

Audubon United Methodist Church

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May 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.
- Sat. May 6 Small Group study at 9:30 A.M.
- Sun. May 7 Victorious Women Pot Luck Luncheon
- Tues. May 9 Church Council Meeting 7:30 P.M
- Sun. May 14 Mother's Day
- Sat. May 20 Small Group study at 10 A.M.
- Sun-Tue May 21-23 Greater New Jersey Annual Conf.
- Mon. May 22 Cancer with Hope 7 P.M.
- Mon. May 29 Memorial Day
- 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 AM Lower lounge

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

The May Newsletter is sponsored by Mary Tharan in loving memory of her parents, Evelyn and Elmer Tharan.

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."



I'd like to personally invite everyone to our planning event on **May 13 at 10 AM**. If you've ever thought of something that you think would be the perfect way to serve our church, serve our community, or serve Christ, this is for you. Our church is for everyone, not just a few. We want you involved in planning what our church will be doing for the next year. People like you are the reason people decide to come to a church. Events you think of can have an impact on families throughout our town. I hope to see you there!
Pastor Garrett



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.

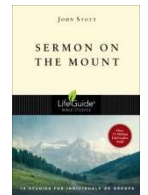


Adults are welcome to join the Chancel Choir on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM

Contact Carl at carlellinwoodjr@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study meets every Saturday from 9-10 A.M. Rob Forker is leading a new study on **Jesus' Sermon on the Mount**. Bring your coffee and a friend.

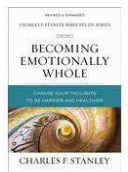


All men are welcome!

Small Group Study



The study on "Becoming Emotionally Whole" will meet on Saturday, May 6 and 20 at 9:30 AM. Come join us in Conover Parlor.



Cancer with Hope

The group will meet on Monday, May 22 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.

Victorious Women

Pot Luck Luncheon – Sunday, May 7 following church service. All ladies invited!



Spring Ladies Day at America's Keswick

Join us on **Wednesday, May 10, 2023** for our Spring Ladies Day event from 9 AM – 3 PM. (Doors open at 8 AM). 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 Soulliard for ticket and ride information at 609-280-4792.

Dates to save! Sign up to serve!

Audubon Day April 29 10 AM – 3 PM Family friendly activities, vendors, food trucks and live music – Ward Recreation and community center

Audubon Spring Yard Sale May 6 8 AM – 1 PM

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.

Ushers Needed

Ushers are busy folks on Sunday morning Ushers are also greeters, they hand out the bulletins and also take a 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



VBS July 17-22 6-8:30 PM



Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for this VBS. Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. They'll find that even when they mess up it's never "game over."



Have you kept up with your faith promise to God through AUMC?

Have you forgotten to make your faith promise this year? It's not too late. Forms are available in the Narthex or

see Linda Holonia to get one. We are lagging in our giving this year. We are about \$28,000 behind last year and we need your help. We will need to replace our roof at a great cost very soon. You will hear more about this soon. You may also give electronically. See Carol Tait or contact the office for more information.

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David Akers Event on May 21, 2023

The event was a wonderful success! Eighty-two people who bought tickets and approximately 20 team members were blessed to hear him speak. He was wonderfully engaging (and humble) with his stories about his career, and compelling with his testimony about his faith in Jesus Christ. He gave an invitation to those who wanted to accept Jesus as their Savior as well as those who wanted to renew their faith. Everyone there repeated with him the sinners prayer. And as usual, there was enough food to feed twice as many people. Thank you to those who provided it. Thank you especially to Lindsy and Dan Arcaini who persisted through the Covid years to bring David to us.

May Homebound of the Month



Sandy Albrecht
Riverfront Rehab Rm. 217B
5101 N. Park Drive
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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

May Communion Offering:

United Methodist Communities

May Trustee Opener/Closer

Sue Medoro

Greater New Jersey Annual Conference

Pastor Garrett and Carol Tait will represent our church at Annual Conference, Sunday-Tuesday, May 21-23.

May Birthdays

- 2 Lauren Fitzgerald
- 9 Kimberlee Williams
- 14 Pat Gibbons
- 18 Eleanor Scott
- 22 Jesse Deal
- 22 Bill Makuszewski
- 26 Cole Reich
- 30 Colin Reich



May Anniversaries

- 24 Paul and Janet Acker
- 30 Darlene and Chris Fitzgerald

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

Church Staff:

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

Church Office email : audubonumc@verizon.net
Pastor's email : rev.garrettmgouveia@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.

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