

# Audubon United Methodist Church

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## November 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 Zoom.

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

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

- Tues. Nov. 1 Budget meeting
- Sat. Nov. 5 Study *Becoming Emotionally Whole* 9:30A.M.
- Sun. Nov. 6 Church Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner 5 P.M.
- Tues. Nov. 8 Finance Committee 6:45 P.M.  
Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- Sat. Nov 12 Study *Becoming Emotionally Whole* 9:30A.M.
- Sun. Nov. 13 Book Club following service
- Sat. Nov. 19 Christmas Bazaar – 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.
- Tue. Nov. 22 Community Thanksgiving Service 7:30 P.M.
- Mon. Nov. 28 Cancer with Hope at 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 November Newsletter is sponsored by Mark VanArnam.**

### 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.”***

### Our first church-wide Fellowship meal

since COVID started will be held on Sunday evening,

November 6, beginning

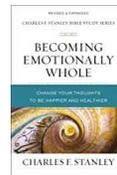
at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and bring a dish to share as we celebrate the beginning of the Thanksgiving season! Sign-up on Opportunities to Serve (#3)



### Small Group Bible Study

Join us November 5, 12

9:30 – 10:30 A.M. in Conover Parlor



*“Emotions are a gift from God, who created each of us with a capacity to feel and to express our feelings to others. For this reason, we need to know how to express our emotions in healthy ways, learn how to cope with negative emotions, direct our emotions toward good outcomes, and give voice to our feelings to improve communication.*

*In Becoming Emotionally Whole, Dr. Charles Stanley reveals how we can take the necessary steps toward lasting emotional health, regardless of where we are on the spectrum of emotional growth.”*

### Christmas Bazaar November 19 9 A.M.– 2 P.M.

We are now collecting clean, usable items for our Attic Treasures and our Christmas Room. [No Clothing] Please see Lois R or Lyn R if you have any questions. Items can be placed in the back of the Adult Sunday School room.



Our Christmas bazaar is always known to offer delicious baked goods for sale. That's because all our baked goods are homemade by YOU! If you are willing to bake for the bake table, please let Meg McCoy know or fill out the Opportunities to Serve form (#4). We're counting on offering the best baked goods once again



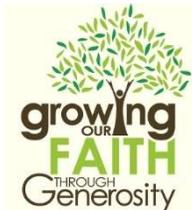
## Thanksgiving Ingathering

This year we will be partnering with Audubon's Peer to Peer Aid program. They need NON-Perishable items for their Food Bank and Basic Necessities such as paper goods, canned goods, diapers, etc. See the bulletin for details.



## 2023: Your year for generosity

*"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity!"* **2 Corinthians 9:11**



As you think about making resolutions and setting goals for 2023, be sure to include this one: "I will be more generous in 2023." It will bless you – and your community and neighbor!

The Bible makes clear that generosity leads to a more abundant life. Generous people experience one of those paradoxes of the Kingdom of God, where the last are first, the greatest is servant to all, and whoever loses her/his life for Christ will gain it. The paradox? Generous people get back far more they give.

First, a clarification: The paradox is NOT a financial strategy to maximize return on investment. That would be missing the point. Besides, there are more important things to give than money, such as time, service, kindness, forgiveness, compassion, love, and joy. And what we get back may not be quantifiable. How do you measure wellbeing and happiness?

Generosity's real "payback" is what and who we become when we cultivate a habit of giving. Giving transforms us into generous-hearted people, and generous-hearted people tend to experience a real abundance of joy, peace, love, and security.

The old saying is most certainly true: The open palm holds more than the closed fist.

For 2023, set a goal to be more generous. Start by increasing your charitable giving above last year's offering, but also aim to give away your time, to serve your neighbor, to be lavish in compassion, extravagant in love. Pray that God will guide you and help you experience the paradox: Givers get back more than they give away.



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

## Cancer with Hope

Will be meeting on Monday, Nov. 28 at 7 P.M.  
Contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450 for more information.



## Community Thanksgiving Service

We will gather with our community churches to celebrate and give thanks for our many blessings on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 PM at our church. Invite your neighbors and friends to join us!



## BLESSING TREE



The Blessing Tree will be ready close to Thanksgiving. You have been very generous in years past and I hope that we continue to be so this year. All families served by our Blessing Tree are local. The tree will have gift tags on it with names, 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).

## 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.



**Directory Update:** If any of your information has changed, please notify the office, or complete the information on the *Opportunities to Serve* form (#12). Place the form in the offering plate as you leave. We want to make sure the directory is up to date



## Trustees Corner

We will be sprucing up the Anne Simpson room with a fresh coat of paint and cleaning up the room. The date to paint will be announced. If you have things there that are yours please get them out of that room. We would like to get the room ship shape and not have it look like a dump room. Also, we are getting estimates for the Masonry. If you know anyone that does Masonry that is insured, please let Ruslana know. That's it for now. See you next month!

**Live Nativity** will be presented on the Wyoming Ave. lawn again this year on **Dec. 11 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.**

Live actors, live animals all telling the story of our living God.



Audubon United Methodist Church (EIN: 21-6000063) has been issued a **\$30.37** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation because of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2022.

When purchasing on Amazon please use AmazonSmile and designate AUMC as your charitable donation recipient.

## 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 or Carol Tait.

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!** Here is what you need to know:

**VANCO Mobile is a worry-free choice!** Your payment

**1** information is kept safe with the best online 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



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Search for "VANCO Mobile" 

**4**

Follow the screen prompts to complete the install and set up an account username and password.

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If you have 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.*

**We have an opening for an altar flower sponsor on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$14.50 for one arrangement. Please contact the office if you are interested.**

## November Homebound of the Month



Mary Ann Mazur  
16 Cardinal Court  
Audubon Park, NJ 08106

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

**November Liturgist:** Kimmee Williams

**November Communion Offering:** Kids Alley

**November Trustee Opener/Closer:** Darlene

## November Birthdays

2	Jude Griffis	20	Gwen Evans
4	Coleen Makuszewski	20	Jim Goslin
5	Lilyanna Griffis	24	Karen Holloway
6	Ef Deal		Fernandez
10	Frank Montesano	25	Richard Burrough
11	Francis Makuszewski	28	Megan Ryan
17	Rebekah Forker	29	Jason Holonia
18	Bethany Griffis		

## November Anniversaries

6	Barbara and Bob Kondras
29	Lyn and Scott Radley

## 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
- Charlie W and family
- Crystal
- Michelle
- Tiara C
- Dan A.
- Bill R
- Peg K
- Gail L
- Ef D
- Peggy C
- Bill S
- Mary L.
- Mike & Tyler S.
- MaryAnn M
- Gwen E.
- Peg and Don L
- Rosemarie
- Bill D
- Dorothy G
- Youngsoon
- Lauri M
- Ruslana's father, Karl



**Congratulations** to Mary Tharan and Chuck Henderson on their marriage.



**From Sandy Albrecht:** I have a 13-year-old cat who is all alone in the house. Is there anyone who can take him in their home and care for him? He's orange and white and his name is Pumpkin. His older sister died 2 weeks ago and he's all by himself." Please let the office know if you or someone you know can take Sandy's cat.

**Sandy moved** on Friday to her new "home" at Riverfront Senior Care and Rehabilitation. She is happy to be there and she has a Christian roommate. Her address is Riverfront Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, Room No. 217B, 5101 N Park Dr, Pennsauken Township, NJ 08109 Her telephone number is 856-317-3894"

### American Red Cross Blood Drive Note

"Audubon UMC did great! We collected **25** pints for patients in need. These **25** pints will go on to help **75** people! That's incredible!!

We truly appreciate you! Thank you for all of your help. We got some last-minute sign ups that really helped us get close to goal."

We're all set for the **December 29<sup>th</sup> drive**. Thank you Linda for setting it up!

## Prayer Card Requests

- World Gospel Mission ministries
- International Students Inc. ministries (ISI) and the Mannons
- CRU (Campus Crusade)
- Our servicemen and women:
- Our Pastor and family
- Our homebound members
- Ruslana's father, Karl with brain cancer; Ruslana's daughter Sammi who fractured her foot in two places and Ruslana herself for answer to health issues.
- Don C for health issues
- Elaine's niece going for Chemotherapy. She has young children.
- Lindsy's Uncle Steve in the hospital after losing his wife
- William – The Wheelock family on the loss of their mother
- Our search for Director of Music and Organist.
- Condolences on the passing of Don Canning

## Church Staff:

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

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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.

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