

Audubon United Methodist Church



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January 2022 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 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.

Tues. Jan 11 Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Mon. Jan. 31 Cancer With Hope

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

Every Thurs. Chancel Choir rehearsal 7:00 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."

As 2021 has come to an end, we are reflecting on our progress as a church regarding our Vision 2021 initiative. Church council is asking the congregation for input in forming our Vision 2022. This is a time where, much like before, you can express your wants, hopes, desires for Audubon United Methodist Church for this coming year. We have been able to do so much these past two years and look forward to many more successful years to come. Please take the time to pray about it and send an email to Allison Cox at: ajkloppcox@aol.com. Obviously, we won't be able to do all projects, but we will get a sense as to where the vision is of the congregation. With all of this in mind, I also want us to remember our Vision statement when making these suggestions.

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Thank you once again for your faithfulness and love.

Allison Cox

Offering envelopes for 2022 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. Finally,

making a pledge (or faith promise) does not obligate you to fulfill that promise. It is simply a promise between you and God, saying that, as you are able, you will give the designated amount to the church so that we may fulfill our financial obligations and extend our ministries. You will not be billed if you cannot meet your promise. Your faith promise is between you and God and only helps the church by allowing us to plan the church budget more accurately.

Please do not use any 2021 envelopes. Your gift may be credited to someone else!

Mission News by Bruce Krout

Subaru of America's national headquarters is located in Camden near the Campbell Soup headquarters, close to Admiral Wilson Boulevard. In that area is a large billboard promoting Subaru's "Share the Love" event and how they have donated over \$225 million to various charities over the last 14 years. As a Subaru owner I wondered if when I bought my SUV, did I donate and someone in corporate was making choices for me. However, that wasn't the case. The Subaru Share the Love Event occurs from November to January which wasn't the time of my purchase. \$250 of each car purchased in that time period goes to a charity the customer chooses. Subaru does support many different agencies such as Feeding America, which helps Cathedral Kitchen (Camden, NJ), Meals on Wheels to help feed homebound seniors, Habitat for Humanity, Make A Wish, the Ronald McDonald house and many more parties.

There are other corporations that donate because they happen to have extra stock (perishables) that could be donated for a good cause. Shop-Rite is one of those businesses. Recently, Linda Snuffin, (Catering/Asst. Mgr. of Lawnside ShopRite) reached out to Carol Fennimore to ask if our Church could use 25 frozen turkeys or if she knew of an organization that could. Just like last year, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church's food pantry was the beneficiary of the turkeys.

Elaine and Bill Soulliard picked up 24 turkeys at the Laurel Springs and Woodbury Heights ShopRites. Three of the turkeys were given to this year's "Blessing Tree" families while the remaining were taken to St. Paul's food pantry on Park Ave. in Collingswood.

As a reminder, in the December AUMC Newsletter, the following donation items were listed by Elaine: large size shirts, socks, children's clothes (any size), sports balls, 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.

Here at AUMC, the Christian version of the "share the love event" occurs all year round thanks to you and your generosity. Thanks a million. Have a blessed New Year!

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

Cancer with Hope



Will be meeting on Monday, January 31
Contact Bruce Krout at 609-605-5450 for more information

Spring Ladies Day at America's

Keswick

Wednesday, May 11, 2022
from 9AM – 3 PM

Guest Speaker is **Alisa Childers**,
singer, song writer and author.

\$22 includes all sessions, continental
breakfast and boxed lunch.



"As a lifelong church-goer, follower of Jesus, and former CCM recording artist with the Dove award-winning group ZOEGirl, I experienced a period of profound doubt about my faith in my mid-thirties. I felt as though I had been tossed in a stormy ocean of uncertainty with no life jacket or lifeboat in sight. I didn't know where to find answers to my questions, or if answers existed at all. Did I have to accept it all on some kind of blind faith? I began to investigate my faith intellectually—I took seminary classes and read everything I could get my hands on. This began my journey from unreasoned doubt into a vibrant, rational, and informed faith."



Contact Lyn Radley if you are interested in attending this event.

Electronic giving

For those of our members and friends who have been giving electronically with Vanco, please be sure to complete a new Authorization form since some of our funds have changed. If you like the freedom of unscheduled giving, Vanco has a new giving app, **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement**, that makes it easier for members to give at any time. If you are not giving electronically yet, you can check out their website for more information.



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

Although the vaccine has brought positive changes, we must remain vigilant as we gather with friends and loved ones. **Delta and Omicron variants remain active in our area.** Always have a mask available and use it to protect anyone in the gathering who is not vaccinated. If you have not had a COVID booster, consider getting one as it is now approved for everyone. Also if you have not gotten your Flu shot consider doing so. 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. If you are 65 or over, remember to ask for the quadrivalent vaccine which protects against four different *flu* viruses, including two *influenza A* viruses and two *influenza B*. Let us pray for a New Year full of God's blessings.

“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

Blessing Tree Follow-Up

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our families on the Blessing Tree this year. They were much appreciated, and I hope that you are happy that you could spread some Christmas joy to those in need.

Church memorabilia wanted

Do you have anything in your possession pertaining to our church history that you think should be on display? Please contact Barbara Cunane.



She is looking for artifacts to display behind glass in Conover Parlor. These items will have a description card and date.

Directory Update:

Bill Dameshek's new address:
1043 Marshall Mill Road
Franklinville, NJ 08322

Jim Goslin's new address:
CPT Goslin, James (228 EVCC)
448th EN BN #61371
APO, AE 09877

January Shut-in of the Month



Bill Dameshek
1043 Marshall Mill Rd.
Franklinville, NJ 08322

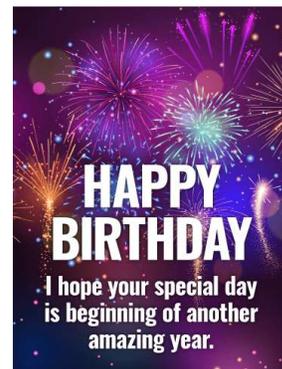
Let him know you are thinking of him by sending a card.

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



Dinner for Peg

A Dinner Calendar for Peg Keel and her daughter is in the church narthex. We want to provide dinner for them 2 days a week. The only restriction they have is NO SALT. If the meal includes tomato sauce, please put it on the side. If you can provide a meal, please sign-up on the calendar or let Linda know by contacting the church office. Since it is only 2 days a week, we want to be sure they don't get the same meal twice as they will most likely have leftovers on other days.

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
- Joe
- Charlie W and family
- Dr. K and wife Bernice
- Crystal
- Susan H
- Tiara C
- Dan A.
- Bill R
- Peg K
- Gail Lore
- Susan H
- Miles J
- Bill S
- Lauri M
- Mary L.
- Mike & Tyler S.
- Anne
- Gwen E.
- Peg and Don L
- Rosemarie
- Bill D
- Ef D
- Youngsoon
- Dorothy G
- Kevin H
- Ruslana's father, Karl
- Jill T (Don C sister)

Prayer Card Requests

- World Gospel Mission ministries and the Crakers who are now home in the US and for Michelle undergoing cancer treatment.
- 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 CPT Jim Goslin in your prayers. He has been deployed to the Middle East and will be gone for 9-10 months.
- Our Pastor and 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 continues her 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 as he recovers
- Peg K, George passed away the end of November
- Sarah G as she recovers
- Praise Peg L is home and doing better
- Praise BJ graduated from Basic Training and is now a sailor.
- Bill D recovering from a procedure



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

Vision 2022 - Writing Acts 29

Listen for our weekly challenge each Sunday and don't forget to watch our YouTube videos.

Outreach cards!

Use them to share with others inviting people to reconnect to their faith and also to our church.



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.

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



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