

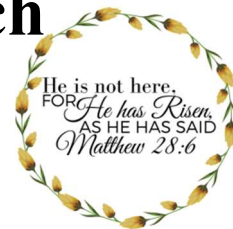


Audubon United Methodist Church

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April 2021 Newsletter



Sunday Worship Opportunities:



Our Doors are open!

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 Seekers Adult Sunday School in person and Zoom. Face masks required.
- 10:20 A.M. Traditional Service in person and streaming live on our Facebook page and posted later on YouTube.

Please call the church office to reserve your place in a pew. FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

- Weds. *Comfort Food* on Zoom 7:30 PM
- Tues. Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 PM on Zoom
- Maundy Thursday, April 1 7:30 PM on Zoom
- Good Friday April 2 at 11 AM- Cross Walk about a one mile walk around town, beginning and ending at Logan. NO evening service.
- Easter Sunday, April 4 10:20 AM
- Tues. April 6 Red Cross Blood Drive at AUMC
- Tues. April 13 Church Council 7:30 P.M. Zoom
- Mon. April 26 Cancer with Hope 7:00 P.M. Zoom

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

The April Newsletter is sponsored by Lauri Bouch with thanks for all of God's blessings to her family

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



How was your Lenten journey? Did you get in touch with yourself during this time to find out who you really are and whose you truly are? Did you feel that some people were praying for you and your family? Did you find the sweetness of the Holy Spirit... while in the midst of your struggles... while partaking the daily bread of scripture reading?

Forty days of your Lenten journey has nearly passed and we are getting closer to the sunrise of Easter; the day of the Lord's resurrection.

"Resurrection is a sense of direction." I had to ponder what it means to me.

"... He is going ahead of you to Galilee" "Go... make disciples..." "Remember I am with you always, to the end of the age."

A sense of direction... in each of the gospels, the resurrection moves people away from the tomb in the direction of the world. The direction is away from death and toward life.

A sense of direction... "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

The resurrection invites -- no -- the resurrection demands that we orient ourselves in a new direction. What was, no longer is. In order to meet the risen Christ in Galilee, in order to make disciples, in order to know Christ with us even to the end of the age, in order to be actually free and happy, we have to turn our backs on the empty tomb of the past and let the resurrection orient us in a new direction. He is going before you to Galilee ... already ahead of us, inviting us into a lively future with him in our life and in the work we are called to do.

"Resurrection is a sense of direction." How is it so for you? When you meditate on the phrase, where does it take you?

May you be blessed this season of Eastertide with a sense of direction. **Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen indeed! Love, Jisun

Vision 2020 to Vision 2021

Remember when Pastor Jisun first came to AUMC and she met us all through the Meet and Greet meetings? From those meetings, we had the opportunity to vote on the five most important things we wanted to do here at AUMC? As a result of our voting, we identified the five areas we wanted to focus on: Outreach, Publicity, Infrastructure, Kindness, and our Online Presence.

Here is the latest regarding these five areas and your opportunity to become involved as a “contributor” if you would be interested. Being a contributor means that you would be involved in the work of the committee but would not have to attend meetings.

Outreach: This team is led by Mark VanArnam. He and his team have been working tirelessly.

Post cards have been mailed to every home in Audubon and Mt. Ephraim, and you may have received the second one; they have partnered with the Food Pantry at St. Luke’s in Collingswood; and they have begun a weekly challenge to us.

They have been working closely with Pastor Jisun on our AUMC Acts 29 initiative. If you feel you would like to contribute to the work of this committee, please contact Mark at markvanarnam@aol.com.

Publicity: This team is led by Diane Stanley. Her team has contributed to the creation of the post card that was mailed to the community and are responsible for creating and placing the banners in front of the church. Their scope has been limited due to COVID, but they are at work. If you would like to contribute to this team, please contact Diane at diane.hickman.stanley@gmail.com.

Infrastructure: This team is led by Barry Zane. He and his team did an initial walk-through of the facilities last Spring to see where we might want to make improvements. Then COVID hit and slowed the progress. The Conover Parlor has been refurbished with new-to-us furniture, refinished floors and more. There are many areas of the church that need to be refreshed or updated. If you would like to contribute to this team, please contact Barry Zane at barry.zane@zaney.com.

Kindness: This team is led by Lois Reiter. They have been busy making phone calls and sending cards to some members who might be alone due to

the COVID restrictions. They provided lunch for some of our community workers, and they have partnered with Room for Luke, a local grassroots organization that assists a family with a child with special needs. If you would like to contribute to this team, please contact Lois at lnreiter@yahoo.com.

Online Presence: This team is led by Chris Fitzgerald. They have been working each week posting our worship services on Facebook and YouTube. Most recently they have been working to have our website updated and improved. The new site is now live. If you would like to contribute to this team, please contact Chris at fitzman9903@yahoo.com.

These are just a few of the highlights of each team’s work. Any of these teams would welcome your input and suggestions. As they say, many hands make light work. You may also contact these team leaders if you have any questions about what they are doing and what you might be able to do to help them.

Mission News by Bruce Krout

While you are devouring chocolate bunnies and marshmallow chicks this time of year, I have an interesting story from Steve Quigg of Mission Safety International. I asked him to share his best story that he could recall from his years as a missionary pilot. For twenty years he and his wife Gail were living in Africa as United Methodist flight missionaries. The terrain in the Congo or Nigeria was not easy for traveling by car or truck. There were isolated villages that needed supplies brought in by plane. At one time, Steve was asked to fly in hundreds of chicks to villages numerous times as part of an agricultural enrichment program.

Flying into these villages to get someone who needed medical attention was not uncommon. Often there were no roads in these locations, so a medical emergency is often a death sentence. Steve remembered flying individuals to medical facilities and returning them back home later. What a rewarding experience and memory!

After decades of working in aviation ministries providing technical and logistical support, Steve has recently pivoted to Mission Safety International whose purpose is to assist Christian missionary aviation organizations. The assistance includes reviewing safety manuals, training, and procedures

to insure safe flights. Steve and his wife recently moved to the Lancaster, PA area, which allows them to work for MSI and be close to their three parents who are well into their mid-90's.

Of course, the pandemic has been challenging to Steve when setting up safety seminars, such as the one held recently in Spokane, WA at Moody Aviation.

International travel to places such as New Guinea, South Africa, and the Philippines has been put on hold due to month-long quarantine restrictions that would be required.

Steve appreciates our financial support along with continued prayers for their worthy ministry of "Making safety a way of life for missionary aviators everywhere.". (www.missafety.org)

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

Cancer with Hope



Join our Journey of Hope Cancer Care Ministry April 26 on Zoom. For more information, please contact Bruce Krout.

Collingswood Food Pantry

We continue to collect paper and plastic grocery bags for the food pantry at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Collingswood. Please leave them on the porch leading to the pastor's office at the church house, not the front porch. If you or anyone you know is in need, please contact Elaine Soulliard who is our liaison with the pantry and may be reached at 609-280-4792.

Church Directory Update

Barbara and Frank Cunane

Landline 856-452-5111

Cell 856-261-6681

Karen Ofikwu - Cross out C:856-986-6158

(It is Mary Tharan's #)



Children's Ministry – Anne Simpson.

Every year the children of our church have looked forward to making resurrection rolls. Since it can't be done in person I'm writing the recipe. It's a fun and tasty way to help celebrate Jesus' resurrection. You might want to read Mark 15:42-47 before you begin.

Resurrection Rolls

Materials needed:

Large marshmallows

Melted butter or margarine

Cinnamon sugar mixture

Crescent rolls(ready to bake)

Use the materials as symbols to tell the story.

The marshmallow represents Jesus after being removed from the cross.

Roll the marshmallow in melted butter. This represents the anointing oil on Jesus' body.

Then roll it in cinnamon sugar to represent the anointing spices.

Place marshmallow on crescent roll & roll it up so it is completely sealed. This is very important.

The roll represents the tomb.

Bake 375° for 10 minutes.

While roll is still warm, have children open the roll. THE TOMB IS EMPTY.

Hope you enjoy this nice treat! HAPPY EASTER



A big thank you to over 30 members of our church who have recorded virtual greetings.

Most of you have stepped out of your comfort zone to do these recordings. Who knew at the time we started this practice that we would still be doing it a year later? I truly appreciate the time & effort you have taken. It is wonderful to see your smiling faces & hear your special messages. Thank you for saying yes when I call. Sincerely, Anne





American Red Cross Blood Drive at Audubon UMC

Tuesday, April 6
2:00p.m. -7:00p.m.
314 W Graisbury Avenue
Audubon, NJ

Appointments are preferred.

**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT
ONLINE:**

www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code:

Audubon UMC

Save time on the day of the donation and visit

www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass

Each week you may place your offering in a designated place in the rear of the sanctuary either upon entering or leaving worship. There will be no collection during the service. You may also leave it in the mailbox in front of the church office.

Electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Simply complete and return the electronic giving authorization form to get started which can be found in the narthex.

You can designate your offering to any of the following funds and you can choose the weekly, semi-monthly or monthly options.

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| Tithes & Offerings | Repairs and Maintenance |
| Advent Offering | Christmas Offering |
| Lenten Offering | Easter Offering |
| Thanksgiving Offering | United Methodist Women |
| AUMC Walker/Bowen/Betts Scholarship Funds | |



This quarter, Audubon United Methodist Church received a donation from AmazonSmile in the amount of **\$55.94**. This is at no cost to any of us.

So, thank you to all who shop on AmazonSmile and designate AUMC. To date we have received a total donation of \$557.08.

Health & Wellness – Short and Sweet

“Do we still need to wear masks and social distance?”

The new strains of COVID 19 are airborne and can spread quickly. Even if you have received the vaccine, you can still contract a new strain from someone just by inhaling and then spreading to another when you exhale, *Therefore, we must still wear masks and social distance to protect ourselves and others.*

From the Centers for Disease Control (CDC):
(Posted March 18)

Now that the U.S. is vaccinating roughly 2 million people per day, the CDC has released [the first set of guidelines](#) detailing the activities those who’ve been vaccinated can and can’t do.

This, of course, applies to wearing masks. Please read further to figure out how the CDC guidance on wearing masks post-vaccination affects you:

Two weeks after receiving your final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, the CDC states you can interact with other fully vaccinated people inside without the need to social distance.

If some members of your group *have not* received the vaccine, it all comes down to common sense; if you’re in the presence of someone who’s considered high-risk, for example, masks should still be worn.

This also applies to the public in general, as many people still haven’t gotten a vaccination. So, when you find yourself in a public setting, the CDC states that you should:

- Continue wearing your mask.
- Continue to social distance.
- Avoid large gatherings.
- Follow current CDC and state travel advisories.

Also please note that should you experience any coronavirus symptoms, you should still get tested to confirm whether or not you have the disease. (End of posted content)

From the last Health and Wellness column please remember to keep abreast of the news on COVID and the vaccines:

- TV Networks
- “World News Tonight” every day at 6:30 P.M. with David Muir, Channel 6.

- CNN
- If you have a computer google COVID NJ, or the CDC.
- Listen to Dr. Anthony Fauci and President Biden.
- KYW 1060 on the radio.

Watch for this column for Shorts on Health and Wellness in the monthly Newsletter. Next month: “Dealing with Social Isolation During the Pandemic”

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

April Shut-in of the Month



Bill Dameshek
302 Mercer Street
Gloucester, NJ 08030

Keep him in your prayers and let him know he is in your thoughts by sending a card.

April Birthdays

- 6 Tom Hertfelder
- 12 Katie Van Arnam
- 15 Kyung Grube
- 16 Rebecca Hertfelder
- 17 Anna Rose Griffis
- 19 Ron Fennimore
- 20 Estelle MacCulloch
- 24 Clara Reich
- 29 Walter Jesuncosky IV

April Anniversaries

- 27 Sarah and Walter Jesucosky IV
- 27 Rob and Tracy Bradshaw

April Communion Offering:

Camden Urban Ministries

April Liturgist: Sandy Albrecht

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.
- Caitlyn C.
- Mike & Tyler S.
- Mary P
- Tiara C
- Anne and Joe
- Miles J
- Susan H
- Ron & Samantha F.
- 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
- Marge W
- Peg and George K.
- Gerry G
- Gail Lore
- Keeyoung K

College Students to keep in your prayers :

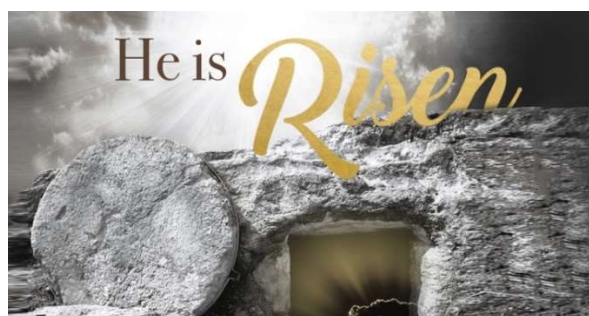
- Maggy B
- Holly F
- Emily W
- Becca V
- Colin R
- Kevin F

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
- Continue to pray for Bill D recovering from a stroke
- William’s friend John recovering from surgery
- William’s friend Pierre who passed away
- Anthony (cousins Deli) on the loss of his 20 yr. old cousin and his family.
- Lyn as she recovers from knee surgery
- Gail Lore as she continues to recover from her recent hospitalization.
- Dorothy that her heart will continue to improve
- Scott and family on the loss of his brother, Doug
- Dorothy’s friend Rose with cancer for salvation.
- Dorothy’s friend Joe awaiting a lung transplant
- Ef’s brother Doug undergoing surgeries and recovery.
- Carol T’s son-in-law’s father David and his wife Donna. He has aggressive growths on pancreas and liver.

Prayers for our church

- Please pray for our church leaders as we move forward in our 2021 vision for AUMC
- Please pray that AUMC will continue to grow in spirit and be seen as a beacon in the neighborhood.
- Please pray for Pastor Jisun; for good health, strength, protection, and guidance.
- Please pray that we will each experience a deeper spiritual walk with the Lord.



Church Staff:

- * Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jisun Kwak
- * Admin. Asst.: Linda Holonia
- * Director of Music: Mia Reich
- * Organist: David Reich
- * Pianist: Jesse Deal

Church Office email : audubonumc@verizon.net

Pastor's email : pastorjisun@gmail.com

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

Vision 2021



Writing Acts 29

Lindi Arcaini's Outreach Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4F51XGqSjk&t=10s>

Sandy Albrecht's Outreach Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8w_6X6Vpwc

Canon of Praise Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfOyoRULHP8>

Carol Fennimore's Outreach Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qw46y21s1C0>

Helena Woodward's Outreach Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5cxCgMgZVu8>

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.

