

Audubon United Methodist Church

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September 2023 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. Handicapped parking is available on Graisbury Ave. and also at 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 later on YouTube.
- Thurs. Sept. 7 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M.
- Tues. Sept. 12 Finance Committee 6:45 P.M.
Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- Sun. Sept. 17 Children's Sunday School begins 9 A.M.
- Sun. Sept. 24 Book Club following service
- Mon. Sept. 25 Cancer with Hope at 7 P.M.
- Every Monday is Seekers Bible Study
- 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 September Newsletter is sponsored by Scott and Lyn Radley in loving memory of their parents, Marion and Fred Kreckmann and Francis and Alfretta Radley

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."



What an incredible summer it has been, filled with laughter, joy, and an abundance of precious memories at our Vacation Bible School. The energy and enthusiasm that radiated from the children lit up our days and reaffirmed the profound impact that faith, fellowship, and fun can have on young hearts and minds.

We had an absolute blast engaging with each and every child who walked through our doors. From the enthusiastic games and crafts to the heartwarming discussions and lessons, the spirit of togetherness and learning was truly magical.

But none of this would have been possible without the dedicated and selfless efforts of our incredible team of volunteers. To all of you who generously gave your time, passion, and love to make this VBS a resounding success, we extend our deepest thanks. Your unwavering commitment to nurturing the spiritual growth of our children has left an indelible mark on their hearts and ours.

As we transition into September, a new missions initiative awaits us, beckoning us to extend our love and care beyond our congregation. The opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others fills me with a sense of purpose and anticipation. Together, we embark on a journey of compassion and service, united by a shared commitment to making a positive difference in the world.

Looking ahead, our plans to restore the bell tower and repair the roof stand as symbolic gestures of our dedication to preserving the physical and spiritual foundation of our place of worship. These projects serve as a reminder that just as we nurture our faith, we also nurture the spaces that facilitate our connection to the divine and to each other.

As we move forward, let us carry with us the lessons learned from VBS, the spirit of unity from our missions initiative, and the determination to restore and improve our sacred space. The road ahead may present challenges, but with unwavering faith, determination, and the support of our congregation, we can overcome anything that comes our way. Together, we shall continue to build a thriving community rooted in love, faith, and a shared sense of purpose.

Pastor Garrett

September is Missions Month

This month some of the mission ministries that we support will be here to speak to us about them.

- Aug. 27 Dorothy Groves, Methodist Hospital
Sept 3 Mark and Alyssa Stasio, CRU
Sept. 10 Rev. Dave Bailey, Ranch Hope
Mission Minute – Kids Alley
Sept. 17 Urban Promise
Sept. 24 Delanco Camp



Children's Ministry
Sunday School begins September 17 at 9

Choir season is here!!



We will begin Chancel Choir rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 7th with rehearsal in the church from 7:30-9:00 P.M.

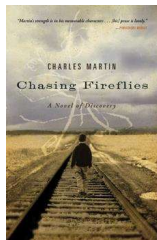
Two children's choirs will be starting this fall. Children ages 4 through 5th grade and youth 6th grade and up.

New Book Club Selection

***Chasing Fireflies* by Charles Martin**

We meet on the 2nd Sunday following service

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Mountain Between Us*, comes a powerful story about fishing, baseball, home cooking, and other matters of life and death. "Never settle for less than the truth," she told him. On a stifling summer day, an old Chevy Impala ignored the warning signals and was annihilated by the oncoming train. What no one realized until much later was that the driver had paused just before entering the tracks and kicked a small boy out of the car. A small boy with broken glasses who is clutching a notebook with all his might . . . but who never speaks. Chase Walker was one of the lucky ones. He was in foster care as a child, but he finally ended up with a family who loved him and cared for him. Now, as a journalist for the local paper, he's moved on and put the past behind him. But when he's assigned the story of this young boy, painful, haunting questions about his own childhood begin to rise to the surface. And as Chase Walker discovers, learning the truth about who you are can be as elusive--and as magical--as chasing fireflies on a summer night."



There is a lot happening!
First - We hired Craft Pro Masonry to start our re-pointing project around the

church and the bell tower. The project will start sometime in September. There will be scaffolding starting with the bell tower and then further around the church. The bricks must be re-pointed before we can replace the roof. The roof is in extremely poor condition and must be replaced as soon as possible. The doors on Graisbury Avenue may be blocked during that time and we may have to use the Wyoming Ave white doors for a while. I will keep you updated. This project will take anywhere from 2- 4 weeks.

Second - PSE&G . We signed a contract with SMS Lighting in conjunction with PSE&G. They will be updating the lighting in and out of the church. This project will be started in September. No date as of yet for installation.

Third - Lights are still being left on in the church. Also, a couple of times one or more of the air conditioners have been left on. Please check lights, air conditioners, and, most of all, make sure the doors are locked. The bills are expensive. We are trying to cut costs any way we can. Please treat the church as you would your own home. See you next month! Ruslana

YOU CAN HELP This is a huge undertaking for our church and hope you will consider monthly gifts!

Please select one or more envelopes from the poster in the narthex and return the envelope(s) with the designated amount of money enclosed. You may place your envelope(s) in the offering plate or drop it in the church mailbox located in front of the church office.

For our electronic givers, we have added the option to contribute to the "Roof Replacement & Pointing." If you wish to change your giving for this year, contact Carol Tait via email (crosstait630@yahoo.com) or text (609-472-1007). If you would like to begin electronic giving, there are forms in the Narthex, on our Website, or use the QR code here.



Cancer with Hope



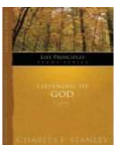
Will be meeting on Monday, Sept. 25 at 7 P.M.

Contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450 for more information

Small group Bible study

Listening to God, by Charles Stanley.

Date to be Announced. "ALL ARE WELCOME"



Christmas Bazaar is coming!

November 19 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

We are now collecting clean, usable items for our Attic Treasures and our Christmas Room. Please see Lois R. if you have any questions. Items can be placed in the back of the Adult Sunday School room.



Ushers Needed



Ushers are busy folks on Sunday morning. Ushers are also greeters, they hand out the bulletins, count how many people are in attendance, and collect the offering. If you would like to be part of this ministry, use the **Opportunities to Serve** sheet in the bulletin

September Homebound of the Month



Bill Dameshek
1655 Swedesboro Ave.
Paulsboro, NJ 08066

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

September Liturgist

Marilyn Radley

Trustee Opener/Closer

Tracy Schnyer

September Communion Offering:

Local Benevolence

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
- Mary B
- Crystal
- Susan H
- Tiara C
- Dan A.
- Joe
- MaryAnn M
- Gail L
- Ef D
- Miles J
- Dorothy G
- Pam A
- Mary L.
- Mike & Tyler S.
- Kevin H
- Gwen E
- Peg and Don L
- Rosemarie
- Bill D
- Jim B
- Peggy C
- Lauri M
- Charlie W and family

Prayer Card Requests

- Our Pastor and family
- Bill D recovering from a fractured leg
- Celebration of the wedding of Christy Schnyer to Salvatore Mazzotta, Jr.

Attic Treasures Thrift Store

We are very excited! Our new thrift store is coming! It is named Attic Treasures Thrift Store. The Grand Opening is Saturday, October 14th.

We will be taking donations after Labor Day. Drop off is on the back porch of the church house.

We will be accepting these items:

Clothing gently worn and washed-women's, men, kids; Shoes gently worn; jewelry, handbags; housewares (clean); pictures, frames. seasonal items and books, puzzles, board games; small tools in good condition; Children's toys clean and in good condition. NOT ACCEPTING: Electronics, VHS, DVDs, large furniture.

Also you have extra hangers please donate, we need them. If anyone knows where we can get clothing racks cheap, please let Lana or Kim know.

Lastly we need help with setting up, going through things, and pricing. It would be appreciated.

Thank you!

Ruslana

Bill and Elaine Soulliard have moved

Their new address is
1638 Steam Mill Hollow Road
Laceyville, PA 18623

Save the dates:

Church Conference **October 7 9 A.M.**
Fall Festival **October 21**
Blood Drive **October 24 2-7 P.M.**

New Prayer Ministry

Beginning on Sept. 3, we will gather a small group of people following worship for a brief time of prayer, asking God to send new families to AUMC. This will be about 5 minutes of prayer. If you are interested in joining in prayer for our church to grow, please meet in the Conover Parlor following worship. We have tried many things to get people to know we are here for them, but we have neglected to have a specific prayer time for this purpose.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20.

September Birthdays

1 Carl Ellinwood
13 Lindsy Arcaini
19 Gerry Gosk
19 Emily Whiteley Roselli
20 Garrett Gouveia
20 Ana Barrus
23 Paul Griffis Instagram
27 Cindy Burrough
27 Terry Mazur
27 Jake VanArnam
29 Jack Deal

Church Staff:

* Pastor: Garrett Gouveia
* Admin. Assistant: Linda Holonia
* Director of Music: Carl Ellinwood
* Organist: Ken Carson
* Nursery Aide: Calvin R

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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.

Pastor Garrett email: garrettmgouveia@gmail.com
Pastor's office hours: Mon, Wed, Fri. 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

September Anniversaries

23 Ally and Garrett Gouveia
29 Susan and Mario Medoro
30 Diane and Mike Stanley

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