going into debt for it. Do you realize what an accomplishment that is for a small church like AUMC? It's huge!! Praise God for taking care of our needs and thank you all for your faithful support.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Each Month

~ 9a.m. - 12 p.m. ~

May 11 ~ June 8 ~ July 13

Aug 10 ~ Sept. 14 ~ Oct. 12

Nov. 9 ~ Dec. 14

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Rear Entrance

## Cancer with Hope

The group will meet on Tuesday, May 28 at 7 PM 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.

## Diaper Drive

We are extending our drive for diapers sizes 4-6 and pull-ups until Mother's Day to donate to Options for Her.



It is such a joy to see the children come excitedly to have fun and learn about Jesus. However, this won't happen without a volunteer to direct VBS. All supplies and directions are provided. You simply follow the program outlined in the director's book. Many volunteers help make it an easy job. See Pastor Garrett if you are interested.

## May Homebound of the Month



Sandy Albrecht  
Riverfront Rehab  
Room 217B  
5101 N. Park Drive  
Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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

## Communion Offering: Replace the Roof Fund

Trustee Opener/Closer: Susan Medoro

Liturgist: Bob Kondras

## May Birthdays

2 Lauren Fitzgerald  
9 Kimberly Williams  
14 Pat Gibbons  
18 Eleanor Scott  
22 Bill Makuszewski



## May Anniversaries

24 Paul and Janet Acker  
30 Darlene and Chris Fitzgerald



## New Addresses:

### Bea Fisher

Summit Place  
540 Mullica Hill Rd.  
Glassboro, NJ 08028  
856-243-2468

### Joan Windston

Voorhees Senior Living #304  
501 Laurel Oak Rd.  
Voorhees, NJ 08043.

## 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

Healing: Mary L, Sammi S, Keith, Mike & Tyler S. Dee G, Carol F, Estelle M, Bill D, Pam A, Sandy A, Rosemarie, Dorothy, Wyone B, Crystal, Erin F, Linda H, Peggy B, Jen R

Ongoing Health issues: Dave R., Pat H, Charlie W and Family, Mary B, Barbara H, Peg L

Continued good health: Lauri M, Kevin H, Anne

## Prayer Card Requests

- Carol and Walt ask for your continuing special prayers for Miles. He is still hospitalized at HUP (Penn) in CICU and is at the top level of the waiting list for a heart transplant. Please pray too for his wife Morgan as she walks through this with him. Encourage him with a card.
- Mary Ann M recovering well. It's wonderful to see her out
- Joan Windson in her new home
- Bea Fisher in her new home

**URGENT NEED: Someone is needed to take over the church monthly Newsletter beginning June 1, 2024, with the summer edition. It takes a few hours each month to gather and format the activities and information from church leaders and groups.**

**Contact Lyn Radley or Carol Tait.**

## Church Staff:

- \* Pastor: Garrett Gouveia
- \* Admin. Asst.: Linda Holonia
- \* Director of Music: Carl Ellinwood, Jr
- \* Organist/pianist: Ken Carson
- \* Nursery Aide: Calvin Reich & Sophia Kondras

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

**Pastor's office hours:** Mon, Wed, Fri. 8:45 – 11:30 AM

## 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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### **This just in . . .**

You may have heard that Colonial Manor UMC in West Deptford was recently severely damaged by fire. Their food pantry was destroyed. To that end, they are asking for donations to replenish the pantry. You may bring food pantry items (non-perishable foods) or donate toward the food pantry until May 26, when we will make sure the donations are given to the church.

### **General Conference of the United Methodist Church**

Will be held April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, N.C.

General Conference is the denomination's highest legislative body. As such, it has the authority to make revisions to the denomination's Book of Discipline and Book of Resolutions.

Daily Updates are published online at

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>

