

Audubon United Methodist Church

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November 2024 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 Ave. and also behind the church house.



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."

Sundays:

- 9:00 A.M. Children's Sunday School
- 9:00 A.M. Seekers Adult Sunday School in person and Zoom. ID: 732-520-3940 PASSWORD: Audubon
- 10 AM Children's Choir
- 10:20 A.M. Traditional Service in person and streaming live on our Facebook page and on YouTube.

Weekly Happenings:

Every Mon. Seekers Adult Sunday School on Zoom 7:30 PM

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

Every Thurs, Chancel Choir 7:30 PM

Monthly Events:

- Wed, Nov 6, Church Conference, 6:30 PM
- Sat, Nov 9, Thrift store open 9-12
- Mon, November 11, *Finance Comm* 6:45 pm, *Church Council* 7:30 PM

- Sat, Nov16 Christmas Bazaar, 9-2 Attic Treasures also open
- Tues, November 26, Cancer with Hope 7 PM

Exciting Holiday Happenings

- Sun Nov 3, Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner, 4:30 PM
- Saturday, **November 16**, Christmas Bazaar, 9 – 2. Attic Treasures also open.
- Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Fellowship UMC located at 704 Garden St., Haddon Hts., Annual Community Thanksgiving service. The admission to the service is one canned good for their food pantry. Let's celebrate together!

• **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**



- Sunday, **December 8**, Live Nativity, 5 – 8, Fellowship Hall
- December, Date to be announced - Annual Christmas Cantata

Other Coming Events

- Date to be determined: A congregational meeting is being planned by SPRC. An open forum where people can discuss concerns and ideas.
- Date to be determined: Church Planning meeting for 2025 events
- **2025** – A Chili Cook-off as we had this year

Help Wanted!

Co-Treasurer for Audubon UMC

Carol intends to retire as Church Treasurer by the end of the year. If you have any experience with bookkeeping, QuickBooks or other online accounting systems, YOU are the person we are looking for! See Pastor Garrett.

PowerPoint Creators needed to take turns creating the weekly PowerPoint for livestreaming our service. See Pastor Garrett or Carol Tait.



Pastor
Garrett

Family, let me tell you something—fellowship isn't just about getting together for coffee or catching up after service. It's deeper than that. Fellowship is *relationship*. It's God's design for us to live in community, because isolation was never the plan. Audubon UMC isn't just a building or a Sunday morning routine—it's a family. It's a place where you're known, where you're seen, where you can grow. Here, we sharpen one another, we support each other, and we remind ourselves of the hope we have in Jesus. **Why?** Because life is tough, and we weren't made to go through it alone. Church fellowship gives us the strength to keep going and the love we need to show the world who Jesus is. This is how we thrive—together.

But let me say this: our words matter in fellowship. It's easy to think, 'I didn't mean it that way,' or 'they know my heart,' but family, **it's still our words**. Whether we intended them a certain way or not, those words have impact. And in fellowship, where trust is built and relationships grow, we have to own what we say. Proverbs tells us that life and death are in the power of the tongue. What we speak into this family can either lift someone up or tear

them down. So let's choose words that build, words that heal, words that show the love and grace we've been given. Let's be intentional about our words, knowing they carry the weight of life in this community. That's fellowship in action

Trustees
Chairperson
Ruslana
Snyder



No report this month.

New for You!

We are excited to start a new corner just for you! You are welcome to share with the congregation.

Congregation Inspiration Corner

What can I share? Here are some ideas:

- something that happened that impacted you and you would like to share;
- a hymn that made a change in you;
- a poem that is special;
- anything to share that was unexpected and brought you closer to God;
- a blessing you have received;
- An angel encounter.

Did you ever ask yourself how will I know when God speaks to me?

One night when I was sleeping, I had a dream of Jesus on the cross and water was flowing over his feet. I felt He was commanding me to wash the feet of others. I did as He commanded - 6 times.

I felt such peace afterwards. I am thankful for the cross.

Helena
Woodward





*Our Church
Missions
Linda
Holonia*

Last month we celebrated Missions Month by inviting several of the missions we support to share with us during worship. We heard from Rev. Jamie Wilson who is the new director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Camden County. He shared his background and his vision for the future of FCA in Camden County. His enthusiasm was quite intriguing. Although we do not currently support FCA, we would like to consider it since we do not support Dave & Kathy Mannon of ISI any longer, as they have left that ministry. FCA has a chapter (huddle) at Audubon High School so our support will help our local teens.

We also invited Options for Her to share their ministry with us. You may remember that we had a diaper drive for them earlier this year. For that they were very grateful. We heard about their expanding ministry, including two new centers in Ocean City and Trenton, as well as two new mobile units that help them reach women wherever they are. If you are looking for a place to volunteer, they would be happy to talk to you about how you could help them.

Lastly, a group of young people from UrbanPromise shared with us how UrbanPromise has changed their lives. It was quite interesting to hear how UrbanPromise is making a difference in the lives of so many young people in the city, and how the young people come back to minister to the children once they graduate from the program. Update on Mark & Alyssa Stasio of Cru: The Stasios have been very busy with the start of the new school year. They are serving on at least six campuses this year, including Monmouth, Montclair, Rutgers, and Middlesex College. They are making connections at Seton Hall and hope the college will allow them to open a Cru on that campus. They ask for prayers for all the new students they have met, for Seton Hall so that more students continue to hear about them, and to praise God for how he's moving in huge

ways on the campuses and introducing so many people to Christ.

Music Corner

Over the next few months the Chancel Choir will be singing only on Communion Sundays. In December we will be presenting our Christmas Cantata "Invitation to a Miracle". The date will be announced later.

As always we invite all to join us, no experience necessary. We will continue Thursday evening rehearsals, 7:30 pm, to prepare for the cantata.

Victorious Women

C.J. Fennimore

The Christmas Bazaar will be November 16, 9 – 2.
All hands on deck! Help is needed!

Prayers-Praise-Thanks



Pray in the spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all

HEALING:

Mary L. (Lyme disease), Sammi S. (Ruslana's daughter), Keith, Mike & Tyler S., Dee G., Carol F., Miles J., Estelle M., Youngsoon C., Bill D., Pam, Sandy A., Rosemarie, Dorothy G., Wyone B. for healing and peace, Annmarie H. for healing, strength & peace; Crystal for faith, healing, & wisdom; George M.; Sandy A.; Erin F.; Carol F., recovering from surgery; Robert P. recovering from surgery; Pastor Garrett recovering from knee injury.

FOR ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES:

Dave R. for ongoing cancer treatment, Pat H. with MS (Barbara's cousin), Charlie W. & family for health & strength, Mary B., Barbara H, Peg L.

FOR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH

Lauri M.; Kevin H.; Anne (Barbara H.'s neighbor)

Prayer Requests from the office and extended requests:

Janet Acker asks for prayers for her granddaughter, Tracy, who is 31 years old and has suffered a stroke.

MaryAnn Mazur and her daughter Terry. .

Prayer requests may be submitted by placing a prayer card in the offering plate or contacting the office either by mail or email. If you indicate, your request will be shared via email to the congregation.

Potpourri

Our Worship Services

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

During COVID we were blessed to have our services virtually. Have you gotten so comfortable watching virtually that you choose that rather than attend worship at church? We miss you! Enjoy the music. Meet new people. Chat with others. Connect with friends you haven't seen recently. The Sanctuary is air conditioned. Worshipping together in the sanctuary is enriching and one really feels God's presence. Please join us and we can worship together as Matthew 18:20 tells us.



Sunday school class for teens will continue throughout the year. Share the news! Pre-teens and teens, invite your friends to come with you! Pastor Garrett is teaching the class

Cancer with Hope

The group will meet on Tuesday, October 26 at 7 PM in the Anne Simpson Room and on Zoom. Those affected by cancer, whether you are a patient or a loved one or a support for someone facing the



disease, you are welcome. Please, contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450 for more information



We continue to collect used stamps for a mission in Ft. Myers, FL. Please tear the stamps off your mail and donate them in the box in the Narthex.

They will be processed and used to provide Sunday school materials that are used in 8 Latin American countries



ATTIC TREASURES THRIFT STORE

Upcoming Sale Dates:

November 9, 2024 & November 16, 2024
Open from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Thank you for your donations and for shopping with us!

We Sell Gently Worn Men's, Woman's & Children's Clothes, Shoes, Jewelry, Handbags, Children's Toys, Puzzles, Games, Picture Frames, Houseware Goods & Seasonal Items

We do not accept electronics, VHS, DVDs or large furniture.

Audubon United Methodist Church's Annual

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 16, 2024
9am – 2pm

Proceeds from this event support various church projects.



Our annual church conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at AUMC and everyone is invited to attend.



The new church directories are ready! If you are unable to come to church or don't know of anyone who could bring one to you, please contact the office and we will mail one to you. Otherwise, you may pick one up in the Narthex, but please be sure to check your name off so that we know that you received yours! Please notify Barbara Cunane or Linda Holonia of any changes, corrections or additions.



Join our new District Superintendent, Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, at her District Day with our Delaware Bay District at Trinity UMC in Mullica Hill on Nov. 21 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Homebound of the Month



Let them know you are thinking of them by sending a card

George MacCulloch
340 West Graisbury Ave.
Audubon NJ 08106

Christmas Blessing Tree



Our annual Blessing Tree will be up in Mid-November. Please take an ornament or two from the tree and provide a new, wrapped gift according to the wishes on the ornament. These gifts go to local families. Please attach the ornament to the gift in a way that it can easily be removed and replaced with a name tag. In the past people have attached the tag with ribbon or twine that could easily be removed. If you attach it with tape, please do so gently so that the tag can be removed without tearing the gift wrap. Another suggestion is to pack your gift in a gift bag and attach the tag to the handle with string, etc. Gifts will be collected until December 8th. If you have any questions please see Linda Holonia.

November Liturgist

Pastor Garret will be reading the scripture

November Trustee Opener/Closer

Darlene Fitzgerald

November Communion Offering:

Kids Alley

November Birthdays

- 2 Jude Griffis
- 4 Coleen Mzkuszewski
- 5 Lilyanna Griffis
- 7 Taylor Whylings
- 10 Frank Montesano
- 11 Francis Makuszewski
- 18 Bethany Griffis
- 20 Gwen Evans
- 20 Jlm Goslin
- 23 Jaylen Holonia.
- 25 Richard Burrough



- 24 Karen Fernandez (Holloway)
- 28 Megan Ryan
- 29 Jason Holonia

November Anniversaries

- 6 Bob and Barbara Kondras
- 29 Scott and Lyn Radley

Newsletter Sponsor

The December Newsletter is sponsored by Mark VanArnam.

Items for the December newsletter are due Sunday, December 10th. Please email me your items directly. Thank you. Dorothy
grovesdorothy@gmail.com

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Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2024 occurs on Thursday, November 28. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists from England and the [Native American](#) Wampanoag people shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies.

For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the [Civil War](#), that President [Abraham Lincoln proclaimed](#) a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. But the holiday is not without controversy. Many Americans—including people of Native American ancestry—believe Thanksgiving celebrations mask the true history of oppression and bloodshed that underlies the relationship between European settlers and Native Americans.





2024 Christmas Poinsettias

You are again invited to share in placing one or more poinsettias in our sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

The price is \$4 per plant.

We would like to have them in the sanctuary for Sunday, December 22. Therefore, **orders MUST be placed by Wednesday December 18. No orders will be accepted after this date.**

You may take your poinsettia home after the 8 PM Christmas Eve service on December 24 if you are in attendance. For anyone worshipping virtually on Christmas Eve, instructions on when you can get your plants will be forthcoming.

Please complete the order form below and give it with your payment to the church secretary.

PLEASE PRINT

<i>Your Name</i>	<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>In Honor Of</i>

Signature: _____ Amount enclosed: _____



NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:00 a.m. Children's SS Teen Bible study Seeker's SS 10:20 a.m. Worship 4:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner	4 7:00 p.m. Seeker's Sunday school via Zoom	5	6 6:30 PM- Church Conference 7:30 p.m. Comfort Food via Zoom	7	8	9 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Attic Treasures Thrift Store
10 9:00 Children's SS Teen Bible study Seeker's SS 10:20 a.m. Worship	11 6:45 PM- Finance Meeting 7:30 PM Council Meeting	12 7:00 p.m. Seeker's Sunday school via Zoom	13 7:30 p.m. Comfort Food via Zoom	14	15	16 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Christmas Bazaar
17 9:00 Children's SS Teen Bible study Seeker's SS 10:20 a.m. Worship	18 7:00 p.m. Seeker's Sunday school via Zoom	19	20 7:30 p.m. Comfort Food via Zoom	21	22	23 9:00-10:30 a.m. Small Group Study-Conover Parlor
24 9:00 Children's SS Teen Bible study Seeker's SS 10:20 a.m. Worship	25 7:00 p.m. Seeker's Sunday school via Zoom	26 7:00 p.m. Cancer with Hope-Simpson Room 8 Zoom-call Bruce for info 609-605-5450	27 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving worship @ Fellowship UMC, 704 Garden St., Haddon Hts.	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30