

July / August Newsletter



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

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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

Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. Walter Jesuncosky, III, Pastor

Marilyn Radley, Music and Choir Director

Jesse Deal, Pianist

Marge Watson, Organist

Helen Orfe, Nursery

John Bowdoin, Custodian

FROM THE PASTOR July-August 2010



“For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20 NIV

Folks sure get funny ideas about Church. Some think Church is a building. Others say it is a denomination. Some folks are convinced Church is something that happens on Sunday Mornings and, mercifully, ends by noon. Oops! You were “unavailable” for the 8:15 am service? Guess you missed Church! Oh well. I know this is the attitude lots of people have because I’ve heard it time

and again over the years. The problem, as I see it, is we have the wrong idea of Church. I the word “church” has different meanings for different people. Perhaps we need to rethink Church.

First off, “church” (Greek *ekklesia*) means those who are “called out.” These are people called out by God, chosen, or saved. Church is the body of believers. No mention is made of denomination, worship times or styles, clergy or laity. We can stand, sing praises, jump up and down, wave our hands in a storefront mission and still be the Church. We can sit quietly, reverently and sing stately anthems in a well appointed sanctuary and guess who we are? The Church.

The Church does not depend on numbers. God does not delineate between mega-churches, small churches, family churches, house churches, and camp meetings. They are simply places the Church meets. Anyway, didn’t we just read it only takes two or three people to have the presence of Christ? Now that doesn’t mean we ought to make it our goal to have only 2 or 3 people in Worship on Sunday mornings! I would love to see our facility packed. But whether it’s Wednesday or Thursday prayer group, UMW, Youth Group, Supper Club, or Sunday Worship, the church is gathered and Jesus is present and the Church is meeting. Jesus even comes to Church Council and Trustees meetings!

The Church meets at different times for different purposes. Sunday mornings are for worship. Wednesdays Supper Club is for study. Prayer groups provide opportunities to bring our needs to God and listen for His response. Fellowship groups are family gatherings aimed to bring us closer together in Christ. Meetings are designed to help us carry out the ministry God has entrusted to us, that is making disciples for Jesus Christ and all that goes with it. These opportunities for worship and service may differ, but they are all gatherings of the Church.

So as you go through the next few months, I would challenge you to rethink your definition of Church. Take time from your summer activities to be part of the Church. Make an effort to gather with other believers at AUMC or wherever you may be. Worship, pray, witness, fellowship, work, serve. You may go on vacation, but the Church does not. We are always at Jesus beck and call and wherever we go, whatever we do, we are the Church.

Pastor Walt

July/August Meetings and Events

Special Events in July

4 th of July Parade	Saturday	3 rd .	
Mid-Summer Nights	Wednesday	7 th , 21 st , 28 th	6 – 8 PM Covered Dish @ the Parsonage (informal Mid-Week Service)
Vacation Bible School	Mon-Fri	12 th -16 th	

Special Events in August

Mid-Summer Nights	Wednesday	4 th	6 – 8 PM Covered Dish @ the Parsonage (informal Mid-Week Service)
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Regular monthly meetings for July

Trustees	Tuesday	20	Church House	7-8:30 PM
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Regular monthly meetings for August

Trustees	Tuesday	17	Church House	7-8:30 PM
Mission of the Month			Fellowship of Christian Athletes	

Weekly meetings

Prayer Group all but last Wednesday of the month @ 10:00 am in the church House.

Midsummer nights 6 PM – 8 PM – starting June 23rd. continuing through August – covered dish at the parsonage, will be on Wednesday (look for dates above), & will be an informal service.

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 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary.
Cheney Handbell Choir, Sunday after service when announced.

Offerings: Applications for Electronic Giving are in the Narthex and on the church website. Please give or send the completed form to Sandy Albrecht.



A LITTLE TALK WITH GOD

HELLO!

God, I called tonight to talk a little while. I need a friend who'll listen to my anxiety and trial. You see, I can't quite make it through a day just on my own...I need your love to guide me, so I'll never feel alone. I want to ask you please to keep my family safe and sound. Come and fill their lives with confidence for whatever fate they're bound. Give me faith, Dear God, to face each hour throughout the day, and not worry over things, I can't change in any way. I thank you God for being home and listening to my call, for giving me such good advice when I stumble and fall. Your number, God, is the only one that answers every time. I never get a busy signal, never had to pay a dime. So thank you, God for listening to my troubles and my sorrow. Good night, God, I love You too, and I'll call again tomorrow!

Psalm 37:7-9

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.



Shut-in of the Month of July: Gerry Gosk, 520 Collings Ave. Collingswood, NJ 08107.

Shut-in of the Month of August: Florence Watts, Collingswood Manor, 460 Haddon Ave., Apt. 307, Collingswood, NJ 08108.

Please keep Gerry and Florence in your prayers and let them know they are in your thoughts by sending them a card.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"Hero's Headquarters"

Monday, July 12th thru Friday July 16th. from 6-8 PM. A place for children to learn from Jesus' example, that they too, can be everyday Heroes. In order to make this year for VBS a success, we need your help. Below is a list of help needed:

VBS 2010

Positions needed

- Class room assistants
- Decorating coordinators
- Class room teacher assistants (3)
- Puppeteer (?)
- Registration table people
- Supply coordinator
- General volunteers

(We have no problem finding something for you to do)

VBS GAMES- SUPPLIES NEEDED

Beach balls

Hula Hoops

Balls- Lightweight, all sizes

Noisemakers

Pom Poms

Birdseed

5 Buckets

Empty spray bottles

Kiddies Pool

Water Toys

Fish Crackers

3 bags (Large) popped popcorn

Super Soakers

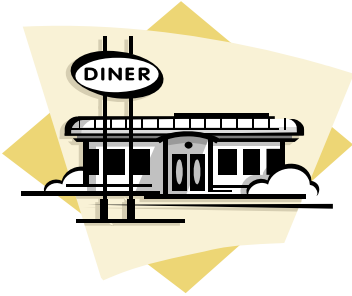
120 empty soda cans

Items needed July 11- will be returned after July 16th. Contact Carol Jesuncosky



Newsletter deadline is August 8th.

Don't delay what you can do today! Get it done early and off your mind.



Out to lunch with the Friendly Seniors

On July 28th and August 25th at 12 noon at the Crystal Lake Diner. Won't you come along and join the fun? We'd love to have you. Please contact Joan Windston.



Food Pantry for July

- A-F paper (1 pkg. toilet paper, 1 roll paper towels, or 1 box of tissues)
- G-R 2 cans of veggies
- S-Z 2 can of soup

Food Pantry for August

- A-F 2 cans of veggies
- G-R 2 cans of soup
- S-Z paper (1 pkg. toilet paper, 1 roll paper towels, or 1 box of tissues)



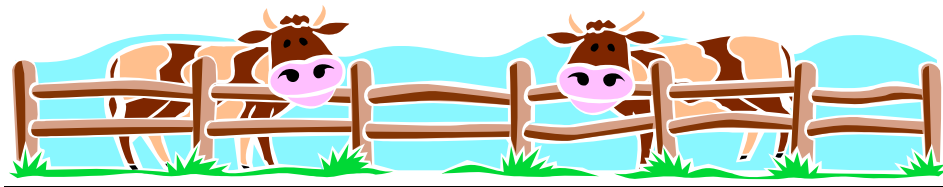
FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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 Sandy Albrecht or Carol Tait and let them know that you would like to give to the "Capital Campaign".



EAT MORE CHICK, PLEEEASE

CHICK- FIL- A

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night: Thursday July 1st. and August 4th. From 4-7PM. Take a night off from cooking and enjoy dinner and fellowship with fellow church members/friends. A portion of the proceeds will come to the church. Be sure to tell them you are there from AUMC-and while you're at it, invite your neighbors and friends to go too!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETINGS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

October 4th Monday @ 7:30 Meeting in fellowship Hall.

November 8th.Monday 7:30 Ingathering in fellowship Hall, Bethel church providing entertainment.

December 4th. Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Christmas Bazaar, Fellowship Hall.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July Birthdays

Lauri MacMinn	1
Peggy Lauk	2
Scott Radley, Jr.	2
Steven Crea	3
Jaclyn Lowden	4
Carol Jesuncosky	5
Jen Carter/ Sammut	5
Peggy Cheney	6
Rebecca Messer	6
Fern Montesano	8
Lyn Radley	8
Kayleigh Fishwick	9
Diane Stanley	10
Judith Harvey	13
Nick Hemmerle	16
Tracey Barrowman	17
Andy Burrough	18
Emma Rittman/Sargent	20
Crystal Makuszewski	22
Sadie Hager	22
Ron Fennimore	23
Tyler Stanley	23
John McClosky	24
Samuel Tait, Jr.	24
Dominick Tahmasebi	28
Morgan Makuszewski	29
Steffanie Ruoff	30
Peggy Schnyer	31

July Anniversaries

Carol & Samuel Tait	1
Elaine & Bill Soulliard	2
Barbara & James Nachtrieb	9
Marion & Fred Kreckmann	19
Kathleen & John Bowdoin	26
Lindsi & Dan Arcaini	27

August Birthdays

Rebecca Ruoff	3
Don Lauk	5
Linda Rizzo	5
Alexander Strickland	9
Rob Bradshaw	9
Marissa Whiteley	10
Andrew Conley	11
Mary Tharan	11
Sam Radley	12
Mary Bundick	15
Don Reiter, Jr.	16
Andrew Smith	17
Ken Sturgis	17
Norma Albrecht	17
Peg Keel	17
Elsie Reiter	22
Jean Stephens	22
Jilian Beetle	24
Tara Small	24
Veronica Walker	24
Brianna Schuehler	26
Mark VanArnam	31

August Anniversaries

Gail & Norma Lore	1
Laurie & Tim Bouch	2
Peggy & Don Lauk	2
Estelle & George MacCulloch	24



Dear Rev. Dr. Walter Jesuncosky, III and your congregation,

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for your support and prayers for my son, SPC Mark Robert Sparlin, who is serving in the U. S. army, 82nd Airborne Infantry Division in Iraq. He is currently serving a second term and is expected to return home sometime in August of this year. Also, I would like to thank my cousin, Barbara Cunane, who had informed me of your congregation's constant vigil of prayers extended to him as well as to other servicemen and women for their safe return home from the war. And most importantly for this war to end soon!

On behalf of my son, myself and my family, I would like to thank all of you.

God bless,

Sincerely yours,

Carol Ann Bittmann Sparlin.



Calling all *women of faith* to attend the Women of
Faith Conference
"OVER THE TOP"

Date: September 10-11, 2010 at the Wachovia Center

Times: Friday: 10 AM to 3:30 PM and 7-9:30 PM

Saturday: 9-4

Car pools will be available.

Box lunches for both days included in the low price of \$89!

If you can't go both days, split the ticket and price with a friend!

Payment of \$89 due to Elaine Soulliard by June 27th (546-8864).

Please make checks out to Audubon United Methodist Church.

Meet Po-Yen

Po-Yen was born in 2001 and lived with his parents until they separated in 2004. The father took custody of his son until June of 2008, when the father died. Po-Yen's uncle took him into his family and kept him until December 2009. The uncle's family did not accept him and couldn't tolerate his behavior (Po-Yen was diagnosed with ADHD), which worsened after his father's death.



Academically, Po-Yen is above average in most subjects, and he learns best with one-on-one instruction. He is observant and very curious. Po-Yen loves to explore the environment and objects but often breaks things. His teacher says that he is well-behaved at school and has good interaction with his peers, but he tends to be distracted. His language and comprehension

is good. Po-Yen often likes to help with the chores, but he doesn't always do a good job.

Po-Yen needs a patient family who will structure his activities and use lots of praise. A family must travel to the country and stay nearly a week.

- **Contact** Bethany about adopting Po-Yen.
- **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.

We Want To Hear From You!

If you have already adopted, we want to hear your ideas about the ongoing support and education services you are most interested in.

- *Would you like to attend a class about how to ensure that siblings feel cared for when a new brother or sister is added to the family?*
- *How about meeting other adoptive parents and hearing how they talk to their child about adoption?*
- *Do you need referrals to counselors, pediatricians, or other professionals in your community who "get" adoption?*

Then please take our [online survey](#) today and give us your ideas!

The survey is for adoptive parents, birthparents, and grown-up adoptees, so share the link with others you know who are involved in adoption, even if they used an attorney or an agency other than Bethany. We value everyone's opinion.

You will not be asked for identifying information, and your input will help us develop the services that best meet your needs.

Are You A Bethany Fan?

Show your support! [Become a fan](#) on Bethany Christian Services' Face book page. Get the latest news, events, and information and connect with other Bethany fans all in one place.



Could You Be A Bethany Prayer Warrior?

Would you like to pray for the fatherless, the unloved, and the unwanted? Then please consider becoming a Bethany Prayer Warrior!

If you are committed to prayer and want to receive weekly or monthly e-mails regarding children who need families, then please join us!

Prayer Warriors are asked to pray:

- For Bethany to find brave, loving, qualified families to adopt the more than 300 children with special needs who are waiting for a family.
- That finances will never stand in the way of an adoption.
- For the children who will never be adopted. May someone come into their lives who will love and care for them.

On behalf of the children, we thank you!

[Become a Prayer Warrior](#)



**Due to the “Fourth of July” holiday,
the church office will be closed on
Monday, July 5th.**

Monthly Assignments

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

June Ushers

Dan Arcaini
Lindsi Arcaini
Sam Arcaini
Chris Fitzgerald

July Ushers

Frank Cunane
Barbara Cunane
Mark Van Arnam
Ruslana Snyder

June Greeters

George & Estelle MacCulloch

July Greeters

Carol Jo Fennimore

June Closers

Ruslana Snyder

July Closers

Pat Mace

June Counters

Scott Radley
Lyn Radley
Peg Cheney
Robert Fonash
Anita Fonash

July Counters

Barbara Hertfelder
Joan Windston
Mike Stanley
Mark Van Arnam
Karen Holloway