

AUDUBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
314 W. Graisbury Avenue
Audubon, NJ 08106
January, 2005

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Church Staff

Dr. Walter Jesuncosky III, Pastor
Marilyn K. Radley, Director of Music
Marge Watson, Organist
Jessie Deal, Pianist
Kevin Francis, 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
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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)

On the Internet:

www.AudubonUMC.com

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

JANUARY 2005

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

Greeters

Bea Fisher
George Fisher

God' Kids Choir

Jennifer Smith, Director

Communion Stewards

Laurie Bouch
Cindy Burrough
Gwen Evans
Rachel Graham

Church Closing

Marty Jacobsen

Liturgist

Carol Tait

FEBRUARY 2005

Counters

Sandy Albrecht
Robert Edginton
Janet Edginton
George Fisher
Bea Fisher

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Carol Tait
Ruslana Snyder
Barbara Cunane

Greeters

Pat Mace

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Membership Class.

Pastor Walt is looking to form a new membership class in January. Classes will be offered on Sunday mornings at 9:15-10:15 am. There will be approximately 9 sessions after which those completing the course will be received into the full membership of Audubon United Methodist Church the Sunday after Easter. If you would like to join our fellowship or even just audit the class, please see Pastor Walt or Anne Simpson.

Happy New Year from our Staff!

Office Voice mail

We finally have our office voicemail up and functional. Should you call and want to leave a message after hours and want to bypass our voicemail messages:

Elina/Elsie - ext. 200

Pastor Walt - ext. 201

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 17th**

Please note there is no Snack N' Yak this day as well.

The Mission Committee is asking for your support. This will not cost a cent. Each month we would like to ask you to keep on your prayer list a designated Mission of the Audubon United Methodist Church.

For the Month of January would you pray for the Red Bird Missionary Conference.

This month the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, January 2nd. The Communion Offering will be sent to C.A.D.E.

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Remember the date

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER deadline is:
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9th

If you have a completed announcement before that date, feel free to submit it early. Feel free to email your article via email. Please, no late submissions.

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Shut-in of the Month

During the month of January, please remember Harry & Evelyn Thomas - a special couple who are unable to worship with us. All of our Congregation is encouraged to remember them this month with your cards, prayers and maybe a phone call. ☺

Harry & Evelyn Thomas
318 Hutchinson Avenue
Haddonfield, NJ 08033
(856) 547-0852

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS FOR 2005

OFFICERS & CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

| | |
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| *Co-Lay Leaders | Bob Kondras, Barry Zane |
| *Lay Member To Annual Conference Alternate | Carol Tait |
| *Church Council Chair | Mildred Smulling |
| *Church Council Vice Chair | Bill Simpson |
| *Church Council Secretary | Sandy Albrecht |
| | Linda Holonia |
| <i>(alphabetical by position title)</i> | |
| *Anniversary Celebration Coordinator | Bob Kondras |
| Auditor | Emmet Watson |
| Camp | Jason Costomiris |
| *Children's Ministry (Snack 'N' Yak) | Anne Simspon |
| *Church and Society Chair | Bob Kondras |
| Church Historian | Ethel Walker |
| *Church School Superintendents | Jean Whiteley, Carol Jesuncosky |
| *College & Military Ministry | Linda Holonia |
| Communion Stewards | Laurie Bouch, Cindy Burrough, Gwen Evans, Rachel Graham |
| Coordinator of Greeters | Miriam Blaisdell & Peg Schnyer |
| *Director of Christian Education | Anne Simpson |
| *Director of Evangelism | |
| *Director of Music | Marilyn Radley |
| *Evangelism & Outreach Chair | |
| *Finance Chair | Steve Betts, Carol Tait (Asst.) |
| *Financial Secretary | Sandy Albrecht, Frank Slattery (Asst.) |
| Head Usher | Peg & Tracy Schnyer |
| Luncheon Coordinator | Pat Gibbons, Walter Jesuncosky, IV (Asst.) |
| *Memorial Fund Treasurer | Barbara Kondras |
| *Membership Secretary | Elina Matthews |
| *Missions Chair | Barbara Cunane |
| Scout Representative | Bill Soulliard & Dan Arcaini (Boys), Connie Ruoff (Girls) |
| *Staff/Parish Relations Chair | Chris Fitzgerald |
| *Worship Chair | Carol Fennimore |
| *UMW President | Joan Windston |
| *VBS Coordinator | Jen Craig |
| Video Coordinator | Joe Kucharski, Ward Munn (Asst.) |
| *Youth Ministry | Paris & Joe Kucharski, Ryan & Carol Jo Juntti, Elaine Soulliard, Joe Fennimore |
| *Youth President | |
| Church Council At Large Members | Norman Lore, Lois Reiter, Connie Ruoff, Jen Smith, Ruslana Snyder, Elmer Tharan |

*indicates position reports to Church Council

COMMITTEES

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

2005
Sandy Albrecht
Charlie Pierce
Joan Windston

2006
Jen Craig
Chris Fitzgerald (chair)
Paula Zane

2007
Lindsi Arcaini
Bruce Krout
Norman Lore

Committee on Lay Leadership

2005
Cindy Burrough
Peg Schnyer
Bill Simpson

2006
Lindsi Arcaini
Peg Cheney
Elina Matthews

2007
George Fisher
Linda Holonia
Scott Radley, Sr.

Board of Trustees

2005
Renée Craig (president)
Scott Radley
Bill Soulliard

2006
Joe Fennimore
Barbara Hertfelder
Marty Jacobsen

2007
Kathleen Bowdoin
Randy Smith
Mildred Smulling

Finance Committee

Steve Betts (chair)

Sandy Albrecht (Financial Secretary)
Renée Craig (Trustees)
Bob Fonash
Kevin Francis (Treasurer)
Barbara Kondras (Memorial Treasurer)
Bob Kondras (Co-Lay Leader)

Bill Simpson (Council Chair)
Frank Slattery (Asst. Financial Secretary)
Carol Tait (Asst. Chair., Lay Delegate)
Elmer Tharan
Emmet Watson (Auditor)

Evangelism & Outreach Committee

To be determined through open meeting with congregation and Church Council approval

Worship Committee

Carol Fennimore (Chair)

Miriam Blaisdell & Peg
Schnyer (Greeters)
Gwen Evans (Communion)
Peg & Tracy Schnyer (Ushers)
Bob Kondras (Co-Lay Leader)
Joe Kucharski (Video)
Elina Matthews (Flowers)
Luis Matthews
Marilyn Radley (Music)
Elaine Soulliard (Acolytes)
Marge Watson (Organist)

Have you ever wondered about your offering envelopes—what each one is for?

WEEKLY OFFERING
CURRENT EXPENSES & CHURCH SUPPORT

The white **CURRENT EXPENSES & CHURCH SUPPORT** envelopes are obvious. There are 52--one for every Sunday--for your weekly "tithe" or "offering."

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

There are only 12 green **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE** envelopes, one for each month. Funds from these envelopes are held in an account for the Trustees' use in caring for our church properties. Last year, in addition to heater service, plumbing repairs and supplies and, we also were able to cover the cost for repair to the church roof. Considering the age of our buildings, this fund is very important and your monthly contributions in the green envelopes are very much appreciated. Your gifts are also recorded on the statement you receive at the end of the year for tax purposes.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

There are also only 12 light pink **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** envelopes. Contrary to one popular opinion, the light pink envelopes are not just for women. The funds collected from the UMW envelopes, together with the Christmas Bazaar profit, are distributed by the United Methodist Women to a number of missions as well as contributions to our own elevator and bell tower funds, our camp fund, our Sunday school and Vacation Bible School, and Snack n' Yak.

AUDUBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Enclosed is my offering for:

- _____ **Tithe and Offering**
- _____ **Camp Fund (Church subsidizes camp fees)**
- _____ **Scholarship Funds (Leon Walker and Jeffrey Bowen Memorials)**
- _____ **Elevator (including maintenance)**
- _____ **Bell and Tower Repair**
- _____ **Other**_____

Name _____ **Envelop No.** _____

Finally, we have the new dark pink envelopes which are available in the pew racks. These are multi-purpose envelopes for when you forget your regular envelope, or wish to contribute to the Camp Fund, Scholarship Funds, elevator maintenance, the bell tower repair fund, Christmas Love Gift or any other special offering.

Quarterly and year-end statements are provided for tax purposes to those who use envelopes for their giving. Anyone may request envelopes (membership is not a requirement). Call Sandy Albrecht at (856) 546-6161 and she will be happy to provide them to you.

Thank you for your faithfulness,
Your Finance Committee

Have you seen the stone?

When our original grey stone church was demolished, one of our members saved a “stone” from the rubble and placed it in the garden. Following his death and the sale of his home in 1996, the stone (rock) was given to the church for historic purposes and was placed on top of the bookcase in Conover Parlor where other memorabilia had been placed.

In anticipation of our 100th Anniversary, a committee has been unable to locate this stone.

If any member has seen this stone and they work in or around the church, please notify our church historian, Ethel Walker. (Note: AUMC or AMC was painted on the stone).

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Upcoming in both the February Newsletter and Bulletins:

Please remember that Easter Sunday in 2005 is early!

Easter Sunday is:
March 27th

Also in 2005, scheduling for portraits will begin as early as Easter. The 2005 Audubon United Methodist Church Pictorial Directory will be photographed the second week of September, 2005.

Also upcoming are Bible Studies for Lent.



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 | 23 | Evan O'Toole |
| 5 | Shelby Bariana | 24 | Cathy McGowan |
| 7 | Dave Francis | 26 | Elijah Nicholas |
| 8 | Scott Radley | 26 | Samantha Graham |
| 9 | Kyle Kraszewski | 29 | Jonathan Soulliard |
| 12 | Barbara Nachtrieb | 29 | Matthew Soulliard |
| 13 | Patrick McGowan | 29 | James Nachtrieb |
| 16 | Cyrus Tahmasebi | 31 | Gail Lore |

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.

From Pastor Walt – January 2005

The year 2006 will mark the 100th Anniversary of Audubon United Methodist Church. We are only a year away from what will be a special year of celebration, evangelism, and remembrance. As many of you know, an Anniversary Committee as well as subcommittees have been formed to guide our celebration. Some great things are planned for our Anniversary...celebration services and a banquet, a new church pictorial directory, a photographic history of our church, a community block party, a banner across the street proclaiming our anniversary, a pewter plate with the church picture, just to name a few. The official celebration will have its kick-off on New Year's Eve, 2005 with a Watch Night Service. In order for our Anniversary Celebration to be a success we need a number of things to happen.

First, we need to keep Christ at the center of our celebration. There is a good reason our church still exists after 99 years...our faithfulness to Christ. Those early Methodists in Audubon wasted little time in organizing a church to meet the spiritual needs of the community. Within a year of the borough's founding in 1905, there was a Methodist Church established in Audubon. Audubon's first Methodists cared about souls and passed that legacy on to the generations to follow. Remember, we are not celebrating ourselves; we are celebrating what God has done in and through our church. If we continue to put first things first our church will be here for a second hundred years (if the Lord tarries).

Second, we must see our celebration as a means of outreach and evangelism. We have just celebrated Christmas, the birthday of our Lord. But who gets most of the presents? We give them to ourselves and our circle of friends. Did we give anything to Jesus? After all, it is his birthday. Similarly, let's remember to make our anniversary a gift to Jesus and others, not simply a gift to ourselves. We can continue the vision and mission of our spiritual forbears by reaching out to our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the unique opportunities provided by our celebration. A good way to measure the success of our celebration is not how many things we sell or how many people come to dinner, but how many people are brought to Christ.

Finally, we need YOU to make our 100th Anniversary Celebration happen. Sign up for one of the committees. Come to our monthly Anniversary Meetings (first Tuesday each month, 7 PM in the Conover Parlor). Invite your friends and neighbors to join in the programs and activities. Buy a history book and a plate. Pray that God will guide and bless us in our ministry. And, of course, show up to the services, programs, and activities yourself.

I look forward to what God will do in and through our Anniversary Celebration. Hundreds, even thousands of people have been touched by the ministry of Audubon United Methodist Church over its almost 100 year history. But I also believe our greatest years are still ahead of us as we build on the foundation of Jesus Christ and the work of faithful church members (many with our Lord, many still here with us!). So let's all join in the celebration...we're saving you a seat!

Pastor Walt