

Audubon United Methodist Church

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February 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. NOTE all classes have been suspended until after our next Church Council Meeting.

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.

- Tues. Feb 8 Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- Mon. Feb 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 February Newsletter is sponsored by the Victorious Women of UMW.

Our Vision Statement:

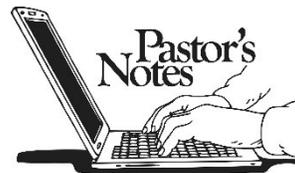
"We are a Christ-centered family of Christians. We are actively seeking to grow the kingdom of God by bringing the Word and Love of God to the community. We may not always think alike, but we always love alike as God has taught us."



It bears all things,
believes all things,
endures all things.

Love never fails.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7-8



Hello everyone,

This year has been moving so fast! Whether you join us in-person or online, we are trying our best to provide a seamless

worship experience for everyone. We will be sending out a short questionnaire to help address some concerns, and to direct us where to invest to bring the best of what Audubon has to offer to your screen.

In March or April I'd like to start a book club, and if you're interested in joining, please email me saying you're interested. I'm between two books right now, if you'd like to look them up, they are, *Unlikely Fighter: The Story of How a Fatherless Street Kid Overcame Violence, Chaos, and Confusion to Become a Radical Christ Follower*, or, *Crazy Faith: It's Only Crazy Until It Happens*. Let me know if you'd be interested!

This year is going to be exactly what God has been planning for AUMC, and I can't wait to see it, and experience it with you!

Thank you so much,
Rev. Garrett M Gouveia



AmazonSmile has made a charitable donation to the charity you've selected, **Audubon United Methodist Church**, in the amount of \$60.02 as a result of qualifying



purchases made by you and other customers who have selected this charity. Thank you!

Mission News by Bruce Krout

I recently had a wonderful phone conversation with Tony Lee* of World Gospel Mission.

We talked about a variety of subjects from his WGM role and his new role as pastor of a Ch-nese church, to the continued clampdown of Ch-nese believers, to Michelle's cancer therapy.

What a gifted individual Tony is. Not only does Tony know the Bible, he also speaks Mandarin, the official, most common language of Ch-n@. He had to learn to speak that decades ago when he was a seminary student in Taiwan. Due to COVID, he and Michelle "temporarily" returned to the US and eventually moved to Anderson, SC, which is a half hour from Clemson, SC, home of Clemson University. They attend a small Ch-nese church there. There are roughly 25-30 members who are primarily Clemson professors or students. Similar to the Lutheran Church that Pastor Jisun is now pastoring, the church they are attending had no pastor for years. The elders of the church would take turns giving a message each week. Tony had been preaching once a month. After numerous requests for him to step up and pastor, and after much prayer and seeking God's guidance, he has recently become their interim pastor.

I asked Tony how he could handle both roles counseling pastors and Bible students in Taiwan and in the underground churches of Ch-n@ and pastor his church in Clemson at the same time. As I said earlier, Tony is a remarkable and talented person of God. He said that "God had backed him into a corner", so in faith and in obedience to God's leading, he agreed to become their pastor. He has had to learn how to use PowerPoint for his sermons in both English and Ch-nese!

Tony spoke about the upcoming March 1, 2022, internet clampdown related to any Christian messaging in Ch-n@. He is quickly losing touch with Ch-nese folks he was counseling as concerns grow about losing Government "social ranking" during this suppressive time due to their relationship with him.

Remember that your social credit score impacts your ability to travel, gain employment, get loans, etc. This Orwellian system rewards or punishes its citizenry based on your credit history determined by government policies. If you associate with individuals with a low credit score, such as Christians, then that affects your score and ultimately your freedoms, as well.

Please pray for Michelle as she continues her every-other-week chemotherapy for rectal cancer. She will be having this chemo therapy for 4 months and then another 6 weeks of daily chemo with radiation treatment. It's tough for her because of the fatigue, nausea and joint pain she

experiences. She continues to work remotely for WGM in a variety of projects helping their regional director.

As a demonstration of Tony and Michelle's hope in Christ, let me share a story. When Michelle and Tony were confronted with Michelle's cancer diagnosis, her oncologist couldn't understand why they weren't very upset. He had to repeat and clarify what he had told them because they were unusually calm about this development. The peace of God that passes all understanding had flooded their hearts! The doctor did not know of their strong faith in God and His will and their strength through Him in weathering life's storms!

* Tony Lee is a pen name due to security concerns where he serves.

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

Cancer with Hope



Will be meeting on Monday, February 28
Contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450 for more information

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.

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. 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.

I WEAR MY MASK IN PUBLIC FOR THREE REASONS:

1. **HUMILITY:** I don't know if I have COVID as it is clear that people can spread the disease before they have symptoms.
2. **KINDNESS:** I don't know if the person I am near has a child battling cancer, or cares for their elderly mom. While I might be fine, they might not.
3. **COMMUNITY:** I want my community to thrive, businesses to stay open, employees to stay healthy. Keeping a lid on COVID helps us all!

Directory Update:

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

Jim Goslin's new address:
CPT Goslin, James (228 EVCC)
448th EN BN #61371
APO, AE 09877

February Shut-in of the Month



Bill Rittmayer
UM Communities Apt 315
460 Haddon Ave.
Collingswood, NJ 08108

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

February Communion Offering:

Ranch Hope

February Liturgist:

William Betts

February Trustee Opener/Closer

William Betts

February Birthdays

- 4 Evelyn Alekseyev
- 5 Barbara Hertfelder
- 6 Alexa Campling
- 18 Christian Reich
- 19 George MacCulloch
- 19 Sue Medoro
- 23 Lori Ryan
- 27 Allison Cox



February Anniversaries

- 6 Bill and Cheryl Laxton



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.



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

Prayer Card Requests

- 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
- Please pray for Ef's sister, Donna as she continues her recovery
- Bob F for relief of back and leg pain
- Bill and Anne S for strength during Bill's treatment
- Marty J in Florida for continued recovery
- MaryAnn M diagnosed with breast cancer
- Jean W's nephew Jake as he recovers
- Strength for Peg K
- For friends who have struggled with COVID
- Bill D recovering from a procedure



Vision 2022 - Writing Acts 29

Listen for our weekly challenge each Sunday and don't forget to watch our YouTube videos.

Outreach cards!

Use them to share with others inviting people to reconnect to their faith and also to our church.



Church Staff:

- * 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 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



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