

Audubon United Methodist Church



314 W. Graisbury Avenue, Audubon, NJ 08106

www.audubonumc.com 856-547-6114

January 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 can be found on the Graisbury Ave. side entrance. Handicapped parking is available on Graisbury and in the rear of the church house.



Sundays:

9:00 A.M. Children's Sunday School

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 YouTube.

Tues. Jan 10 Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.

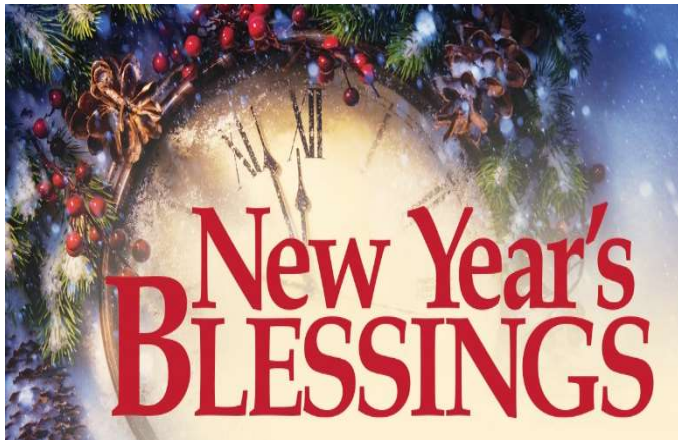
Sat. Jan. 14 Men's Bible Study – 8:30 - 10 A.M.

Every Weds. Comfort Food on Zoom 7:30 P.M.

ZOOM MEETING ID: 732-520-3940 PASSWORD:

Audubon PHONE DIAL-IN: 646 558 8656 JOIN US!

The January Newsletter is sponsored by George and Estelle MacCulloch in loving memory of their fathers, George Garcia and James MacCulloch.



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."

UMM (United Methodist Men)



Rob Forker will be leading a study on David beginning **January 14 from 8:30 – 10 AM.** If you are interested in becoming part of the group, please indicate so on the *Opportunities to Serve* form (#7).

Cancer with Hope



January meeting to be announced. Please, contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450 for more information.

Blessing Tree Update

Again you have opened your hearts and made a Merry Christmas for families (6 this year) who otherwise would not have much on Christmas morning! Thank you for caring and for giving to these families through the Blessing Tree! They were all very thankful for your generosity.

THANK YOU too for the socks you donated to the homeless mission. Pirolli Printing picked them up and delivered them to those in need.

Offering envelopes for 2023 are available in the

Narthex. Did you know that you don't have to be a member to receive a box of offering envelopes, nor do you need to make a faith promise to receive a box of offering envelopes? If you would like to receive a box of offering envelopes, please see Linda Holonia. Using offering envelopes helps the church keep track of your giving so that at the end of the year you will receive a statement outlining your giving. You can use this statement on your income taxes.



Please do not use any 2022 envelopes. Your gift may be credited to someone else!

Stewardship Update

As of today, we have received 24 Faith Promises totaling \$135,020 toward our budget of \$247,000. Thank you. We are counting on your commitment to God's work through AUMC so that we can reach our budget and continue supporting our ministry and missions. Estimates of giving cards are available in the rear of the sanctuary or you may contact the church office. Your faith promise is between you and God and only helps the church by allowing us to plan the church budget more accurately.

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:

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



App Store for iPhone users or



Play Store for Android users

3

Search for "VANCO Mobile"



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

? If you have questions, contact: Carol Tait, 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.



Our new president is Carol Jo Fennimore.
Watch for upcoming events!

Thank you to Live Nativity

We thank those who helped with the live nativity whether you were acting or helping inside, you touched hearts.

PSE&G: LIHEAP:

If you are struggling to pay your energy bills, help is available. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Universal Service Fund (USF) have expanded to include more people at higher income levels. For example, a family of four with a monthly income of \$9,250 may be eligible and should apply for USF. (Only the last month of income counts.) If you are not eligible for LIHEAP or USF there are moderate-income programs, such as the PAGE Grant and/or NJSHARES, which may provide the help you need. For more information, or to find out how to apply, call 1-800-520-3102 or "211" (7 days a week.) Visit pseg.com/help or pseg.com/ayuda (Spanish) for online application links. Some forms are available in the Narthex.

January Homebound of the Month



Bill Rittmayer
United Methodist Community Apt 315
460 Haddon Ave.
Collingswood, NJ 08108

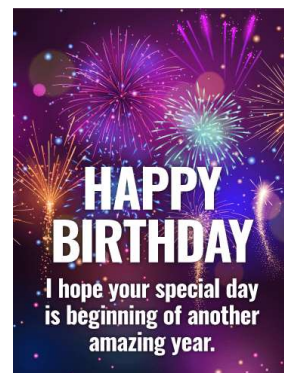
Let him know you are thinking of him by sending a card.

January Communion Offering:

Ranch Hope

January Birthdays

3 Holly Fitzgerald
4 Don Cox
5 Rev. Dr. Walter Jesuncosky III
5 Bill Laxton
6 Dakota Gouveia
8 Scott Radley
9 Don Reiter
17 Caden Reich
18 Ruslana Snyder
20 Walter Jesuncosky V
22 Paul Andrew Griffis
22 Joe Fennimore
26 Elijah Nicholas
31 Gail Lore



Altar Flowers

Due to rising costs, the cost of our altar flower is rising to \$16.00 per arrangement. Our cost has not risen since 2017 and the church has been absorbing the difference in the original price and the new price for many months. We hope that you will understand and continue to sponsor flowers as they add to the worship experience each week.

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
- Miles J
- Bill S
- Lauri M
- Charlie W and family
- Crystal
- Susan H
- Tiara C
- Dan A.
- Bill R
- Peg K
- Gail Lore
- Ef D
- Youngsoon
- Dorothy G
- Kevin H
- Mary L.
- Mike & Tyler S.
- Anne
- Gwen E.
- Peg and Don L
- Rosemarie
- Bill D
- Dee G.
- Estelle M.
- Joe

Prayer Card Requests

- For the family of Peg Keel on her passing
- For Ruslana and family on the passing of her father, Karl
- Our search for Director of Music and Organist.
- Our Pastor and family
- Our congregation on God's possibilities for us in 2023
- Our search for Scouting Liaison.
- Gus for healing, he is a friend of Bill and Elaine.

Church Staff:

- * Pastor: Garrett Gouveia
 - * Admin. Asst.: Linda Holonia
 - * Director of Music:
 - * Organist:
 - * Pianist: Jesse Deal
 - * Nursery Aides: Calvin R, Ana F.
- Church Office email : audubonumc@verizon.net

Church Office Hours

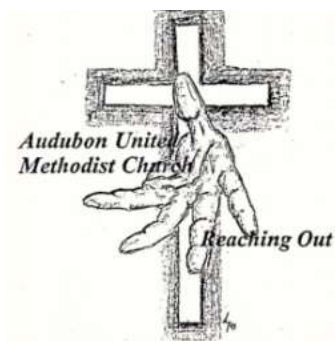
- Monday 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
 - Wed. and Thursday 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- Check out our website: audubonumc.com



AudubonUMC



@Audubon_UMC



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS – OFFICERS FOR 2023-EFFECTIVE JAN. 1

- Italics indicate new member

ADMINISTRATIVE

ARCHIVAST Bob Kondras, Barbara Cunane
CHURCH COUNCIL Allison Cox, Chair, Bill Simpson, Vice-Chair, Linda Holonia, Secretary

FINANCE Bob Kondras, Chair

Finance Secretary: Linda Holonia; **Head Counter:** Carol Tait; **Treasurer:** William Betts;

Memorial Fund Treasurer: Barbara Kondras

Finance Committee Members in addition to above: Trustee Rep., Lay Leader, Mark VanArnam

LAY LEADER Kimberlee Williams;

LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONF. Carol Tait

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Linda Holonia

MEMBERS AT LARGE Mike Stanley / *Carol Fennimore*

NOMINATIONS (Committee on Lay Leadership)

Chair: Pastor

2023 Jean Whiteley, Jane Gannon, _____

2024 Susan Medoro, Ruslana Snyder, _____

2025 *Lois Reiter, Lyn Radley, _____*

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS

Chair: Lyn Radley

Ex-officio: Lay Member to Annual Conf., Lay Leader

2023 Lyn Radley, Bill Simpson, Jean Whiteley

2024 William Betts, CarolJo Fennimore, Susan Medoro

2025 *Mark VanArnam, Ruslana Snyder, Jane Gannon*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2023 Ruslana Snyder, William Betts, Don Cox

2024 Joe Fennimore, Susan Medoro, Tracy Schnyer

2025 *Mike Stanley, Bob Fonash, _____*

PROGRAM

College & Military Ministry Linda Holonia

Christian Education Team: Director/Supt.- Pastor Garrett (acting)

Members: Jean Whiteley, Bob Kondras, Darlene Fitzgerald, Kimmee Williams

Youth Ministry Team: N/A

VBS Coordinator TBA

Scholarship Team Linda Holonia, Pastor, Christian Ed Dir., Darlene Fitzgerald

Hospitality & Luncheon Coordinator Allison Cox

Missions *Rob and Rebekah Forker*

Kindness Committee: Lois Reiter (Leader), Barbara Cunane, Barbara Kondras, Sue Medoro

IT Committee: Chris Fitzgerald (leader), Carol Tait

Publicity: Diane Stanley (leader), Carol Tait, Elaine Soulliard, Lori Ryan

UMW President: *CarolJo Fennimore*

UMM President: Pastor Garrett

Worship Dorothy Groves (Chair); Music: Jesse Deal; Usher/Greeter Coordinators: Frank &

Barbara Cunane; Communion Stewards: Susan Medoro, Muriel McCoy, Allison Cox, Lindsi Arcaini

COUNCIL OF ELDERS: Bob Kondras, George MacCulloch, Carol Tait, Mark VanArnam, William Betts,

Chris Fitzgerald