

AUDUBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
314 W. Graisbury Avenue
Audubon, NJ 08106
September, 2006

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Church Staff

Dr. Walter Jesuncosky III, Pastor
Diane Stanley, Director of Discipleship & Evangelism
Marilyn K. Radley, Director of Music
Marge Watson, Organist
Jessie Deal, Pianist
Elina Matthews, Secretary
Arsenette Reiter, Assistant Secretary
John Bowdoin, Custodian
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Church Office Hours

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

Telephone Numbers

Church 547-6114
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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)

Visit us on the Internet:
www.AudubonUMC.com

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

SEPTEMBER 2006

Counters

William Rittmayer
Raymond Thorne
Miriam Blaisdell
Gwen Evans

Chancel Choir

Marilyn Radley, Director

Cheney Bell Choir

Marilyn Radley, Director

Ushers

Walter Jesuncosky
Ron Fennimore
Robert Fonash
Frank Cunane

Greeters

Barbara Cunane
Frank Cunane

God's Kids Choir

Jennifer Smith, Director

Communion Stewards

Gwen Evans
Laurie Bouch
Rachel Graham
Cindy Burroughs

Church Closing

Barbara Hertfelder

Liturgist

Barbara Cunane

OCTOBER 2006

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Robert Kondras
Barbara Kondras
Frank Cunane
Barbara Cunane
Ruslana Snyder

Chancel Choir

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Ushers

Sandy Albrecht
Lori Ryan
Barbara Cunane
Ruslana Snyder

Greeters

Pat Mace
Ruth Dabundo

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Luis Matthews

Liturgist

Christy Inverso

From Diane Stanley, Director of Discipleship & Evangelism

September has traditionally been back to school month for students and teachers. This September our church, along with Logan Memorial Presbyterian and Holy Trinity Lutheran, will be co-sponsoring classes through Community Christian Education. The classes start at the end of September. Brochures will be mailed shortly, but here is a sneak preview of the five courses:

Your Best Life Now Wed. 7:00-8:30 9/27-11/15

This is a study of the *NY Times* bestseller *Your Best Life Now*. Written by Joel Osteen, the book has helped many people lead more fulfilling lives. Come and learn how to experience more victory, joy, and satisfaction daily by applying the seven principles outlined in the book.

Instructor: Diane Stanley

Who Believes What? Mon. 7:00-8:30 9/25-11/13 **Religions of the World**

What do the world's major religions agree on? How do they differ? Come find out! This class will be using the DVD series *Religions of the World* produced by Schlessinger Media and narrated by Academy Award winner Ben Kingsley. During the eight weeks, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism will be studied and compared to Christianity. This is a DVD class only, there is no reading.

Instructor: Rev. Don Painter

Invitation to the Old Testament Wed. 7:00-8:30 9/27-11/15

Join us for an eight week adventure as we study the highlights of the Old Testament. The Old Testament, although it contains many books, is actually a single sweeping story of the ongoing relationship between God and his people. It contains narrative writings, historical accounts, as well as poetry and prophecies. We will be using *Invitation to the Old Testament*, a DISCIPLE Bible Study, which includes a study book and video presentations.

Instructor: Rev. John Anderson

Cults, Old & New Sun. 6:30-7:30 10/1-10/29

They are the nice, clean cut folks at your front door. They are on TV and some of Hollywood's biggest stars are their apostles. CULTS. They influence people all across the world and are often confused with Christianity. This study will look at Scientology, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, the "New Age" and how they differ from Biblical Christianity.

Instructor: Rev. Walt Jesuncosky

Hard Sayings of Paul Thurs. 7:00-8:30 9/21-11/16

Should a woman keep her head covered when she prays? Should women remain silent in church? All are Cretans liars? Even St. Peter remarked of Paul's letters, "There are some things in them hard to understand." (2 Peter 3:16) In this course we will look at 48 "hard sayings" of Paul in light of their historical and cultural context as well as in relation to Paul's overall theology. The class will use the book *Hard Sayings of Paul* by Manfred T. Brauch.

Instructor: Pastor Jack Deal

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Crop Walk 2006

Mark your calendar! On Sunday, October 15th join us for the annual Crop Walk co-sponsored by area churches of Audubon, Haddon Heights, Barrington, and Oaklyn. The walk begins at 1:30 p.m. at Logan Memorial Presbyterian Church at the corner of the White Horse Pike & Merchant Streets. Let's work together to end world hunger!

Community Red Cross Blood Drive

On Thursday, September 28th there will be a blood drive at Logan Memorial Presbyterian Church at White Horse Pike and Merchant Street from 10 am. To 9 pm. No appointment necessary.

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OOOPS!! We forgot to list one of our college graduates in June newsletter!

Stefanie Krout graduated from Atlantic County Community College. She completed her degree in culinary arts.

Congratulations Stefanie!!

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CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS
BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 AT 8PM.
ALL VOICE PARTS NEEDED... COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

CHENEY HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS
SEPTEMBER 13 AT 7PM.
WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW NEW "DING-A-LINGS".

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!

Are you hungry?

Come and fill your hungry soul!

Food for thought provided & some light snacks!

7th to 12th graders welcome!

Bring a friend or two!

September Meeting Dates

8th-10th: OCEAN CITY YOUTH WEEKEND!!

*For those who are going with us, please be at the church at 5:30 pm
and eat dinner prior to coming to church!*

17th: Regular Meeting

24th: Regular Meeting

Important contact information:

Paris and Joe's cell: 856-904-0296

Email: JOENPARIS@comcast.net for Paris or Joe

Audubon Auxiliary to the Collingswood Manor

There will be a Chicken Barbecue and Pig Roast at the Collingswood Manor on **Friday, September 22nd**; Dinners will be served from 2:00 pm 'til 6 pm.

There will be entertainment, face painting, Balloons, etc.

Complete Chicken Barbecue or Pork Dinner will be \$10.00.

Folks can have their dinners on the porch at the Manor or outside on the grounds (weather permitting).

Dinners can also be taken out.

Proceeds from the dinners will go to the fellowship fund. This fund helps residents with expenses when their finances are exhausted.

Please see Edith Ward or Emma Wine for dinner tickets.

Thank You!

The Auxiliaries of the Collingswood Manor would like to thank the Audubon United Methodist Church members for their continued financial support.

Enjoy the Fall season!

Edith R. Ward, President



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Jessica Kyler	19	Emily Whiteley
1	Ryan Juntti	19	Gerry Francis
3	Christian Dexter	20	Cyndy Lowden
3	Steve Bradshaw	22	Sarah Smith
4	Sandy Handal	27	Stephanie Bird
5	Christina Crea	27	Blair MacMinn
5	Emily Doughty	27	Cindy Burrough
7	Nicole Kyler	27	Jake VanArnam
9	Marion Kreckmann	27	Stephanie Bird
10	Kenneth Conley	27	Thomas Bird
10	Renee Craig	29	Winnie Deal
10	Robert Grube	30	Janet Kirsche
13	Lindsi Arcaini	30	Steven Rizzo, Jr.
16	James Martin, III	30	Rebecca Kitchmire

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

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.

Missionary News

Missionary News from The Terhune's from Tokyo, Japan - August 10th, 2006.

Bob and Hazel Terhune report that college is on vacation after a busy two weeks of exams, three days of camp meetings, etc..

They are happy to hear about Audubon United Methodist Church's 100th Anniversary!

They also enjoy hearing about other activities at our church:

Bible School, United Methodist Women, and services, also volunteer workers in the Auxiliaries to the United Methodist Homes.

I look forward to hearing from them when they are back in school.

Edith Ward

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Missions meeting!!!

Thursday, September 14, 2006
at 7:30 PM in the Conover Parlor

Interested in attending? Come on out!

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New Worship Times in September!

By decision of the Worship Committee and the Church Council, new Sunday morning worship hours begin on **Sunday, September 10th**. They will be 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)

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. (547-6114; or email us at audubonumc@snip.net)

If you would like to be a part of this prayer chain, just send an email. Please keep us informed of any email address changes as well as we have been getting a lot of bounced back addresses lately.

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.

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

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What is going on Sunday, September 10?

Music, Fun, & Learning!

- Continental Breakfast/Coffee Hour
- Kick-off the Church School Year
- Treasure Seekers (VBS) Reunion

All ages invited
Lots of Fun

New Time—9:30am

Great place for those attending the early service to meet those attending the late service and vice versa.

Come Join Us

Needed:

Director of Snack 'N' Yak

Responsibilities:

Show God's love to children & lead an experienced staff of helpers on Monday afternoons (when Audubon schools are in session) through pre-selected curriculum.

Help Wanted:

Church School is looking for a Junior High Co-Teacher to help share teaching responsibilities this year.

*Trustee Work
Day details to be
filled in after
Aug. 15th
meeting*

We are continuing our Vacation Bible School **mission for Ronald McDonald House** in our children's church school classes. Continue to **collect aluminum can tabs** and drop them in the church school rooms or "adopt a child" and let him/her add them to the class collection.

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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 are due to the Church Office by Sunday, September 24th, 2006.

CHRISTIAN CARE MINISTRY

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“It’s not just a word . . . it’s our mission”

We are planning to start a Christian Care Ministry at Audubon United Methodist Church to help people in our Church FAMILY. We feel that people in our church family may have special needs that we don’t know about, whether long-term needs or short-term needs, we would like to help.

Please take a minute to complete this survey and let us know what services you or someone you know needs. THIS IS A SURVEY SHEET ONLY, NOT A SIGN-UP SHEET. Check off or list the help that is needed. Your name and address are optional. When filled in, mail to:

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314 W. Graisbury Avenue
Audubon, NJ 08106

- Car rides – to doctors, the pharmacy, shopping, church on Sunday, meetings, etc.
- Picking up and delivering groceries or prescriptions to you
- Help around the house with small problems like putting in or taking out window unit air conditioners, replacing light bulbs, testing or putting batteries in fire detectors, making small repairs, cutting the lawn, taking out the trash on trash days, etc.
- Help walking your dogs or feeding and caring for your pets.
- Filling out tax forms or other government forms or medical forms – they can be confusing.
- Visitations – Upon request by our church family
- Calls – calls from our church family on a daily or weekly basis
- Preparation of meals, good food to eat.
- Other needs (please list below):

If you are interested in joining this committee, place a check mark in the space provided and fill in your name and phone number below. _____

Name	Phone Number
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BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Bethany Christian Services began in 1944 as the fulfillment of a dream shared by two young women. Their humble ministry has grown into an international team of nearly 900 dedicated professionals actively ministering to children and families.

Bethany's support comes through reimbursement for services, and from gifts received from individuals, churches, corporations, and foundations that share Bethany's commitment to improving the lives of children and families.

Bethany is widely known as an adoption agency, but our Christian care extends to people struggling with unplanned pregnancies, infertility, and a multitude of other challenges. For more than sixty years, Bethany has responded with compassion, integrity, and commitment to the needs of children and families.

The Delaware Valley office has placed over 1,000 children since they opened over 25 years ago.

Each person is precious in the eyes of God.

That information came directly from Bethany's website. However, you may know that Bethany has an office right here in Audubon and that they are a very important part of the Jesuncosky family, since both Walter and Miles came from Bethany.

Bethany Christian Services South Jersey office has a fund raising banquet each year. I have attended this banquet a few times and it is always informative and entertaining. The food is not bad either! This year the banquet will be held on November 6th at the Renaissance Room in Turnersville. If you would like to attend this banquet, free of charge, please let Linda Holonia or Carol Jesuncosky know. We will be sure to save you a seat.

The evening begins with a silent auction which features many, many items which are donated by businesspeople and individuals in the area. If you own a business or work someplace that might be interested in donating an item or service, or if you would like to donate a handmade or other item, please let us know. All donations are tax deductible.

We would love to see you at the banquet and/or accept an item for the auction.

Linda Holonia

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.

THANK YOU

Those two little words are often used, but frequently not meant to express the joy that someone has brought to you. In this case, they are the sentiments of the Anniversary Committee. We would like to thank each and everyone of the members of the congregation for their part in the Anniversary Celebration on June 15th. The banquet was a spectacular success that could not have happened without all of you. The memorabilia that was displayed showed the love that we have for our church. Who will ever forget Elizabeth Hoffman's Sunday School attendance pins. She had 27 years with her, and actually had more but didn't bring them.

Nicolosi Caterers did a marvelous job of catering the banquet. The food was excellent and the décor could not have been better. The committee was thrilled with the setting and the table decorations. Even the color scheme was what we would have hoped for, but hadn't planned. That was the creative ideas of Al Nicolosi. We were all delighted.

We would also like to thank the History Committee for the excellent histories they produced. Both the written history and the pictorial history took countless hours of preparation. If anyone wishes to get a copy of the pictorial history, there are still some available. We would like to see them all in the hands of the congregation. Who knows, someone may even bring one to put on the memorabilia table at the bicentennial banquet.

All said and done, the celebration was a success because of you. Thank you! May the Lord continue to bless the work of the Audubon United Methodist Church for the future generations. Our work on the banquet may be over, but the work of the Church has just begun.

In Christian Love,
Your Anniversary Committee

Remember the date

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER deadline is:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th

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 September, please remember Vera Thompson - 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. ☺

Vera Thompson
Sterling Altera
Building 1, Suite 3
1674 Delsea Drive
Deptford, NJ 08096

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Food Pantry Week! *on* **September 10th, 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.

“Put Me In, Coach” From Pastor Walt

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.” Romans 12:4-6a NIV

Many of you have gone through the Little League Baseball phase either as a player or a parent. You have heard a child anxious to get in the game say “Put me in, coach!” Whether or not the coach agreed, he/she appreciated that kind of desire on the part of a player. In the movie *The Replacements*, about a team of amateur, has been, and never was replacements filling in during a NFL players strike, the head coach of the football team tells his reluctant quarterback “Winners always want the ball.” As the “Head Coach” of Audubon United Methodist Church I hope to find this kind of attitude in our church as we move into the fall. Soon our nominations committee will be asking folks to be part of the ministry team of this church. You may be asked to serve on a committee, chair a work area, or offer yourself as a teacher, helper, or leader. I know many of you have served faithfully for years in different areas of ministry in our church. You have made a difference! Thank you! Some feel they have done their share and are taking a much deserved break. Maybe you have been on an extended break or you have been on the bench waiting for someone to ask you to get in the game. Well, Audubon United Methodist Church needs you and we need you now!

Paul describes the church as a body with many parts, many gifts. We belong to each other and we need each other to function properly. Christ has given us his commission to “make disciples.” That is where you come in. In order for that to happen we need the members of our team to step up and say, “Put me in, coach.” You see, the Owner of the team, our Lord, bought you with a price and for a purpose. His “game plan” is to make disciples. As we move ahead in our ministry for Christ, all that we say and do should be guided by the Owner’s game plan. Sometimes the head coach or one of the assistants will say to an individual “We need you in the game now.” What will be your answer? You may be very gifted (like a troublesome former Eagle wide receiver, now moved to Dallas), but *how* do you use your gifts? Wasted gifts lead to missed opportunities. I am looking forward to the new film *Invincible* based on the true-life story of former Philadelphia Eagle Vince Papale. An Eagles fan who has just lost his wife and his teaching job, Papale decides one day to show up for an open tryout for his favorite NFL team and wins a spot on the Eagles roster. He brought desire, gifts, and a willingness to get in the game. Oh that we would have this kind of desire!

As we enter into the nomination process, pray for God’s wisdom and desire to “get in the game.” Don’t wait to be asked... **volunteer!** The body of Christ, the Church, needs your gifts and graces in order to make disciples. Don’t sit on the sidelines. Don’t be a “Monday morning” quarterback. Just say, “Put me in, coach.”

Pastor Walt