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April 2010 Newsletter



Audubon United Methodist Church
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A Christ-centered, Biblical, Caring church, making a difference.

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April newsletter is sponsored by:
Gwen Evans for Rev. & Mrs. David C. Evans

Sunday Worship Opportunities

Contemporary Service 8:15 am
Sunday School 9:30 am (All ages)
Traditional Service 10:45 am
Youth Group Jr./Sr. High (meets September to June)
6:00 – 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. Walter Jesuncosky, III, Pastor
Marilyn Radley, Music an Choir Director
Jesse Deal, Pianist
Marge Watson, Organist
Helen Orfe, Nursery
John Bowdoin, Custodian

From the Pastor – EASTER 2010



”Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen.”

Luke 24:5b-6 NIV

What makes Christians different from others in our community? Some might say “Christians think they have the truth.” Lots of folks believe they have a truth or the truth to live by. Certainly Christianity has traditionally believed that Jesus is “the way, the truth, and the life.” Others might suggest that Christians are different because they have a unique “world view.” This is partly true. If we follow what our founder teaches, we do look at others and the world differently. We should also act differently...it’s that WWJD thing! Unfortunately, some of the nastiest people I’ve ever known profess to be Christians! Christians are different because they meet in special places at certain times, have a unique ritual that seems foreign or even incomprehensible to folks outside, almost like a secret organization. Yes, there are times that the Church of Jesus Christ is perceived by some as out of place, out of touch, irrelevant to modern life, even a relic of the past. We are partly to blame for that perception. All too often churches have withdrawn into the four walls of a building and forgotten what they stand for is not simply to be preserved, but also shared. Some even suggest that Christians think they are “better than everybody else.”

I could go on and on with thoughts on why we are different from those around us. Some of the reasons have a basis in fact, others are misconceptions. The fact remains we are different from others and what makes us different is about to be celebrated on April 4th. Our founder, our leader, our role model, our Savior Jesus Christ is alive! Take a few moments and read 1 Corinthians 15. The Apostle Paul is talking to his readers about the resurrection. Some find it hard to believe there is such a thing. No resurrection, no Jesus. No Jesus, no eternal life. No eternal life, no need for Christianity. But Christians affirm every Sunday in worship and especially Easter Sunday Jesus is alive. We are the only belief system that has a risen savior. Because Jesus is alive, he is A presence in our lives. Jesus makes all the difference for us. We aren’t better than anyone else nor are we protecting some great secret. Christians are people who have met the risen savior and want to share him with the world.

I want to encourage you to invite a friend, a neighbor, someone who has little experience with or exposure to the Christian faith to join you in worship this Easter. Tell them about Jesus and his power in your life. If Jesus is in you, they will see it! Bring them to God’s House. Let them learn all about the One who knows and loves them best. There’s nothing wrong with being different as long as it’s a difference rooted in Jesus Christ. Let’s invite others to be different with us! May you and yours have a Blessed Easter!

Pastor Walt Jesuncosky

Meetings and Events for April

Holy Thursday, Communion Service, April 1st. @ 7:30 PM at AUMC.

Good Friday Service, Logan Memorial Presbyterian, April 2nd. @ 7:30 PM.

Easter is April 4th.

Regular monthly Meetings For April

Koffee Klatch	Sunday	18 th	Fellowship Hall	9:15 AM
Trustees	Tuesday	20 th	Church House	7:00 PM
Church Council	Tuesday	27 th	Conover Parlor	7:30 PM
Finance meeting	Tuesday	23 rd	Church House	6:45 PM

Friendly Senior's Luncheon is always the last Wednesday of the month. April meeting is the 28th at Crystal lake Diner @ 12:00 noon. See Joan Windston for more details)

Weekly Meetings

Youth Group meets every Sunday at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All 7th to 12th grade children are welcome to attend.

Seekers Bible class meets every Monday night at 7:00 pm in Conover Parlor. If you can't make Sunday school, this is the place to come to study the Bible. Everyone is welcome.

Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday evening @ 7:30 in the Sanctuary.

Cheney Handbell Choir, Sunday, after service when announced.

SOME UPCOMING NEWS FOR MAY

Mother/Daughter Banquet, May 1st. @ 6:30

National Day of Prayer, May 6th.

Mother's Day, May 9th.



FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Now that you have your new box of envelopes, we hope you will pick up a packet of yellow envelopes in the Narthex to contribute to the "Building & Major Repairs Fund". This is the fund which will pay for the repairs to the stained glass windows and other major repairs that are too large to be included in our regular budget. The envelopes are in packets of 12, but you may of course take as many as you will use. We currently have enough funds to repair one window, but have 8 more that need major repairs and 3 that need minor repairs. The cost is approximately \$3,500.00.



Building Fund and Major Repairs

If you would like to contribute to the Building and major Repairs Fund through electronic giving, see Frank Slattery or Carol Tait and let them know that you would like to give to the “Capital Campaign”.



Chick-fil-A fund raiser will continue throughout the year. It falls on the **FIRST** Thursday of every month. I hope you will put this on your calendar as a good night to eat out. This month's Chick-fil-A Spirit Night is Thursday, April 1st. 2010, 5-8PM. Come out and help AUMC raise funds. We receive a percentage of the sales for anyone who identifies themselves to the cashier as being there to support AUMC.



“SECOND ANNUAL AUMC TALENT SHOW”

Come share your talent with us as we present our second annual talent show on Saturday, April 17th. We will begin with dinner at 5:30 to be followed by the talent show beginning at 6:30. If you have some talent to share that evening, please complete the following form and place in the box in the Narthex. Dinner will include baked ziti, rolls with butter, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost will be \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5-11, under 5, free.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Talent: _____ & time required _____

If under 18, please have your parent sign below:

I give my child, _____, permission to perform in the AUMC Talent Show on Saturday, April 17, 2010.



“APRIL SHOWERS”

After enduring a snowy, cold winter, we all look forward to Spring and sharing with our Senior friends at the Collingswood Manor.

Since folks are living longer these days, it’s possible that some residents may not be able financially to stay in a retirement home. Even if funds are short, no one is ever put out of a Methodist Retirement Home.

We will again be celebrating “April Showers” at the manor on the 2nd Tuesday, April 13th. In past years, the Audubon Auxiliary has been happy at our members generosity. There will be a box in the Narthex for donations such as: Tissues, Toiletries (tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, etc. for men and women. Thank you from the Audubon Auxiliary

Edith Ward, President

Suggested Items to Donate

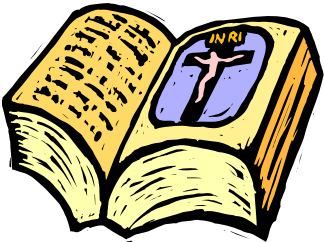
Dish cloths	Brush	Zip-lock sandwich bags
Tea towels	Paper napkins	Face cream
Dish soap	Kleenex	Perfume
Sponges	Shower cap	
Laundry soap	Poly-grip	
Paper towels	Q-tips	
Hand towels	tooth paste	
Handy wipes	Deodorant	
Baby oil	after shave	
Hair net	Dental floss	
Pens and pencils	Denture Tooth paste	
Needle & thread	large bar of soap	
Knee-hi stockings	Shampoo	
Socks	Soft soap	
Greeting Cards	Hand Lotion	
Bobby pins	Baby Powder	
Puzzle books	Dusting powder	
Scotch tape	Vaseline	
Safety pins	Cotton Balls	
Note paper	Emery boards	
Comb	Wash cloths	

“2010 EVENTS for the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN”

All the women who attend Audubon United Methodist Church are welcome to participate in UMW activities.

April 5th	Monday @ 7:30 pm	UMW Meeting in Fellowship Hall
May 1st	Saturday @ 6:30 pm	Mother Daughter Banquet In fellowship hall/entertainment after dinner
October 4th	Monday @ 7:30 pm	Meeting in fellowship hall
November 8th	Monday @ 7:30 pm	Ingathering Fellowship Hall Bethel Church providing entertainment
December 4th	Saturday 9am – 2pm	Christmas Bazaar in basement of Church and Fellowship Hall

SPECIAL PROJECT ON APRIL 18, 2010: for Camden Neighborhood Center. We are collecting canned goods, boxed foods, and other requested items will be posted in the Narthex. Due to the recession, a 50% increase in the need for food and services has occurred. Please contact Marilyn Steadman (546-8347) or Joan Windston (546-6150) if you want to assist with the planning or implementation of our activities. We thank the ladies of our congregation for their past generosity and assistance.



Women's Retreat at Willow Valley

We've been invited to a women's retreat! The women of Westmont UMC, Clarksburg UMC, and Audubon UMC are all invited to a retreat at Willow Valley Conference Center in Lancaster, PA. The date is Friday evening, May 21 to Sunday May 23. (The weekend before Memorial Day) The theme is Sun Catcher/Son Catcher. It will be a time to connect with God and others and an opportunity for rest and renewal. The leader is Rev. Anna Smith, an experienced retreat planner, who is currently pastor at Westmont UMC. ! The cost is \$108 (for quad occupancy), \$121 (for triple occupancy), \$150 (for double occupancy) and \$270 (for single occupancy) . This includes lodging and breakfast smorgasbords. Lunch and dinner are on you. This promises to be a great event! A \$50 deposit is due the first week of April. See Diane Stanley (310-1830) for more info.



“WE REMEMBER MOTHER on MOTHER’S DAY”

We invite our members and friends to “REMEMBER Mother” on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 9th.

One listing will include the names of Mothers no longer living. Another listing will be in honor of Mothers. A donation of \$2.00 is suggested for each Mother’s name you wish listed, along with your name as donor. (Where several pre-teen children in a family want to honor their Mother, these names will be listed for \$2.00).

(These listings will appear similar to the listing of Christmas poinsettias or Easter lilies).

Proceeds from this project will be used by our local auxiliary for Collingswood Manor. Please use the form below (if necessary continue on the back of this form) and return with your donation to Edith Ward, Miriam Blaisdell, or Emma Wine no later than Sunday, May 2nd.

Thank you.

PLEASE PRINT

Donor _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Donor _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Donor _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Donation enclosed \$ _____



Meet Joel

Joel was born with Down syndrome in Hong Kong on September 2, 2005. He was raised by his parents until 2008 when they felt could not meet the needs of their child and relinquished their rights.

This precious boy receives weekly physiotherapy and occupational therapy. His gross motor skills are excellent. Joel walks, runs, walks on a balance beam, and even rides a bike! His fine motor skills are more delayed, but he continues to make progress. Although an assessment indicates that he has some hearing loss, his caretakers say that Joel follows all directions and responds appropriately. He continues to work on his independence skills and amazes his caregivers by his initiative and quickness to learn.



He is described as a cheerful and active boy who loves to giggle and enjoys playing with others. Joel is very observant and can quickly imitate what he sees. He can be somewhat stubborn at times and does misbehave. Joel is also known for his love of music. He constantly plays with the toy piano, maraca, and other instruments. The Forget Me Not Adoption Fund has offered a \$2,500 grant to Joel's adoptive parents to offset expenses.

- **Contact** Bethany about adopting Joel.
- **Request a Complimentary Information Packet** to learn about intercountry adoption through your local Bethany office.
- **Fill out an Intercountry Preliminary Application** to begin the adoption process with Bethany.

Christian Alliance for Orphans National Summit April 29-30 • Minneapolis, Minnesota

This event has quickly become one of the premier conferences for Christians who care about orphans, adoption, and foster care. Orphan Summit VI will include speakers John Piper, Mary Beth Chapman, and author of *Fields of the Fatherless*, Tom Davis. Steven Curtis Chapman will be performing.

Attending this summit will give you the opportunity to connect with other leaders of church orphan ministries, pastors, speakers, and leaders of nonprofit organizations, as well as attend breakout sessions (more than 50 to choose from) led by top professionals from across the world in their areas of expertise.



Free promotional information and summit details are available at www.christianalliancefororphans.org.

Newsletter deadline is April 11th.

If you have a completed announcement before the deadline, feel free to submit it early.



Shut-in of the Month **Myrtle Kille, Rolling Hills Care Center, 16 Cratetown Rd., Lebanon, NJ 08833.**

Please remember Myrtle in your prayers and to send her a card to let her know we are thinking of her.

Food pantry



If your family's last name begins with:

A-F Please bring paper

G-R Please bring 2 cans of veggies

S=Z Please bring 2 cans of soup

*1 pkg. toilet paper, 1 roll paper towels or 1 box of tissues

Birthdays & **A**nniversaries

Birthdays

Julie Soulliard	2	David Montgomery	24
Max Radley	3	Christopher Conley	25
Billy Zane	4	Brett Batchelor	26
Katie VanArnam	5	Dean Hager	27
Paula Zane	6	Luke Sturgis	29
Tom Hertfelder	6	Walter Jesuncosky, IV	29
Joe Kucharski, III	8	Shawn Seppanen	30
Myrtle Kille	8		
Steve Ruoff	9		
Steve Ruoff, Jr.	9		
Cass Kyler	10		
Veronica Brodsky	11		
Kristi Corbin	12		
Madison Symington	13		
Patty Conley	17		
Ron Fennimore, Jr.	19		
Estelle MacCulloch	20		
Marty Jacobsen	22		

Anniversaries

Jen & Scott Radley	1
Karen & George Holloway	14
Dot & Charlie Pierce	15
Rachel & John Graham	17
Judy & Steve Parker	24
Tracy & Rob Bradshaw	27



With the Friendly Seniors

time on April 28th. at 12 noon at the Crystal Lake Diner. Won't you come along and join the fun. We'd love to have you. Contact Joan Windston @ 546-6150.



MANY THANKS TO ALL who ordered Tupperware and a special thanks to Sandy Albrecht, Peg Cheney, Barbara Cunane, Darlene Fitzgerald, Carol Jesuncosky, Cheryl Laxton, Marilyn Radley, Anne Simpson, Carol Smith, Carol Tait and Mary Tharan for ordering \$228.50 in Tupperware products for our church kitchen. The stained glass window fund will receive the profit from the party ~ approximately \$152.00.

Carol Tait



Upon entering a little country store, the stranger noticed a sign warning, "Danger! Beware of Dog!" posted on the glass door. Inside he noticed a harmless old hound dog asleep on the floor beside the cash register. "Is that the dog folks are suppose to be aware of" he asked the owner?

"Yep, that's him," came the reply. The stranger couldn't help but be amused. "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post the sign?"

"Because," the owner explained, "Before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

Monthly Assignments

If you are unable to perform your assignment any given week, please call a substitute or your chairperson.

March Ushers

Frank Cunane
Barbara Cunane
Mark VanArman
Ruslana Snyder

April Usher

Tracy Schnyer
Sandy Hook
Chuck Hook
Cheryl Laxton

March Greeters

Sandy Albrecht
Wendy Doughty

April Greeters

Lindsi & Dan Arcaini

March Closers

Chris Fitzgerald

April Closers

Tracy Schnyer

We are in need of counters for July, September, and November, 2010. Also January 2011.

Anyone interested in helping out, please call Sandy Albrecht

@ (856)546 6161. Thank you