

AUDUBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
314 W. Graisbury Avenue
P.O. Box, 148
Audubon, NJ 08106
January, 2004

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Church Staff

Dr. Walter Jesumcosky III, Pastor
Danielle Reich, Director of Evangelism
Marilyn K. Radley, Director of Music
Marge Watson, Organist
Henry Ward, Pianist
Dave Smeltzer, Treasurer
Elina Matthews, Secretary
Arsenette Reiter, Assistant Secretary
John Bowdoin, Custodian
Elizabeth Hoffman, Nursery
Helen Orfe, Nursery

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Telephone Numbers

Church 547-6114
Parsonage 547-0653
Fax # 547-7319



Sunday Services

Church School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
(September - May)

Jr./Sr. High Youth 7:00 p.m. .

Monday - Snack N Yak

After School 3 - 6 Grades
(September - May)

*The January Newsletter is sponsored Adele Seidelman
in memory of her husband Thomas Seidelman and her parents Mr. & Mrs. Walter Casebeer .*

JANUARY 2004

Counters

Joan Windston
Owen Windston
Bill Simpson
Anne Simpson

Chancel Choir

Marilyn Radley, Director

Cheney Bell Choir

Marilyn Radley Director

Ushers

William Rittmayer
Ron Fennimore
Robert Fonash
Harry Watson

Greeters

Joan Windston
Owen Windston

God' Kids Choir

Jennifer Smith, Director

Communion Stewards

Laurie Bouch
Cindy Burrough
Gwen Evans
Rachel Graham

Church Closing

Marty Jacobsen

Liturgist

Carol Tait

FEBRUARY 2004

Counters

Sandy Albrecht
Robert Edginton
Janet Edginton
George Fisher
Bea Fisher

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Carol Mannion	17	Maggie Bowen
2	Ruth Dabundo	22	Joseph Fennimore
3	Holly Fitzgerald	22	Jessica Wacker
4	Kevin Acker	22	Mark Smeltzer
5	Pastor Walt	24	Cathy McGowan
7	Dave Francis	26	Samantha Graham
8	Scott Radley	29	Jonathan Soulliard
9	Kyle Kraszewski	29	Matthew Soulliard
12	Barbara Nachtrieb	29	James Nachtrieb
13	Patrick McGowan	31	Gail Lore
16	Cyrus Tahmasebi		

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Carol-Jo & Ryan Juntti
- 8 Howard & Lucy Miller

We have been collecting all of our congregation's birthdays and anniversaries. This is an ongoing project, therefore, if you have not given your family's special days to the church office, please place the information in the folder, (the mail slot) marked Birthdays and Anniversaries.

New Member Classes

WHY NOT JOIN THE CHURCH?

Membership class starts on Sunday, January 18th at 9:15 am in the Pastor's Study and will conclude Palm Sunday. See Anne Simpson or Pastor Walt to sign up today!

Available Altar Flower Dates for 2004

Contact Elina at the Church Office (547-6114) if you are interested in any of these dates. Sponsorship of Flowers is \$24.

February 1st

October 31st

On these dates only one arrangement (\$12) is available.

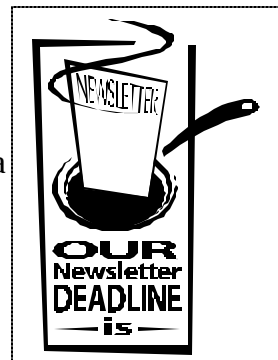
January 25th

August 29th

Bethany Christian Services

We serve an awesome God. It is with great joy that I Report to you that Marisol, our little girl from Columbia Featured in the August Child story, has found a forever Home. Thank you for your prayers.

Sherri DeWalt, Volunteer, Bethany Christian Services



February
Newsletter
Deadline is
January 11th

4 His Glory In Concert

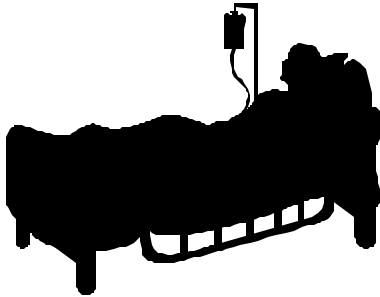
"With the blessing of song, we are called to praise Him, to encourage the saints and to make an invitation to those who are without Christ"

January 25, 2004
Sunday evening 6:00 p.m.

Audubon United Methodist Church
Wyoming & Graisbury Aves.
Free will offering

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HOSPITAL VISITATION CHANGES!!!



Perhaps you've heard, the Federal Government has implemented new rules regarding patient privacy in hospital and other medical settings. This is known as HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996). It has taken a few years to get in place, but now its here. You may have first learned of this when your doctor asked you to fill out all kinds of "privacy" forms. Well, thanks to some bureaucrats in Washington, HIPAA has now come to stay and it will affect pastoral care in the hospital. Supposedly, hospitals may no longer ask your religious or church affiliation. Clergy may no longer visit patients at will. Hospitals may not give out religious or patient information to members of the clergy. The hospital patient census will no longer contain religious information and clergy will not have access to that list. Clergy must ask for permission at the hospital information desk to determine whether or not their visit to a parishioner may be allowed. And don't even think about asking a member of the clergy to visit a hospitalized non-member without the expressed consent of the patient. What this all boils down to is, if you want the pastor to visit you or a member in the hospital, ***you will have to contact the pastor to let him know that member is hospitalized and where he or she can be found.*** If you have limited visitors, the pastor will not be allowed in. If you want a non-member visited, you must secure permission first before the pastor can come. Remember, the pastor has no way of knowing that a person is in the hospital, has been transferred, moved or sent home unless you tell him. The HIPAA regulations for patient privacy are being enforced throughout the area at local hospitals, so remember, if you want a visit, you will have to contact the pastor to authorize the visit.

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS FOR 2004

OFFICERS

Co-Lay Leaders	Bob Kondras, Carol Tait
Lay Member To Annual Conference	George MacCulloch
Alternates	Mildred Smulling, Carol Tait
Church Council Chair	Bill Simpson
Church Council Vice Chair	Sandy Albrecht
Staff/Parish Relations Chair	Jason Costomiris
Director of Christian Education	Anne Simpson
Sunday School Superintendents	Connie Ruoff, Jean Whiteley
Missions Chair	Barbara Cunane
Worship Chair	Carol Fennimore
Finance Chair	Steve Betts
Church and Society Chair	Bob Kondras
Financial Secretary	Sandy Albrecht, Kevin Francis (Asst.)
Auditor	Emmet Watson
Head Usher	Tracy & Peg Schnyer
Coordinator of Greeters	Miriam Blaisdell
Communion Stewards	Laurie Bouch, Cindy Burrough, Gwen Evans, Rachel Graham
Video Coordinator	Joe Kucharski
Luncheon Coordinator	Pat Gibbons
VBS Coordinator	Anne Simpson
Membership Secretary	Elina Matthews
Memorial Fund Treasurer	Barbara Kondras
Church Historian	Ethel Walker
Scout Representative	Bill Soulliard, Dan Arcaini (Asst.)
Youth Ministry	Randy & Carol Smith
Children's Ministry (Snack 'N' Yak)	Anne Simspon
College Ministry	Linda Holonia
Camp	Jason Costomiris

COMMITTEES

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

<u>2004</u> Jason Costomiris (chair) John Inverso	<u>2005</u> Sandy Albrecht Charlie Pierce Joan Windston	<u>2006</u> Jen Craig Chris Fitzgerald Paula Zane
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Committee on Lay Leadership

<u>2004</u> Kathy Fanelli Rachel Graham Scott Radley, Jr.	<u>2005</u> Cindy Burrough Peg Schnyer Bill Simpson	<u>2006</u> Lindsi Arcaini Peg Cheney Elina Matthews
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Board of Trustees

2004

Norman Lore
Pat Mace
Mildred Smulling

2005

Renée Craig
Scott Radley
Bill Soulliard

2006

Joe Fennimore
Barbara Hertfelder
Marty Jacobsen

Finance Committee

Steve Betts (chair)

Sandy Albrecht (Financial Secretary)
Kevin Francis (Asst. Financial Secretary)
Barbara Kondras (Memorial Treasurer)
Bob Kondras (Co-Lay Leader)
George McCulloch (Lay Delegate)
Bill Ritmayer

President? (Trustees)
Bill Simpson (Council Chair)
Carol Tait (Co-Lay Leader)
Elmer Tharan
Emmet Watson (Auditor)
Harry Watson

Evangelism & Outreach Committee

Danielle Reich (Chair)

Cindy Burrough
Rodney Boylan
Heather Costomiris

John Inverso
Christy Inverso
Paris Kucharski

Rebekah Nicholas
Diane Stanley
Cathy Wade

Jean Whitely

Worship Committee

Carol Fennimore (Chair)

Miriam Blaisdell (Greeters)
Gwen Evans (Communion)
Bob Kondras (Co-Lay Leader)
Joe Kucharski (Video)
Elina Matthews (Flowers)

Luis Matthews
Lara Murphy (Puppets)
Marilyn Radley (Music)
Danielle Reich (Evangelism)
Tracy & Peg Schnyer (Ushers)

Elaine Soulliard (Acolytes)
Carol Tait (Co-Lay Leader)
Marge Watson (Organist)

CHURCH COUNCIL

Bill Simpson (Chair)

Sandy Albrecht (Vice-Chair, Financial Secretary)

Steve Betts (Finance Chair)
Peg Cheney
Jason Costomiris (Staff/Parish Relations)
Barbara Cunane (Missions)
Carol Fennimore (Worship)
Pat Gibbons (Luncheon)
Linda Holonia (Secretary, College Ministry)
Sharon Holonia (Youth President)
Katie Jackson
Bob Kondras (Co-Lay Leader, Church & Society)
George MacCulloch (Lay Member to Conference)
Elina Matthews (Membership)
Luis Matthews
Mike & Lara Murphy (Puppet Ministry)
Lynn Radley (Music)
Danielle Reich (Evangelism)

Bill Ritmayer (Friendly Seniors)
Connie Ruoff (Church School)
Anne Simpson (Dir. Christian Ed., Children's Ministry, VBS)
Randy & Carol Smith (Youth)
Bill Soulliard (Scouts)
Jen Smith
Diane Stanley
Carol Tait (Co-Lay Leader)
Elmer Tharan
President? (Trustees)
Jean Whiteley (Church School)
Joan Windston (United Methodist Women)
Barry Zane (Webservant)

Women of Faith

Fourteen women of faith from our church will be attending Women of Faith conference in March. If anyone else is interested please let Linda Holonia know. She would be happy to place another order for tickets to either the March or September conference. Bear in mind that the later the order is placed, the more likely the conference will be sold out.

Sharon Holonia

Sharon has one last opportunity to travel with People to People this year. She will be going to the British Isles. She will be having a Joe Corbi's pizza sale as well as a Blazing Candle sale this month (January). Please see her at church or call her at 546-7067 for details.

Military News Needed!!

We are compiling a list of names and addresses of our members and friends who are currently serving in the military. We want to keep in touch with them. If you know of someone in the military, please give their name and address to Linda Holonia or send to the church office and the information will be forwarded to her. Thanks.

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Check Out That Story First!

Often we receive inspirational, outrageous, or cute stories from folks in our e-mail. Many of these lift us up, others make us chuckle, some raise our temperature a few degrees. There is even a name for these stories...*Urban Legends*. Even if you don't have a computer someone has handed you a printed copy of one of these stories. Every so often I get a message saying "Madelyn Murray O'Hare is trying to have Christmas carols and religious program banned from the airwaves." Not true. First of all, Madelyn Murray O'Hare is dead. She was murdered in 1995 as part of a kidnap and extortion plot. Second, though there are plenty of folks who would love to ban any religious programming from radio and television, no serious cases are currently before the federal courts on this issue. A so-called petition filed with the Federal Communications Commission, RM-2493, most often cited in the legend, was not connected to O'Hare, did not intend to ban religious broadcasting, and was defeated in 1975 anyway. Yet every couple of years I get an updated version of this tall tale passed on to me by well-meaning folks. Another legend says a young woman from Cincinnati was holding a plastic dashboard Jesus statue next to her chest when she drove through a red light and had a collision. The air bag in her vehicle inflated and caused the statue to go through her heart, killing her. Her parents, a Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fulps, responded:

"We gave our daughter the dashboard Jesus for her birthday last year, and she really liked it. It's too bad that Jesus ended up killing her, but we believe she's in heaven now, and we're happy for her, and hope to re-unite with her when we get to heaven. We're just glad our daughter had *Jesus in her heart* when she died."

Isn't that a tragic story? Unfortunately, it's all bunk. There is no truth to the story at all. It was a creation of one Elroy Willis who maintains a site called "Religion in the News," much of which is admitted fiction.

As Christians, we do not want to be accused of sending tales and gossip to others. We hold truth to be sacred and realize what we say and email to others reflects upon our Christian witness. How can we be sure that an urban legend we send or read is true? I suggest you log onto the website **www.snopes.com**.

This site maintains a full listing of popular urban legends and tells their origins as well as the truth or falsehood of each story. So take a few minutes to check out that story you want to pass on to others on your email address book. Shine the light of truth on stories...if they are indeed true, e-mail away!

By the way, did you hear the one about the winning number of the New York State Lottery on September 11, 2002 being 9-1-1? That story is true!

Pastor Walt