

# Audubon United Methodist Church



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## April 2023 Newsletter



### **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 and also behind the Graisbury Ave. 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.
- Sun. April 2 Palm Sunday  
Easter Egg Hunt 1 P.M.
- Thurs. April 6 Upper Room Communion Service 7:30 PM
- Fri. April 7 Good Friday Service at Logan Memorial Presbyterian Church 7:30 P.M.
- Sat. April 8 Small Group study at 9:30 A.M.
- Sun. April 9 Easter Sunday – HE IS RISEN!
- Tues. April 11 Finance Committee 6:45 P.M.  
Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- Sat. April 22 Small Group study at 9:30 A.M.
- Mon. April 24 Cancer with Hope 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
- Every Sat. Men's Bible Study 9 A.M. Lower lounge

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

*The April Newsletter is sponsored by Laurie Bouch in honor of their loving 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."*

### **DAVID AKERS at Audubon UMC!**

**Friday April 21, 2023 6-9 PM.**



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 led pregame team prayers and chapels for the 49ers

**Doors open at 6 PM. At 6:30 PM enjoy dessert and a meet and greet with David Akers in Fellowship Hall - Program begins at 8 in the Sanctuary.**

**Tickets are required and can be purchased for \$5 each by going to AudubonUMC.com, then follow the link. Ticket are limited to 4 tickets per order.**

Please be prayerful about whom you invite.

- Let's invite community members who:
- do not attend church,
  - are looking for a new church
  - or who do not yet believe in Jesus as Lord.

We hope to spread The Word, grow our church, and give all the glory to God. Thank you! Lindsi and Dan Arcaini



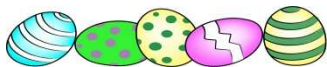
## Good Friday Men's Breakfast

Chews United Methodist Church is hosting a Men's breakfast on **Friday, April 7 at 7 A.M.** All men are invited. Rev. John Inverso is the speaker.



## Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 2 at 1 PM

Bring your filled eggs to church before April 2.



## Do your children like to sing?

Our new Director of Music – Carl Ellinwood - is looking for children to join a newly formed choir. – day and time to be announced.



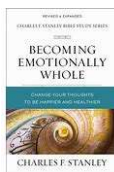
Adults are welcome to join the Chancel Choir on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM  
Contact Carl at [carlellinwoodjr@gmail.com](mailto:carlellinwoodjr@gmail.com)

## Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study meets every Saturday from 9-10 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 on Saturday, April 8 and 22 at 9:30 A.M. Come join us in Conover Parlor.



## Cancer with Hope

The group will meet on Monday, April 24 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 Thank You!

The American Red Cross notified us that it was again another successful blood drive! March donation was 26 pints of blood and 6 Power Red Donations that go directly to emergency rooms and babies in need. Our total donations for winter 2022-23 are 75 units of blood and 12 power Red donations. The potential number of lives saved by these donations is 225! Special thanks to Bob Fonash for setting the room up for the Red Cross Volunteers.



## Spring Ladies Day at America's Keswick

Join us on **Wednesday, May 10, 2023** for our Spring Ladies Day event from 9 A.M. – 3 P.M. (Doors open at 8 A.M.). Come listen to our Guest Speaker Suzie Larson and our Worship Leaders Jeff and Sue Duffield! This includes a continental breakfast, boxed lunch and 3 worship/teaching sessions. Conference tickets ONLY \$30 per person. Event topic: "I Know Him!" It's all too easy to waver between two mindsets: Can I trust God? I can trust Him! Will He come through for me? I'm pretty sure He will. But what if He doesn't? God doesn't have to do what we think He should do, but He will most certainly do what He's promised to do. No matter how long you've walked with God, there's so much more of Him to know and experience. How much more confidently might we go through life if we knew in whom we believed and trusted that He will guard what we have entrusted to Him? The devil wants us to waver, God wants us to live with a faith filled assurance that He is who He says He is and He will keep His promises to us. When trials come and the devil taunts, raise your shield and say, "I know my God! And I will trust Him!" (from Susie's book, *Strong in Battle*. 1 John 4:16 – "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.")  
Contact Elaine Souliard for ticket and ride information at 609-280-4792.



## Ushers Needed



Ushers are usually the first ones to greet folks on Sunday morning when they enter church. Ushers are responsible to hand out the bulletins and offer a friendly smile. Ushers count of how many people are in attendance. If you would like to be part of this ministry, use the **Opportunities to Serve** sheet in the bulletin



## Dates to save!

**Church Council Planning Meeting** May 13 10 A.M.

**Audubon Day** April 29 10 A.M. – 3 P.M. Family friendly activities, vendors, food trucks and live music – Ward Recreation and community center

**Audubon Spring Yard Sale** May 6 8 A.M. – 1 P.M.

**Third Fridays begin May 19** on Merchant Street

**You can help our church participate in these events. Look for upcoming information in the weekly bulletin.**

## SAVINGS CORNER

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

## April Homebound of the Month



Joan Jones  
27 N. Oak Ave  
Mt. Ephraim, NJ 08059

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

## April Communion Offering:

Urban Promise

## April Trustee Opener/Closer

Joe Fennimore

## April Birthdays

- 6 Thomas Hertfelder, Jr
- 12 Katie VanArnam
- 15 Kyung (Sue) D Grube
- 16 Rebecca Hertfelder
- 17 Anna Rose Griffis
- 19 Ron Fennimore, Jr
- 20 Estelle MacCulloch
- 24 Calvin Reich
- 29 Walter Jesuncosky IV



## April Anniversaries

- 27 Walter and Sarah Jesuncosky

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

## Prayer Card Requests

- For Sandy as she continues to heal from her broken leg.
- Pam A as she recovers from surgery
- Diane recovering from surgery
- The passing of Bill and Elaine's Uncle Harold
- Our niece recovering from surgery – Elaine and Bill

## Prayer Card Requests, cont.

Dorothy Groves-Healing of leg fracture  
Family of Bill Rittmayer  
Success of the David Akers event

## 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., Mike B.
- Church Office e-mail : [audubonumc@verizon.net](mailto:audubonumc@verizon.net)  
Pastor's e-mail : [rev.garrettgouveia@gmail.com](mailto:rev.garrettgouveia@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.

## Have you checked out our website lately?

<https://www.audubonumc.com/>

**Search for Audubon UMC on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.**

