

# Audubon United Methodist Church

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## December 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 is on the Graisbury Ave. side entrance. Limited handicapped parking is available on Graisbury and in the rear of the church house.



### Sundays:

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

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

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

Fri. Dec 2 Greening of the Church 7 P.M.  
Sat. Dec 3 Small group Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Tue. Dec 6 Finance-Budget Meeting 6:45 P.M.  
SPRC 7:30 P.M.  
Sun. Dec. 11 Live Nativity 5:30 – 8 PM  
Tue. Dec. 13 Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.  
Sun. Dec. 18 Chancel Choir Cantata-10:20 A.M. service  
Sat. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve services at 4 and 8:00 P.M.  
Sun. Dec. 25 Christmas morning service at 10:20 A.M.  
Thur. Dec 29 Blood Drive 2-7 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 December Newsletter is sponsored by George and Estelle MacCulloch in memory of loved ones.**

### 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."***

### GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Come and join us on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. as we decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

LIVE NATIVITY will be presented on the front lawn again this year

**Dec. 11 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.**

Live actors, live animals all telling the story of our living God. Invite your neighbors and friends and join in the celebration!



### BLESSING TREE



The Blessing Tree is in the Narthex. All families served by our Blessing Tree are local. The gift tags have numbers, ages and wishes and needs. Please take the tag and purchase your gift. Wrap the gift and attach the gift tag in a way that it can be easily removed so that a name can be placed on the package.

**Gifts will be due by December 11th** so that we have time to assemble them and deliver to the families. If you have any questions please contact Linda Holonia at the office or at [lhlonia@yahoo.com](mailto:lhlonia@yahoo.com).

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Family Service at 4 P.M.  
Traditional Candlelight Service at 8:00 P.M.  
Welcome the newborn KING.



**From Audubon Peer to Peer** - Thank you ever so much! APTPA wanted me to relay their thanks and to let you know that your donations will make such a difference to many families!!

**From the Finance committee** – Thanks for making your 2023 commitment to doing God's work through AUMC.

**Thank you to Garrett and Ally for hosting the annual Porch Party** and

**To all who helped make our Christmas Bazaar a success.**

**To Steve Miller (Medoros' son-in-law) who installed our outside Christmas Tree of Lights.**

## GIFT CARDS

Although you can order gift cards any time of the year through the church, as the holidays approach we will once again remind you of the opportunity for you to purchase gift cards through the church. You pay face value for the gift cards and the retailers give a percentage of the cards to the church. There is no additional cost to you and the church benefits as well. Order forms will be available in the narthex or contact the office. Cards are ordered at the beginning of the week and are available by Sunday of the following week, less than one week turn around. Payment is due with the order and checks should be payable to AUMC. If you have any questions see Linda Holonia or contact the office.



## CANCER WITH HOPE

Will **NOT** be meeting on Monday, December 26 at 7 P.M.

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



## BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. Our goal this time is 30 pints. The Red Cross will have t-shirts for all donors. If interested in donating, please contact the office, and reserve your timed appointment.



## UMM (United Methodist Men)

is going to become active once again. Rob Forker will be leading a study on David beginning **January 14**. If you are interested in becoming part of the group, please indicate so on the *Opportunities to Serve* form (#7).



## Electronic giving

For those of our members and friends who have been giving electronically, **THANK YOU!** In the electronic age, so much of life is organized at your fingertips on a mobile device. Now, you can add your donations to the Lord's work at Audubon UMC to your electronic


toolbox! You can schedule your regular donations by filling out the Authorization form and sending it to the office.

If you like the freedom of unscheduled giving, Audubon UMC has made it easy for you to give with **VANCO Mobile**. This mobile app is accessible on your phone or tablet anywhere you are! Best yet—it is **easy to use and a worry-free choice!** Here is what you need to know:

Your payment information is kept safe with the best online

1 security practices. No more worries about writing a check every week or dropping one in the mail. All your online giving will show up in your giving statement as usual and you can designate exactly which ministries you would like to donate to. The app fully integrates mobile giving with your existing VANCO Online account.

2 To install on your mobile phone or tablet, visit the

App  Store for iPhone users or Play Store for Android users

3 Search for "VANCO Mobile"  and follow the screen prompts to complete the install and set up an account username and password.

? If you have any questions, contact: Carol Tait, [crosstait630@yahoo.com](mailto:crosstait630@yahoo.com), 856-546-0242.

*In addition, if you would like to go all electronic and stop receiving contribution envelopes, please let Financial Secretary, Linda Holonia, know.*

## PSE&G:LIHEAP:

If you are struggling to pay your energy bills, help is available. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Universal Service Fund (USF) have expanded to include more people at higher income levels. For example, a family of four with a monthly income of \$9,250 may be eligible and should apply for USF. (Only the last month of income counts.) If you are not eligible for LIHEAP or USF there are moderate-income programs, such as the PAGE Grant and/or NJSHARES, which may provide the help you need. For more information, or to find out how to apply, call 1-800-520-3102 or "211" (7 days a week.) Visit [pseg.com/help](http://pseg.com/help) or [pseg.com/ayuda](http://pseg.com/ayuda) (Spanish) for online application links. Forms are available in the Narthex.

Did you know retirees can donate all, or a portion of, their required minimum distribution (RMD) directly to charity? It's called a **qualified charitable distribution** or QCD. You can also make charitable distributions directly from an IRA before RMDs begin. The Secure Act raised the RMD age for some taxpayers to 72 but did not raise the QCD age from 70 1/2.

Qualified charitable distributions do not provide a charitable deduction for taxpayers, regardless of whether you itemize deductions. Instead, with a qualified charitable distribution, a check is sent **directly** from an IRA to charity. This allows the donor to exclude the amount from taxable income.

**December Homebound of the Month**



Peggy Cheney  
421 Squire Pope Rd. Apt. 512  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29924

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

**December Liturgist:** Dorothy Groves

**December Communion Offering:** Kids Alley

**December Trustee Opener/Closer:** Bob Fonash

**December Birthdays**

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Joan Windston    | 22 Samantha Fennimore |
| 7 Liz Deal         | 22 Mary Ann Mazur     |
| 10 Dan Arcaini     | 29 Carol Fennimore    |
| 12 Lois Reiter     |                       |
| 13 Sandy Albrecht  |                       |
| 14 Samantha Snyder |                       |
| 15 Bill Soulliard  |                       |



**December Anniversaries**

- 3 Pam and Peter Alekseyev
- 10 Mia and David Reich

**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   | • MaryAnn M              |
| • Carol F              | • Dan A.    | • Gwen E.                |
| • Joan W               | • Bill R    | • Peg and Don L          |
| • Sandy A              | • Rosemarie | • Lauri M                |
| • Gerry G              | • Gail L    | • Bill D                 |
| • Pat H                | • Ef D      | • Dorothy G              |
| • Dee G                | • Peggy C   | • Youngsoon              |
| • Estelle M            | • Bill S    |                          |
| • Charlie W and family |             | • Ruslana's father, Karl |

**Prayer Card Requests**

- World Gospel Mission ministries
- International Students Inc. ministries (ISI) and the Mannons

- CRU (Campus Crusade)
- Our search for Director of Music and Organist.
- Our Pastor and family
- Our homebound members
- Ruslana's father, Karl with brain cancer; Ruslana's daughter Sammi who fractured her foot in four places and Ruslana herself for answer to health issues.
- Sympathy to family of Peg Keel on her passing
- Christine and Joe F. on the loss of Christine's mother

**From Sandy Albrecht:**

Her new address is  
Riverfront Rehabilitation &  
Healthcare Center,  
**Room No. 217B**



5101 N Park Dr, Pennsauken Township, NJ 08109  
Her telephone number is 856-317-3894

**Church Staff:**

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| * Pastor:                         | Garrett M. Gouveia |
| * Admin. Asst.:                   | Linda Holonia      |
| * Pianist:                        | Jesse Deal         |
| * Nursery Aide:                   | Calvin Reich       |
| * Director of Music and Organist: |                    |

Many thanks to Sophia Kondras for helping in the nursery as part of her National Honor Society community service. We enjoyed having her with us!

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Pastor Garrett e-mail: [rev.garrettmgouveia@gmail.com](mailto:rev.garrettmgouveia@gmail.com)  
Pastor's office hours: Mon, Wed, Fri. 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

**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.

Have you checked out our website lately?

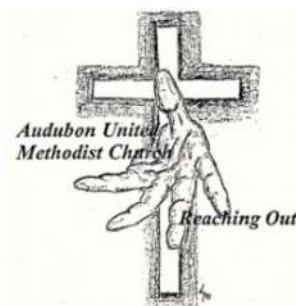
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# 2022 Christmas Poinsettias

You are again invited to share in placing one or more poinsettias in our sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

The price is \$5 per plant.

We would like to have them in the sanctuary for Sunday, December 18. Therefore, **orders MUST be placed by Wednesday December 14. No orders will be accepted after this date.**

You may take your poinsettia home after the 8 PM Christmas Eve service on December 24 if you are in attendance. For anyone worshipping virtually on Christmas Eve, instructions on when you can get your plants will be forthcoming.

Please complete the order form below and give it with your payment to the church secretary.

## PLEASE PRINT

<i>Your Name</i>	<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>In Honor Of</i>

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

