

Audubon United Methodist Church

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October 2021 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.



9:00 A.M Children's Sunday School-ages 3 and up;
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. Oct. 12 Finance Committee 6:45; Church Council
7:30 P.M. in person & Zoom
Fri. Oct. 15 Third Friday on Merchant St.
Sun. Oct 17 CROP walk for hunger 1:30 P.M.
Wed. Oct 20 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends day
Mon Oct. 25 Cancer with Hope 7:00 P.M. Zoom
Wednesdays Comfort Food at 7:30 P.M.
Thursdays Chancel Choir rehearsal 7:00 P.M.

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

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."



Meet our new Pastor!

Garrett Gouveia comes to us from Hope United Methodist Church in Voorhees where he has been working with the youth. Garrett is also a chaplain at Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

He earned his MDiv from Liberty University and is currently working on his Local Pastor's License. We are his first church and he is very excited to begin his ministry here at Audubon United Methodist Church. He has a very caring heart and is anxious to help us continue to write Acts 29. He brings with him his wife Alexandra – Ally, daughter Dakota (3) and son Declan (1). He will preach for the first time on Sunday, **October 10**, but will not be moving in until later that week. Come out and give him a warm welcome!



3rd Fridays Come out **October 15** to promote AUMC in our community. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are in the Narthex.

AUMC is hosting the annual members recital for the Southwest Jersey Chapter of the AGO!

This chapter recital of the American Guild of Organist is **October 24, 2021 at 4 PM** with a reception to follow in the Reich's backyard. There will be more details to follow but *Save the Date!* -David Reich.



Children's Sunday School every Sunday at 9

A.M. Classes for age 3 & preschool, Elementary, Middle and High School students. Great new studies and discussions!

Thank you! To everyone who filled baby bottle banks and contributed to the shower of gifts for Options for Women Pregnancy Center – who doesn't love baby things! Chuck Swanson was thrilled at what we were able to give them. If you still have a baby bottle, return it and we will get it to them. Thanks!



The Christmas Bazaar is Back!
Saturday, November 13, 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

We are collecting Christmas and household items. No clothing, and please, remember that one person's trash is not necessarily our treasure. Please have them clean and ready to sell. You may leave the items downstairs in the UMW room, or contact Lyn Radley, Lois Reiter, or CJ Fennimore.



We are also having our bake shop. Muriel McCoy is the contact person and she is looking for quite a few good bakers! See Muriel to sign up.

It will be a grand event with Vendors, Bake Shop, Café, Attic Treasures, Christmas Boutique and of course our ready to give Gift Baskets! All proceeds benefit UMW mission projects. Invite everyone to come out!!!



Groups meeting at AUMC

Daisy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack/ Den Meetings, and AA. See the office for meeting days and times.

Chancel Choir rehearsals are Thursdays at 7 PM in the Reich's backyard. In case of inclement weather-on Zoom. Join our joyful noise and let the music begin!



Cancer with Hope

Join our Journey of Hope Cancer Care Ministry **Monday October 25 @ 7 PM** in person and on Zoom. Contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450 for more information



Mission News by Bruce Krout

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by [Church World Service](#) and organized by local congregations to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are "viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks". But it goes back farther than that. When CROP began in 1947, CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today they do more by providing provide seeds, tools, wells and water systems. It is estimated that 852 million people go to bed hungry every night.

"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." - Matthew 25:35

AUMC will be partnering for the CROP Walk again with Logan Memorial Presbyterian and St. Mary's Episcopal. If you would like to join us on the Walk, contact Bruce for more info.



Crop Walk for hunger on October 17 1:30 P.M.

Our CROP Walk will be starting at the Logan Memorial Church (W.H.P. & Merchant St.) and then we will walk past our Church on to Station Ave. in Haddon Heights and back. .

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/haddonheightsnj>

Donation forms are on the back table. Checks can be made out to "Audubon United Methodist Church" and given to Carol Tait or Bruce Krout.

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

“Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace”

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received” (1 Peter 4:10).

We are entering into our annual stewardship emphasis entitled, “Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace.” During the next few weeks, we will consider what it means to be a “faithful steward” and how our stewardship translates into practical Christianity.

This emphasis is built in its entirety on two concepts: First, God owns everything! As Psalm 24:1 states clearly, “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” God owns it all and has never relinquished the title deed to the world. Second, our responsibility is to manage that which belongs to God which God has entrusted to us. In other words, all that we have is a blessing from God and represents that which God has loaned to us on a temporary basis.

What kinds of things belong to God? Certainly, our time is a gift from our Heavenly Father that is given to everyone equally. All of us have the same amount of time — 24 hours per day. How we use our time is what makes the difference for this life and for eternity. Some will squander their time by giving priority to activities that carry little impact for eternity. Others will invest their time wisely for God’s glory and for the good of others.

Our talents are also gifts on loan from God. Not everyone receives an equal amount of talents or abilities, but all of us can excel at something. Some are called to a public ministry whereby what they do is highly visible, including pastors, worship leaders and teachers. Others are called to a less visible role in the ministry and work of the church. But all of us are given talents and abilities which can be used for God’s glory and to strengthen the Gospel outreach here at Audubon United Methodist Church.

The question is not *whether we can* do something for the Lord. The question is *if we will* use our talents and abilities to serve God. Unfortunately, many times, we offer excuses to avoid serving the Lord, excuses that often appear humorous when applied to other activities. *Moody Monthly* once carried an article which illustrated excuses people might use for not attending sports events. The analogy is easy to make in terms of serving the Lord.

Collingswood Food Pantry at St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Collingswood. Please leave your plastic and paper bags on the porch leading to the pastor’s office at the church house. If you or anyone you know is in need, please contact Elaine Soulliard at 609-280-4792.

Support AUMC with gift card purchases

You can support AUMC by purchasing your gift cards through the church. Each retailer gives a percentage of each card purchased back to the church. It can range from 1.5% to 15% or more, depending on the card. It may not sound like much, but the last time we placed an order we received more than \$90.00. Back to school is a great time to purchase cards for your shopping. You can also buy gift cards for grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, specialty retailers and so much more.



Pick up a retailer list in the narthex and check it out.

Electronic giving

For those of our members and friends who have been giving electronically with Vanco or the GivePlus Mobile app, and for those who would like to take



advantage of online giving, Vanco has released a new giving app, Vanco Mobile, that makes it easier for members to give, easier for staff to manage – and will help you tell our church’s story. The **GivePlus Mobile** app ended on September 30, 2021, and was replaced with their own Vanco app.

All logins, donations, and saved billing info will transition over to Vanco Mobile from GivePlus Mobile. You will not have to start from scratch. The first time you are on the site or the app, you will be asked to log in with the password you have always used.

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

Vanco Online is a customizable eGiving and payment tool that provides a seamless checkout process for one-time or recurring donations. You can go online to our website and click on Vanco Online to give.

Vanco Mobile The **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play Store. It offers online giving tools for members to give and even set up automatic donations. It will also enable members and visitors to make payments for future church fundraisers.

When making purchases on Amazon, remember to use



Amazon Smile and designate

AUMC as your desired donation recipient. **This past quarter AmazonSmile made a charitable donation of \$60.17 to us** thanks to qualifying purchases made by you and other customers who have selected AUMC as their charity. Thanks!

We are again participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends.

This is a fundraiser sponsored by Boscov's to help area non-profits raise funds. We have shopping passes for sale for \$5.00 each. AUMC keeps the \$5.00 and the purchaser receives a shopping pass that is good all day on **October 20, 2021** and entitles the bearer up to 25% off their purchases, including sale prices. Additionally, the shopper may register to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card!! This is a great deal for the church and for the purchaser. Contact the office to let Linda know how many passes you would like to purchase. Please tell everyone you know that we are participating in this event, as there are many other non-profits doing the same. This is an in-store only event.



Health & Wellness – Short and Sweet

“Continue to MASK-UP with Social Distancing”

This month's article reemphasizes some of the important issues involving COVID:

- The Delta variant is rampant throughout the country and the world.
- The Delta variant is high in New Jersey, but nothing like the horror stories we hear regarding some states that have run out of ICU beds as well as life-saving equipment, namely ventilators.
- On “World News Tonight” on Friday, September 17, it was announced that in Idaho ventilators are so scarce the hospital staff have to decide who has the best chances if they have a ventilator; others will die without one. This is America and this report reminds me of the horror stories in India a few months back when they didn't even have enough oxygen to help COVID victims breathe.
- We continue to see events with crowds shoulder to shoulder at all types of gatherings and many are not masked.
- On the news last night they showed a video of a woman checking patrons into an event. Three women refused to wear a mask and so attacked the employee.

To repeat from last month -

WHAT ARE WE CONTINUING TO BE TOLD?

If you are unvaccinated or vaccinated always wear a mask and social distance regardless of where you are and with whom.

WHY?

As we hear on the news every day and several times a day: ***The Delta Variant is dangerous!***

The Delta Variant:

- Is quite contagious and easily passed even to someone who is vaccinated. A vaccinated person may be asymptomatic (not exhibiting symptoms), but can be a carrier and infect others.
- The unvaccinated person who contracts COVID becomes very ill requiring hospitalization, most likely ending up on a ventilator, and facing possible death or post-COVID lasting, incapacitating health concerns.
- The percentages of hospitalized children with COVID increases every day. Children dying is also increasing. I consider those who fight against masking for children very selfish. School has begun and already we are hearing of outbreaks – 13 children in a school in one of our neighboring towns.
- Listen to the percentages of those hospitalized. The average, on a daily basis, of new cases and of hospitalized patients is about **95% UNVACCINATED!** There is a continual rise of hospitalized children under 12 with COVID and some die.

WHAT WILL THE FUTURE HOLD?.....

Winter is coming – weather that will see greater increases in COVID. To combat COVID our country must take control of the virus and the best way is to get vaccinated to decrease the spread. So spread the word to others and be aware of your surroundings. Wear a mask and social distance.

BOOSTERS - yes they are coming. At this time only Pfizer has been approved for Booster shots for healthcare workers and elderly first, starting late September. Moderna and J&J will follow.

Important:

- If you started with Pfizer, stay with Pfizer
- If you started with Moderna, stay with Moderna
- If you started with J&J, stay with J&J.
- **Do NOT mix with another.**

Please provide me with feedback for these articles. I will be happy to receive suggested topics you are interested in. So if you have Questions/suggestions/feedback? – contact Dorothy Groves. Cell phone 609-405-4134, or email at grovesdorothy@gmail.com

October Communion Offering:

United Methodist Communities

October Liturgist

Kimme Williams

October Shut-in of the Month



Jim Barrett
Woodbury Mews Room 19
122 Green Avenue
Woodbury, NJ 08096

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

October Birthdays

7 Ally Gouveia
8 Dorothy Groves
9 Darlene Fitzgerald
11 Paul Acker
12 David Reich
13 Cheryl Laxton
13 Keira Ryan
13 Kaitlin Ryan'
14 Declan Gouveia
16 Bill Simpson
22 Paul Acker
22 Joel Griffis
23 Sarah Gibbons
24 Virginia Kitchmire



October Anniversaries

4 Allison and Don Cox
12 Lori and Scott Ryan
17 Barbara and Frank Cunane
22 Peggy and Tracy Schnyer



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

Prayer requests from our weekly bulletins

- Doug J.
- Crystal
- Mary L.
- Shannon P.
- Susan H
- Mike & Tyler S.
- Mary P
- Tiara C
- Anne and Joe
- Charlie W and family
- Ruslana's father, Karl
- Dr. K and wife Bernice

Our Friends with Special Needs

- Carol F
- Dan A.
- Gwen E.
- Joan W
- Bill R
- Peg and Don L
- Sandy A
- Peg and George K.
- Gerry G
- Gail Lore
- Bill D

Prayer Card Requests

- World Gospel Mission ministries and the Crakers
- International Students ministries 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 recently diploid, James S. –US
Army
- To welcome our new pastor and his family
- Pray for God's voice.
- Estelle in rehab and George at home
- Scott R is home recovering from a stroke
- Bob F for relief of back and leg pain
- Carol J for continued healing for her knee
- Bill and Anne S for strength during Bill's treatment
- Marty J in Florida for continued recovery
- William's Aunt Tila having heart surgery
- The family of Marge Watson on her passing
- Mary Ann M diagnosed with breast cancer
- Pastor Jisun's mother
- Pastor Jisun in her new church
- Jean W's nephew Jake, a police officer in Collingswood as he recovers from a motorcycle accident
- Pastor Walt
- Praise for William's safe drive to the west coast and all the sights he was able to see along the way.



We all pray, right? Here's an easy way to add power to your prayers. The evil in the world doesn't want you to pray!

WE HAVE A STRONG WEAPON against evil. God's own words!

We've all prayed in a laundry-list style, at some point. Do you want to pray more deeply? Do you want to feel more connected to the Holy Spirit? Well, you CAN. How? By using scripture! Choose short Bible verses to use WITH your own words of prayer. Or use verses you've already memorized. (Need help finding scripture? Try the Psalms, or The Upper Room Devotional.) Look for the follow-up video shortly, with examples and more advice. Stay tuned, and be blessed in praying, The Acts 29 Team

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- * Pastor: Garrett Gouveia
- * Admin. Asst.: Linda Holonia
- * Director of Music: Mia Reich
- * Organist: David Reich
- * Pianist: Jesse Deal
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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.

Check out our website:

<https://www.audubonumc.com>



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Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/AudubonUMC>

Vision 2021 - Writing Acts 29

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

Don't forget about our Outreach cards!

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

