

Audubon United Methodist Church

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September, 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: ANGELS NEEDED!

³⁴“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me. ... ⁴⁰“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’ Matthew 25:34-36, 40 NLT

Audubon United Methodist Church needs angels! I'm sure the Lord has his angels looking out for us. But I am talking about folks to be ministering angels to our church and community.



Last winter, the Lord laid on Kim Williams' heart a desire to start a ministry to our community that would help meet the needs of those less fortunate, people who were hungry, hurting, and in need of some good old fashioned Christian compassion. This led to the birth of our Angels Ministry. The Angels are based on scriptural admonitions such as our Matthew passage (see above) and Hebrews 13:2 “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares,” ESV. The ministry has continued to grow since its inception and plans to expand to a food distribution program (SHARE), Angel Tree, transportation for seniors and shut-ins needing a ride to medical services, emergency errands, even small jobs to help those who can't help themselves. Our church will also be a center for information on community assistance in our area already provided by government and helping agencies. So many people just don't realize what is available or where to look.
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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 September Newsletter is presented by Scott and Marilyn Radley in loving memory of their parents, Fred and Marion Kreckmann and Francis and Alfretta Radley.

Meetings and Events

- Sept. 8 6:45 PM Finance Committee-Ch'ch House
7:30 PM Church Council-Conover Parlor
- Sept. 9 Chancel Choir resumes 7:30 in Chancel
- Sept. 15 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting
- Sept. 20 Children's Sunday School Resumes
Children's Choir resumes
Luncheon for Walter IV
Deadline for Oct. Newsletter –send to
Marilyn Radley smradley@verizon.net

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 and 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.

Chancel Choir

 Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:30 pm. Join us!

Special Luncheon September 20th

Walter Jesuncosky IV will be leaving for the U.S. Coast Guard in just a few days. Please join us as we celebrate him and wish him much success! Everyone is invited.



Children's classes will begin on Sunday

Sept. 20th. 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 Veggies Tales video clips combined with Bible based lessons of Scripture and arts and crafts.



Children's Choir Resumes! Join in, sing and make a Joyful Noise!

Fidelis Christian Education Class for Women

The Fidelis Class first started around 1940. Many of our current church members were infants when our mothers attended this class. At the same time our fathers probably belonged to the Men's Gamma Class. On Sunday mornings Mothers often brought their infants with them to the Fidelis Class until the little ones were old enough to attend the preschool classes. The Fidelis Class still meets every Sunday. All women of the church are invited to join us at 9 AM each week in the Chapel on the lower level. Have a new member in the family? Please feel to bring your little one with you. In September we will be starting a new year of lessons. Watch for information on the 2015 – 2016 lesson theme in the October Newsletter. For further information please contact Dorothy Groves at 609-405-4134 or by email at grovesdorothy@gmail.com

Upper Room Devotional Books

The September/October issue of the Upper Room is available by the Graisbury Ave. door. They come in regular and large print editions. A donation please.

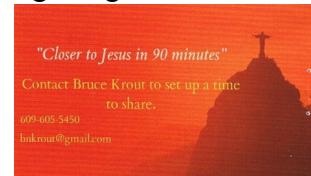
Bible 102 will begin Oct. 18th.

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

Exciting Times!

The last visit by a Pope to Philadelphia seems like yesterday until you hear the date October 3rd, 1979 or that a humorous weather guy by the name of Jim O'Brien was one of the T.V. commentators for the mass on the Ben Franklin Parkway. How did we survive that momentous occasion without the many bridge and road closures that we are anticipating this September? One difference between the two visits is that Pope John Paul II was here one day, not two, and that October 3rd was a Wednesday, not a weekend. One news organization started a 50-day countdown creating extra buzz for Pope Francis' visit.

Many Philadelphians are looking forward to the visit while many others are going into "bunker mode" for the 4-day World Meeting of Families conference. As a fellow Christian I'm excited and believe this Catholic conference and Papal visitation will create good memories for millions of Catholics and for you and me possible opportunities to share our Christian views with friends and relatives. All of this religious talk is bound to get people questioning, thinking and reflecting more about their own beliefs. Let me encourage you to be prepared and ready to respond to comments and questions about your Christian beliefs. May I also remind you about the many education programs available here at Audubon Methodist for adults - including the new Bible 102, the Fidelis and Seekers classes that could aid those searching? For individuals uninterested in getting involved in a class, please keep in mind the "Closer to Jesus in 90 Minutes" for a one-on-one learning/sharing experience.



I'm praying that our Papal visitors find comfortable weather, friendly faces and that we all come away from this much anticipated weekend with deeper beliefs and more saved souls.

Always leaning on Jesus, Bruce Krout

Help Wanted! No experience necessary!

I am looking for individuals who would like to serve for a month as liturgist. Perhaps you would like to do this, but have never been asked. If so, please contact Dorothy Groves at 609-405-4134 or email at grovesdorothy@gmail.com

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.



New Concrete Work



Thanks to Steven Crea, Jr. for his work at the Parsonage and at church. He is just beginning his business and if you need work done at your home, he is available.

Save the Date

Our Fall **Church Conference** is scheduled on Saturday, October 31. Time to be announced.

Walk to Emmaus

Men's weekend: Oct. 8-11

Women's weekend: Oct 15-18

A weekend of Christian fellowship, worship and teaching.

Both will be held at South Seaville Camp Meeting. See Carol Tait for more information.



Lindsi's student Arielle is 5 and battling cancer This is a bit of her story: On Wednesday July 15, 2015, Arielle was officially diagnosed with an aggressive form of Cancer known as Rhabdomyosarcoma Embryonal, Group III, Stage III. Arielle's journey will be very long and difficult. Her treatment involves receiving 43 weeks of chemotherapy and includes six weeks of radiation as well as the need for blood and platelet transfusions.

Arielle has an older brother and an autistic twin sister. They need to raise \$14,000. to pay for the gap in insurance

Lindsi has asked if anyone would like to help Arielle and her family to please donate to: <http://www.gofundme.com/ARIELLESJOURNEY>

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We want your help. First, I would like to invite our church family to help on a special project. We will be painting a member's home on Saturday, September 12. Volunteers are asked to meet at AUMC at 9 am. We will carpool to Audubon Park to paint two walls and fences of a one story residence. Paint is already provided. All we need supply is paint brushes, rollers, pans and drop clothes... oh yes, and workers. If we get 10 or 12 angels to volunteer, we can knock this task off in one short morning and help a sister in Christ keep her home!

Second, I would like you to consider becoming an angel and signing up for one our ministries. Can you help us one day every few months by coming to church and overseeing food distribution (SHARE)? Can you take someone to a medical appointment, help a shut in with groceries, or provide a meal or service for a family in crisis? Purchase a Christmas gift for a child who would otherwise receive nothing? Sign up now and be an angel. What better way for AUMC to show the community we practice our faith in concrete, biblical ways. After all, we are doing it to Jesus (or maybe an "angel unawares!").

Pastor Walt

News from our Gateway South District

Laity Leadership Academy Set for September

Registration is now open for the Third Annual Laity Leadership Academy at www.gnjumc.org. The academy will take place at Haddonfield United Methodist Church on Sept. 11-12. The Academy provides assistance and guidance in aiding lay leaders in creating vital small group ministries, inspiring worship experiences, an evangelism church and a social media ministry. Send a team of lay leaders to the academy so they can develop an action plan to take back to their church for implementation and improvement.

Neighborhood Center - September 15th at 4 pm

A veteran of the World War II Tuskegee Airman Unit will be speaking to the children and teenagers on September 15, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Neighborhood Center in Camden's gymnasium. Community members and Friends of the Center are welcome to join the audience! For more information contact Christa at Christa@ncicamden.com <http://www.tuskegeeairmenphl.org/>

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!



Victorious Women –UMW- September 27

Ladies Luncheon following church. We'd like to share with you what we are up to this year and where we've spent the monies we've raised. Join us for fun and fellowship and some yummy food as well.

September Shut-in of the Month

Kay Rittmayer
167 Paris Ave
Audubon, NJ 08106

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

September Birthdays

13 Lindsy Arcaini
19 Emily Whitely
19 Gerry Gosk
27 Cindy Burrough
27 Terry Mazur
27 Jake Van Arnam
29 Jack Deal
30 Janet Kirsche

September Anniversaries

24 Peg and George Keel
30 Diane and Mike Stanley

September Communion Offering

Local Benevolence

September Greeters:

Ginny Appleby

September Ushers:

Bob Fonash, Jim Barrett, Ray Thorne

September Liturgist:

Sue Medoro

September Counters:

Sandy Albrecht, Ray Thorne, Jim Barrett

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 & 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

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| • 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.
- Crystal B struggling with Lymes and that she would know the Lord and have a forgiving heart
- Mary T recovering from a stroke
- Estelle M recovering from a stroke
- Jack D recovering from eye surgery
- Mary B and family of Jim Toliver who passed away
- For those in the military deployed in harm's way
- Brother-in-law Jim and his treatment plan. Carol T
- A friend with stage 4 cancer starting chemo -Joan
- Marge W on the loss of her husband Emmett
- Barbara H. request prayers for financial and health concerns for her family
- Aunt Jeanne's recovery from cancer surgery – William
- Josh, Johnny, and new baby Dominick -Peg K
- Prayers are requested for brother Joe, loss of wife
- Cyrus Tahmasebi who is having extensive abdominal surgery -Carol F

- Debbie admitted to a psychiatric hospital and her children who are in separate foster homes –Jean W
- Helena in dire need of housing
- For my sisters Elsie and Bobbi lost of husbands recently and for them to know the Lord. - Helena
- Jimmy Carter who has cancer, may God bless him
- Cathy is requesting prayers for Khaled on his upcoming interview for U.S. citizenship. Please pray that he gets it.
- Chris K. for her upcoming cancer surgery – Sandy
- Please pray for our church
- Please pray our leaders would be guided in what issues need to be discussed and that they would have wisdom in all their decisions.
- For father-in-law Mike Sr.’s recovery from heart surgery and that he would have a closer walk with the Lord. -Diane
- 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
- Family of Jim Toliver who passed away on 8/23
- Mary

Praises:

- Karen L-C - The biopsy came back benign but surgery will still be needed at a future date.
- Dan Arcaini’s eye surgery went well
- Positive judge’s ruling in Rebekah’s custody case

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

VanArnam, Emily Whiteley