

Audubon United Methodist Church

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September, 2017

Sunday Worship Opportunities:

9:00 A.M. Contemporary Service

9:00 A.M. No children's classes for the summer

10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

From the Pastor: "It Ain't Over 'til It's Over"

"And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet."

Matthew 24:6 NRSV

The great New York Yankees catcher Yogi Berra once said, in referring to a ballgame, "It ain't over 'til it's over." That sounds a bit to me like a modern paraphrase of Jesus words in Matthew 24:6.



As I write this letter the world stands poised on the brink of war. A crazy man in North Korea is threatening doom and destruction on the United States and its allies. Ayatollahs in Iran

are waiting their opportunity to do the same as their nuclear weapons program moves ahead despite sanctions and so called agreements. Russia and China stand on the sidelines mostly watching. Some US politicians are posturing and giving soundbites usually based on their own political self-interests. All the while nuclear war draws closer and closer. I look out the window and wonder if I will see a huge mushroom cloud over Philadelphia someday soon. With a son in the military, I am even more concerned where this whole crisis is going. And then I hear Jesus' words not to be alarmed.

People have been predicting the end of the world since ancient times. Jesus talked about it. He even said he was coming back at the end to straighten out the mess we human beings have made of his creation. Paul talked about the end of the world as we know it and the return of Christ. Read the Revelation to John in the back of your Bible and you will get the idea things won't be pretty before the world comes to a screeching halt. (*The pastor's message is continued on page 3*)



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 September Newsletter is sponsored by Marilyn and Scott Radley in loving memory of their parents Fred and Marion Kreckmann and Francis and Alfretha Radley.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Sept. 4 Labor Day

Sept. 6 Chancel Choir Resumes 7:30 P.M.

Sept. 10 Outdoor Worship Service

Sept. 12 Church Council 7:30 PM Conover Parlor

Sept. 17 Deadline for October Newsletter—send to Marilyn Radley at smradley@verizon.net

Sept. 17 Children's Sunday School resumes 9A.M. Children's choir resumes 9:45-10:15 A.M.

Sept. 18 Trustees meeting

Sept. 19 Finance Meeting 6:45 P.M.

Weekly Meetings:

Sundays: Youth group 6 P.M.

Bell Choir following church

Mondays: Men's Group 7 P.M.

Seekers (7-8 P.M.) Conover Parlor

AA (7:30-8:30 P.M.) Adult Assembly

Wednesdays: Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30-9 P.M.

Church Office Hours

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

Friday 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Weekly Memory Verse

Each week a different Bible verse will be published in the bulletin. Please take time to learn these verses so we will always have God's Word hidden in our hearts that we may easily call upon Him.

Let's take up the challenge!



Sunday School - Sept. 17th at 9 am

Sunday School classes for children will begin with "Lighting a Spark"
All children will meet in Hoffman room before going to separate classrooms



- Class 1 Preschool-2nd grade
- Class 2 Grades 3-6
- Class 3 Grades 7-12

Our Jr. and Sr. High students will meet in the Hoffman Room before moving to the Simons room.



They will explore their faith through the new Reform Curriculum, finding answers to such questions as "Who wrote the Bible?" "Does the Bible contradict itself sometimes?" Can it be proven that God exists?" and many others. Please invite your friends to join us as we explore these questions and

**Doughnuts coffee & juice to celebrate fall sessions will be in Hoffman room from 10-10:30
Hope to see everyone there.**

Needed: Adults to be assistants in Sunday School. If you could volunteer to be an aide once a month, it would be much appreciated.

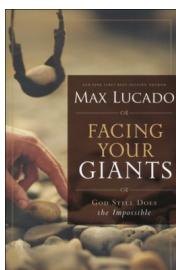
Seekers and Fidelis Classes continue studies

Children's Choir resumes September 17th

The Kids did a great job singing in VBS this summer and we are looking forward to a great fall. Sing with us 9:45 – 10:15 AM



Small Group Bible Study coming in Oct.



Anne Simpson will be leading the adult study group. It will meet Sunday mornings (Oct 15) at 9 A.M. downstairs and Thursday evenings (Oct 12) at 7 P.M. in the parsonage.

"God called David "a man after his own heart." But what did he see in this shepherd and king who fell short as often as he stood tall? Lucado's study shows how God triumphs in our circumstances. So load your slingshot with five stones --past, prayer, priority, passion, and persistence---and get ready to conquer with God's help!"

Men's Group will resume meeting at the Arcaini's 137 Chestnut St. on September 18 at 7 P.M. All men are welcome!



Ladies Study Thursdays Sept. 7- Oct. 12

In the parsonage at 7 PM.

Enough is enough. Our lives probably aren't going to get less busy, especially if we're in a demanding season of life, but we can do busy better. In this burden-lifting book, Glynnis Whitwer helps women examine their hearts and their schedules in order to seek a healthy and holy balance between-and enjoyment of-both work and rest. She shows readers how to prioritize their goals and their time, how to be present in the moment as Jesus was, and how to find the freedom of true soul rest. Most importantly, she shows women that their worth is found not in their accomplishments but in the love of the One who made them for work and for rest.

Carol Jesuncosky will lead this study.



Chancel Choir rehearsals begin Wed.



September 6th 7:30-9 P.M.

in the Chancel. Join the fun and fellowship and of course making great music!

Victorious Women

Fall Meeting to be announced

Spring Ladies Day at America's Keswick

Wednesday, May 9, 2018.



The tickets are still available for speaker **LIZ CURTIS HIGGS**. 21 ladies already have their tickets and we can get more. The cost is \$22 and includes a full day of fun, food, and faith. Don't miss out! See Lyn Radley for tickets!

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 need to arrive 15 minutes prior to the service, stand



at the doors and greet people as they come in. If 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

Mission News by Bruce Krout

John, a nuclear scientist from England, who was visiting with Ef and Jack Deal, attended a few early church services. John and Ef have been communicating through social media on literary topics for years. This visit to "the States" was an impressionable one for John as he got to meet the Deals in person, listen to three Pastor Walt sermons, hear of Lindsie Arcaini's coming to Christ, and on numerous occasions while sitting around the dining room table listen to Ef and Jack evangelize for Christ. The "planting of seeds" by knowledgeable and passionate Christians is a blessing that hopefully will be John's early steps on the path toward Christ. Talk about purposeful moments!

John recently lost his wife, which has sent him on his path of inquiry. Realities of life often brings forth many questions of meaning and purpose. How prepared are you to share the Good News with friends and loved ones? Are you ready to answer questions such as these?

- Why do bad things happen to young or good people?
- Why is our Christian faith the only way to heaven?
- Why did God create people knowing that many are going to go to hell forever?

One of our church members shared an experience he had in which a friend questioned his faith and asked him, "Why do you believe in fairy tales?" It was a question he wasn't prepared for at the time and regretfully lost that teachable moment.

We are living in a more secular world that is full of aggressive and less tolerant individuals who question our beliefs and our morals. There are many great sources available to us to help us in answering these tough questions with "Rock solid" answers. Feel free to share a stumbling block question or concern that you may have come across and let me show you the many resources available to answer these often-asked questions. Reach out to Pastor Walt or other church brothers and sisters for suggestions and guidance. I believe it is our duty and responsibility to be prepared and go and make disciples. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:18) ***Sharing God's word and love, however we can, is our mission.***

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Since the first century Christians have predicted the end based on the cataclysmic events of their day...the fall of the Roman Empire, the invasion of Christian Britain by the Vikings (whose descendants eventually became Lutherans!), the Black Plague, the fall of Constantinople, Napoleonic Wars, Two World Wars, and the list goes on. But Jesus still tells us not to be alarmed. Why? How can he be so calm about it?

BECAUSE JESUS IS IN CHARGE! It may not look like it at times, but there it is. "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end," Revelation 22:12-13. How soon is soon? When God says it's over. Until then, we pray for peace, for the world's leader to stop and consider the consequences of their actions. Some of you have already lived through major wars. Any war is major if you've lost a friend or loved one. But we may have a ways to go before God puts an end to the madness. By the time this newsletter is published, the crisis may be resolved. You can bet there is another one just over the horizon. Put your trust in the Lord to see us through. When he says it's over, he will put things right and it will be over. Remember the words of Revelation 21:3-5...

I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: "Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making his home with men and women! They're his people, he's their God. He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone." The Enthroned continued, "Look! I'm making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate." The Message

Pastor Walt

Thank You!!!

Thanks to everyone who donated school supplies for the children of Kid's Alley. You have helped many children start the school year on a positive setting.



September Shut-in of the Month



Ginny Appleby
117 E Atlantic Ave. Apt. 409
Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

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

Wish List

In years past AUMC has compiled a Wish List of projects and items not budgeted but needed. As we now have some needs that are not covered in the budget, we are adding them to our Wish List. Our most immediate need is a new sound system in the sanctuary. We have several estimates to replace the sound system; we just need to fund it. Many people have legitimately complained that they cannot hear what is being said from the front of the church. We hope to replace the system before the holidays so that everyone can enjoy the Christmas services. If you feel led to donate to this worthy need, please put your donation in an envelope marked for that purpose, or send it to the office, being sure to indicate its' purpose and your information if you want to claim your gift on your income taxes. Thank you for any support you can give to this project.



Forgot to write that check for Church?

Electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Simply complete and return the electronic giving authorization form to get started. It can be found in the narthex.

You can designate your offering to any of the following funds and you can choose the weekly, semi-monthly, monthly or annual options.

Tithes & Offerings	Repairs and Maintenance
Advent Offering	Christmas Offering
Lenten Offering	Easter Offering
Thanksgiving Offering	United Methodist Women
AUMC Walker/Bowen/Betts Scholarship Funds	

If you shop on smile.amazon.com



and select Audubon UMC, Amazon will donate .05% of your eligible purchases. www.smile.amazon.com is the same as shopping on www.amazon.com

Don't forget to order Gift cards.

Order forms are available in the narthex. This program gives a percentage of the value of the card right back to our church. Fill out the form and return it to Linda with your payment. Don't see the card you want to order on the Family Order Form? Ask Linda for a master list, which is 9 or 10 pages long! Checks are payable to the church. Gift cards are usually available the following Sunday. See Linda Holonia or email lholonia@yahoo.com



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day

is back and once again we are participating. This year Boscov's has designated **Tuesday, October 17th** as the day to help area non-profits raise funds, while giving some great discounts to those who purchase a ticket from one of the organizations. The tickets cost \$5.00 each and entitle the bearer to a discount of 25% (on most items, lesser discounts on some) all day! You can use the ticket in each department if you want. 100% of the ticket donation goes directly to the selling organization, (so please purchase your ticket through AUMC) and donors will have the opportunity to win fabulous prizes, while enjoying refreshments and entertainment throughout the store. See Linda Holonia or contact the church office to purchase one for yourself and a few for friends and family.

Coming in October

October 15

Pumpkin Festival



October 21 – Reports and forms are due from all church leaders. Make sure they are given to the pastor prior to this date.

October 29 – 4:30 service at Haddon Heights celebrating the **500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation**. Our church and choir will be participating.

Victorious Women luncheon meeting

September Birthdays

13 Lindsyi Arcaini
 19 Emily Whiteley
 19 Gerry Gosk
 27 Cindy Burrough
 27 Terry Mazur
 27 Jake VanArnam
 29 Jack Deal
 30 Janet Kirsche



September Anniversaries

24 Peg and George Keel
 30 Diane and Mike Stanley



September Communion Offering: Local Benevolence

Those assisting in our ministries for Sept.:

Greeters: Mary Bundick

Ushers: Bob Fonash, Jim Barrett, Ray Thorne

Liturgist: William Betts

Counters: Karen Lyman, Amy Kelly, Ray Thorne

Trustee to open and close church:

Joe Fennimore

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

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 • Tom H Sr. • Susan H
- Beverly F (Chris's mother) • Ron & Samantha F.
- Paul H

Our Friends with Special Needs

- Ginny A. • Dan A. • Doris K.
- Myrtle J. • Gwen E. • Eleanor T.
- Edith W. • Sandy A. • Ronnie W.
- Gerry G. • Bill R • Joan W

College Students to keep in your prayers :

- Holly F • Zabrielle H • Emily W
- Christian R • Becca V • Ashley S
- Jake V • Christy S • Adam C
- Chris S • Kevin F • Tyler S • Bill Z

Prayer Card Requests

- World Gospel Mission ministries and the Crakers
- International Students ministries and the Mannons
- Campus Crusade CRU Alex Simspson
- Pray for our new neighbor—Kid's Alley--now at Trinity Lutheran Church on WHP
- Our servicemen and women:
 Walter J IV- US Coast Guard, Jim Goslin – NJ Army National Guard, James Scott - US Army and Madison Sturgis US Army.
- Daryl after open heart surgery - William
- Helena asks for prayers for Elsie for peace of mind and to call on Jesus
- William asks for prayers for family of co-worker Matt who committed suicide.
- Amy's father Ron
- Prayers for our grandson, BJ at Ranch Hope and his family -Anne
- Fred's recovery from heart surgery- Michael G
- A miracle for husband Tom with cancer and cirrhosis and needs a transplant; for his Salvation. –Barbara
- Paul H that he continues to not smoke --Linda
- Prayers for our grandson Liam
- Cheryl who cut her arm badly -Peg K
- The Sauls family on the passing of Bob
- Kimmee, for her family in difficult times
- For Josh -Peg K
- Fred - Recovering from surgery -George M
- Ron asks for prayers for a friend whose daughter has a drug problem and possibly will not make it
- George S recovery from surgery -Peg B
- William's renewed search for new employment
- William D asks for prayers for his nephew, Victor, who is in rehab for drug addiction.
- William asks for prayers for his friends and co-workers with serious health issues.
- Niece Susan -Eleanor S
- Praise and prayers for the children who attended VBS and summer church camps
- Praise for the Lauk's 65th anniversary
- To let God have control. -Karen C
- Frank would like us to pray for 2 of his Army Buddies, Bud and Frank. They have cancer and are receiving treatment. They served with Frank in Vietnam with 82nd Airborne Division.
- Joan W for her hip replacement surgery and a full and speedy recovery
- Dennis D for recovery from heart attack and bypass and valve replacement surgery.
- Family of Charlie P who passed away this summer

- My son, Don -Ethel M
- Lou G health issues
- Clara R recovering from infection
- Bill R in his new home at Collingswood Manor
- Mary B healing for a detached retina
- My cousin, Lindsey for restored health following surgery. -Barb C
- Sandy A for her pain and mobility issues.
- My nephew Brent with undiagnosed pain.-Barb C
- Helena as she recovers from hospitalization.
- Peace in our nation.

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, Midsummer Nights, 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 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: Emily W and Maggie B

Special Thanks to Holly F. for her service in the nursery and best wishes as she leaves for Kean College!

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