



# Audubon United Methodist Church

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## May, 2017 Newsletter

### Sunday Worship Opportunities:

- 9:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
- 9:00 A.M. Church School for all ages
- 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

### From the Pastor: "Ordination"

*<sup>5</sup> I left you behind in Crete for this reason, so that you should put in order what remained to be done, and should appoint elders in every town, as I directed you...*  
Titus 1:5 NRSV

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, John Inverso, former member and leader in Audubon United Methodist Church, will be ordained an Elder of the United Methodist Church. So what on earth does that mean? The Bible talks about leaders being "set aside" for special ministry and "elder's being appointed in every town." In this day and age I quote "no less authority" than *Wikipedia*,



"In most Protestant churches, ordination to the pastoral office is the rite by which their various churches: recognize and

confirm that an individual has been called by God to ministry, acknowledges that the individual has gone through a period of discernment and training related to this call, and authorizes that individual to take on the office of ministry."

In the UMC, there are several categories of pastor... licensed local pastor, Mosaic Minister, Certified Lay Minister and Deacon. The highest level of clergy is "Elder in Full Connection." In order to become a "full elder" a candidate must complete a bachelor's degree in some subject, earn a Master of Divinity degree (a 3 year course of study) from an approved seminary, and complete a process laid down by the Book of Discipline and the Board of Ordained Ministry of an Annual Conference. This process includes a time of discernment, approval by a local church, training, testing, and multiple

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***Our Doors are always 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 Graisbury and also in the rear of the church house.



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

### Meetings and Events

- May 6 Spring Vendor Fair 10AM – 4 PM
- May 7 Ladies Lunch and Craft after 10:30 service
- May 9 Admin Council - Conover Parlor 7:30
- May 10 Ladies' Spring Day at America's Keswick
- May 15 Mother's Day
- May 15 Deadline for June Newsletter—*send to Marilyn Radley at smradley@verizon.net*
- May 16 Trustees meeting
- May 21 John Inverso's Ordination 7 PM Wildwood

### Weekly Meetings:

- Sundays:** Youth group 6 P.M.  
Bell Choir following church
- Mondays:** Men's Group 7 PM  
Seekers (7-8 P.M.) Conover Parlor  
AA (7:30-8:30 P.M.) Adult Assembly
- Wednesdays:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30-9 PM

### Church Office Hours

- Monday & Wed. 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- Friday 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

### This and That Bulletin Board

The bulletin board is located at the bottom of the steps at the Graisbury Ave. door has been designated as the place to post items of interest regarding our church family. Check it out and feel free to use it!

You will also find a calendar where you can check out events coming up!

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approvals. By the time the candidate has completed his or her requirements, three or more years have been added to the time already spent in college and seminary. Basically, an ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church has spent as much time in study and preparation as a medical doctor. Not everyone who starts out seeking ordination makes it to the "finish line." It is a long and involved process that can be very stressful... possibly to separate out those who "don't have the right stuff."

Well, the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference has decided John Inverso has the right stuff! John's church family at AUMC has seen him grow since the time he was called of God to ministry. We've heard his challenging messages, listened to his teaching, experienced his generous heart, and prayed for him through the process to this great moment when our Bishop will lay hands on John to ordain him to "Word, Sacrament and Order" in the United Methodist Church. In addition, John will be voted in as a full member of the GNJ Annual Conference by the Executive Session (John's colleagues) which meets prior to his ordination. Pray for John and Christy in the days ahead, not just for the completion of the ordination process, but also for their move to a new appointment in Glassboro... a wonderful opportunity!

The ordination service will be held on May 21, 7:00 pm at the Wildwood Convention Center. Seats are available to visitors on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to share this experience with John and Christy, make your way to Wildwood this May as John continues the journey he began with us not that many years ago!

*Pastor Walt*

### **We are looking for a few friendly people!**

If you can smile and say "Good Morning!" to people as they come into church, you qualify! You would be responsible to arrive 15 minutes prior to the service and stand at the doors and greet people as they come in. Do you attend the first service? Perhaps you would be willing to stay and greet people for the second service. Your simple act of service can brighten a person's whole day. If you are interested, please call the office at 856-547-6114 or call Barbara Cunane at 856-752-0850

## **UMW Victorious Women**

### **May 7 - Lunch and Crafting**



**We are doing it again!** Join our UMW-Victorious Women for a lunch and crafting event on Sunday, **May 7th** following 2<sup>nd</sup> service. There will be a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials. Return your registration form (found in the bulletin) to Cheryl Laxton, or Barbara Cunane.

### **Spring Ladies Day at America's Keswick**

#### **Wednesday, May 10, 2017.**

The day's speaker is Susie Larson. Susie is a radio host, author and national speaker. She hosts her own daily live talk show, *Live the Promise with Susie Larson*. Our tickets are \$22 and include a boxed lunch. **See Lyn Radley for tickets.**



### **Spring Fling Vendor Fair Sat. May 6th**

**10am – 4pm**

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METHODIST CHURCH

314 West Graisbury Avenue

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Displays will include Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Avon, Tastefully Simple, Origami Owl, Jamberry, Lula Roe, Young Living Essential Oils and MORE!

**See Carol Jo Fennimore for details.**

### **The Mother Psalm**

The Lord is my co-pilot, I shall not rush.  
He maketh me to hit all the green traffic lights.  
He leadeth me through shopping hassles.  
He restoreth my composure.  
He giveth me strength to make ends meet  
for my family's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of laundry,  
I will fear no evil, for Thou are with me.  
Thy perspective and sense of humor, they comfort me.  
Thou prepares a table before me with the  
assistance of takeout.  
Surely clutter and confusion shall follow me  
Most of the days of my life, but I shall dwell  
In a happy home forever.  
Amen.



## **Mission News by Bruce Krout**

While going to the *EZ Pass* office one afternoon, we drove under a Camden City overpass where several men reside. You've witnessed these sites where their plastic bags hold their life's possessions. Dozens of homeless men reside underneath overpasses protected from the elements and within walking distance to area soup kitchens. There is also the thought that these extremely uncomfortable abodes are better than dealing with theft or interacting with mentally ill folk in tight, noisy living quarters of shelters.

My 7-year-old granddaughter questioned my wife and I about the men living under a bridge and began sharing her ideas of how we could build a small house in our driveway for the homeless. We kept pushing back on my granddaughter's ideas about the mini-house because it would lack plumbing, electricity, etc. As adults, we often become naysayers who often think of twenty reasons why something can't happen rather than thinking it could. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, for the Kingdom of God belongs to them." Jesus loves those who are humble, free of pride and superiority, but also open-minded to a greater world. We would be wise to be more child-like, to free our minds as to what could be, to address each day with positive thoughts that could lead to fruitful actions.

The Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC) is a unique and personal program that was started in 1990 and has impacted the lives of over 600 men. The goal is to get these men off the streets for good. It was great to see our A.U.M. Church take steps to assist the Oaklyn Baptist Church and IHOC by providing dinner one Saturday evening last March.

\*Mission Statement - Sharing God's word and love (food, clothing, & shelter), however **we** can, is our mission.

**Men's Group** meets on Mondays at 7 PM. at the home of Dan Arcaini. All men are welcome!



## **Thank you to all who helped with:**

- April Showers for Collingswood Manor
- Easter Egg Hunt

Your kindness and generosity made these events a great success!

## **A Note from Becca!**

Buenos Tardes, It's crazy to me how fast this time goes. I now have 3 months left in Chile and have



been here 8 months. So, the 16th of March is a very important date and always needs to be celebrated. If you're not sure why, you should stop reading because you are not a true friend. Just kidding! Just kidding! But March 16th is my birthday!!!! This year was my first birthday out of

the country and one I will never forget. I arrived to school at 8:00 in the morning like normal, but this morning I was greeted by my principal with chocolates and a clue. This clue led me to the secretary's office where I found another clue and more chocolates. After wondering around the entire school finding 12 clues and chocolates with teachers and students I finished the scavenger hunt in my classroom. As I entered the sealed shut door I was blown away by the sweet smell of cake and the beautiful tune of Happy Birthday. All of the students from my grade with huge bright smiles were standing and singing holding posters, gifts, cards, and a cake for me. This was a surprise that I will never forget in my life. And this isn't even the end of my first day of being 19. As the day went on I was smothered in "Happy Birthdays" and hugs. At night I continued celebrating with both of my families and all the members of Rotary club Puente Alto. We had a nice casual dinner and cake and I spent the day with all the most important people in Chile. So this may sound awesome but my birthday still hasn't ended!!!! Friday the 17th I had plans to continue celebrating my birthday with all my friends at my friend's house. Around 8:30 I went to Arturo's house (my old house) and our idea was that we would go to my friends house together. As I walked into the backyard to say hi to Bella (the dog) I was overwhelmed by a ginormous group of people in the corner. SURPRISE! All of my friends slowly came out of the corner to fill me with hugs. My heart was beating faster than normal, my hands were shaking, and they had successfully surprised me again. I was unbelievably happy and grateful for the amazing friends and family that I have. They took a lot of time and effort to put

together all the surprises and celebrations that made my 19th birthday one I will never ever forget.

New adventures and new experiences are things I search for in this awesome year I've been living. With my new family I have been enjoying traveling to new places and getting to know a new lifestyle. One weekend we travelled 2 hours to a town called San Fernando where many of my cousins, aunts, and uncles of my new family live. This trip turned into a series of tours finding new places, new views, and new food. The weekend was super fun and exciting and I traveled all over and took many new pictures.

Concerts, concerts, concerts! Yes I have been waiting in lines, dancing, singing, and screaming in a lot of concerts lately. I was a believer one night at the Justin Bieber concert with 2 of my friends from school. We waited a lot of time outside of the stadium and inside the stadium with lots of sun, but it was worth the front row seats we claimed. It was funny to listen to people who normally speak Spanish sing Justin's songs in English. I now understand what I sound like when I sing in Spanish, yikes. Lollapalooza was the other concert/festival that I had the amazing opportunity to go to. Lollapalooza is a music festival that starts at 12 and ends at 12 both Saturday and Sunday. This festival was the most fun I've had in my life. I saw over 15 bands/singers including The Weekend, Martin Garrix, Metallica, Diplo, Don Diablo, and more. I've never danced and sang so much in my life and I want to come back to Chile to have this experience again.

Yes, my dad also made an appearance in Chile!! It



was exciting to crack up at and hug my dad again. We had an amazing time when he was here and both of

my families were quick to take him in and love him and his personality. We travelled all over Santiago visiting two famous high points of Chile with amazing views, the zoo, delicious restaurant, a cable car showing all of Santiago, and of course the huge

mall of the center of Santiago. My dad was in Chile for only 4 days but that didn't stop us from talking, laughing, and traveling the whole time. Meeting both of my families and a few people from Rotary my dad was quick to tell me he wanted to come back in the future.

The last day my dad was in Chile we went to a Rotary conference. We listened to many speeches and enjoyed lunch with many Rotarians. I was chosen out of the 80 exchange students as the representative of our district to give a speech and carry the Chilean flag in front of all the people at this rotary conference. I was very excited and appreciative because of the nomination but also nervous because of the amount of people who would be listening. My dad had to leave for the airport before he was able to see my presentation which was super sad but also gave me more inspiration to kick butt for him. After showing the 2 minute video including quotes and pictures I was surrounded with cheers and applause but I hadn't even spoken yet. I took a step to the microphone and took a deep breath. I began to speak and everything went perfect. I felt unbelievably uncomfortable in this new language that when I first arrived could barely speak. As the crowd stood they cheered and didn't stop cheering. I couldn't stop smiling and I was filled with this feeling of graciousness. I couldn't stop thinking how lucky I am to be where I am and how grateful for the experiences I have been given. I am living in Chile. I am speaking a new language. I have met millions of new people that I know I will talk to for the rest of my life. And here I am presenting, giving speeches, representing another country, and I could be more proud of where I am today. This experience gives me more inspiration to open the eyes of other people. I get a little choked up thinking about what I've had the opportunity to do. I know that this chapter of my life may be coming to a close but who knows what the next chapters will contain. I am not going to stop traveling. I'm not going to stop telling my story. I am definitely not going to forget this year.

Muchas Gracias

Becca VanArnam

## May Shut-in of the Month



Ronnie Walker  
55 Lakebridge Drive  
Deptford, NJ 08096

*Keep her in your prayers and let her know she is in your thoughts by sending a card.*

## May Birthdays

2 Lauren Fitzgerald  
9 Kimmee Williams  
14 Pat Gibbons  
20 Ray Thorne  
22 Jesse Deal  
22 Bill Makuszewski  
26 Cole Reich  
27 Ashley Schnyer  
29 Emma Wine  
30 Marge Watson  
30 Colin Reich



## May Anniversaries

13 Anne and Bill Simpson  
30 Darlene and Chris Fitzgerald



## May Communion Offering:

United Methodist Communities

## Those assisting in our ministries for May:

**Greeters and Ushers:** Bob Fonash, Jim Barrett, Ray Thorne

**Liturgist:** Barbara Cunane

**Counters:** Barbara Hertfelder, Sue Medoro, Ray Thorne

## **Trustee to open and close church:**

Sue Medoro

## **Prayers – Praise - Thanks**

### **Prayer requests from our weekly bulletins**

- Doug J.
- Carol B
- Ruslana's father
- Crystal
- Mary L.
- Mike & Tyler S.
- Shannon P.
- Caitlyn C.
- Anne and Joe
- George G
- Peg L
- Carol and Bill B.
- Mary P
- George
- Theresa and son
- Beverly F (Chris's mother)
- Ron & Samantha F.

### **Our Friends with Special Needs**

- Charlie P
- Ginny A.
- Dan A.
- Doris K.
- Myrtle J.
- Gwen E.
- Eleanor T.
- Edith W.
- Ed S.
- Ronnie W.
- Gerry G.
- Wyone and Bob B.

## **Prayer Card Requests**

- My sisters, Elsie, Bobbi and their health issues and that they find Jesus –Helena
- Nancy on the death of her father.
- Joan Windston hurting from leg pain and bursitis in her hip.
- Karen needs healing for her 3 slipped discs.
- Amy's father-in-law with cancer and dementia
- Amy's father for improved health and to return Home
- Prayers for our grandson, BJ and his family
- Husband Tom with cancer and cirrhosis and needs a transplant. –Barbara
- Paul H that he continues to not smoke --Linda
- Kyra asks for healing for her mom. She also asks for prayer for Pat to hear God and to listen to His words.
- Bill R for health and strength.
- George asks for prayers for a friend, Jason H. who has a malignant brain tumor
- Please pray for my older sister as she recovers from a ruptured colon. -Tracy
- Please pray for my cousin, Dottie, that she will have patience for healing for her fractured heal. She can bear no weight on it for 10 weeks following surgery on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. –Carol J
- Please pray for Shana and Paul Redkoles and their children. Their house was a total loss from a fire. She is Peggy's best friend's daughter.
- Please pray for Lee V, my friend whose daughter had the fire. She has a melanoma on her lower eyelid. Please pray for a complete recovery.
- For my friend Carol B for healing, remission of the disease, and to have strength to continue planning for and looking forward for her wedding. -Dorothy
- Amy McD's father recovering from surgery
- Walter J IV as he performs his duties in the Coast Guard.
- Issues with Nate B's visa for England. –David B

## **Praises**

- Congratulations to James Scott, a friend of Walter's, who has been promoted to Sergeant in the U. S. Army. Please keep him in prayer as he begins his new assignment in Colorado Springs.
- Brother George is doing better. -Dorothy

## **Prayers for our church**

- Please pray for our church leaders as they make important decisions this winter and spring regarding appointments and for unity concerning

the direction of the United Methodist Church.

- Please pray for upcoming events, including Youth Group, Men's study group, Ladies Bible Study, Ladies Spring Retreat, Supper Club, Lent, Easter, Easter Egg Hunt, church picnic and VBS.
- Please pray that AUMC will continue to grow in spirit and be seen as a beacon in the neighborhood.
- Please pray for Pastor Walt; for good health, strength, protection, and guidance.
- Please pray for a happy, healthy 2017 for all our members and friends.
- Please pray that others will see Jesus' spirit flowing from us.
- Please pray that we will each experience a deeper spiritual walk with the Lord.
- Please pray that the leaders of AUMC would be led by the spirit to know God's will for our church.
- Pray that we can attract more families and others in the area who aren't attending church elsewhere.
- Pray that our members can experience unity that comes from the Spirit.

### **Church Staff:**

- \* Pastor: Rev. Dr. Walter Jesuncosky, III
- \* Admin. Assistant: Linda Holonia
- \* Director of Music: Mia Reich
- \* Organist: David Reich
- \* Pianist: Jesse Deal
- \* Nursery helpers: Holly F and Emily W

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