

**AUDUBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
314 W. Graisbury Avenue  
Audubon, NJ 08106  
September, 2004

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**Church Staff**

**Dr. Walter Jesuncosky III, Pastor**  
**Marilyn K. Radley, Director of Music**  
**Marge Watson, Organist**  
**Henry Ward, Pianist**  
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**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)**

**On the Internet:**

**[www.AudubonUMC.com](http://www.AudubonUMC.com)**

*The September Newsletter is sponsored by Winnie Deal  
in memory of her husband, Warren E. Deal.*

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# SEPTEMBER 2004

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Counters

William Rittmayer  
Kay Rittmayer  
Miriam Blaisdell  
Gwen Evans  
Oliver Thorne

Chancel Choir

Marilyn Radley, Director

Cheney Bell Choir

Marilyn Radley, Director

Ushers

Walter Jesuncosky  
Ron Fennimore  
Robert Fonash  
"Your name here!"

Greeters

Emma Wine  
Ruth Dabundo

God's Kids Choir

Jennifer Smith, Director

Communion Stewards

Gwen Evans  
Laurie Bouch  
Rachel Graham  
Cindy Burroughs

Church Closing

Barbara Hertfelder

Liturgist

Sandy Albrecht

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Robert Kondras  
Barbara Kondras  
Frank Cunane  
Barbara Cunane  
Paris Kucharski

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Carol Tait  
Linda Rizzo  
Kathy Fanelli

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George Fisher  
Bea Fisher

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Renée Craig

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Joe Kucharski

# Vacation Bible School

"Jesus Helps You Power Up!" was our theme this year and He empowered us. This year, VBS, was held the week of July 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. You might recall that was the week of the torrential rains and unprecedented flooding for our area. Despite the weather, our average attendance was 63 and a staff of 30! An Adult Bible Study was included this year also. Our mission project was Pack A Sock a division of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless based at Chews Methodist Children were asked to bring donations of pencils, pens, notebooks or money to buy school supplies for homeless children. We stuffed a big duffel bag with supplies and collected \$156.05 to purchase 7 backpacks and fill them with all kinds of school supplies.

## Vacation Bible School Memories

Certain memories linger in my mind.

A pre-school running and giving his Daddy a big hug. (This lesson was to show someone you love them.) A boy proudly showing me the craft he had made - a kindness clip. Third and Fourth Graders acting out the Story of the Good Samaritan. Primary age children wanting to act out Bible Stories over and over rather than doing a craft. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders writing letters to their teacher. Children coming to Ef Deal with answers to her questions about Jesus and what they were learning. Children reciting the Bible Verse:

***John 15:12 - Love one another as I have loved you.***

That's what VBS is all about!

# Snack 'N' Yak

Fall Kick-Off

Parents & Students Grades 3-6

Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

7:30pm

in Fellowship Hall

Regular Snack 'N' Yak Meetings Resume Monday,  
September 27<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4pm in Fellowship Hall

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## *Church School News*

### **QUARTER MILE FUND RAISER**

Thank you to the children and their teachers for making this event a success, especially the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. They marked off the quarter mile on the Fellowship Hall floor and raised over \$100 by themselves. Our grand total was \$304.15 to be used for maintenance of our elevator.

## Upcoming Church School Events

### **SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> - Grandparents Day**

A special Sunday School program to honor Grandparents. Children please invite your grandparents to Church School this morning. If your grandparents live to far away or you don't have any, thing about adopting a grandparent for the day. Grandparents invite your grandchildren or come and be adopted for the day.

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> - 9:15 am - Fellowship Hall

**SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> - Church School Returns**

Church School Classes will begin Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> - 9:15 am

**OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup> - CHURCH FLEA MARKET**

Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> has been set aside as the date for our annual flea market.  
Paula Zane is looking for helpers to set up and or sell merchandise.

Please don't bring any items to Church until the beginning of October.

Contact Paula Zane. - (856) 573-9743 if you can help

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***News from the Audubon Auxiliary  
to the Collingswood Manor***

Our first Fall Meeting will be **Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
with Emma Wine as Hostess.

Members will come at 12 noon each with their delicious  
sandwich.

We are looking forward to the Holiday Bazaar at the  
Collingswood Manor in November.

The Audubon Auxiliary will again have the Jewelry Table.

We appreciate the used jewelry, in good condition, that church  
members have given us. We will be happy to accept more.

Feel Free to give it to Emma, Edith, Norma, Ronnie or Eleanor.

## ***Bethany Christian Services***

Bethany Christian Services will be having informational meetings about Adoption at our church and it's Harvard Center office. All are invited to come and learn about these opportunities.

### ***Special Needs Orientation***

Harvard Center - Harvard & White Horse Pike, Audubon, New Jersey

September 17<sup>th</sup> 1-3 PM      October 19<sup>th</sup> 7-9 PM

November 12<sup>th</sup> 1-3 PM      December 14<sup>th</sup> 7-9 PM

Register: 1-800-215-0702 (Mindy)

If you have any additional questions feel free to contact Carol Jesuncosky.

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(Reprint of poster in Bulletin Board at AUMC)

## **Families Needed...**

- Bethany Christian Services needs families for all of our adoption programs--we need families for healthy infants and minimal waiting times in the International Program!
- Bethany has financial resources to help families afford the costs of adoption through a Bethany loan fund and grants up to \$5,000!

### Information Meetings focus on “Affording Adoption”

Adoption Credit:

How does it *really* work?

Also highlighted, Bethany's International and Domestic Adoption Programs

Pennsylvania:

September 10, October 19, November 12, December 8, 2004

Southern New Jersey:

September 13, September 30, October 15, December 10, 2004

Delaware:

October 15, November 8, 2004

Call 1-800-215-0702 to make a reservation.

Visit our local website for more dates, times and locations:

[www.bethany.org/ftwash](http://www.bethany.org/ftwash)

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Ryan Juntti	19	Emily Whiteley
3	Christian Dexter	19	Gerry Francis
3	Steve Bradshaw	20	Cyndy Lowden
4	David Groves, Jr.	24	Donald Rumbol
4	Sandy Handal	27	Stephanie Bird
4	Aaron Boylan	27	Blair MacMinn
5	Christina Crea	27	Cindy Burrough
5	Dot Eden	27	Jake VanArnam
9	Marion Kreckmann	27	Stephanie Bird
10	Kenneth Conley	27	Thomas Bird
10	Renee Craig	28	Rodney Boylan
10	Robert Grube	29	Winnie Deal
13	Lindsi Arcaini	30	Janet Kirsche
16	James Martin, III	30	Steven Rizzo, Jr.

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3	Mindy & Steve Ruoff	23	Carole & Ken Sturgis
4	Christy & John Inverso	24	Peg & George Keel
7	Paris & Joe Jucharski	28	Carol & Ron Fennimore
10	Paula & Barry Zane	30	Diane & Michael Stanley
20	Charlotte & David Bibler		

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.

# Church Matching Grant Program

We are establishing a Christian College Church Matching Grant Fund. Many Christian colleges offer their students a grant as part of their aid package to help pay for their college if their home church will match the grant.

To fund the program we are sponsoring a Joe Corbi's Pizza sale. If you are not familiar with Joe Corbi's they offer a variety of pizza kits which contain everything you need to prepare 3 pizzas or 12 individual pizzas at home. The kits keep in the fridge for a couple of weeks or in the freezer for a couple of months. Most people who have had Joe Corbi's pizzas love them.

If you would like to help in this effort you can pick up the necessary information in the Narthex or contact Linda Holonia ([holonia@yahoo.com](mailto:holonia@yahoo.com) or 546-7067). We will earn \$5.50 for each kit sold. Joe Corbi's is easy to sell because those who are familiar with them are always looking for them.

Sale will run from August 29<sup>th</sup> through September 19<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be at the church on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## Attention All College Students or family members:

We are collecting names and addresses of those going off to college. Please give the information to Linda Holonia.

College Student Info:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

College attending \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Address at College \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(If living at home, please insert that address)

E Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

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 September would you pray for the Methodist Hospital.

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## Remember the date

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER deadline is:  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>

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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For those of us who are online, we would like to encourage you to visit Audubon United Methodist Church's website!

[www.AudubonUMC.com](http://www.AudubonUMC.com)

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## Prayer Chain

We have an email prayer chain to help keep our members and friends connected. If you have a prayer request for the chain, call or email Elina or Elsie at the Church Office.

(856) 547-6114 or email us at [audubonumc@snip.net](mailto:audubonumc@snip.net)).

If you would like to be a part of this prayer chain, just send an email. Don't have email and still want to participate, just call the office and give your name. Paper copies will be available to those interested.

Also Please update an email address if you have recently changed internet providers or deactivated an email account.

Note: If you have a loved one on our prayer list, please drop us a line and let us know how they are doing.

# AUMC

## YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

COME ONE! COME ALL! BRING A FRIEND!

(That is if you are in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade!)

Sunday nights from 7 to 8 pm

(Note the change of time from last year)

### September Meeting Dates

September 19<sup>th</sup>...Meet the new Youth Group  
Leaders

September 26<sup>th</sup>...Regular meeting

### Important Contact Information

Paris Kucharski's work # 856-546-0600 Ext.  
228

Paris's cell # 856-904-0296

Email: [PKUCHARSKI@CHIRESEARCH.com](mailto:PKUCHARSKI@CHIRESEARCH.com)

[JOENPARIS@comcast.net](mailto:JOENPARIS@comcast.net)

\*Snacks are needed for each meeting! Please call to let us know if your parents are willing to provide the snack for the meeting. Ask first before volunteering them!

# **Snow Globes!**

Collingswood Manor Auxiliary is again offering something special to members and families and friends of AUMC.

It is a high quality SNOW GLOBE. Looking at the left side of page (picture omitted online) you will see a beautiful color picture of our church. The name of our church appears on the other side in large letters.

Order forms will be in the Narthex on Sundays September 12<sup>th</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup>.

*A sample globe will be on display each Sunday.*

The cost for each globe must accompany each order.

(Delivery should begin the middle of November).

Please give your order to Ethel Walker, Emma Wine, Miriam Blaisdell, Florence Watts or Edith Ward.

If you have any questions contact  
Ethel Walker (856) 869-2570.

# Vacation Bible School Story

I was so happy that I could help out and be a teacher for Vacation Bible School. Not only did I have a wonderful time and experience teaching the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, my heart was touched. They were all so willing to learn about Jesus Christ and I was so eager to teach them. Each and every day was a beautiful experience. The Holy Spirit was in my class room. It was so awesome!

My heart and my soul were touched each and every day I entered my classroom. The other wonderful thing was I took a week Vacation to teach and help Vacation Bible School and it was indeed better than getting on the airplane.

I was so blessed and so were all the children. Many thanks to Anne Simpson for asking me to be a teacher. What a great time I had.

Love & blessings!  
Cathy Wade

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## Lend a hand!

TRUSTEES ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO GIVE THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE WHETHER IT BE YOUR TRADE OR HOBBY, TO DO WORK AROUND THE CHURCH.

BUT, FOR LIABILITY REASONS, PLEASE SEE A TRUSTEE BEFORE DOING ANY JOB, BIG OR SMALL.

LOOKING FORWARD TO  
WORKING WITH YOU  
GRATEFULLY YOURS,  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## FRIENDLY SENIORS

THE FRIENDLY SENIORS ARE PLANNING A TRIP TO THE VILLAGE OF SMITHVILLE, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2004. LUNCH WILL BE AT THE HISTORIC SMITHVILLE INN AT NOON. YOU ARE FREE TO BROWSE THE SHOPS OR JUST STROLL THE VILLAGE.

MENU: TOSSED SALAD  
CHOICE OF: PRIME RIB OF BEEF  
              CHICKEN MARSALA  
              BROILED SALMON

COST: \$22.00 PER PERSON

SEE: JOAN WINDSTON 546-6150

RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

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### AUMC OFFICE SCHEDULE CHANGE

STARTING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2004 - ELSIE AND ELINA WILL SWITCH DAYS. NOW IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT ELSIE REGARDING NEWSLETTER ITEMS - HER NEW DAY IS THURSDAYS EVERY WEEK. ELINA'S DAYS WILL BE MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY. OUR OFFICE HOURS HAVE NOT CHANGED. THEY WILL REMAIN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9 AM - 2 PM.

## From the Pastor

*“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching,”*

10:25

Hebrews

It's easy to say on a Sunday, "I don't feel like going to church." The reasons may vary...some are sick, others tired, and some are just plain mad. Honestly, we can usually find an excuse why we can't go to worship, despite the admonition of Scripture. I know... I just had one of those Sunday's myself. It was a vacation Sunday and I felt just plain lousy. I had big plans of driving over to Ocean Grove Camp Meeting for worship. It would be great to hear an excellent preacher, enjoy the great music, see friends, and stroll on the boardwalk, too. But early on I could see that just would not happen. Sure, I could get my church from TV or listen to services on the radio. If I felt better later I could go visit a nice park and worship God in nature. By the time I was feeling up to church, it was afternoon. "Oh well, I guess I just won't be able to go to church today," I thought. Then the Lord reminded me of Hebrews 10:25. "You know I'm in church almost every Sunday, Lord. As a matter of fact, I am there most every day for something. It won't hurt for me to miss one day." Then God reminded me of something I have experienced and preached many times...some of God's greatest blessings come when you have to drag yourself to church, Bible Study, etc. (or someone has to drag you). John Wesley's conversion, called his "Aldersgate experience," came about after he went unwillingly to a Bible Study. Trying to make myself feel better I thought, "Well, Lord, I've missed church for the day. Guess I will have to settle for D. James Kennedy or Charles Stanley on television." Then my wife said to me, "Why don't we go to Pitman, Seaville, or Malaga Camp this evening?" There went my excuses for missing worship. God's people were gathering for worship so why couldn't I go? Once again I remembered corporate worship is not limited to Sunday mornings. My family and I went to Malaga Camp and we were truly blessed by the preaching, the music, and fellowship (yes even some relatives, colleagues and former parishioners were there). Just think what I would have missed!

I say all this to remind our Audubon UMC family that there are plenty of excuses we can find to miss worship. We may feel out of sorts, be tired or mad at someone or something, or even assume since we missed the Sunday Morning Holy Hour, corporate worship had passed us by. The good news is just because you miss morning worship, doesn't mean you missed church. Starting in September our Sunday Evening Services return, time and date to be announced. Sunday Evening services **are** "real worship." Granted, the format is different from the AM service and so is the message, but Sunday Evening really does count as "church." Don't fall into the trap of thinking just because you could not be at Audubon UMC on Sunday 10:30 AM, your worship opportunities had passed. Even if you attended morning worship, why not come for a second helping at night? And don't forget our Monday, 7 PM Seekers Church School class for adults. Also, be watching for new Bible Studies to begin in the fall.

Make an effort to get out to worship Sunday morning or evening, even during the week, not just because the Bible says so, but because we all need it. You wouldn't want to miss out on the blessing our Lord has in store for you, would you?

**Pastor Walt**