

# Audubon United Methodist Church

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## October, 2015 Newsletter

### Sunday Worship Opportunities:

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Service
- 9:00 AM Church School for all ages
- 10:30 AM Traditional Service

### From the Pastor:

*"I thank my God every time I remember you."*

*Philippians 1:3 NIV*

It doesn't seem possible, but my family and I are starting our 15<sup>th</sup> year in Audubon. You have helped us raise our children, celebrated with us at graduations, wept with us through the passing of our parents, prayed for us through crises and illness. There are so many things we are grateful for during our time at AUMC. But I would like to take this



opportunity to say a big thank you for the support of our church family as our son Walter enters the United States Coast Guard.

You have been his youth leaders and Sunday School teachers. You have watched him in the marching band, seen him swim for high school and college teams, and followed his tennis matches. The AUMC family has watched Walter graduate college and find employment in several businesses. Now he is following the dream that has percolated inside of him since high school days, joining the Coast Guard.

As a dad, I am naturally concerned about what could be a dangerous profession if he is able to attain his goal of being a rescue swimmer (you know, the crazy guys who jump out of perfectly good helicopters into a stormy ocean to rescue people... as in the film "The Guardian"). But as Walter is quick to point out, "Dad, you try to save people, I just will do it in a different way."

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***Our Doors are always open!***

**Our Church Building is Handicap Accessible.**

Elevator access to the sanctuary and the lower level can be found on the Graisbury Ave. side entrance. Handicapped parking is available on Graisbury and also in the rear of the church house.



***The October Newsletter is presented by the Fidelis Class in loving memory of those no longer with us.***

### Meetings and Events

- Oct. 6 Special Budget meeting – Church House
- Chick-fil-A Fundraiser 5-8 PM Audubon
- Oct. 7 Supper Club begins in Fellowship Hall
- Oct. 13 7:30 PM Church Council Conover Parlor
- Oct. 18 Pumpkin Festival 1-3 PM
- Deadline for November Newsletter—send to Marilyn Radley [smradley@verizon.net](mailto:smradley@verizon.net)
- Oct. 20 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting
- Oct. 25 Laity Sunday

### Weekly Meetings:

Mondays: **Seekers** (7-8 PM) Conover Parlor  
**Men's Prayer Group** 7 PM at the Arcaini's AA (7:30-8:30 PM) Adult Assembly Room

Wednesdays:

**Chancel Choir** rehearsals 7:30 PM

Sundays: **Young Adult Bible Study** 5:30 PM  
Downstairs Lounge

### Church Office Hours

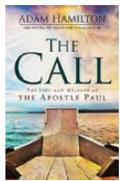
Monday	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

### Call to Worship!



Over the years our church bell has been heard for blocks around as its ring invited all to come and join in Sunday worship. We are ringing our bell again! On Sunday mornings at 10:25 AM, listen for our church bell sounding across our community announcing that Audubon United Methodist Church is open to all to come and fellowship with us.

## Supper Club begins Wednesday, Oct. 7th



The theme is *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* by Adam Hamilton. Join us at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Pot Luck dinner - bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome!

## Bible 102 will begin Oct. 18th.

This Sunday morning study will focus on King David and his son Solomon. It is entitled, “*Learning How to Handle Blessings and Chastenings.*”

## Cheney Handbell Choir



Rehearsals resume Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> following 10:30 AM service. All you “ding-a-lings” are invited back to play. Please let Lyn know if you are NOT able to play this year. [smradley@verizon.net](mailto:smradley@verizon.net)

## Children's Sunday School classes.

All children and teens will meet their teachers in the Hoffman Room before going to their classroom.

**Older children** will have a new program this year. *Faith Foundations* will focus on 3 pillars of our faith --God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Each lesson will use Scripture, and hands-on activities.

**Younger children** will enjoy Veggie Tales video clips combined with Bible based lessons of Scripture and arts and crafts.



## **Children's Choir!**

Join in, sing and make a Joyful Noise!

## Fidelis Christian Education Class for Women

The first Sunday in September we started a new year of lessons. For this quarter, September through November, our theme is “The Christian Community Comes Alive”. These lessons are from the book of Acts showcasing how the early church started and grew after Christ’s crucifixion. Whether living within the historic boundaries of the holy land or elsewhere in the Roman Empire, Jews of the first century AD had been influenced by Greco-Roman culture for centuries. As Jews became Christians, they brought those influences with them into the church. Four social units seem to have been

particularly influential in the development of the church’s community life.

1. The Household – This was the primary social unit in the Roman world and generally included 3 generations, and when considering servants, different social classes. The senior male was legally responsible for everyone. The early churches met in the households.
2. The Synagogue – The first Christians were Jews and therefore accustomed to gathering in the synagogue for weekly meetings. It was centered on group prayer, study of Scripture, and worship.
3. The Societies – Voluntary societies were a feature of Roman social life. Clubs formed around common religious and commercial interest. As Gentiles who had participated in these clubs joined the church as Christians, they brought a strong sense of mission, loyalty, and mutual support.
4. The School – This refers to small groups of people dedicated to study and practice of the teachings of an intellectual figure.

Drawing from these four influential units, we see in first-century Christianity a focused community with emphasis on the family of believers, meetings for worship, a sense of common purpose, and a dedication to the teaching of Jesus. His life and message was the central event in history, and the earliest churches lived that fact in every possible way. For further information please contact Dorothy Groves at 609-405-4134 or by email at [grovesdorothy@gmail.com](mailto:grovesdorothy@gmail.com)

## Note from our Treasurer



If you have bills to submit to the treasurer, please have things organized and collated with the total amount, the account to which it should be billed and who is to be paid or reimbursed. Thanks for your help!

## Stained Glass Window Project

Three more Stained Glass Windows have been repaired. More will be done when the funds are available.



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That's pretty hard to argue with. And the prayerful support of our church family for his decision has been tremendous. I know how much it means to Walter, but it has been a true blessing for Carol and for me. The party, the gift, the cards and the love shown have been wonderful. So let me take this opportunity to send the thanks of the Jesuncoskys to Audubon UMC and say, once again, what a blessing it is for us to be your pastoral family!

*Pastor Walt*

### CROP Walk on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM



The primary news story coming from Europe is the influx of over 400,000 refugees and migrants. They are fleeing war and poverty in Afghanistan, the Middle East and Africa. This has created a great strain on the European Union countries and their governments are slowing down the flow of immigrants through their borders. This will create even more "tent" cities and more pressure to provide for the needs of refugees at these border bottlenecks. We can look away from this European crisis by turning off our TV's or we can follow the words of Jesus written in Matthew 25. He said, *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."* *"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'."*

For years, this church and other neighboring churches have supported the CROP Walk which assists refugees worldwide. CROP is an acronym that stands for Christian Rural Overseas Program and was the first organization to do walks. A portion of the CROP Walk funds are used locally, as well. Won't you consider walking to fight hunger on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 P.M.? Show God's love by donating your time and/or money to this cause. Checks should be made payable to Audubon United Methodist Church and write CROP on the memo line. We'll pre-register and meet at the Logan Memorial Church (White Horse Pike & Merchant St.) at 12:45 P.M. and walk to

Barrington and back with other local churches. If you have any questions, please contact me. Bruce Krout – (609)605-5450 or [bnkrout@gmail.com](mailto:bnkrout@gmail.com)

### Pumpkin Festival Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM

This is a community event and many neighborhood children attend. Volunteers are needed to plan and run this event. Call the office 856-547-6114

### Reminder from the Trustees

When you use the Kitchen, please:

- Wash and put away all the dishes and utensils you used
- Do NOT leave any food on the counters or in the refrigerators. Take it with you.
- If you use kitchen supplies, please replace or notify Ruslana.



### Easy ways to help the church financially

**Boscov's Friends Helping Friends.** AUMC is selling \$5 passes to Boscov's Friends Day. This annual event is on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. This Pass entitles the bearer to 25% off most purchases (10% for restricted items) and participation in a drawing for prizes including a \$500 shopping spree. The church keeps the proceeds from the sale of the passes. See Linda Holonia [lhlonia@yahoo.com](mailto:lhlonia@yahoo.com)

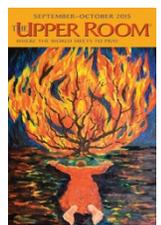
**Scrip Orders** Scrip order forms are now available in the Narthex. Scrip is a gift card purchase program. For every card purchased the church receives a % back. Cards are usually available the Sunday after you order them. See Linda Holonia or email [lhlonia@yahoo.com](mailto:lhlonia@yahoo.com)



**Our Fall Church Conference** is scheduled for Saturday, October 31. It begins 8:45 AM with coffee and a chat with the DS. Then 9:30 AM Worship; 10:00 workshop, and the church conference at 11:30.

### Upper Room Devotional Books

The Sept/Oct issue of the Upper Room is still available by the Graisbury Ave. door. They come in regular and large print editions. Donations appreciated.



## **Victorious Women –UMW**

**November 1--** In honor of Veteran's Day, and the women who answered to the call of duty, the UMW is hosting a ladies luncheon on Sunday, November 1st after the second service. Arlene Baker will be our guest speaker, her topic will be "Women in the Military". Presently, Arlene volunteers as a docent on the Battleship NJ. She has 37 years in education in Gloucester and Haddon Twp, she's a member of Eastern Star and is a past lay leader at Trinity Methodist Church in Gloucester.

Invite a friend, enjoy some lunch, Christian fellowship and learn about the many roles that women have played in the military.

Cheryl Laxton 546-6427 or [cblaxton@aol.com](mailto:cblaxton@aol.com)

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday, Dec. 5th**

It's coming soon! Signs of the approaching Christmas season have been popping up already. Soon we will need to get in gear to prepare for the bazaar. It is a worthwhile project because proceeds from this event help provide financial support for various community and church programs like Project Graduation, Neighborhood Center, Kid's Alley, scholarship and camp funds, the Children's Fresh Air Home and several others.

Planning information to follow soon.....

### **UMW Victorious Women Financial Report**

Bethany Christian Services	\$100
Collingswood Manor	\$250
Children's Fresh Air Home	\$250
I.S.I. – David and Kathy Mannon	\$250
Kid's Alley	\$250
Methodist Hospital	\$100
Neighborhood center	\$250
UMW Central District	\$100
Audubon High Project Grad 2016	\$150
Audubon United Methodist Church	
VBS	\$100
Scholarship fund	\$250
Air conditioning the Parlor	\$1,000
Angels on Wheels	\$100
Camp Fund	\$250
<u>Local Benevolence</u>	<u>\$200</u>
Total Expenditures	\$3,600

### **Liturgists Needed, No Experience**

**Necessary!** Perhaps you would like to do this, but have never been asked. If so, please contact

Dorothy Groves 609-405-4134 or  
[grovesdorothy@gmail.com](mailto:grovesdorothy@gmail.com)

### **Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Tuesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Order dinner from 5-8 PM at Audubon Chick-fil-A and tell the cashier that you are there for Spirit Night. The proceeds will go to assist with Rebekah's legal fund.

### **Please help though "Local Benevolence"**

We are continuing to accept donations toward Rebekah's legal fees. She was awarded custody of Ana by court order this summer. However, when Ana was due to come home, her father would not allow her to come home and made some FALSE allegations of abuse, which prompted the court to give him an emergency order of custody. Now Rebekah must fight this battle in court once again. Neither she nor her family has the funds to retain an attorney, so your donations and prayers are desperately needed and appreciated. If you have questions about the situation feel free to talk to Rebekah. If you have questions about donations please talk to Carol Tait or Pastor Walt. To make a donation, send or drop it off to the church office or put it in an envelope in the offering plate with the words "local Benevolence-RHB" The church will pay the lawyer directly. Please help us bring Anastasia home.

### **October Shut-in of the Month**

Edith Ward  
21 Oakland Ave  
Audubon, NJ 08106

Please keep her in your prayers and let her know she is in your thoughts by sending a card.

### **October Birthdays**

07 Edith Ward  
09 Dorothy Groves  
09 Darlene Fitzgerald  
13 Kaitlyn Ryan  
    Keira Ryan  
16 Bill Simpson  
23 Sarah Gibbons  
24 Virginia Kitchmire

### **October Anniversaries**

12 Lori and Scott Ryan  
17 Barb and Frank Cunane  
22 Peggy and Tracy Schnyer  
24 Barbara and Tom Hertfelder

## **October Communion Offering**

United Methodist Homes

## **October Greeter:**

Carol Tait

## **October Ushers:**

Dan, Lindsy and Sam Arcaini, Chris Fitzgerald

## **October Liturgist:**

Dorothy Groves

## **October Counters:**

Frank and Barbara Cunane

## **October Trustee to open and close church**

Joe Fennimore

## **Prayers – Praise - Thanks**

*Numerous prayer requests have been mentioned or written on prayer cards. Some of them are listed here. Since our newsletter is posted on our website, last names are omitted for privacy.*

*Please contact the office to update any requests you may have made – either answered prayer or no longer needed.*



## **Prayer requests from our weekly bulletins**

- Doug J. (Ef's brother)
- Mike (back pain) & Tyler S.
- Shannon P. (Fitzgerald's niece)
- Beverly F (Chris's mother)
- Anne (Barbara Hertfelder's neighbor)
- Danielle and Samantha (in prison) - Kim
- Nancy E. (friend of Sarah Gibbons)
- Carol and Bill B (friends of Dorothy Groves)
- Carol B (friend of Dorothy Groves)
- Dorothy H/S (friend of Kim Williams)
- Phil S (Carol F)
- Crystal
- Allison K.
- Katie V.
- Mary L.
- Ruslana's father

## **Our Friends with Special Needs**

- Norma A.
- Bill and Kay R.
- Jean S.
- Wyone and Bob B.
- Doris K.
- Myrtle J.
- Gwen E.
- Eleanor T.
- Edith W.
- Ed S.
- Peg L.
- Ronnie W.
- Gerry G.
- Dan A.
- Bertha H.
- Pat M.

## **Prayer Card Requests**

- Lori R for complete healing.

- That Ana will be returned to Rebekah and family
- Estelle M dealing with ulcers
- Jack D recovering from eye surgery
- For those in the military deployed in harm's way
- A friend with stage 4 cancer starting chemo -Joan
- Marge W moved to new home at Wiley
- Barbara H. request prayers for financial and health concerns for her family
- Noah as he recovers from a poisonous snake bite
- Josh, Johnny, and new baby Dominick -Peg K
- Sandy's sister travel and her niece moving
- For the caregivers of those with Alzheimer's, Bob K.'s brother
- Debbie admitted to a psychiatric hospital and her children who are in separate foster homes -Jean W
- Helena in dire need of housing
- Mary B as she finds new living arrangements
- 7 yr old Jason and treatments for bone cancer-Lori
- Jimmy Carter who has cancer, may God bless him
- Chris K. for her upcoming cancer surgery - Sandy
- Please pray for our church--That our leaders would be guided in what issues need to be discussed and that they would have wisdom in all their decisions.
- Mike that he could find treatments that would decrease his severe back pain and other health issues -Diane
- Employment for our son -Jim and Eleanor
- Walter J in basic training - U.S. Coast Guard
- Renee C. - in Fla.-possible surgery needed
- William's Uncle Frankie and sister-death of father
- Heather Baehr's father in hospital w/ stomach pain
- Karen L-C - surgery
- Dorothy G.'s friend Mary P - multiple health problems

## **Praises:**

- Mary T home from rehab
- New granddaughter, Emmeline Marie - Elaine And Bill S

## **Church Staff:**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Walter Jesuncosky, III  
Administrative Assistant: Diane Stanley  
Director of Music: Mia Reich  
Organist: David Reich  
Pianist: Jesse Deal  
Nursery helpers: Holly Fitzgerald,  
Becca VanArnham, Emily Whiteley