

May 2010 Newsletter



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

**May Newsletter is sponsored by: Mary Tharan,
“In loving memory of her mother, Evelyn Tharan”.**

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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—May 2010

“I have become all things to all people that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.” 1 Corinthians 9:22b-23 NIV

What are we willing to do to reach people for Jesus Christ? If you are like me, you have a “comfort zone.” In the Christian faith and church, this is usually a place that is familiar, reassuring, and safe. It often has great tradition and fond memories attached. When I go to this place, I get the “warm fuzzies.” The comfort zone is a nice place to be. Where is your comfort zone? Where is **our** comfort zone as a church? The problem with comfort zones is we can get so comfortable we forget to move out and accept new challenges. Our comfort zones may have little or no meaning to others. We can be safe and secure in our comfort zone and isolated from the outside world which is changing around us. This also means we can easily lose sight of what we have been called to do which is “make disciples.” Sure, if someone wants to enter our comfort zone, we will welcome them and hope they enjoy the zone as much as we do. But Paul had a different idea.

Paul embodied the idea of moving outside one’s comfort zone. Remember, he was a devout Jew, a Pharisee, a religious leader from good stock. He was even a “seminary graduate!” But one day Jesus appeared in the midst of Paul’s comfort zone. Paul was challenged to tell people... Jews, Gentiles, men, women, slaves and free about the risen Christ and the new life he offers to all. Paul was quite set in his ways, comfortable with the status quo and then Jesus turned his world upside down. That’s what Jesus does to us if we take his call in our lives and church seriously. Like the Apostle, we will be challenged to “become all things to all people” so folks might be saved. Are we willing to follow Paul’s lead?

Here are some points to consider. What are our comfort zones and have they become sacred cows that keep us from making disciples? What are the needs of those around us and how can we meet those needs? What is God calling **me** to do to reach the non-religious or marginally religious? The answers may surprise you, even shock you. God may want you to talk to people you don’t understand and little in common with. That’s okay; Jesus wants them in the family, too. You may have to look at worship differently from music styles to worship times and venues. Horrors! You may be called to work with youth even though you “hate kids!” Don’t let your comfort zone become private club (or even a place of exile) that keeps you locked up and others out. If our goal as Christians and as the Church of Jesus Christ is to share the blessings of the Gospel, then our comfort should be found in the knowledge we are in the center of God’s will and plan for winning the world for him!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walt Jesuncosky" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pastor Walt Jesuncosky

May Meetings and Events

Special Events

Audubon Auxiliary	Tuesday	11 th	Fellowship Hall	12:00 AM
Supper Club	Wednesday	5 th & 12 th	Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
Planning Meeting	Saturday	8 th .	Conover parlor	10:00 AM
Flea Market	Saturday	15	Church	8:00 am-2:00 pm
Pizza & Movie	Saturday	15	Fellowship Hall	Dinner 6 PM Movie &

Regular monthly meetings for May

Koffee Klatch	Sunday	16	Fellowship Hall	9:15 am
Trustees	Tuesday	18	Church House	7-8:00 PM
Finance Mtg.	Tuesday	25	Church House	6:45 PM
Church Council	Tuesday	25	Conover Parlor	7:30 PM

Weekly meetings

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

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.

Some upcoming news for June

Children's Day June 13th.

Edith Ward's Piano Recital @ 3:00 June 19

Father's Day June 20th



Newsletter deadline is May 9th.

Racing against time? Get it done early and off your mind



Methodist Women's auxiliary's luncheon will be on May 11th. in the Audubon United Methodist Church from 12 until 2. All are welcome.



With the Friendly Seniors

On May 26th. 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.



Shut-in of the Month

Bertha Hand, 12800 Spruce Tree Way, Apt. 119
Raleigh, NC 27614



Food Pantry

A-F 2 veggies

G-R 2 cans of soup

S-Z paper

* Paper- 1 pkg. toilet paper, 1 role 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

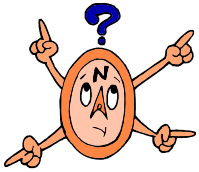
If you would like to contribute to the "Building and Major Repairs Fund through electronic giving, see Sandy Albrecht or Carol Tait and let them know that you would like to give to the "Capital Campaign".

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 4 Saturday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Christmas Bazaar, Fellowship Hall

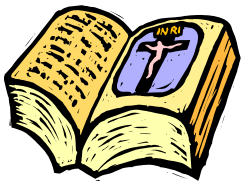


Lost your patience? Blame the microwave oven!

I believe the microwave oven is one of the greatest inventions of all time. Because of it we don't have to wait the 45 minutes it would take to cook our frozen meal in a conventional oven; we can heat it in a microwave oven in just a few minutes. However, the microwave may have single-handedly destroyed any shot we had at patience!

And if we're honest, much of our world is microwaveable-quick and easy-and when something isn't quick and easy, we usually dismiss it as a burden we don't have the patience for the slow-cooked, but haven't you realized that it is always better? Wait upon the Lord and He will direct your journey. No microwave here!

By Hubert P.Harriman.



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 21st. to Sunday, May 23rd. (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.

**AUDUBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL FLEA MARKET
TO BENEFIT GENERATIONS YOUTH GROUP
AND YOUTH MISSION TRIPS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

****START CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS, DRAWERS,
ATTICS AND BASEMENTS,
AND BRING US YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS!****

**DROP OFF DATES WILL BE:
SUNDAY APRIL 25 AND SUNDAY MAY 2
AFTER CHURCH UNTIL 1:00
WEDNESDAY MAY 5 AND WEDNESDAY MAY 12
7:30-8:30**

OTHER DROP-OFF TIMES CAN BE ARRANGED IF NECESSARY

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO DONATED BAKED GOODS FOR THE BAKE SALE.
WE WILL ALSO NEED ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SET-UP ON FRIDAY NIGHT
STARTING AT 6:30.**

**PLEASE CONTACT PAULA ZANE
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE BAKED GOODS
OR HELP WITH SET-UP!!**

pita@zaneys.com

856-217-1839

****THE YOUTH GROUP WILL ALSO BE HOLDING A CAR WASH DURING THE FLEA
MARKET, SO COME ON OUT AND GET YOUR CAR WASHED BEFORE OR AFTER
YOU GO SHOPPING!!!**



EAT MORE CHICK, PLEEEASE

CHICK- FIL- A

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night: Thursday May 6th 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!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Lauren Fitzgerald	2
Tyler Sargent	2
Michael Small	6
Christy Inverso	8
Dan Goslin	8
Danny Goslin	8
Florence Sowders	9
Kim Williams	9
Brianna Rizzo	10
Judy Parker	11
Jennifer O'Toole	12
John Graham	12
Brenna Ruoff	14
Pat Gibbons	14
Greg Mitman	15
Bertha Hand	16
Cyrus Tahmasebi	16
Gwen Wylde	19
Corrine Ruoff/Wilton	20
Emmett Watson	20
Nikole Zane	20
Raymond Thorne	20
Bill Makuszewski	22

Jesse Deal	22
Cara Gaehring	25
Carole Sturgis	26
Hannah Foremny	26
Nick Foremny	26
Ashley Schnyer	27
Emma Wine	29
Jessy Mannion	29
Albert Ruoff, III	30
Marge Watson	30
Kessie Farnath	31

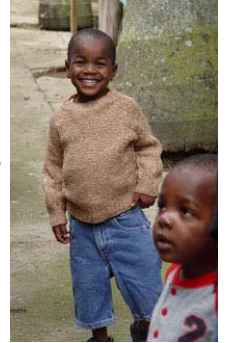
Anniversaries

Anne & Bill Simpson	13
Lauri & Lee MacMinn	17
Cara & Matt Gaehring	19
Jeanne & Mark Knight	28
Darlene & Chris Fitzgerald	30
Elsie & Don Reiter, Jr.	31

HAITI RELIEF AND RECOVERY

Bethany has been called to care for the children of Haiti. The massive devastation from the earthquake on January 12 has left orphans clamoring for basic needs. Thousands of children are now orphaned, and many children are at risk of becoming orphaned. In the midst of this desperate and hopeless situation, we are called to present the hope of Christ.

We thank all who have already prayed and donated financially. You are helping us meet the vital needs of the children of Haiti and provide families with temporary and long-term care. We have received more than \$300,000 in donations and have begun to put some of that money to good use in the following ways:



- Contributed financially to **God's Littlest Angels** orphanage to provide food, clothing, and general supplies for the children
- Contributed financially to **Foundation Enfants Jesus** orphanage for food, clothing, and general supplies for the children
- Contributed financially to **Rays of Hope**, a U.S.-based organization that ships basic supplies to Haiti
- Contributed financially to the **Foundation Enfants Jesus** orphanage to fund one full year of their Sewing Project to help women learn an income-generating skill that will enable them to support their children rather than bring them to an orphanage for care
- Partnering with other organizations to supply medical equipment for U.S. doctors in Haiti. Partners include: Spectrum Health; Partners In Health; Orthopaedic Associates of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Amway Global; Steelcase; Double Harvest Clinic in Haiti; and Anesthesia Medical Consultants in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Currently, we are interviewing candidates for a new Bethany lead staff position in Haiti. The majority of the funds raised thus far will help us launch an **International Sponsorship** program (to help parents in Haiti continue to care for their children) and **community-based services** that may include localized foster care.

Adoption Information

If you have expressed an interest in opening your home to a child from Haiti, we greatly appreciate your care and concern. We are truly overwhelmed by the quick and generous response from our Bethany families and supporters. It is a blessing to know that there are so many people willing to open their hearts and homes to care for these children.

For more information about adopting a child from Haiti, please visit www.bethany.org/haiti. If you feel called to adopt a child from Haiti or any other country, please fill out the *free* Preliminary Adoption Application at www.bethany.org/prelim.

To learn more about how you can help the children of Haiti, please watch the "Haiti & Beyond" (38-minute national webinar). You will learn more about the future of Haiti adoptions and multiple ways you can help Haiti's orphans and other orphans around the world. [Haiti & Beyond Webinar](#) 📺

Donations Still Needed

We continue to welcome your financial donations that will help the children of Haiti. Their needs are so urgent and unprecedented that we ask you to consider making a gift *above* your current commitment to Bethany's ministry. Your gift to our mission will save and improve lives.

Smell the flowers

I'll count the kind deeds done today instead of hurts that come my way. I'll catch the sunbeams on my sill and let the clouds move as they will. I'll listen to a trilling note, I'll nod and smile at passersby and not give in to thoughts that cry. I smell the flowers as they bloom. within, without my living room. I'll watch the children near the gate and let their freedom compensate. I'll count the health I know today and find tomorrow-as it may...Because my hope and joy shall be The love of Christ, who strengthens me.

By, Roxie Lush Smith

The Path to a Dream

The path to a dream is paved with sacrifices and lined with determination..

And though it has many stumbling blocks along the way and may go in more than one direction, it is marked with faith.

It is traveled by belief and courage, persistence and hard work.

It is conquered with a willingness to face challenges and take chances, to fail and try again and again.

Along the way, you have to confront doubts, setbacks, and unfairness.

But when the path comes to an end, you will find that there is no greater joy than making your dream come true.

By, Barbara Cage.

Monthly Assignments

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

April Usher

Tracy Schnyer

Sandy Hook

Chuck Hook

Cheryl Laxton

May Usher

Robert Fonash

Ron Fennimore

Jim Barrett

Raymond Thorne

April Greeters

Lindsi & Dan Arcaini

May Greeters

Peggy & Tracy Schnyer

April Closers

Tracy Schnyer

May Closers

Bill Makuszewski

April Counters

Robert Kondras

Barbara Kondras

Ruslana Snyder

Pat Mace

Kim Williams

May Counters

Frank Slattery

Jim Toliver

Coleen Makuszewski

Raymond Thorne

Jim Barrett

Memorial Day

And I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free, And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me; And I'll proudly stand next to him to defend her still today, Cuz there ain't no doubt I love this land, "GOD BLESS THE USA"

(Lee Greenwood)



Memorial Day remembers those who died serving the United States military.

Background

Memorial Day started as an event to honor Union soldiers, who had died during the American Civil War. It was inspired by the way people in the Southern states honored their dead. After World War I, it was extended to include all men and women, who died in any war or military action. Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. The current name for this day did not come into use until after World War II. Decoration Day and then Memorial Day used to be held on May 30, regardless of the day of the week, on which it fell. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed as part of a move to use federal holidays to create three-day weekends. This meant that that, from 1971, Memorial Day holiday has been officially observed on the last Monday in May. However, it took a longer period for all American states to recognize the new date.

Memorial Day Reflections

Memorial Day is a good time to reflect on the sacrifices and services of the American soldiers and veterans and the U.S. military men and women. The American military is, has always been, and will always recruit the best and finest of the crop of young men and women of the country, and we will continue to shower them with appreciation, support and prayers, as we have always done. Memorial Day is just an opportunity for us to express the special places they have in the hearts of American citizens and more by honoring the people who work in the various branches of the military.

The horrific tragedy of September 11, 2001, has stirred all and reawakened the spirit of patriotism in all hearts and unity and oneness binds all Americans in a special bond. The words "United We Stand" and "God Bless America" still hold the power to stir our hearts on this very special day. Let the feelings of true patriotism and love for all those who have risked their lives for the sake of America show by putting up American flags in front of your houses, have parties with patriotic themes to honor military and ex-military men and women in your neighborhood and community. It is a good idea to coax them into telling more about their experiences with the military and on the warfront and you may get an opportunity to hear some exceptional real tales that you may have not even imagined about.

