

Audubon United Methodist Church



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November 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.



Sundays

9:00 A.M. . Classes for Elementary, Middle and High

School students. Great new studies and discussions!

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.

Sun. Nov. 7 End of Daylight Savings-Fall Back 1 hr.

Tues. Nov. 9 Church Council 7:30 PM in person & Zoom

Thurs. Nov. 11 Veterans' Day

Sat. Nov. 13 Christmas Bazaar 9 A.M.-2 P.M.

Sat. Nov. 13 Annual conference 9 A.M. at Haddonfield

Tues. Nov 23 7:30 P.M. Community Thanksgiving Service at Logan Memorial Presbyterian Church

Mon. Nov. 29 Cancer with Hope 7:00 P.M.

Every Weds. Comfort Food streamed on Zoom 7:30 PM

Every Thurs. Chancel Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM

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."

From the Pastor's Desk

We are looking forward to meeting you all. My family and I can't wait to have you over on small business Saturday to see the fire trucks; we can't wait to start a Bible Study; we can't wait to start a book club. We can't wait to have everyone over for dinner one night. We can't wait to meet you and share our love of Christ with you.

My family and I have been so blessed by everyone here at Audubon United Methodist. Moving to a new community is a tough transition, for our kids, new routines, and for us. In moving to a new town you miss the little intricacies you've come to do, without a second thought, like, go to a dry cleaner, go to your favorite restaurant, go to your favorite quiet place to walk with the kids. If anyone has any suggestions for me, please, let me know. You can email me at garrettmgouveia@gmail.com. You can email me about a restaurant, you can email me for prayer requests, you can email me your random thoughts, but I want to hear from you. My family will continue to pray every day for every one of you, I hope that you will pray for me and my family.

Thank you so much,
Garrett M Gouveia

The Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 13, 9 AM – 2 PM.

We are collecting Christmas and household items.

No clothing, please. 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. No items will be taken after Nov. 7.

We are also having our yummy bake shop. Muriel McCoy 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!!!**



Community Thanksgiving Service



Join us as we join together to give thanks for God's blessings Tuesday, November 23 at 7:30 P.M. at Logan Presbyterian Church, White Horse Pike and Merchant St. Audubon.

Children's Advent



Instead of Elf on the Shelf, move Mary and Joseph throughout your house "on their journey to Bethlehem" and end up at the nativity scene on Christmas Eve.

Blessing Tree

It's the most wonderful time of the year, once again! The Blessing Tree will be up in the Narthex on or about November 7th. Even with COVID, we were able to minister to area families who need a little extra help during the holidays last year. This year the tree will be up with gift tags attached. When you take a tag, be sure to record what you take on the sign-up sheet. Please keep social distance while looking at the tree and taking tags. Linda will send emails listing those gifts that are still needed each week. You will be able to choose a gift tag by email if it is more convenient for you. We are looking forward to another successful year! Wrapped gifts with the gift tag attached (in a way it can easily be removed and replaced with a name tag) are **due by December 5**. If you have any questions please contact Linda Holonia or the church office.



Cancer with Hope



Join our Journey of Hope Cancer Care Ministry **Monday November 29 @ 7 P.M.** in person and on Zoom. Contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450 for more information

Mission News by Bruce Krout

You may remember when Brenda Hallahan (director of Kids Alley) spoke to our congregation a few summers ago and discussed the founder of Kids Alley, Vivian Tan. Vivian had visited Camden, NJ in 1998 and learned from some of the children that they were unable to play outside in the parks due to the unsafe conditions of used needles on the ground or potential violence nearby. For years Vivian shared the love of Jesus by driving a trailer every Saturday onto an abandoned lot and entertained the kids by playing music and doing puppetry.



It was 23 years ago that Tan began her outreach. Today, Kids Alley offers an after-school learning program to assist elementary through 8th grade children. They serve families from Camden and surrounding communities. During the pandemic the program had transitioned to full day learning assistance since most students were having to be educated online. Now they are back to normal and providing support after school at the Martin Luther Lutheran Church located at Rt. 130 and Terrace Ave. in Pennsauken.

Another big part of Kids Alley is the 2-hour Saturday Live program in the morning for the whole family. This Christ centered program includes Bible lessons, discussions, and games for all age groups. Breakfast is provided along with a take home bag lunch. There is also a 5-week summer camp offered each year. Kids Alley is such a wonderful and unique program!

You have supported Kids Alley for years now through Mission financing and through your school supply donations each August. Because the C.U.M.I. organization no longer exists due to the pandemic, we are going to pivot and offer our annual **Thanksgiving Ingathering** to Kids Alley families. We are going to support 10 needy families with turkeys and fresh fruits and veggies.

If you would like to support our Christ-loving neighbors this Thanksgiving, please drop off **fresh** carrots, potatoes, apples, pears, and frozen turkeys on Sunday, **November 14th or 21st**. Your monetary donations will be used at a neighboring produce market and the turkeys picked up at the supermarket. Utilize the Vanco app or give Carol Tait or Bruce Krout your check made out to Audubon United Methodist Church. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

*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).

In our last article as part of this year’s stewardship emphasis, we saw that God is the owner of everything and that we are managers and stewards of what God has given us. We considered how each of us has been given gifts of time and talents as blessings of God’s grace. We also learned about the importance of using these gifts for God’s glory, for the good of others, and for the ministry here at Audubon United Methodist Church.

In addition to time and talents, God has also given us financial resources. For most of us, this means working to secure monetary gain. But make no mistake about it: According to Deuteronomy chapter 8, God gives us the ability to earn money. According to King Solomon, even work itself it is a gift from God (Eccl. 5:19). In fact, everything we have — even the air we breathe in order to be able to work — is a gift that has been temporarily loaned to us by God.

The truth of the temporary status of our financial resources was brought home to a pastor who needed a dark suit to conduct a funeral. He had very little money, so he went to a local pawn shop where he found a like-new suit in just the right size at a very inexpensive price. As he paid for the suit, he asked the clerk how the pawn shop could afford to sell the suit at such a low price. The clerk smiled and admitted that all their suits had once been owned by a local mortuary that had gone out of business.

The minister felt a little strange wearing a suit that had once been part of a funeral home’s inventory, but he quickly set aside his apprehension since the price was so low and since no one would know. Everything was fine until in the middle of the funeral service, he casually started to put his hand into the pocket of the pants — only to discover there were no pockets! What an object lesson he received that day as he preached about the importance of living in the light of eternity while wearing a pair of pants without pockets!

All of us know the old saying, “You can’t take it with you.” That’s why whatever we are going to do with the financial resources God has entrusted to us has to be done in this life. In fact, whatever we intend to do for the Lord with our money, we need to be doing now. Or as one person observed, “Do your giving while you’re living so you’ll be knowing where it’s going!”



How we use the money which God has given to us is an indicator of our priorities. Our checkbook and our credit card statements will reveal clearly the things that are really important to us. How we spend our money is, in fact, a barometer of our spiritual temperature and of our personal faith. You see, it doesn’t take a lot of faith to make a rational, logical decision concerning our giving. As we review expenses and anticipated income, we can easily find the balance and base our commitment on the numbers alone. But exercising faith, looking to God as our Source to provide above and beyond what we might reasonably be expected to give, well — that’s another story.

Jerry Bridges, Vice President of the Navigators, provided this spiritual principle:

When God burdens your heart about something, and you confirm God’s leading based on the Scriptures, you can obey, being fully confident that God will provide a blessing, even when circumstances appear contrary.

When it comes to giving, that goes right along with what King Solomon described in Proverbs 11:24-25,

Some give freely yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.

Remember, giving is not to help “poor God” pay the bills. Giving is not because God needs anything from us. Giving is God’s way of growing Christians. Every time we give for God’s glory from hearts that have been redeemed by God’s love and grace, we give away a little of our selfishness. Every time we give of our resources that have been loaned to us by God, we grow in grace and in our walk with Christ.

As you consider your life during this time of stewardship emphasis, will you — like the Macedonian Christians — begin by first giving yourself to the Lord? Will you then be one of the “Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace” who will step out by faith by giving your time, your talents and your treasure to the Lord?

The November Newsletter is sponsored by Mark VanArnham.

*Each of you should use whatever gift
you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God’s grace*

1 Peter 4:10



Remembering our Veterans

Don Cox	U.S. Air Force
Don Canning	101 st Airborne U.S. Army
Frank Cunane	82 nd Airborne US Army
Bill Dameshek	U.S. Army
Bob Fonash	U.S. Army
Jason Holonia	U.S. Army
David James	82 nd Airborne, U.S. Army
Donald Lauk, Sr.	U.S. Army
Tracy A. Schnyer	U.S. Army
Samuel Tait	U.S. Army
Bill Laxton	U.S. Army
Chris Fitzgerald	U.S. Marines
Pat Mace	U.S. Marines
Don Reiter	U.S. Coast Guard
Barry Zane	U.S. Coast Guard
Jim Barrett	U.S. Navy
George MacCulloch	U.S. Navy

Collingswood Food Pantry at St. Paul's Food Bank at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Collingswood.

Are you looking to help make someone's holiday brighter? Look no further than donating items to the food pantry in Collingswood! The following is a list of items you might want to purchase and place inside the church with the label Food Pantry. (Any better ideas where to place the items?) NEW items only, please!

Warm shirts larger sizes, Socks, Children's clothes any size, Sports balls, Children's gifts, Toiletry kits (perfume, lotion, etc.), Colored pencils with a neutral theme, Coffee, Sugar, Oil, Cookies, Snack foods, Baking mixes, Laundry soap, Dish soap, Foil, Waxed paper, Cleaning supplies, Razors, Shaving supplies, Dental items, Shampoo, Deodorant

The people who are in need thank you in advance!

Matthew 25:35 -- *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took me in.*

Romans 12:13 -- *Share with the saints who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

From the bottom of my heart, thank you! If you know anyone in need or would like to become more involved, call Elaine Souliard at 609-280-4792.

amazonsmile 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!

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 Faith Engagement**, that makes it easier for members to give, easier for staff to manage – and will help you tell our church's story. The **GivePlus** App was retired on September 30, 2021.

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.

Support AUMC with gift card purchases

Many of us are beginning our Christmas shopping. The "experts" are saying that many gift items will not be available or in short supply this year due to shipping problems. With that in mind, please remember that you may order gift cards for gift giving or for your own use through the church



because the retailers give a percentage of each card purchased back to the church. Last year at Christmas time, we earned over \$200.00 through your gift card purchases. Order forms are in the Narthex or can be emailed to those of you who are still worshipping virtually. Turn-around time is about 1 week. Please direct any questions to Linda Holonia or the church office.

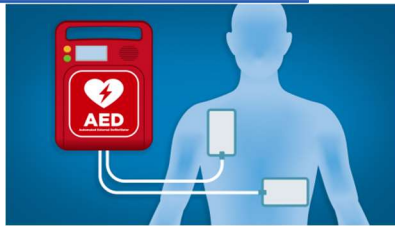
AED – Automatic External Defibrillator

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. If you are interested please contact Dorothy Groves. 609-405-4134, or grovesdorothy@gmail.com

Health & Wellness – Short and Sweet

COVID Update

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?

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.

WHAT WILL THE FUTURE HOLD? . . .

BOOSTERS - yes they are HERE! All 3 vaccines have been approved for boosters.

Pfizer and Moderna boosters have been approved for healthcare workers, other essential workers, those over 65, and those under 65 who have serious illnesses or conditioners.

J & J booster has been approved for all ages.



Yes, Influenza season is upon us. Viruses thrive in colder weather. Just as we've seen the increases in



COVID last winter, the Flu will rear its ugly head again.

Influenza vaccination protects against a severe case should one contract it.

It is disturbing that already there is controversy in the news regarding the Flu shot and people not wanting it. Some

say they don't need it because they never get the Flu. Others say they are afraid of side effects.

The bottom line is that Flu vaccine is needed to control the spread of the Flu. It is no different than COVID. We saw last winter, and are still seeing, the surge of COVID cases in those refusing to get vaccinated. The same thing can happen without the Flu vaccination. Influenza can cause serious illness and death just as COVID. So please get your Flu shot!

- If you are over 65 ask for the quadrivalent vaccine which is designed to protect against four different flu viruses, including two influenza A viruses and two influenza B.

"Continue to MASK-UP with Social Distancing – keep the flu away as well as COVID"

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

November Communion Offering:

Kids Alley

November Liturgist

Diane Stanley

November Shut-in of the Month



Joan Windston
43 Payson Ave.
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

November Birthdays

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



November Anniversaries

- 6 Barbara and Bob Kondras
29 Marilyn 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

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, James S. –US Army
- Please remember to keep Jim Goslin in your prayers. He is currently training in Texas and will be deployed to the Middle East. He will be deployed for 9-10 months.***
- To welcome our new pastor and his family
- Pray for God's voice.
- Sandy A. in Rehab at Collingswood Manor
- Estelle continued improvement at home
- Please pray for Ef's sister, Donna as she fell and broke her neck, requiring 2 surgeries. Prayer is sustaining her through her slow and painful 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
- Mary Ann M diagnosed with breast cancer
- Jean W's nephew Jake, a police officer in Collingswood as he recovers from a motorcycle accident



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

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.

Check out our website: audubonumc.com



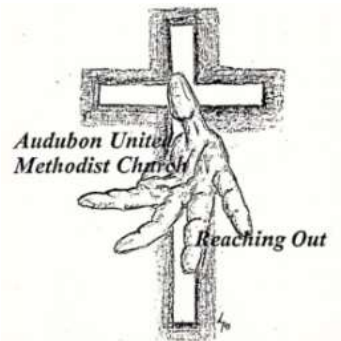
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Vision 2021 - Writing Acts 29

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.

We have had to cancel our Live Nativity due to COVID and the indoor activities we usually have with it.

