

# Audubon United Methodist Church

314 W. Graisbury Avenue, Audubon, NJ 08106

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## March 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 Ave. and also behind the church house.



### Sundays:

- 9:00 A.M. Children's Sunday School
- 9:00 A.M. Seekers Adult Sunday School in person and Zoom.
- 10:20A.M. Traditional Service in person and streaming live on our Facebook page and on YouTube.

- Sat. March 4 Men's Bible Study – 8:30 A.M.
- Sat. March 11 Men's Bible Study – 8:30 A.M.
- Sat. March 11 Small Group study at 10 A.M.
- Sun. March 12 Welcome our new Director of Music
- Tues. March 14 Finance Committee 6:45 P.M.  
Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- Sat. March 18 Men's Bible Study – 8:30 A.M.  
Scout's Blue and Gold Banquet
- Sun. March 19 UMCOR SUNDAY  
Newsletter deadline; Book Club following church
- Sat. March 25 Men's Bible Study – 8:30 A.M.
- Sat. March 25 Small Group study at 10 A.M.
- Mon. March 27 Cancer with Hope 7 P.M.
- Wed. March 29 American Red Cross Blood Drive here, 2-7 P.M.

- Every Mon. Seekers Adult Sunday School on Zoom
- Every Weds. Comfort Food via Zoom 7:30 P.M.
- Every Thurs. Chancel Choir rehearsal 7:30 PM

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

***The March Newsletter is sponsored by Barbara and Frank Cunane in honor of their loving family and Barb's birthday.***

### 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."***

### Book Club



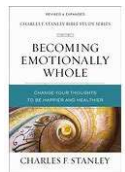
The next meeting of the Book Club will be following worship on March 19 following church service. If you are interested in joining, please see Pastor Garrett.

### Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study meets every Saturday from 8:30-10 A.M. Rob Forker is leading the study on David. Bring your coffee and a friend. All men are welcome!

### Small Group Study

The study on "Becoming Emotionally Whole" will meet again on Saturday, March 11 and 25 at 10 AM. Come join us!



### Cancer with Hope

The group will meet on Monday, March 27 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.



**Blood Drive** On **March 9th from 2:00-7:00 p.m.** we will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive. One pint of blood saves 3 lives. It is a great act of kindness to give blood, and isn't Lent a wonderful time to give the gift of life?

**Scouts** Our Scouts will hold their Blue and Gold Banquet on Saturday March 18.

### Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 2



We will need your help to fill plastic eggs and to provide treats for the event. See Ruslana to help.

## Meet our new Director of Music

### Carl Ellinwood Jr.

Carl Ellinwood Jr. is an Elementary Music Teacher for Audubon Public Schools in Audubon, NJ and as a Tenor Section Leader for the Mendelssohn Chorus of Philadelphia, and the Greater Philadelphia Choral Society. Prior to his current positions,



Carl was involved in the Washington, D.C. area where he served as an Elementary Music Teacher for St. Mary's County Public Schools, the Artistic Director of the St. Mary's Children's Chorus, the Children's Branch of St. Mary's Choral Arts, and was the 2016 guest conductor for the St. Mary's County Elementary Honors Chorus. Carl is coming to us from his previous church as a Chorister for the Church of the Holy Trinity in Philadelphia, PA.

As a singer, Carl has performed as a soloist and chorister in the Washington DC area and Philadelphia. Professional ensembles include the Washington Master Chorale, Choralis, the Washington National Cathedral, and the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, VA, where he also served as the Children's Choral Director. In Philadelphia, Carl has sung with Opera Philadelphia, Philadelphia Singers, and the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia.

Carl received his Bachelors of Arts in Music and Bachelors of Arts in Radio/TV/Film at Rowan University. He also has a Masters of Arts in Music Education from Marywood University and a Masters of Arts in Kodaly Music Education from Loyola University.

Some of you may remember Carl when he attended AUMC as a child and teen.

**Carl begins on Sunday March 12. There will be a reception following service that day so you will have an opportunity to say hello.**

### Spring Ladies Day at America's Keswick



Calling all Ladies! Ready for Spring? Join us for a day at America's Keswick to hear Suzie Larson, author of over 20 books and devotionals and Daily Blessings on social media. **Wednesday, May 10, 2023!** Doors open at 8 A.M. for a continental breakfast. The conference runs from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. and includes a gourmet boxed lunch. We usually carpool so the ride there and back are perfect opportunities to get to know your sisters in Christ better. The cost is \$25 if we have a group of 10 or more. Contact Elaine Soulliard at 609-280-4792 for more information.

## Friday April 21, 2023 - 6-9 PM. - DAVID AKERS

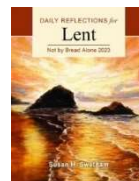
### At Audubon UMC! Tickets are required and will be available soon.



David Akers is an American former football placekicker who played in the National Football League (NFL) for 16 seasons, primarily with the Philadelphia Eagles, where he spent 12 seasons. Akers was also a member of the San Francisco 49ers and Detroit Lions before retiring in 2013.

During his career, Akers was named to six Pro Bowls and twice received first-team All-Pro honors. He also tied the then-NFL record for the longest successful field goal when he converted a 63-yard field goal, which is the third-longest in league history. Akers is an inductee of the Eagles Hall of Fame and a member of the Eagles' 75th Anniversary Team, along with being named to the second-team of the NFL 2000s All-Decade Team.

David's faith has become increasingly stronger. Once only guided by Christ, David is still guided but now also leads. A licensed Reverend, he has performed baptisms and a wedding ceremony, and has given Christian messages to audiences both large and small. As a professional athlete, he remains a very active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and performed pregame team prayers and chapels for the 49ers



### Copies of these Daily Devotions for Lent are still available in the narthex.

Pick one up today.

### What are you giving up for Lent?

Why not try giving up:

- Complaining – focus on Gratitude
- Pessimism – become an optimist
- Worry – trust God
- Bitterness – turn to forgiveness
- Hatred – return good for evil
- Negativism – be positive
- Anger – be more patient
- Pettiness – become mature
- Gloom – enjoy the beauty around you
- Jealousy – pray for trust
- Gossiping – control your tongue
- Sin – turn to virtue
- Give up giving up and hang in there!
- Give God your best!



## March Homebound of the Month



Pat Mace  
117 Virginia Ave  
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

### SAVINGS CORNER

We all want to save money when we shop! How about on postage? I (Carol) have found that I can buy postage stamps online instead of going to the Post Office for deeply discounted prices, and the shipping is frequently free. I recently bought 5 rolls (100 stamps each) for the church for \$104.88. I have ordered from the following sites: <https://www.cheapstampsshop.com>, <https://www.uspost.top/>, and <https://www.usstampsonline.com>.

Do you have a **SAVINGS** story to share? Send it to Lyn Radley.

### March Communion Offering:

Urban Promise

### March Trustee Opener/Closer

William Betts

### March Birthdays

- 1 Elaine Soulliard
- 2 Brandon Alekseyev
- 5 Maggie Bouch
- 9 Barbara Cunane
- 10 Mia Reich
- 12 Kevin Fennimore
- 12 Tracy Schnyer
- 15 William Betts
- 16 Rebecca VanArnam
- 18 Tim Bouch
- 19 Mike Barrus
- 22 Laurie Bouch
- 23 Caroline Reich
- 24 Scott Ryan
- 28 Karen Campling



### March Anniversaries

- 15 David and Karen Campling



## 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
- Crystal
- Susan H
- Tiara C
- Dan A.
- Bill R
- Mary M
- Gail L
- Ef D
- Miles J
- Dorothy G
- Kevin H
- Mary L.
- Mike & Tyler S.
- Pat M
- Gwen E.
- Peg and Don L
- Rosemarie
- Bill D
- Jim B
- Peggy C
- Lauri M
- Charlie W and family

### Prayer Card Requests

- For Sandy as she continues to heal from her broken leg.
- Pam A as she prepares for surgery March 10 and for her recovery and healing after surgery
- Continue to pray for Ruslana and her family.
- The passing of Bill and Elaine's friend Gus.
- Members undergoing diagnostic tests and for healing
- For the mother of my colleague and former manager who recently received a lymphoma diagnosis - William
- Praise to answered prayer for a new Director of Music
- We continue our prayers for a new Organist.

### Church Staff:

- \* Pastor: Garrett Gouveia
- \* Admin. Asst.: Linda Holonia
- \* Director of Music: Carl Ellinwood, Jr.
- \* Organist:
- \* Pianist: Jesse Deal
- \* Nursery Aides: Calvin R, Ana B.

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### 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](http://audubonumc.com)



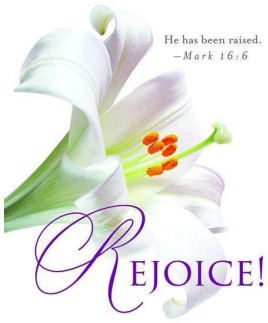
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## 2023 Easter Lilies



It's the season of spring, the season of rebirth, and most of all the Season of our Risen Lord and Savior.

As always, part of our Easter celebration is the placement of Easter Lilies in the sanctuary. The price is \$10.00 per plant. Your order and payment will be due by Palm Sunday, April 2.

*Enjoy your lilies year after year. When you take them home after Easter Sunday Services, plant them 6 inches deep. They come up every year and bloom several times throughout the summer.*

Please complete the following (Kindly PRINT):

Your Name	In Memory of:	In Honor of:

Total number plants \_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send completed orders to the church office.*

