

AUDUBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
314 W. Graisbury Avenue
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October, 2006

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Church Staff

Dr. Walter Jesuncosky III, Pastor
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Jessie Deal, Pianist
Elina Matthews, Secretary
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John Bowdoin, Custodian
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Sunday Services *(New times)*

Contemporary Worship 8:30 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship 10:45 a.m.
Jr./Sr. High Youth 6:30 p.m.
(September - May)

Church Office Hours

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

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Church 547-6114
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In honor of those who are no longer with us.*

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Counters

Robert Kondras
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Frank Cunane
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Ruslana Snyder

Chancel Choir

Marilyn Radley, Director

Cheney Bell Choir

Marilyn Radley, Director

Ushers

Sandy Albrecht
Lori Ryan
Barbara Cunane
Ruslana Snyder

Greeters

Pat Mace
Ruth Dabundo

God' Kids Choir

Jennifer Smith, Director

Communion Stewards

Gwen Evans
Laurie Bouch
Rachel Graham
Cindy Burroughs

Church Closing

Luis Matthews

Liturgist

Christy Inverso

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Anne Simpson
Randy Smith
Mildred Smulling
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Dan Arcaini
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Raymond Thorne

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

FALL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006

8:00 PM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM

PROGRAM: VIDEO "RED BIRD MISSION"

OUR VIDEO IS ENTITLED "A WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF APPALACHIA".

OUR CHURCH SUPPORTS RED BIRD MISSION THROUGH GENERAL CONFERENCE AND LOCALLY BY SAVING CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS. RED BIRD MISSIONARY CONFERENCE IS COMPRISED OF MANY OUT REACH PROGRAMS IN KENTUCKY. LAST SPRING WE SENT 1,600 CAMPBELL LABELS TO THE RED BIRD MISSION. COME OUT AND HEAR HOW THEY REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITIES.

IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO A UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MEETING, WHY NOT COME OUT AND BRING A FRIEND. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

UPCOMING DATES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2006 - INGATHERING FOR CHRISTIANS MINISTRIES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2006 - CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

CRAFTS AND WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS

IF YOU CAN OR HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR THE BAZAAR SEE MARILYN STEADMAN OR BARBARA CUNANE. WE ALSO NEED NEW WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS FOR OUR BAZAAR. WE ALSO HAVE CRAFT KITS AVAILABLE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. SEE BARBARA, MARILYN OR JOAN WINDSTON.

Mission focus this month is on the CROP Walk

Did you know that the CROP Walk grew from Church World Service? Or that Church World Service began in 1946, after World War II ended? Or that Church World Service's mission was to help the less fortunate and those in need by providing food, clothing, medicines and shelter?

CROP, or Christian Rural Overseas Program, began in 1947 when Church World Service joined with Lutheran World Relief and Catholic Rural Life Conference. CROP gathered donations, but not money as we raise by walking each October. They collected corn, wheat, rice and beans from farmers across the United States and shipped the donations across the globe. The shipments were known as Friendship Trains and Friendship Food Ships.

In the early days of the 50's and 60's CWS began a food for work project which helped people find unique ways to solve their hunger and poverty problems; provided food and housing for Palestinian refugees; provided forest and fruit trees to be planted in Algeria; and airlifted 50,000 tons of food to Biafra. Remember Biafra? The country was war ravaged and the people were starving to death.

Then in the late 60's, the CROP Walk was born! Today more than 2,000 communities are involved with the CROP Walk, raising about \$16,000,000.00 to help feed people around the world and in our own back yards.

The local CROP Walk will take place on October 15th this year. Our Youth will be walking as will others. If you are interested in participating by walking or sponsoring a Walker, please let me know and I will direct you to the right place.

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Bethany Christian Services

Don't forget the Bethany Christian Services fund raising banquet and silent auction to be held in early November. It's not too late to donate an item for the auction or to let Carol Jesuncosky or myself know that you would like to come and learn more about the work of Bethany. And don't forget...the banquet is free!

Linda Holonia

AUMC Youth Group Schedule of Events

GOT LOVE?

WE DO!

Sunday nights 6:30-7:30

7th through 12th graders welcome

October 2006

1st: Parents are cordially invited to attend an overview of the year, location: AUMC gym 6:30-7:30. Kids will be meeting with the Haddonfield UMC youth group for their annual Pumpkin Patch, time to be announced...

8th: Regular meeting, Theme is "MATERIAL CULTURE".

15th: CROP WALK! Raise \$ to end world hunger by asking your neighbors, friends, and teachers for sponsors. Meet at Logan Church at 12:30 for food and entertainment. Don't forget to wear your CROP WALK t-shirts and comfortable shoes. Done by 2 pm.

22nd: Regular meeting!

29th: Time of sharing at 8:15 and 10:45 services about the Summer Mission Trip 2006. Come and support your youth missionaries and hear their stories. Come and hear about the Summer Mission Trip 2007 and how you can be a part of it!

29th: KESWICK DEADLINE is TODAY! Get your registration and registration deposit in by today so you can go to Keswick in January 2007. NO LATE registrations will be accepted. Sorry!

Important Contact Information:

Paris and Joes' cell: 856-904-0296

Email: Joenparis@comcast.net for Paris and Joe

From Diane Stanley, Director of Discipleship & Evangelism

The kids just returned to school and the weather is still warm. It's hard to believe, but December is less than ten weeks away. Each December for the last several years our church has held a live nativity on the lawn of the church. This year the date will be on Sunday December 10. Why do we do it? We do it to remind people of the reason for the season. We also do it in the hope that we can draw people back to a church- hopefully our church- and to Christ. The fact is there are a lot of people in our area who celebrate Christmas, but don't attend church anymore.

This year we would like to make our live nativity bigger and better than ever. I've been speaking to a number of people and there has been a lot of brainstorming. This year we are going to add live music in the sanctuary. We are planning to decorate the gym (fellowship hall) much more festively. It has even been suggested that we get artificial Christmas trees and string them with white lights to make the room look like a winter wonderland. We may also show a DVD on the Christmas story in Conover parlor. We are also planning to promote the event in new ways. We may even have people dressed as shepherds standing around town that day with signs advertising our live nativity.

To make this year's live nativity a success we need more creative ideas and especially many helping hands. I will be organizing Nativity sub committees in the near future. If you have an idea or want to volunteer please contact me. My email is DianeStanley64@verizon.net and my phone number is 310-1830.

Diane

Wanted Artificial Christmas Trees

Do you, or someone you know, have an artificial Christmas tree that they no longer use?

This year for our live nativity we are going to go all out in decorating Fellowship Hall (the gym).

We want to put up Christmas trees and string them with lights to create a winter wonderland.

Ask your relatives. Ask your neighbors. We can arrange for a pick up.

Call Diane Stanley at 310-1830
or the church office.

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New Worship Times in September!

By decision of the Worship Committee and the Church Council, new Sunday morning worship hours began on **Sunday, September 10th**. They are as follows...

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship
9:30 AM Sunday Church School
10:45 AM Traditional Worship

("time of greeting" for Traditional Worship starts five minutes earlier)

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Preparing for Church Conference!

2006 Church Conference will be held on
Tuesday, November 7th, 2006 at 6:00 pm.

Reports for the Church Conference were due to the Church Office
by Sunday, September 24th, 2006.

Memorial Poinsettias 2006

If you would like to order Poinsettias through the church to present during the Christmas Season In Memory of Your Loved Ones or In Honor of Your Loved Ones, please fill out the form below and return it with your payment of \$6.50 per plant to our church secretaries.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 547-6114.

You may pick up your poinsettia after the second Christmas Eve. If you are unable to attend either service, we would appreciate it if you would make arrangements for someone to pick up your flower(s). Poinsettias left after Sunday, December 31st will be given away. If you are available to help deliver flowers, contact Carol Fennimore. Thanks!

Memorial Poinsettias 2006

Please order _____ plant(s) at \$6.50 each. My payment is included.

- 1. Presented by _____
in loving MEMORY of _____
in HONOR of _____*
- 2. Presented by _____
in loving MEMORY of _____
in HONOR of _____*
- 3. Presented by _____
in loving MEMORY of _____
in HONOR of _____*



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Lisa Anderson	16	Bill Simpson
2	Madison Sturgis	18	Raymond Girini
3	Albert Ruoff, Jr.	23	Fred Kreckmann
3	Kelsi Fanelli	23	Sarah Gibbons
4	Blake MacMinn	24	Virginia Kitchmire
6	Evelyn Thomas	28	Barbara Wacker
6	Holly Bibler	29	Chris Flynn
7	Edith Ward	30	Kathleen Bowdoin
8	Dorothy Groves (Miss)	31	Ethel Walker
9	Kate Jackson	31	Harry Watson
9	Darlene Fitzgerald	31	Lindsay Ruoff
13	Dorothy Groves (Mrs.)		
14	Gianna Beetle		

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Patty & Dan Conley	12	Lori & Scott Ryan
4	Joan & Owen Windston	17	Barbara & Frank Cunane
7	Kathleen & Cyrus Tahmasebi	22	Peggy & Tracy Schnyer
7	Myrna & Marty Jacobsen	25	Chris & Michael Flynn

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.

Remember the date

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER deadline is:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8th

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 October, please remember Inza LaRagione - a special woman who is unable to worship with us. Our entire Congregation is encouraged to remember her this month with your cards and prayers. ☺

Inza LaRagione
Audubon Towers
Apartment 807
600 W. Nicholson Road
Audubon, NJ 08106

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Food Pantry Week! *on* October 8th, 2006

If your family's last name begins with:

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| A-F | <i>please bring</i> | 2 cans of Soup |
| G-R | <i>please bring</i> | 2 cans of Veggies |
| S-Z | <i>please bring</i> | Paper Products
<i>(1 Pkg. Toilet Paper, 1 Roll Paper Towels OR 1 Box of Tissues)</i> |

Please bring items only on designated Sundays and place in wicker basket. If you miss one month, bring it the next month.

From the Pastor... "What is a Disciple?"

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 *New Living Translation*

What is a disciple? Some persons would respond "You mean Peter, John, James and those other guys who followed Jesus?" Others would answer "A disciple is someone who follows." I'm sure some people don't really know. The Gospels refer dozens of times to the twelve men who followed Jesus as "disciples." Other who followed Jesus also received that title. But Jesus calls us to be his disciples and to make disciples. The New International Bible Dictionary defines a disciple as "a pupil of some teacher. The word implies the acceptance in mind and life of the views and practices of the teacher. In the NT it means, in the widest sense, those who accept the teachings of anyone." *Disciple* translated from the Greek word *mathetes* means "learner."

Bishop Devadhar has asked all churches and pastors in our Annual Conference to study and hopefully implement the principles and ideas of the book ***Power Surge***, by Michael W. Foss. The book is subtitled "Six marks of discipleship for changing a church." The main thrust of the book is that the church of Jesus Christ is not called to enlist "members," but rather make "disciples." For the church to make disciples we must truly be disciples and expect those who lead the church to have the marks of discipleship in their lives. In weeks to come you will hear more about *Power Surge* and how we can be more of a disciple-making church. For now, what about the disciples of Christ at Audubon United Methodist Church? What does it mean for us to be followers of Jesus? Michael Foss shares "**Six Marks of a Disciple**" as being at the heart of our life and faith...

1. *Daily Prayer*
2. *Weekly Worship*
3. *Bible Reading*
4. *Service*
5. *Spiritual Friendships*
6. *Giving*

In days to come we will be challenged to examine our lives and ministry in the light of the "marks of a disciple." It is easy for people to treat church membership like membership in a health club or lodge. But really, what good is it to belong to a gym and rarely go or take advantage of the benefits? Just knowing someone is "working out" there won't make me healthier or improve the quality of my life nor will it help anyone else. So too, being a disciple of Christ (not just a "church member") is absolutely necessary for our spiritual well being and the growth of our church. Please take a few moments to consider these "Marks of a Disciple." Ask yourself "How am I doing?" These marks are essential not only for personal spiritual growth but the future of our ministry. Jesus calls us to "make disciples." The first disciple to make is "YOU!"

Pastor Walt