

**AUDUBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
314 W. Graisbury Avenue  
P.O. Box, 148  
Audubon, NJ 08106  
September 2003

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**Church Staff**

**Dr. Walter Jesunco**sky 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**  
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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)**  
**Sr/ High Youth**      **7:00 p.m. .**

**Monday - Snack N Yak**  
**After School 3 - 6 Grades**  
**(September - May)**

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

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# SEPTEMBER 2003

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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

William Rittmayer  
Ron Fennimore  
Robert Fonash  
Harry Watson

Greeters

Emma Wine  
Ruth Dabundo

God's Kids Choir

Jennifer Smith, Director

Communion Stewards

Gwen Evans  
Laurie Bouch  
Rachel Graham

Church Closing

George MacCulloch

Liturgist

Sandy Albrecht

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Robert Kondras  
Barbara Kondras  
Frank Cunane  
Barbara Cunane  
Paris Kucharski

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Ushers

Scott Radley Jr.  
Carol Tait  
Linda Rizzo  
Kathy Fanelli

Greeters

George Fisher  
Bea Fisher

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Rachel Graham

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Mildred Smulling

Liturgist

Linda Holonia



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Ryan Juntti	19	Gerry Francis
3	Steve Bradshaw	20	Cyndy Lowden
4	David Groves, Jr.	24	Donald Rumbol
4	Sandy Handal	27	Stephanie Bird
5	Christina Crea	27	Blair MacMinn
5	Dot Eden	27	Cindy Burrough
9	Marion Kreckmann	27	Jake VanArn
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	Rebecca Kitchmire
19	Emily Whiteley	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	25	Madelynne & John Pursglove
10	Paula & Barry Zane	26	Barbara & James Wacker
14	Tina & Bob Bird	28	Carol & Ron Fennimore
20	Charlotte & David Bibler	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.

## **Snack 'N Yak**

Snack 'N Yak celebrated the ending of a wonderful year together at our last meeting of the season with a picnic. Despite a sports activity going on at Mansion Avenue School, 27 children still joined us for the event. We had such a wonderful, faithful group of children this year. How nice it was to be blessed with one of the few sunny days in May! This allowed us to sit in the yard and enjoy a picnic lunch with relaxing conversation and fresh air.

I acknowledged and rewarded our graduating sixth graders with a study bible. They were encouraged to begin attending the Sr. High Youth Group in the Fall. All the children were given a small cross to keep in their pocket to remind them to stay connected to God and know that He is always with them wherever they go. The children expressed reasons why they enjoyed coming on Monday's to Snack 'N Yak. One girl expressed her gratitude for the prayers we offered in her brother's behalf during the time he was in Iraq. She said it showed her that prayer really does work. Some said it was their only opportunity to learn about God and others mentioned the fun activities and new knowledge gleaned from the story of Noah.

There are many highlights and touching memories of my four years with Snack 'N yak. Thanksgiving was a time when we were able to become a family, eating a complete turkey dinner with all the trimmings! I will always remember fondly the enthusiastic and loving way the children embraced our relationship with The Bible Bunch from Fairview United Methodist Church. They learned the true spirit of Christmas and joy of giving through the Christmas parties we hosted at the Fairview Church. The Easter Season was always a time when I would see how some of the children had really grown in their faith. Our lessons revolved around Christ journey to the cross. I know many of you enjoyed the cross-garden set up by the children on Wyoming Avenue the last four years. Through this project the children were afforded an opportunity to witness to the community. Our family nights were always successful and so much fun! The last one held in March had over 70 people in attendance. Those of you who were there may recall the surprise water scene in our Noah skit.

Along the road so many wonderful people gave their time and support to the program. Many of you provided delicious snacks and believe me, the children were very grateful. Through the four years I received help from Kim Crosby, Barbara Wacker, Cara Low, Joann Paul, Florence Watts, Danielle Reich, Rodney Boylan, Anne Simpson, Connie Ruoff, Shirley Holt, Carol Jesuncosky, Pastor Steve and Pastor Walt. I send a big thank you to all of them for their contributions to the program! I would like to extend special thanks to two people close to my heart who were with me the entire four years. Bea Fisher not only provided reliable kitchen help but a kindness and friendship to the children and me. Bob Kondras was not only an excellent male role model but also a wealth of information and support during our lesson time. I could not have done it without them! I send both of you a big hug. I am grateful to have been able to see a dream become reality with the development of Snack 'N Yak and for the opportunity to work with so many wonderful children. I wish the people who follow me all the blessings I have received from serving as director of Children's Ministry and pray for the program's continued success. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Lord. I will truly miss working with the children!

Peg Bradshaw

# HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Helping Hands Program is a community benefit program sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, which recruits and trains volunteers to assist the elderly with non-medical tasks.

Volunteers are entitled to special discounts after a 3-month probationary period.

- Volunteers are needed to assist with transportation to medical appointments.
- Volunteers are entitled to mileage reimbursement
- Volunteers are covered by secondary insurance policy while assisting.
- Volunteers must be 21 years of age or older.
- Volunteer's prescriptions will be filled at cost provided the medication is a formulary item and is for your personal use.

The Helping Hands staff looks forward to hearing from anyone who may be interested in becoming a volunteer.

Please call Nancy at (856) 757-3270

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*Calling all men!  
Calling all women!*

Chancel Choir begins rehearsals on Wed. Sept. 3 at 8 PM

Cheney Handbell Choir begins rehearsal on Wed. Sept. 10

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## September Church School Events

September 7<sup>th</sup> - 9:15 AM - Rally Day

All children, youth and teachers will meet in Fellowship Hall for beginning of new church school year.

September 21<sup>st</sup> - During 10:30 Service

Dedication of Church School Staff.

Look for pancake breakfast in October.

## Snack 'N Yak Returns

Snack 'N Yak will begin September 29<sup>th</sup>  
2:45 PM - Come after school

Grades 3-6 - Bring your friends for fun time while learning about the bible and God's love for us.

### **Thank you!**

A big thank you to all who helped make Vacation Bible School a big success. Touching children's lives is so important and immeasurable. Thank you for all your time and effort. You are truly a blessing to our church.

Anne Simpson

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

Next Auxiliary Meeting will be Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Audubon Towers. Emma Wine will be hostess. Wouldn't you like to join us and help sort out jewelry?

President, Edith Ward

### **FALL FESTIVAL**

The Fall Festival is the Auxiliary's largest fundraising event.

Featuring: baked goods, home-canned fruit & jelly, jewelry, handmade crafts and beautiful woodworking pieces.

The event will take place at the Collingswood Manor, **Friday, November 7 from 9 AM - 4 PM.**

We may hold it over on **Saturday, November 8 from 9 AM - 1 PM**, if you feel that this would be better for the younger working folks. **Please let us know how you feel!**

Audubon Auxiliary will have the jewelry table again this year. If any Church member or friend has jewelry that they are tired of wearing, we would love to have it. You can give it to any Auxiliary Member.

Edith Ward, Emma Wine, Florence Watts & Miriam Blaisdell

Youth Group Happenings  
for September and Early October

9/5 - 9/7 Senior High Youth Conference in Ocean City  
9/14 Youth Group meeting 7:00 - 8:30  
9/21 Youth Group meeting 7:00 - 8:30  
9/26 - 9/28 Renewal Weekend; Youth Group to attend and help as needed

10/5 Keswick informational meeting for teens and parents 7:00 - 8:30  
10/12 No meeting  
10/19 Youth Group meeting 7:00 - 8:30; Keswick deposit due  
10/26 Youth Group meeting 7:00 - 8:30

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Remember the date

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER need to be submitted by  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

Feel free to submit items via email to the Church Office - Contact Elsie for more details

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**Mark Your Calendar for September 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>**

A Time for Renewal With  
Rev. Wilbert Hoffman  
Friday Sept. 26 at 7:30 P.M.  
Saturday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. Breakfast  
Sunday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30 Service followed by luncheon

***Former AUMC pastor and evangelist Wil Hoffman is coming*** to lead us in time of spiritual renewal and rededication to Christ, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 26-28. ***Please be in prayer*** for Wil, our church, and all who will (and should) be part of these “days ablaze.”

## Announcements for Newsletter

**Meet the Crutchfields!** Our missionaries, Kim and Stephanie Crutchfield, will share what God is doing in their ministry with their AUMC family at 7 PM, on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Plan to be with us for this special evening. Refreshments will be served.

**Sunday Evening Services** will resume on Sunday, September 14 at 6 PM. Your continued support makes this ministry possible. The evening format is very informal with a wide variety of music types from contemporary to traditional, special music, a time for sharing joys and concerns, and an expository Bible message (not the same message preached in the AM). If you are unable to be present at morning worship, come on out. Even if you attend morning worship, Sunday Night Service will provide a "second blessing." See you in church!

**Youth Workers Needed!** Audubon UMC is looking for advisors for our United Methodist Youth Fellowship. If you can donate a few hours a month to help in this important ministry, see Pastor Walt.

**"SEE YOU AT THE POLE"** On Wednesday, September 17, Christians all across America will be meeting at the flagpole of their local school for prayer. Students, educators, parents, and residents of Audubon are invited to meet at the flagpole of Audubon High School for this time of corporate prayer!

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## The United Methodist Women

**Fall Meeting  
Monday, October 13, 2003  
8:00 PM - Fellowship Hall**

To the Women of the Audubon United Methodist Church

The U.M.W. would like to start several circles; crafts; prayer group, service group. Do you have a special or favorite craft that you would like to share with the other women? Would you like to lead or be part of the prayer circle? Would you like to be part of a Care and Service Circle?

If you are interested in participating in any of the Circles mentioned, join us on October 13, 2003 or contact Joan Windston 546-6150

### Crafts

All completed crafts will be sold at the Christmas Bazaar in December. The U.M.W. will supply all crafts. We are hoping to see many of you at our October Meeting.

Joan Windston  
President

## From the Pastor's Desk

Hard to believe fall is upon us already. Schools are about to open, the leaves will be turning, and things will get pretty busy here at Audubon UMC. So where do you fit into the scheme of things? I know some try to stretch out the summer by extending their time off well into September. Others will claim it's difficult to get "back into gear" because they are "out of the habit" of church and Bible Study. Then let's not forget those who are quick to say fall means lots of school activities, sports etc. that will keep them out of church. Just as fall means an increase in activities in most of our lives, for the community of faith, it often means an increase in excuses of why folks can't get involved. So here it is...perhaps you've already seen it, but some things are worth repeating... AUMC is considering sponsoring ***NO EXCUSE SUNDAY!***

***To make it possible for everyone to attend church, how about having a special "No Excuse Sunday?"***

Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say "Sunday is my only day to sleep in".

There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard.

Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night.

We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in If I ever came to church."

Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot.

Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.

Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too.

We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those that feel the church is always asking for money.

One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.

Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.

The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them.

We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton for those who can!!

Pretty funny, huh? Unfortunately, in almost 27 years in the Ministry, I have heard all of these excuses. I pray that our AUMC Family will make it unnecessary to have a "no excuse Sunday." Your church and your Lord are ready for you to jump in make a difference. See you in Church!

Pastor Walt