

Audubon United Methodist Church

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Summer 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 be found 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. 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.

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| Fri. July 1 | AUMC Town Hall meeting 7 P.M. |
| Mon. July 4 | Audubon Town Parade |
| Sat. July 9 | Christmas in July 10 AM – 1 P.M. |
| Sun. July 10 | Book Club following service |
| Tues. July 12 | Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M. |
| Fri. July 15 | Third Friday on Merchant St. 6-9 P.M. |
| Tues. July 26 | Cancer with Hope |
| Fri. Aug 5 | AUMC Town Hall Meeting |
| Tues. Aug 9 | Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M. |
| Sun Aug 14 | Book Club following service |
| Tues. Aug 27 | Cancer with Hope |
| Every Weds. | Comfort Food on 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.”



Town Hall meetings to begin on the first Friday of each month. The first meeting will be held on July 1st in Fellowship Hall

beginning at 7:00 and a meal provided. The meetings are limited to 12-15 people so that everyone has an opportunity to be heard. You must sign-up.

Town Hall Meeting



We want to hear from you regarding your thoughts about AUMC going forward. You may sign up on the Opportunities to Serve form or by letting the office know since the first is coming up relatively soon. If you do not make the cut this month, the next meeting will be held on August 5th.

We also want to restart our men's group. If you are interested, indicate that on the Opportunities to Serve form



rev.garrettmgouveia@gmail.com

We awarded our AUMC scholarship to Natalie Sylvester

at Graduation ceremony on June 16th. Natalie will attend Penn State University-Abington Campus to study Forensic Science.



Following graduation she plans to attend medical school and become a forensic pathologist and hopes to work for the FBI. She is a member of Saint Joseph the Worker Church, where she has volunteered in different capacities. Additionally, she was very active at AHS, chairing or presiding on several different committees and clubs. In her essay she spoke of the influence her grandfather had on her by taking her to church each week until he died when she was very young. His influence carried on as she continued to take her faith seriously and has become a dedicated and caring young woman, not only in her faith, but in life as well

Children's Ministry

Sunday school teachers 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.



Mission News by Bruce Krout

Let's equip our Kids Alley children again for learning! In August we will start collecting backpacks and school supplies for children from Camden, NJ, and the surrounding areas. Details will be given as we get closer to the drop-off date of August 24th. Upon receiving the donated items, with the help of staff & volunteers, they fill up backpacks with NEW supplies. Every summer Kids Alley holds a "block-party-like" event (Aug. 27th) where they not only give away free school supplies, but also provide free food, music, and games. Kids Alley is again offering a 5-week summer camp for around 50 youngsters, as well.

Donation list:

BACKPACKS
PENCIL BOXES/ PENCIL POUCHES
CAP ERASERS
LARGE ERASERS
PENCIL SHARPENER
MECHANICAL PENCILS
PENCILS
PENS
HIGHLIGHTERS
RULERS
CRAYONS
MARKERS
COLORED PENCILS
SCISSORS
GLUE STICKS
COMPOSITION BOOKS
LOOSE-LEAF PAPER
SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS
FOLDERS
BINDERS
INDEX CARDS
TISSUES
HAND SANITIZER

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

Cancer with Hope

Will be meeting on Tuesdays during the summer: **July 26** and **August 27**
Contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450



Join us as we march in the **Audubon town parade** with a float advertising our new Church activity of "Christmas in July.



We will be giving out candy canes this year and will also give out flyers promoting the July 9th Christmas in July event. Would you like to help. Parade details to be announced. 🎄 🕒 🎄

"Christmas in July" on Saturday the 9th will be completely outside and have 10 fun games for the kids to play. There will be a giant slide and an Audubon fire truck to check out. There will also be a craft table for added fun. The only thing missing is you to supervise a game and give out the treats. There will also be Christmas caroling from time to time to create a festive atmosphere. We are hoping to see all of our church family on this eventful day.

10:00 A.M. ~ 1:00 P.M. OUTDOOR EVENT
FUN-N-GAMES
FOR YOUNGSTERS
**Christmas
in July!**
@Wyoming & Graisbury Aves.
SAT. ~ JULY 9TH

See Bruce Krout to help with the fun!

July Homebound of the Month



Joan Windston
43 Payson Ave.
Audubon NJ 08106

August Homebound of the Month



Peggy Lauk
122 Willet Way.
Thorofare, NJ 08086

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

Peggy Cheney's new address

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



- Dan [Emma's son] and I (Edith) would like to thank those who have sent birthday cards to Emma. Over the last couple of weeks, she has received a lot of cards, and we have read each one to her on our Thursday visits. She was happy to hear from so many of you. At 103 years old, she is still moving about.



Not as fast, but she takes herself down to the dining room for all her meals. She may be weak in body, but still strong in her FAITH! Please keep Emma in your prayers. And thank you for the LOVE YOU EXPRESSED IN THE BIRTHDAY CARDS.

Emma's mail: PO Box 62, Audubon, NJ 08106

- I would like to extend my heartfelt thank you to the AUMC family. I enjoyed and appreciated all the kind words and cards. It is about that time where I'll be heading back home soon, and I ask not to send any more correspondence as I would be at risk of not receiving it in time before I leave my location. It has been a tiring and challenging deployment and the correspondence I received made it easier. I'm excited for my return! I'd like to thank everyone again for the prayers and gifts throughout. Sincerely, Jim (Goslin)
- I'm back from Poland. It was a great trip because of the prayer of your church. It was a short trip, but I felt like it was a long journey. I met owner of a Deli store and was able to get to know him and his wife. I gave wife the Bible, which you gave, and she was thrilled to have the Bible.
Thanks again and tell your church I do appreciate the prayers. ~In Sook
- Thank you so very much for inviting us out to your church on June 10, 2022 for the vaccine clinic. Although the turnout was small we were very happy to be there and appreciate how welcomed we felt. ~Frances Kenney, RN-BSN of Camden County Health Dept.

thank you

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.

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 quite 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.

At this time, 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.

Health & Wellness – Short and Sweet

In the fall we will continue with changes in the body as we age. As we enjoy the lovely weather of summer let's focus on summer fun and safety.

July 4th is just around the corner bringing parades, family cookouts and gatherings, and fireworks. Enjoy this time safely. Watch children around the barbecue. Along the parade route keep them safe from vehicles in the parade. And remember your pets and provide a quiet place for them during the fireworks,

Summer means traveling on vacations. If you are planning a road trip, be prepared with extra food and water in the event of a breakdown or traffic delay. Keep alert for other drivers who may not be paying attention and could cause an accident. Keep to the speed limit. Insure everyone is buckled in and children's booster seats are secured correctly.

Summer is mosquito time. Protect yourself and family with mosquito repellent. If camping be alert for ticks. Wear long sleeves and long pants when hiking through areas lush with vegetation.

Inspect your pets as they also can come in contact with ticks.

Swimming! The favorite summertime activity. Water can be tempting so caution your children to swim only where there are protected beaches, lakes, and pools. The ocean can be dangerous and already this year there have been drownings on the Jersey shore as victims have gone into the ocean and gotten caught in rip tides after the lifeguards have gone off duty. Protect skin from the sun with sunscreen and reapply as needed.

The weather during this time of year is changing. There have been thunderstorms, high winds, and tornadoes. We are seeing more of this in our area of the country. Be aware of the weather reports and check them frequently. Seek shelter when advised.

Have a great safe and fun time this summer with family and friends. Enjoy!

Could this happen in our church?

A man and his wife recently relocated to a new town in a different state. They missed their former church and decided to visit different churches in the area in hopes of finding one as friendly and welcoming as their former church family. They even visited churches in the surrounding towns. They decided to attend Audubon United Methodist Church where they received a friendly welcome and an invitation to return. One Sunday morning during the service the man suddenly slumped down in the pew clutching his chest and became unconscious. His wife cried out for help. Church members rushed to their aid and found he had no pulse. "Get the AED and call 911." someone yelled. The AED was brought to the man's side and members looked around and asked who knows how to work it? None of the church members who knew how to use the AED were in attendance that day. Sadly, no one knew what to do and when the paramedics arrived it was too late to save him. There are only 2 church members who know how to use the AED. **If you are interested in learning how to use the AED, you can learn to do so in one to two hours. To schedule a time contact Dorothy Groves at 609-405-4134 or grovesdorothy@gmail.com**

Questions/suggestions/feedback? – contact Dorothy Groves. Cell phone 609-405-4134, or email at grovesdorothy@gmail.com

Summer Liturgists

July Bob Kondras

August Sue Medoro

Summer Communion Offering:

Local Benevolence

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
- 22 Peggy Bradshaw
- 23 Tyler Stanley
- 24 Sam Tait
- 28 Bruce Krout
- 29 Morgan Makuszewski
- 31 Peg Schnyer



July Anniversaries

- 1 Carol and Sam Tait
- 2 Bill and Elaine Soulliard
- 22 Peg and Dave Bradshaw
- 26 Bruce and Lori Krout
- 27 Dan and Lindsy 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
- 17 Peg Keel
- 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

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| • Doug J. | • Crystal | • Mary L. |
| • Shannon P. | • Michelle | • Mike & Tyler S. |
| • Kevin H | • Tiara C | • Marty J |
| • Carol F | • Dan A. | • Gwen E. |
| • Joan W | • Bill R | • Peg and Don L |
| • Sandy A | • Peg K | • Rosemarie |
| • Gerry G | • Gail Lore | • Bill D |
| • Pat H | • Ef D | • Jill T (Don C sister) |
| • Dee G | • Miles J | • Youngsoon |
| • Estelle M | • Bill S | • Dorothy G |
| • Lauri M | • Charlie W and family | |
| • Ruslana's father, Karl | | • MaryAnn M |

Prayer Card Requests

- World Gospel Mission ministries
- International Students ministries (ISI) 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
- Our Pastor and family
- Peg K – she's been hospitalized several times
- AUMC Town meetings and summer activities

Church Staff:

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| * Pastor: | Garrett Gouveia |
| * Admin. Asst.: | Linda Holonia |
| * Director of Music: | Mia Reich |
| * Organist: | David Reich |
| * Pianist: | Jesse Deal |
| Nursery Aides: | Marissa W. and Chloe P. |
| Church Office email: | audubonumc@verizon.net |
| Church office Phone: | 856-547-6114 |
| Pastor Garrett email: | garrettmgouveia@gmail.com |
| Pastor's office hours: | Mon, Wed, Fri. 9AM – 1PM |

Church Office Hours

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| 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 |



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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 new ones on prayer partnering.

