

**CONNECTING, GROWING, SERVING, LOVING
AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING
July 2017**

Dear Friends,

As I begin my 4th year of ministry at Atlantic this month, I wanted to let you know that it is a blessing and a privilege being with you for Sunday morning worship and at other times during the week. I appreciate that you allow me into your lives in various ways. Several of you have shared books for my summer reading list; others stop by to say “hello” and share a word or two about their lives. Some of you share your thoughts about the Sunday messages. Others offer words of encouragement. I can't thank ministry leaders enough for the time and energy you give to this church throughout the year. You help to make Atlantic a vital place for ministry in these changing and at times challenging times.

I have also enjoyed visiting homes for fellowship through the dining circle ministry and, of course, visiting our homebound and those needing prayer and support. Thank you for helping me to grow in my faith and call throughout these years. I always appreciate your prayers. May God continue to be part of our journey in ministry together.

On June 25th, I had the opportunity to travel with a number of you to support Dan Geary as he received his Certified Lay Ministry (CLM) certificate at Calvary UMC in Milford, DE. Bishop Peggy Johnson and our District Superintendent, Fred Duncan, were on hand to congratulate the newest CLMs in our conference. As a CLM Dan will continue to use his gifts and graces at Atlantic through being a lay speaker, lay reader, and small group facilitator when the timing is right.



In the United Methodist Church, CLMs are lay people that have completed a series of short-term classes offered by the conference to prepare them for this special role in the church. If there is a need, CLMs may be assigned by the bishop and cabinet to small-membership churches. When they receive an assignment

of this kind they remain lay persons as they serve in roles traditionally performed by clergy. This means they can preach and teach, visit the sick, and perform other pastoral duties. They are not able to consecrate the communion elements, perform baptisms or officiate at weddings. These roles are reserved for ordained clergy and licensed local pastors. Atlantic currently has two CLMs, Joe Cain who is assigned to a church and now Dan. Congratulations Dan! May God continue to guide your steps and bless the work that you and Joe do in the local church.

I am excited about my summer preaching series, *The Seven Wonders of the Faith*. So far, I have offered reflections on these questions: *I Wonder If God Exists* and *I Wonder Why Bad Things Happen to Good People*. Remaining offerings include: *I Wonder Why My Prayers Go Unanswered*, *I Wonder About God's Will for My Life*, *I Wonder About the Miracles in the Bible*, *I Wonder About the End of the World*, and *I Wonder About Life After Death*. Honestly, it's a challenge thinking about these things and I'm doing a lot of praying to be led to answers that just might make some sense to you. I pray you are finding some food for thought in terms of your journey with God.

On Sunday mornings at 8:30 we have been blessed by the musical gifts of Michael Callahan. Michael lives in Bowie, MD, but has made some time for us this summer. He will be with us at 8:30 a.m. most Sundays during July and August. We are working things out and are hopeful to have something of a long-term nature in place by the fall. We will keep you posted. Be safe this summer. Know joy in the Lord.

Pastor Patty

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Why do I give to our church?

Everyone who comes to church realize that they are expected to contribute to the offering, but why they contribute may be different for each person.

How do we imagine people filling in the blank?

I give because _____.

I give because I want to help pay the minister's salary and the costs of our building. Or I give because I want the church expand its ministries with the backpack program or soup kitchen. One reason to give is the use of the gift. It is very important for the church to be financially stable and to have support for much needed ministries.

However, giving is more than that. It is also a key lesson in discipleship and deals with the heart of the giver. Consider the following.

I give because I am putting God first. What are your priorities?

I give because I am a disciple. Giving is just one area of discipleship with prayer, presence at worship, service, and witness.

I give because I am generous. Sometimes we think that only millionaires can be generous, but it can be a good feeling for anyone.

I give because I have more than I need. Even if we're living with less than we used to, chances are that most of us still have more than we need. It is out of gratitude for such blessings and desire to live purposefully that many people give.

I give because I am able. Each person has much to offer.

I give because I am called. As we deepen in our faith, we acknowledge God's calling in our life and though our resources.

Our thoughts and prayers to the families of:

Evelyn Hansen. Evelyn passed away on June 10th. Services were held on June 17th at Holloway Funeral Home, Salisbury.

Janice Russell. Janice passed away on June 17th after a brief illness. Celebration of Life Service Memorial Service for Janice Russell will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 12:00pm, at AUMC. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Pastor Patty will officiate.

Debbie Priestley. Debbie's parents passed away in June, her mother, Carol Suttka on June 13th, and her father, Craig Suttka on June 25th.

David Chamberlain. David passed away June 24th. He had been struggling with illness for some time. His wife, Paulette, thanks everyone for the cards of support that were sent regularly. There are no funeral arrangements at this time.

SEEKING PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER

The Atlantic United Methodist Church, located at 105 4th Street in Ocean City, MD is seeking a part-time bookkeeper to serve as the treasurer of the congregation. The rate of compensation is \$15 per hour up to an average of no more than 5 hours a week. The schedule will be determined in conjunction with the pastor to best fit both ministry and individual needs. Specific requirements include: Account knowledge sufficient to analyze financial statements and budgets, computer experience with general ledger and spreadsheet software, including Excel and Power Church. Familiarity with United Methodist requirements and procedures for treasurers. Familiarity with church annual budget reporting schedule and church taxation requirements. Detail oriented. Good time management skills. Ability to work with others. Ability to work on

site. Bondable. **Submission deadline is July 7, 2017.** Please submit resume to the Atlantic UMC church office at atlanticumc@atlanticumc.org, or fax it to 410-289-8175.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Newly formatted church website is ready for use. We are hoping it will be easy to navigate. You will find all of our ministry videos there, information about worship services and church events, staff info, and other church news, including the Monthly Happenings newsletter. The Thrift Shop has a separate page with the new Thrift Shop video posted on it. Please check it out. The web address is: www.atlanticumc.org. We are always in need of pictures for the website, newsletter, bulletin boards, etc. When you are attending events at AUMC, volunteering in the many ministries or group events at AUMC, get your smartphone out and take a picture. Just email the pictures to the Church office atlanticumc@atlanticumc.org.

***Church Office and Thrift Shop – CLOSED – Tuesday, July 4th**

***Articles for the August edition of “Here’s What’s Happening” are due July 25th.**

Meetings & Special Events

**Meeting times are subject to change; committee chairs will notify member of meeting cancellations.*

July 20 – 6:30pm – Leadership
July 25 – 6:30 – Administrative Council
August 14 – 6:30pm – SPRC
August 15 – 5:30pm – Finance
August 22 – 6:30pm – Administrative Council
October 26 – 7:00pm – Charge Conference
November 10 – 3:00pm – 7:00pm – Bazaar
November 11 – 10:00am – 2:00pm – Bazaar



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1 - Pastor Patty Frick
July 2 - Jennifer Hoffman
July 4 - Paul Wall
July 6 - Larry Holdren, Sr.
July 7 - Frank Hoover
July 9 - Deno Vlachos
July 14 - Jimmy Carter
July 17 - Michael Truitt
July 20 - Joel Gorgodian
July 21 - Norma Biddle
July 24 - Diane Wright
July 27 - Pam Buckley

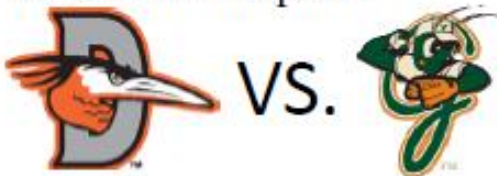
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1 - Nola Beadenkopf
August 4 - Patty James
August 11 - Delores Cook
August 17 - Robert Nock, Sr
August 17 - Bo Spicer
August 18 - Beth Truitt
August 23 - Barbara Johnson
August 25- Amy Morgan
August 27 - Billie Wall

2017 PENINSULA DELAWARE CONFERENCE NIGHT

**JULY 28 @ 7:05 PM / Arthur W. Perdue Stadium
6400 Hobbs Road, Salisbury, MD**

This year's event promises to be our best yet. Come out and join our United Methodist friends and their families for our 7th annual night of fun and fellowship on the Picnic Deck at the Ballpark!



The all-inclusive cost of the event is only \$24

The price includes a ticket to the game, a 90-minute buffet in the Picnic Deck and best fireworks show on Delmarva. Children three years old and under are free. The deadline for ordering is July 10.



Picnic Deck Buffet

Hamburgers	Watermelon
Hotdogs	Mac & Cheese
Chicken Legs	Refreshments
Popcorn	



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