

Audubon United Methodist Church

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February 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.

Sunday February 4 is the last day to submit your Lenten Devotional Share your personal experience, reflection, or story.

The Thrift Shop Is open the second Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 12 Noon.

Feb. 10 is the next day to visit the thrift shop for clothing, housewares, and seasonal décor. Inventory is always changing!

Sundays:

- 9:00 A.M. Children's Sunday School
- 9:00 A.M. Seekers Adult Sunday School in person and Zoom.
- 10:20 A.M. Traditional Service in person and streaming live on our Facebook page and YouTube.

- Tues. Feb. 13 Finance Committee 6:45 P.M.
Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- Wed. Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday service 7 P.M.
- Sun. Feb. 18 Chili fellowship luncheon after church
- Sat. Feb. 24 Small Group study at 9 A.M.
- Mon. Feb. 26 Cancer with Hope 7 P.M.
- Wed. Feb. 29 Blood Drive 2-7 P.M.
- Every Mon. Seekers Adult Sunday School on Zoom
- Every Weds. Comfort Food on Zoom 7:30 P.M.
- Every Thurs. Chancel Choir rehearsal 7:30 PM

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

The February Newsletter is sponsored in honor of Victorious Women by the UMW.

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."

Chili Fellowship Luncheon Sunday Feb. 18 after church

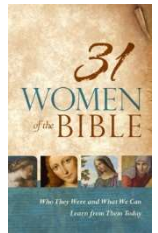
Come and taste the different styles along with delicious corn bread and lots of fun fellowship!



Small Group Study

A NEW small group beginning on February 24th.
9 AM to 10:30 AM

We will be studying the "**31 women of the Bible**" and will meet the fourth Saturday of each month. This is an in person small group study. Books are being ordered soon. Anyone interested, please contact Kimmee by email.



Blood Drive February 29 – Leap Day! 2- 7 P.M.



Sign up to donate on the Red Cross website. Those who donate in February will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card by email.

We collected 26 pints at our Dec. drive!

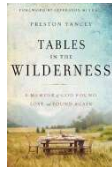
Cancer with Hope

The group will meet on Monday, February 26 at 7 PM in the Anne Simpson Room and 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.



Save the date: Book Club in March

Pastor Garrett will announce the date. The book is *“Tables in the Wilderness: a memoir of God found, lost and found again”* by Preston Yancey



There was a most important job that needed to be done, And no reason not to do it, there was absolutely none. But in vital matters such as this, the thing you have to ask is who exactly will it be who'll carry out the task?



Anybody could have told you that **Everybody** knew That this was something **Somebody** would surely have to do. Nobody was unwilling; **Anybody** had the ability. But **Nobody** believed that it was their responsibility. It seemed to be a job that **Anybody** could have done, If **Anybody** thought he was supposed to be the one. But since **Everybody** recognized that **Anybody** could, **Everybody** took for granted that **Somebody** would. But **Nobody** told **Anybody** that we are aware of, That he would be in charge of seeing it was taken care of. And **Nobody** took it upon himself to follow through, And do what **Everybody** thought that **Somebody** would do. When what **Everybody** needed so did not get done at all, **Everybody** was complaining that **Somebody** dropped the ball. **Anybody** then could see it was an awful crying shame, And **Everybody** looked around for **Somebody** to blame. **Somebody** should have done the job And **Everybody** should have, But in the end, **Nobody** did What **Anybody** could have.

Many people have asked for Allison's recipe and she has been kind to share it with us all.

TOMATO BASIL BISQUE SOUP

2 large onions (diced)
3 large carrots (diced)
3 stalks celery (diced)
8 cloves garlic (minced) (1 tbsp. freeze-dried garlic)
4 tbsp. basil
2 28 oz. crushed tomatoes
2 28 oz. diced tomatoes
8 cups vegetable broth
Hungarian paprika



Brown onions, carrots, celery
Add garlic
Add basil
Let flavors meld
Add all cans of tomatoes
Add vegetable broth
Use immersion blender to smooth all chunks.

Many dates are open for flowers this year.

Feb. 25, March 17, 31; May 5, 19; June 2, July 7, Aug. 27, and Oct 13. Some are 1 arrangement some weeks are 2. The cost is \$18 per arrangement. Please contact the Office if you wish to sponsor one of these dates

February Liturgist: Barbara Kondras

February Communion Offering: Roof Fund

Trustee Opener/Closer: Tracy Schnyer

February Birthdays

4 Evelyn Alekseyev
5 Barbara Hertfelder
6 Alexa Campling
19 George MacCulloch
19 Susan Medoro
23 Lori Ryan
27 Allison Cox

February Homebound of the Month



Estelle MacCulloch
340 W. Graisbury Ave.
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

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

- Peggy B fell on ice and broke her leg
- Linda H recovering from surgery
- Our congregation on God's possibilities for us in 2024
- Please pray for Sandy H and her family on the passing of her niece Debra Claire (45) after a brief illness
- Diane S and family on the loss of her father
- Erin F for recovery from surgeries (Carol T's daughter in-law)
- Jen R recovering from foot surgery (Lyn's daughter-in-law)

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
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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHILE LINDA IS RECOVERING THE DAYS AND HOURS MAY VARY.

Have you checked out our website lately?

<https://www.audubonumc.com>



<https://www.facebook.com/AudubonUMC>



[@Audubon_UMC](http://www.twitter.com)



Remembering Bill Rittmayer

Bill was honored as a beloved resident and visionary of the Chapel Ramp at Collingswood Manor – United Methodist Communities. Bill saw a need for a ramp into the Chapel for easier access and worked tirelessly to see it accomplished. The new ramp was dedicated in Bill's memory.

Update from the SPRC

Praise the Lord! Linda Holonia's surgery went well and she is at home resting. She is anticipating returning to the office ASAP. Regarding her office duties, actually, I was in a tailspin thinking about how her work would be completed when God provided Bethany Griffis and Kimmee Williams who stepped up and put their excellent computer skills to work and produced the bulletin, announcements and completed other office duties. Thank you, Bethany and Kimmee
Jane Gannon, Chair

For God

*so loved the world,
that he gave his
only
begotten
Son,
that whosoever
believeth
in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.*



John 3:16

