

# Audubon United Methodist Church

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## October 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 is 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. 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.
- Sun. Oct. 1 Back to Church Luncheon after worship  
Sat. Oct 7 Annual Church Conference  
Tues. Oct. 10 Finance Committee 6:45 P.M.  
Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.  
Sun. Oct. 15 Laity Sunday  
Community Crop Walk  
Sat. Oct. 21 Fall Festival  
Tues. Oct 24 Red Cross Blood Drive 2-7 P.M.  
Mon. Oct. 30 Cancer with Hope at 7 P.M.
- Every Monday is Monday School (Seekers)  
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!

### 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."***



### Fall Festival Celebration



invite your neighbors!

**Saturday October 21 from 1-3 P.M.**

Visit our own pumpkin patch in the church yard. Pumpkins to decorate, animal rescue, pumpkin dessert contest for everyone.

Fun activities and delicious treats! Come and bring the family and

**October 24 2-7 P.M. in Fellowship Hall**



**American  
Red Cross  
Blood  
Drive**

**Save a Life, Give Blood**

Sign up in the Narthex to reserve your time to donate. Donors receive a \$10 restaurant gift card.

### Annual Church Conference

Saturday, October 7 at 9:30 AM in Haddonfield UMC. All are welcome to attend.

### Veteran's Day Weekend November 11-12

We will plant American Flags on the front lawn of the church in honor of a serviceperson – active duty, retired or deceased.

Use the Opportunities to Serve form or contact the office to

purchase a flag for \$10. All monies will go to support the repointing and roof replacement fund.



### Cancer with Hope



Will meet on Monday, Oct. 30 at 7 P.M.

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



Here are ways you can help!

❖ In the kitchen, if you are putting food in the fridge and iced tea or other beverages, please put a date on it so it can be disposed of after its expiration window.

When you are making coffee, please clean up the coffee maker and dispose of the grounds. A couple times we have found grounds are left and turned to mold.

❖ The bell tower work continues. Craft Pro Masonry are working on the tower. The weather has been interrupting work. They can't work when it is wet. Please remember to go in the back door or the brown doors on Wyoming till this project gets finished. Thank you for your patience.

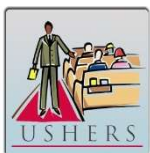
❖ How about those lights in the sanctuary, the narthex and children's Sunday school classroom - they are bright! It really makes a difference! The lighting crew is continuing to make progress. The whole church is going to look great when the project is done.

❖ Please be mindful with turning off lights when you leave the church. We are trying to save money. For example if you have a meeting in Conover Parlor, please turn off the lights as you exit the room. Also when you are in the church for any reason, make sure the lights are off. If you see anything left on, please help and turn it off. The same goes with the air conditioners.

❖ One more thing: please stop dumping things on the table in the Conover parlor. Take a few minutes to put things where they belong. The church doesn't look nice when things are cluttered and it doesn't send a good message to visitors. Please put it away.

❖ Lastly, we need volunteers to help weed the flower beds around the church. They are overgrown and we need help. We can't afford to hire anyone to do that job and we are limited with people to help. We would appreciate it so much.

### Ushers Needed

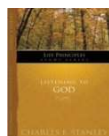


Ushers are busy folks on Sunday morning. They are also greeters, hand out the bulletins, count how many people are in attendance, and collect the offering. If you would like to be part of this ministry, use the

**Opportunities to Serve** sheet in the bulletin or speak with the Cunanes.

### Small group Bible study

Listening to God, by Charles Stanley.  
Date to be Announced.



### Christmas Bazaar is coming!

**November 18 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.



### Attic Treasures Thrift Store

We are very excited! Our new thrift store has postponed its grand opening to the November 18 Christmas Bazaar.

Drop off your donations on the back porch of the church house. We will be accepting these items:

Clothing gently worn and washed – women' men and kids;



shoes gently worn; jewelry, handbags; housewares (clean); picture 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 if you have extra hangers please donate, we need them. If you know where to get clothing racks inexpensively, please let Lana or Kim know.

We also need help with going through things, setting up, and pricing. All help would be appreciated. --Ruslana

**"ALL ARE WELCOME"**



*"If Methodists would give all they can, then all would have enough."* John Wesley. We are entering the season of

stewardship, **October 15- Nov. 19**. The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is **"Responding to God's Grace"**. The "five G's" - **Grace, Growth, Gratitude, Generosity, and Go** make disciples.

### October Homebound of the Month



Bea Fisher  
154 Yale Rd.  
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

## October Servants

Liturgist Barbara Cunane

Trustee Opener/Closer Sue Medoro

## October Communion Offering:

United Methodist Communities Collingswood Manor

## October Birthdays

7 Ally Gouveia	13 Cheryl Laxton
8 Dorothy Groves	14 Declan Gouveia
9 Darlene Fitzgerald	22 Joel Griffis
11 Paul Acker	23 Sarah Gibbons
13 Keira Ryan	24 Virginia Kitchmire
13 Kaitlyn Ryan	

## October Anniversaries

4 Don and Allison Cox  
 12 Lori and Scott Ryan  
 17 Barbara and Frank Cunane  
 22 Peggy and Tracy Schnyer  
 22 Chuck and Mary Tharan Henderson

## New Prayer Ministry

**Beginning on Oct. 1,** 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. *“For where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there among them.”* Matthew 18:20.

## Save the dates:

Nov. 4 Church planning meeting for winter activities  
 Nov. 11 Chili cookoff – will yours be judged best?  
 Nov. 18 Christmas Bazaar  
 Nov. 19 Thanksgiving food drive ingathering  
 Nov. 22 Community Thanksgiving Service at Logan

## 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.	• Crystal	• Mary L.
• Susan H	• Mike & Tyler S.	• Estelle M
• Mary P	• Tiara C	• Kevin H
• Carol F	• Dan A.	• Gwen E.
• Joan W	• Joe	• Peg and Don L
• Sandy A	• MaryAnn M	• Rosemarie R
• Gerry G	• Gail L	• Bill D
• Pat H	• Ef D	• Jim B

• Dee G	• Miles J	• Peggy C
• Dorothy G	• Lauri M	• Wyone B.
• Pam A	• Charlie W and family	

## Prayer Requests

- Our Pastor and family
- We extend our sincere condolences to Chris Fitzgerald and family, whose niece, Shannon, lost her long battle with cancer on September 24.

## Church Staff:

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

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Pastor Garrett email: [garrettmgouveia@gmail.com](mailto:garrettmgouveia@gmail.com)

**Pastor's office hours:** Mon, Wed, Fri. 8:45 – 11:30 AM

## 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.



**YOU CAN HELP!** The brick pointing is a huge undertaking for our church and we hope you will consider monthly gifts! Please select an envelope from the poster in the narthex (you determine the amount to enclose) and place your envelope in the offering plate or drop it in the church mailbox located in front of the church office. Please add your envelope number to your check or on the envelope.



We have added the option to contribute to the "Roof Replacement & Pointing" Fund for electronic giving. You can use the QR code here to give once, weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. If you wish to change your giving for this year, contact Carol Tait via email ([crosstait630@yahoo.com](mailto:crosstait630@yahoo.com)) or text (609-472-1007). If you would like to begin electronic giving, there are forms in the Narthex or on our Website .



**Retirees** - Did you know retirees can donate all, or a portion of, their required **minimum distribution (RMD)** directly to charity? It's called a **qualified charitable distribution or QCD**. You can also make charitable distributions directly from an IRA before RMDs begin. The Secure Act raised the RMD age for some taxpayers to 72 but did not raise the QCD age from 70 1/2.

Qualified charitable distributions do *not* provide a charitable deduction for taxpayers, regardless of whether you itemize deductions. Instead, with a qualified charitable distribution, a check is sent **directly** from an IRA to charity. This allows the donor to exclude the amount from taxable income.

To illustrate the benefits, here are four ways [RMDs can increase taxes](#).

1. RMD's can push retirees into a higher tax bracket since distributions are ordinary taxable income.
2. RMD's also increase the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) which could trigger the 3.8% Medicare surtax.
3. Even modest withdrawals from a retirement account can cause Social Security benefits to become taxable..  
Go to <https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/issuepapers/ip2015-02.html>.
4. Medicare Part B and D premiums are calculated using a taxpayer's MAGI from the prior year. So large RMD's can cause sharp increases to your Medicare costs.

Because RMDs are subject to a year-end deadline, the deadline for making a 2023 QCD using 2023 RMD funds is **Dec. 31, 2023**. If you make a QCD in 2023, you should report it on your April 2024 Form 1040 income tax return. Report the full amount of the charitable distribution (s) on the line for IRA distributions.

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