

Audubon United Methodist Church

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October 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
- 10:20 A.M. Traditional Service in person and streaming live on our Facebook page and on YouTube.
- 10 AM Childrens Choir

Weekly Happenings:

Every Mon. Seekers Adult Sunday School on Zoom

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

Every Thurs, Bell Choir, 6:30 PM

Every Thurs, Chancel Choir 7:30 PM

Monthly Events:

*Sunday Oct. 6, Book Club after hurch

-Sat, Oct. 12, Thrift store open 9 – 12

Mon, Oct 14, Finance Comm, 6:45 PM

* Mon, Oc. 14, Church Council, 7:30

Note change to 2nd Monday

* Tues, Oct. 29, Cancer with Hope 7 PM

* Sat, Oct. 26, Small Group Bible Study, 9 to 10:30

* Sat, Oct. 26, Fall Festival *with pumpkins, crafts and snacks!*

Exciting Coming Events

- Saturday, **November 16**, Christmas Bazaar, 9 – 2. Attic Treasures also open.
- Sunday, **December 8**, Live Nativity, 5 – 8, Fellowship Hall
- 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 exciting 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

As we step into this vibrant season of community and celebration, it's incredible to see how God is moving in and through Audubon UMC. We're gearing up for some amazing events, including our annual Fall Festival, the Christmas Bazaar, and the highly anticipated Live Nativity! These moments aren't just calendar highlights—they're opportunities for us to come together as one family, working hand in hand to share God's love and expand His kingdom here on earth.

Each event offers us a chance to not only enjoy fellowship but also to invite others into the joy and hope we have found in Christ. The Fall Festival will be a day of laughter, games, and fun, where we can connect with our neighbors and show them the warmth of our community. The Christmas Bazaar will be a time of giving and creativity, where we share in the spirit of generosity as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. And of course, the Live Nativity will once again bring the story of Christ's birth to life in a powerful way, reminding us all of the true reason for the season.

God is doing amazing things here at Audubon UMC, and it's up to each of us to come together as a family to support these efforts. Whether it's volunteering, inviting a friend, or simply being present, every act of service and love helps to grow God's kingdom. Let's lean into this season with joyful hearts, ready to serve and welcome all who walk through our doors.

Together, we can reflect Christ's light and show our community the beauty of God's love. Let's make these events not just celebrations but expressions of our faith and a testament to what God is doing among us!

Lay Leader's Corner

Kimme Williams
Blessings to
Share



A word of encouragement from your sparkly Lay leader

Have you ever felt like you're in a battle? From keeping up with life's demands and schedules to making major decisions, we are met with challenges daily.

Did you know the God of the universe is our hiding place, our protection and rest? He walks with us through the battles of life and sings songs of victory over us.

So the next time you feel, you're in a battle speak the scripture over yourself...

Psalm 32:7

You are my hiding place;
You protect me from trouble.
You surround me with songs of victory.

Trustees Chairperson Ryslana Snvder



It's been a busy year for the trustees. The bell tower and the new roof are completed. What's next for the trustee's project? This fall/winter we will be working on fixing the wall on the third floor next to the bell tower entrance and the ceiling on the second floor near the stairs. Also replacing the floors in the kitchen downstairs. We currently mulched the prayer garden and the front of the church where the sign is. On the Graisbury Avenue side we will be placing grass seed.. Our goal is low maintenance. We are trying to make it easier to take care of in the fall. We would like to see mums/ cornstalks donated to decorate all

the entrances of the church so it looks festive for the fall. If you would like to donate fall decorations, please contact Ruslana.

Some Gentle Reminders:

- Lights are still being left on. If you see lights on please turn them off. This will help save on our electric bill.
- Trash:
Everyone who has meetings in the church please remove your trash and leftover food. Please make sure when you are throwing things out, they are in a trash bag; never in the cans without a bag. If you see the empty trash cans on the curb please take a moment and put them in the back.
- Committees/Groups:
Please put your things away after an event takes place. This includes leaving any food in the kitchen. We don't want unwanted guests!



Our Church Missions Linda Holonia

Missions Spotlight

On September 15 we had the pleasure of hearing from Rev. Jamie Wilson, the new director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) of Camden County. He shared his testimony with us, sharing how he heard God's call and how he ended up in New Jersey. (He is from West Virginia.) He has a heart for evangelism and most particularly, for the students in our high schools. You may be surprised to know that there is a FCA group (called a huddle) at Audubon High School. Another fun fact is that the student does not have to be involved in a sport to join the huddle. This ministry enables Jamie, and others, such as Pastor Garrett to speak with the students at the school. In the past several pro- athletes have spoken to the students as well. It is my hope that we as a church and others individually, will support Jamie in this vital ministry. As with all missionaries, he is required

to raise his own funds in order to start working full time in this ministry. If this is a ministry you would like to support, you may access the QR code at the end of this article. And don't forget, if you have a student or know of one who might be interested, encourage them to get involved with FCA.



Victorious Women

C.J. Fennimore

A planning meeting was held September 22. The Christmas Bazaar will be November 16, 9 – 2. Coming events will be announced in the weekly announcements.

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.

I have not received any items for October, so I will share with you again this month.

You may recall Pastor Walt saying as you left the communion railing, "Walk with the King today". This is so powerful to me, I have started to say it to others - cashiers, gas station attendants, anyone. At first I was very uncomfortable saying it, but wanted to pass this message on. The more I did it the easier and more natural it became.

What type of responses did I receive? Often a great smile and the message repeated back to me from a fellow believer. Sometimes a question "the King", and I reply Jesus Christ. Or maybe just a stare, but I can see their mind working.

I never know what impact this may have on someone, but I may be watering the seed that Jesus has planted in someone. I am waiting for one who may question and I can witness to them. So, "Walk with the King today".

If you have something to share please email it to me grovesdorothy@gmail.com No computer, write it down and give to me Sunday morning.

Stewardship Campaign

A letter from the Finance Committee

Dear Church Family,

We are excited to introduce our new worship series and stewardship campaign, "Transformed by Grace" This four-week journey will begin on November 3rd and draws inspiration from John Wesley's understanding of grace and generosity, particularly his impactful sermon "The Use of Money". Through this series, we invite you to explore the transformative power of God's grace in our lives and communities.

Grace: An Invitation to Transformation

Grace is not merely a gift but God's invitation to a relationship that can change our lives and transform the world. Throughout this series, we will delve into stories of transformation, connecting them to our everyday experiences. You will be encouraged to see God's presence in unexpected places and recognize the surprising ways God shows up in our lives.

Stewardship Campaign: Transforming Our Community

As part of this four-week worship series, we will be holding our annual stewardship campaign, inviting you to consider how your financial gifts, time, and talents can support the church's mission and what God is doing in and through our congregation. Inspired by John Wesley's teachings, we will focus on earning, saving, and giving in ways that reflect our commitment to God and our community. Through this worship series and stewardship campaign, we aim to transform our church into a beacon of grace and generosity, impacting lives both within and beyond our walls.

Witnessing God's Work in Our Congregation

We also want to celebrate and share how God is working in and through our congregation. Here are a few ways we've seen God's grace in action recently:

- Vacation Bible School shared the gospel with 19 children ages 4-11, resulting in at least 2 new students in our Sunday school class.
- The formation of our new children's choir.
- The complete replacement of our church roof after many years of putting band aids on it. This was done through the faithfulness of your giving to support the project and without incurring any debt!

How You Can Participate

1. **Join Us for Worship:** Attend each week to fully engage with the series and be inspired by the stories of transformation.
2. **Reflect and Act:** Take time to reflect on how God is calling you to respond in your personal life. Consider how you can use your resources for God's purposes.

3. **Support the Campaign:** Prayerfully consider your financial contributions and volunteer your time to support the church's ministries and outreach efforts.

Together, let us embrace God's grace and allow it to transform us, our church, and our community. We look forward to this journey with you and are excited to see how God will work through each of us.

In Christ's Love,
Linda Holonia
Financial Secretary

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; Helena W.; George M.; Sandy A.; Erin F.; Carol F., recovering from surgery.

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:

Pastor Garrett injured his knee. The MRI did not reveal any serious injury. Keep him in your prayers for continued healing.

George M., recovering from fractured hip

Sandy Albrecht, recovering from fractured hip and now hospitalized in Cooper for difficulty breathing.

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

Please pray for MaryAnn Mazur. She remains in the hospital following a fall. Pray for Terry too, who has to make decisions concerning MaryAnn going into a nursing home. MaryAnn is at Our Lady of Lourdes in room 4117 and would appreciate a visit or two if someone would like to go and pray with her.

Pray too, for the Gouveia family. Declan is sick and Pastor Garrett is not feeling too well either. It seems whatever is going around has hit their family.

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."000

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

Teen Class

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 29 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



Thrift Shop Boutique

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
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"One Shop, Endless Possibilities!"

2nd Saturday of Each Month

~ 9a.m. – 12 p.m. ~

Oct. 12 Nov. 9 Nov 16 Dec. 14



Coming soon!! Our next Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, October 22 from 2-7 PM. Donors will receive a \$10 gift card. Sign-up to donate on the Red Cross website.



Oct. 20

Sign up to walk or to support a walker for the Annual CROP Walk which raises funds for the hungry in the US and across the world. You can sign up in the narthex.



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.

October Liturgist

Linda Holonia

October Trustee Opener/Closer

To be assigned

October Communion Offering:

United Methodist Communities – Collingswood Manor

October Birthdays

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| 7 Ally Gouveia | |
| 8 Dorothy Groves | |
| 9 Darlene Fitzgerald | |
| 11 Paul Acker | |
| 13 Keira Ryan | |
| 13 Kaitlyn Ryan | |
| 13 Cheryl Laxton | 22 Joel Griffis |
| 14 Declan Gouveia | 23 Sarah Gibbons |
| 18 Lou Grasmick | 24 Virginia Kitchmire |



October Anniversaries

- 1 Lou and Dee Grasmick
- 4 Don and Allison Cox
- 12 Lori and Scott Ryan
- 17 Barbara and Frank Cunane
- 22 Peggy and Tracy Schnyer
- 22 Mary (Tharan) and Chuck Henderson

Homebound of the Month



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

Gail Lore

1323 Keswick Avenue
Haddon Heights, NJ 08035



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The October Newsletter is sponsored by Dorothy Groves in honor of our Administrative Assistant, Linda Holonia.

Church Staff and Contact Information

- * Pastor: Garrett Gouveia
 - * Admin. Asst.: Linda Holonia
 - * Director of Music: Carl Ellinwood, Jr
 - * Organist/pianist: Ken Carson
 - * Nursery Aide: Calvin Reich
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 Church office Phone: 856-547-6114
 Pastor Garrett email: rev.garrettmgouveia@gmail.com
Pastor's office hours: Mon, Wed, Fri. 8:45 – 11:30 AM

Church Office Hours

- Monday 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- Wed. and Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.



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Items for the November newsletter are due Sunday, October 13th. Please email me your items directly. Thank you. Dorothy
grovesdorothy@gmail.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:30 p.m. Comfort Food via Zoom	3 ** Choir Rehearsals (see note below)	4	5
6 9:00 Teen SS 9:00 Children's & Seeker's SS 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir 10:20 a.m. Worship	7 7:00 p.m. Seeker's Sunday school via Zoom	8	9 7:30 p.m. Comfort Food via Zoom	10 ** Choir Rehearsals (see note below)	11	12 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Attic Treasures Thrift Store
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27 9:00 Teen SS 9:00 Children's & Seeker's SS 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir	28 7:00 p.m. Seeker's Sunday school via Zoom	29 7:00 p.m. Cancer with Hope- Simpson Room & Zoom-call Bruce for info 609- 605-5450	30	31		** 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

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