

# Audubon United Methodist Church

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## March 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. Classes for Elementary, Middle and High School students.
- 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 required. Some windows will remain open and the exhaust fan running for fresh air exchange and ventilation as required by the CDC.**

- Wed. March 2 Ash Wednesday service 7:30 P.M.
- Tues. March 8 Finance Meeting 6:45 P.M.  
Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- Mon. March 28 Cancer With Hope
- Every Weds. Comfort Food on Zoom 7:30 P.M.
- Every Thurs. Chancel Choir rehearsal 7:00 P.M.

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

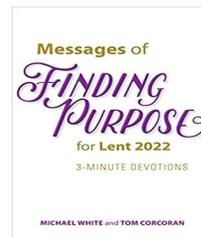
***The March Newsletter is sponsored by the Cunanes in thanks for all of Gods blessings to their loving family and to celebrate Barb's birthday.***

### 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."***

### March 2 is Ash Wednesday.

We will begin Lent with a service at 7:30 P.M. Pastor Garrett will bring the message. Ashes will be available for those who wish to receive them.



***Messages of Finding Purpose for Lent 2022: 3 minute devotion.*** You can pick one up in the Narthex or from the church office. You are welcome to deliver them to your neighboring church families.

The fourth Sunday of each month is "**Jeans Sunday.**" You are encouraged to wear jeans and if doing so, you are asked to donate between \$1.00 and \$5.00 which will be included with the Communion offering to support one of our ministries. Be sure to indicate that the donation is for Jeans Sunday, March 27. We are supporting Urban Promise with our March & April Communion offerings.



### Spring Ladies Day at America's Keswick

Wednesday, May 11, 2022  
from 9AM – 3 PM

Guest Speaker is **Alisa Childers**, singer, song writer and author. \$22 includes all sessions, continental breakfast and boxed lunch.



*"As a lifelong church-goer, follower of Jesus, and former CCM recording artist with the Dove award-winning group ZOEGirl, I experienced a period of profound doubt about my faith in my mid-thirties. I felt as though I had been tossed in a stormy ocean of uncertainty with no life jacket or lifeboat in sight. I didn't know where to find answers to my questions, or if answers existed at all. Did I have to accept it all on some kind of blind faith? I began to investigate my faith intellectually—I took seminary classes and read everything I could get my hands on. This began my journey from unreasoned doubt into a vibrant, rational, and informed faith."*

Contact Lyn Radley if you are interested in attending this event.

## Mission News by Bruce Krout

Have you been to Disney World? Most of us have at least once. You probably know of families that go every year. It's no wonder because Disney Enterprises Inc. makes it easy to arrange your trip and the experience there is developed to be pleasant so that you want to return.

Like any corporation, Disney offers college internships. This arrangement allows the company to get cheap labor while offering students learning experiences that can help them to build their resumes. Internships can be finance, marketing, customer service, production/entertainment oriented. Prior to the pandemic Disney World hired 12,000 interns annually out of 50,000 applicants. The interns usually work for 6 months and often stay in group dorms provided at a cost of approximately \$800/ month. Rent is not cheap, especially when your salary is \$11-12/hour.

Why am I talking about Disney in a mission's article? You probably remember Alex Simpson who brought us a message a few summers ago. She and her husband Joel Aponte have been working for the Cru (Disney) team since June of 2021. Disney World has been opening up and they are now meeting and discipling to dozens and dozens of interns each month coming into Florida from across the U.S.

About three days a week Alex goes to the various parks (Epcot, Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, or Animal Kingdom) to talk to the interns to get contact information and hopefully, to meet later at their dorm when they have free time. The first couple of weeks that the new interns come to Orlando is the best time for the Cru team to reach out. The interns are settling in and have extra time prior to their set work schedule. Organizing meetings and discipling with the students is the strategy. Unfortunately, the number of international students involved is low due to the pandemic at this time. The other two days Alex works on Cru's social media, while Joel is involved with Cru's human relations office.



Alex is very thankful for the support from A.U.M.C. and its many individual members who support them. Joel and Alex are a blessing from God for their courageous and energetic discipleship. I believe they are in the right place and time to meet and get the Word out to these young

people. Please pray for all of our missionaries, including Alex and Joel in their Disney ministry.

If you would like to help support Alex and Joel use the address below: [give.cru.org/0658906](https://give.cru.org/0658906)

To correspond use the following: Joel and Alex Aponte, 12408 Cinder Oak Way, Orlando, FL 32832

[Joel.Aponte@cru.org](mailto:Joel.Aponte@cru.org) or [Alex.Aponte@cru.org](mailto:Alex.Aponte@cru.org)

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

## Cancer with Hope



Will be meeting on Monday, March 28

Contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450 for more information

## From the Church Council

At the special church council meeting on January 3, it was decided to allocate \$12,000 to technology upgrades. Many of you have donated to technology since we began live-streaming our services which has



covered our costs to date but now we find it necessary to purchase additional equipment. The Finance Committee included \$1,000 for Worship Technology in the original budget which will cover our monthly "Switcher" invoices of \$45 and our annual Zoom cost of approximately \$450.00.

When the new electronic giving forms were sent out in November with some account changes, technology was not one of the choices, however the option to give to Technology has been available since 2020 to those who make one-time gifts online

If any of our faithful electronic givers would like to add Technology to their giving, please contact Carol Tait at [crosstait630@yahoo.com](mailto:crosstait630@yahoo.com). You can either add an amount for Technology, or, reallocate your giving to include that option.

## Electronic giving

If you like the freedom of unscheduled giving, Vanco has a new giving app, **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement**, that makes it easier for members to give at any time.



If you are not giving electronically yet, you can check out their website for more information.

## March Liturgist

Elaine Soulliard

## Church memorabilia wanted

Do you have anything in your possession pertaining to our church history that you think should be on display? Please contact Barbara Cunane. She is looking for artifacts to display behind glass in Conover Parlor. These items will have a description card and date.



## Directory Update:

Bill Dameshek's new address:  
1043 Marshall Mill Road  
Franklinville, NJ 08322

Jim Goslin's new address:  
CPT Goslin, James (228 EVCC)  
448 EN, 228 EVCC  
APO, AE 09366

## March Shut-in of the Month



Estelle MacCulloch  
340 W Graisbury Ave.  
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

## March Communion Offering:

Urban Promise

## March Birthdays

- 1 Elaine Soulliard
- 2 Brandon Alekseyev
- 5 Maggie Bouch
- 9 Barbara Cunane
- 10 Mia Reich
- 12 Kevin Fennimore
- 12 Tracy Schnyer
- 15 William Betts
- 16 Rebecca VanArnam
- 18 Tim Bouch
- 19 Mike Barrus
- 22 Laurie Bouch
- 23 Don Canning
- 23 Caroline Reich
- 23 Anne Simpson
- 24 Scott Ryan
- 28 Karen Campling
- 29 Tracy Bradshaw



## March Anniversaries

- 15 Karen and David Campling

## 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
- Lauri M
- Crystal
- Michelle
- Tiara C
- Dan A.
- Bill R
- Peg K
- Gail Lore
- Ef D
- Miles J
- Bill S
- Charlie W and family
- Mary L.
- Mike & Tyler S.
- Anne
- Gwen E.
- Peg and Don L
- Rosemarie
- Bill D
- Jill T (Don C sister)
- Youngsoon
- Dorothy G
- 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:  
Walter J IV- U.S. Coast Guard, Jim G – NJ Army National Guard, James S. –US Army  
**Please remember to keep CPT Jim Goslin in your prayers. He has been deployed to the Middle East**
- Our Pastor and family
- Pray for God's voice.
- Sandy A. at home
- Estelle continued improvement
- Ef's sister, Donna as she continues her recovery
- Bill and Anne S for strength during Bill's treatment
- Marty J in Florida for continued recovery
- MaryAnn M
- Jean W's nephew Jake as he recovers
- Strength for Peg K
- Cole R
- Bill D for recovery
- Michelle C for cancer treatment
- Dorothy in the hospital
- Peg K moving to Cadbury
- Bob Kondras, Jr. for recovery
- Congratulations to Mary T on her engagement







It's the season of spring, the season of rebirth, and most of all the Season of our Risen Lord and Savior. As always, part of our Easter celebration is the placement of Easter Lilies in the sanctuary.

The price is \$11 per plant. Your order and payment will be due by Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday). **NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE!**

Enjoy your lilies year after year. When you take them home after Easter Sunday Services, plant them 6 inches deep. They come up every year and bloom several times throughout the summer. Please complete the following (Kindly PRINT):

Your Name	In Memory of:	In Honor of:	Total number plants

Total Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed orders with payment to the church office.

