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

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February newsletter is sponsored by,

Jean & John Campbell "in loving memory of loved ones".

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

Meetings and Events for February

Regular Monthly Meetings For February

Koffee Klatch	Sunday	17 th	Fellowship Hall	9:15 AM
Trustees	Tuesday	19 th	Church House	7:00 PM
Church Council	Tuesday	26 th	Conover Parlor	7:30 PM
Finance meeting	Tuesday	26 th	Church House	6:45 PM
Friendly Senior's Luncheon, Wednesday the 27 th 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.

Newsletter deadline is February 10th.

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



Shut-in of the Month

Laura McCauley, 12 Eleventh Ave., Haddon Hts., NJ 08035.

Please remember Laura 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 2 cans of veggies

G-R Please bring 2 cans of soup

S=Z Please bring Paper products

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



With the Friendly Seniors

time on February 27th. at 12 noon at the Crystal Lake Diner. Won't you come along and join the fun. We'd love to have you.

irthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Kevin Cunane	1
Jennifer Tait	2
Kelly Bowdoin	4
Barbara Hertfelder	5
Chris Stanley	6
Abigail Graham	11
Anthony O'Toole	12
Edward Smith	12
Andrea Crea	18
George MacCulloch	19

Lori Ryan	23
Kyle Fanelli	24
Christy Schnyer	25
George Holloway	27
Kurt Cunane	29

Anniversaries

Melissa & Frank Foremny	24
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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”.



Here is Mark Sparlin’s address. Mark is Emery’s grandson for those of you who may not know who he is. A card, note of thanks, or little goodie box goes a long way when you are away from home. This is Mark’s second tour, busted up leg and all. If you opt for a goodie box, leave time at the post office to fill in a form. The military wants to know what is in the box. Mailing cost are pretty cheap.

**SPC Mark Sparlin
ACO., 2/504th PIR
APO AE 09396**

January 2010

Meet Daphnee and Melissa

Daphnee was born in Haiti on June 15, 1999. She has been in English school for two years and is doing well. She is described as an average student with a pleasant personality. Daphnee is a follower, not a leader, and she struggles with her studies.

Melissa was born on December 23, 1997, and has also been in English school for two years. She is bright and helpful and loves to be part of any project. Melissa is friendly but keeps her emotions close to her heart. She is HIV-positive, and her health is closely monitored. There is no need for HIV medications at this time.

These sisters want to be adopted together, so please pray that a family will come forward.

Adoptive parents will need to make two trips to Haiti: one for two to three days and one for three to five days. Bethany's fees for the Home Study, administrative work, and post-placement services vary from state to state. The Haiti fee for adopting two children is \$20,000. There is a grant available from Brittany's Hope for \$7,500 to offset the costs of adoption. Applicants may also be eligible for a grant from Bethany's Caring Connection Fund.

- [Contact](#) Bethany about adopting Daphnee and Melissa.
- [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

Champions for Children

Many people would like to see their church do more to care for orphans, but they are not sure what to do. Champions for Children is a program that Bethany uses to educate and engage churches in the orphan crisis. Some churches choose to do simple things, from sponsoring children financially or praying for specific children. Others choose to develop organized ministries that promote adoption and orphan care. Whether your church is large or small doesn't matter, we are all called to care for orphans, and the Champions for Children program can help you and your church.

- [Contact](#) Johnny Carr for more information
- [Browse](#) the Champions for Children website

Make a Difference Through International Sponsorship

Artur was born in Ukraine in 2004. Both of his parents grew up in orphanages and were determined that their son would never have to experience the stigma and pain that they have gone through as orphans.

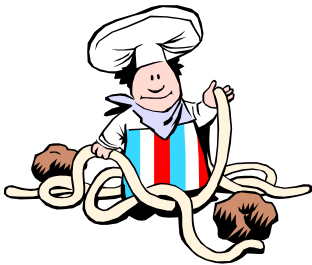
After putting themselves through school, his parents continue to suffer the stigma that is tied to life in an orphanage. They are the last to receive job opportunities and are viewed as second-class citizens. Fortunately, Artur has never had to experience life in an orphanage. Through Bethany's International Sponsorship program, he and his parents are receiving the support they need to stay together and to plan for their future.

[Learn more about sponsoring an international child](#)

Earthquake Strikes Haiti Tues. January 12, 2010

Please put the people of Haiti in your thoughts and prayers...they already have plenty of challenges in their daily life.....they did not need or deserve another sucker punch, which is exactly what they got today.

Kathi and Craig Juntunen
Chances for Children



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, February 27th.

2 seatings available: 5:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Tickets: \$10.00 Adults & \$5.00 Children

Menu: Salad, fresh rolls, spaghetti, & dessert.

For more information, please call Ruslana @ 856-547-4361 or Barry @ 856-573-9743

From the Pastor–February 2010

*...I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. **Choose life** so that you and your descendants may live,²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors... Deut. 30:19-20 NRSV*

Life is all about choices. God has given us free will to make decisions. Some choices are good and some are bad. The effects of our choices will often be felt for years to come. When it comes to our Christian faith those choices have eternal consequences. We have entered a new year. I would not be surprised to learn that many have made New Year's Resolutions. You started off with good intentions by deciding to lose weight, spend less, work harder, get more rest, be a better person, be more forceful, make life and health changes, give more, watch less TV, get more exercise...the list goes on and on. By the time you read this many of your resolutions have been broken. "I was planning on walking each day for exercise, but it's been sooooo cold!" "I was dieting, but that canoli looked really good." "I was planning on giving more to charity, but things are tight." It's easy to get side tracked despite the best of intentions.

The other day I received this from list from United Methodist Communications as suggested resolutions for Christians in the New Year. I think they are great choices; I hope you will agree. I added some quotes to illustrate the points...

Pray throughout the day. To quote Thomas a' Kempis "Your tardiness in turning to prayer is the greatest obstacle to heavenly consolation..."

Attend church regularly. Remember, "Seven days without church makes one *WEAK*"

Volunteer; do not wait for someone to recruit you. "Paul Revere earned his living as a silversmith. But what do we remember him for? His *volunteer* work. All activism is volunteering in that it's done above and beyond earning a living and deals with what people really care passionately about. Remember, no one gets *paid* to rebel. All revolutions start with volunteers." Susan J. Ellis

Spend more time with family and friends. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21. This applies to all things we value as important in our lives.

Participate in church mission. "Christ alone can save the world, but Christ cannot save the world alone." -- David Livingston

These are resolutions we can live with, but more importantly use to bring life to others through Christ. Choose life!

Blessings,

Pastor Walt



Dear Greeter,

I want to “Thank YOU” for being willing to be a greeter for the Audubon United Methodist Church. No matter how small the job, we are still serving the Lord. This service allows people to see how warm and friendly we are.

If you should not be able to fulfill your duty for whatever reason, please notify me so I can be sure to contact one of our alternates, or take it upon yourself to call one of our friends below. Thank you for serving.

**Barbara Cunane
742-0850**



Dear Members and Friends of Audubon United Methodist Church,

I want to thank you for the kind and generous Love Gift I received on Christmas Eve. It has indeed been a special blessing to me to have had the privilege of serving the Lord through music here in Audubon.

I pray that the coming year will be one of good health, rich blessings, and active service for our Lord and Savior.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and kindness at Christmas and always.

**In Christian Love,
Marge Watson**

“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	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 Bethal Church providing entertainment
December 4th	Saturday 9am – 2pm	Christmas Bazaar in basement of Church and Fellowship Hall

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Mission of the Month: Kid's Alley

Kid's Alley is an after school ministry to the children of Camden. The ministry offers kids a place to go after school, where they receive homework help, snacks, fellowship, love and support. They also offer kids various activities on Saturday. Many of the children are members of the Kid's Alley Choir. The director of Kid's Alley, Rev. Vivian Tan will share more about this vital ministry on February 21 at the 10:45 service. We are making plans to have the Choir come perform for us one evening later this year.



EAT MORE CHICK, PLEEEASE

CHICK- FIL- A

AUMC Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, Thursday, February 4, 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, and while you're at it, invite your neighbors and friends to go too!
Souper Bowl Sunday: February 7, 2010.



As we have in the past several years, we will enjoy a luncheon after second service on Sunday, February 7th. Come enjoy several varieties of homemade soups. This is a mission project to help make us mindful of those who don't always have enough to eat. We will enjoy soup and fellowship. We ask that you plan to bring an offering that will be donated to a food ministry. Watch the bulletin for the particulars.. If you would like to bring a pot of soup to share, please contact Linda Holonia at lhlonia@yahoo.com or see her in church.

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