

Audubon United Methodist Church



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April 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 located 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.

New due date for Easter Lilies –Thurs. March 31

- Sun. April 10 Palm Sunday
- Tues. April 12 Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- Thurs. April 14 Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 PM
- Fri. April 15 Good Friday Service 7:30
- Sun. April 17 Easter Sunday
- Mon. April 25 Cancer With Hope
- Every Weds. Comfort Food on Zoom 7:30 P.M.
- Every Thurs. Chancel Choir rehearsal 7:30 P.M.

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

The April Newsletter is sponsored by Laurie Bouch in honor of her loving family.

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.”



I have finally decided on a book to start a small group book club, “*The Five Wounds: A Novel*,” the book comes highly rated throughout multiple publications. A short synopsis, “It’s Holy Week in the small town of Las Penas, New Mexico, and thirty-three-year-old unemployed Amadeo Padilla has been given the part of Jesus in the Good Friday procession. He is preparing feverishly for this role when his fifteen-year-old daughter Angel shows up pregnant on his doorstep and disrupts his plans for personal redemption. With weeks to go until her due date, tough, ebullient Angel has fled her mother’s house, setting her life on a startling new path.

Vivid, tender, funny, and beautifully rendered, *The Five Wounds* spans the baby’s first year as five generations of the Padilla family converge: Amadeo’s mother, Yolanda, reeling from a recent discovery; Angel’s mother, Marissa, whom Angel isn’t speaking to; and disapproving Tive, Yolanda’s uncle and keeper of the family’s history. Each brings expectations that Amadeo, who often solves his problems with a beer in his hand, doesn’t think he can live up to.”

If you are interested in participating in this new small group, please let me know. There will be five copies at the office next week; if more than five people are interested, I would be more than happy to order more copies.

Please email me if you are interested in joining to pick an appropriate place to meet and time. I was thinking end of April, to give time for people to read the book.

Secondly, I want to start a Bible Study that meets outside of Sunday. I talked to a friend who told me about a Bible study on Saturday mornings at a local café, and I thought, what a fantastic idea I would love to be a part of it. The more I thought about it and prayed about it, that would be great for AUMC to have available as a small group.

I am looking for people interested in meeting for brunch on Saturday mornings at a local restaurant; I was thinking of *Simply Soups and a little more*, myself. I welcome any suggestions!

Please email to let me know if you are interested.
garrettmgouveia@gmail.com

Children's Ministry – Anne Simpson

Easter is a special time of the year. On Palm Sunday Apr.10 and Easter Apr. 17, we will be rejoicing with the Good News in children's Sunday School classes. Many special activities are being planned including the making of delicious Resurrection Rolls.

All children are invited. Adults are welcome to help with the activities also. Hope you will bring your children & grandchildren & stay yourself for the fun!



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.

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.

Final Tally from our Christmas Bazaar:

\$3,520.07 Best ever! Thanks to everyone.

Cancer with Hope



Will be meeting on Monday, April 25
Contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450 for more information

Mission News by Bruce Krout

Why do you get out of bed in the morning?

Prior to a Vision Statement last month, I talked about Perspective cards developed by Barry Warren of CRU in Orlando, Florida. It's a deck of cards used to have spiritual conversations with non-believers in an enjoyable way.

The cards are divided into five topics: Nature of God, Meaning of Life, Human Nature, Identity of Jesus, and Source of Spiritual Truth. Participants choose cards that describe their perspective. Then the second step helps them process the gospel as you listen to their thoughts on Christianity. This activity allows you to identify the different barriers folks have to Christianity. As participants choose their cards within each category there are a couple of follow-up questions available to explore in more detail what their thinking is.

Here are the choices for the topic of Meaning and Purpose of Life:

- *There is none
- *For descendants
- *For love & peace
- *Live for self (be at peace, comfortable, happy, successful)
- *For the afterlife (earn a good afterlife free from suffering)
- *To overcome (addictions, emotional wounds, fears, etc.)
- *Live for others (to serve, care for, teach, encourage, or love others)
- *Live for God (To worship, serve, obey, love, & have a relationship with God)

Each of the five categories has a handful of choices to help the participant to understand what their beliefs are, what their perspective is about their spiritual journey. This activity is fun and non-threatening for the players. Many of the CRU members at Disney use this resource to begin a gospel discussion.

Why don't you download the app from your smartphone or iPad? It's free.

You can find it at the app store by typing "perspective cards". The easy instructions and all of the cards are available for you to share with others. You can learn more by going to YouTube or cru.org and searching "Perspective cards".

So, why do you get out of bed in the morning? Hopefully, you chose "Living for God" when previously reviewing the choices of Meaning and Purpose.

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

AED – Automatic External Defibrillator

The AED is used to help save someone in cardiac arrest.



- Do you know our church has one?
- Do you know how to use it?
- Would you like to learn how?

Prior to the pandemic in 2020 classes were planned to teach the basic skill of cardiac compressions and how to use the AED. This was canceled due to the pandemic. Now this free 2-hour class will be offered again this May. There will be Friday and Saturday classes to choose from.

Dates and times will be announced in the May Newsletter. If you are interested please contact Dorothy Groves: 609-405-4134 or grovesdorothy@gmail.com



Health & Wellness – Short and Sweet

Over the next few months we will look at how the body changes as we get older, how we can stay healthy as we get older, and how to manage these changes.

We will start with the senses. This month we will look at seeing.

Around age 40 many people find they need reading glasses or bifocals to accommodate both nearsightedness and farsightedness. As we continue to age, glare from bright lights, sunlight, and shiny floors can make it difficult to focus and see things clearly. This can result in falls or other mishaps.

Once we reach those golden years the structures in the eyes change and colors are not perceived as sharply as before. It can be difficult to read signs and dull colors may not even be noticed. For instance, which sign below would you consider to be easier for a senior citizen to see and read?

- a. 
- b. 

B is the easier sign to read.

- a. 
- b. 

Obviously, a. is the answer here.

Background color and lettering can be difficult to even notice if attention is not given to font size, background

color, and the color of lettering. Contrasting colors are much easier to see and read.

Avoid bright glaring lights. Use lamps with shades and window blinds that can filter the direct sunlight.

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



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, April 25. We are supporting Urban Promise with our April Communion offerings.

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Org Central Methodist has been issued a **\$42.02** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2021. Much thanks for designating Audubon United Methodist Church on your AmazonSmile purchases!

From the Church Council

The Church Council has allocated \$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.



We will have a table during the day, 10 A.M.-3 P.M., and will need volunteers there to represent our church. Check the upcoming bulletin for additional details.

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.



April Liturgist

Sandy Albrecht

April Shut-in of the Month



Joan Jones
29 N. Oak Ave.
Mt. Ephraim, NJ 08059

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

April Communion Offering:

Urban Promise

April Birthdays

- 6 Tom Hertfelder Jr.
- 12 Katie VanArnam
- 15 Kyung Grube
- 16 Rebecca Hertfelder
- 17 Anna Rose Griffis
- 19 Ron Fennimore Jr.
- 20 Estelle MacCulloch
- 24 Calvin Reich
- 29 Walter Jesucosky IV



April Anniversaries

- 27 Walter and Sarah Jesucosky



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
- Ruslana's father, Karl
- 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

Prayer Card Requests

- World Gospel Mission ministries
- International Students ministries (ISI) and the Mannons
- CRU (Campus Crusade) 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.
- 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
- Sandy A on the death of her sister Flossie
- Bill D for recovery
- Michelle C for cancer treatment
- Peg K in Cadbury



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.*

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.

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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.

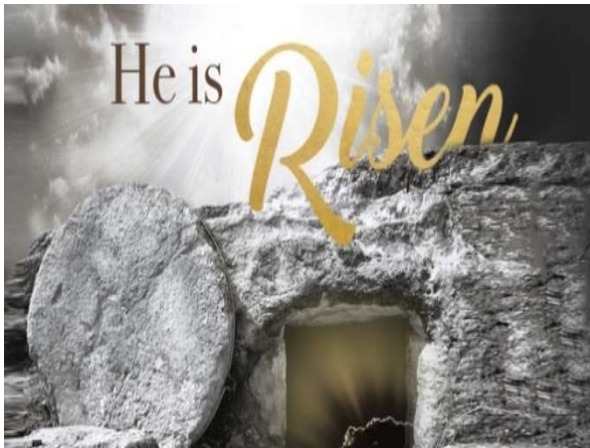
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It's the season of spring, the season of rebirth, and most of all the Season of our Risen Lord and Savior. As always, part of our Easter celebration is the placement of Easter Lilies in the sanctuary.

The price is \$10 per plant. Your order and payment will be due by THURS. MARCH 31. 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 |
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Total Amount enclosed _____

Signature _____

Please send completed orders with payment to the church office.

