

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

**HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**September 2017**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I look forward to being in ministry with you as we start up our fall activities. It is exciting to see what we come up with as a church to help people “Connect, Grow, Serve and Love as God’s People”. Please check out the many ways to do this beginning this month later in the newsletter.

One thing I have learned in ministry is that every meaningful endeavor for the Lord requires stepping into uncertainty. As Robert Schnase says in The Balancing Act: A Daily Rediscovery of Grace, forward-leaning steps cause churches to “offer a stranger an invitation, and make a difference through our service”. As he says, this is risk-taking for sure, but “when we step out in faith, not knowing where we are going, we discover we are not alone. We are unexpectedly sustained in ways we could never imagine”. As Scripture points out in Psalm 84:7, we go from “strength to strength” as the next challenge, or shall I call it “opportunity” comes our way.

Since God is a God of call and response, how is God calling us and how are we responding as God’s people? May we all keep seeking answers to this question, both personally and as *The Body of Christ* that meets at Atlantic UMC.

Finally, I want to offer a special invitation to gather with members of Jewish, Presbyterian, Catholic, Lutheran and Episcopal congregations for an evening of reflection and reconciliation called *Take Back the Light*. We will gather at Temple Bat Yam,



11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin on **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** We will begin in darkness and feature speakers who challenge those gathered to turn away from sin and embrace the light of reconciliation and equality. We will end with singing “Let There Be Peace on Earth” by candlelight. Imagine all these voices singing this beautiful song together, showing the face of God to each other. Let us be part of giving this hope-filled message to our community.

Blessings and Peace,

*Pastor Patty*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS....**  
**BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR PATTY**  
**RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER**

The sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The study will begin on 9/20/2017 and finish on 11/15/2017. There will be an accompanying preaching series beginning on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Patty will incorporate learnings and pictures from her recent trip to the Holy Land to offer a backdrop for the places and traditions that were in place in Jesus' time. These places and traditions are very much a part of the stories he told.

As one writer says, "the parables of Jesus are among the greatest and most picturesque lessons in all his ministry". They also can challenge us greatly because they can be interpreted in a variety of ways. Are you ready for what could be a wonderful spiritual journey to new understandings of Jesus and his teachings?

Study materials will be provided at each session. Bring a favorite bible if you have one.

If you haven't attended bible study in a while, you may really enjoy this chance to delve deeper into some of Jesus' greatest and challenging teachings. Mark your calendars to join us. Contact Pastor Patty at [pastorpatty@atlanticumc.org](mailto:pastorpatty@atlanticumc.org) with any questions.

**BELL CHOIRS – BILLIE WALL, DIRECTOR**

Well, here it is, September! This summer has been interesting and at sometimes, it seemed very long and hot! The bell choirs are beginning to rehearse and we are all excited about our new year of ringing. We have a couple of relatively new

players and as usual, we could use a few more!

We rehearse as follows:

Atlantic Bel Choir – 6:30 on Monday evenings

Morning Glories at 10 on Tuesday mornings

I try to keep the rehearsals to one hour. There are so many requirements of your time, I find this to be most advantageous.

Our playing schedule is a little flexible since we have had only one rehearsal, but I ask you to place Sunday, December 10 on your calendars for an Advent covered dish dinner and the Christmas Handbell Concert. The dinner is being hosted by Bill and Linda Jones. The concert will follow the dinner. We are excited to offer a concert of seasonal music to the community and our church family. Blessings to all of you.

**DONNA HOLDREN PRAYER SHAWL**  
**MINISTRY – JOANN WAYSZ**

Summer is ending; Fall is fast approaching and Winter not far behind. Picture yourself in front of a cozy fire with a lovely warm Prayer Shawl, that you are knitting or crocheting, on your lap as you listen to your favorite music. It's not a dream. This can be YOU! The Donna Holdren Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume meeting Friday, September 8th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. All supplies are provided along with lessons, moral support and prayer. Come join us. Please call me with any questions you have: Joann Waysz, 215-828-5521.

**FELLOWSHIP CONNECTION – BILL & LINDA JONES**

In an effort to afford members of our congregation opportunities for evangelism, within the church, we are developing a series

of events for everyone to participate in. The first of these will be a Church Picnic on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. We are going to make this pretty simple. We will hold it on the Fourth Street lawn beginning at 4:00 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. The youth have volunteered to have an ice cream social afterwards. We will be asking you to bring a side dish and your lawn chairs. A sign-up poster will be put up in the rear of the Sanctuary so we have an idea how many people to prepare for. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please call Bill or Linda Jones at (410) 213-7337.

### **MARTHA CIRCLE – JACKIE STERLING, CHAIR**

Hello Ladies, I would like to extend an invitation to all women of the church. Martha Circle will hold its first meeting, of the fall, on Tuesday, September 12 at 11:45 in the Tilghman Fellowship Hall. Please bring a brown bag lunch for yourself. Desserts and beverages will be provided. B.J Cain and Sharon Rutherford will be our hostesses and Linda Jones will provide devotions. Please join us; it proves to be an exciting year.

### **MISSION TEAM – BILL JONES, CHAIR**

As we quickly approach the Fall our mission activities will be in full gear as the Backpack and Prayer Shawl Programs restart, the Soup Kitchen and Thrift Shop remain active, and we anticipate our Thanksgiving and Christmas efforts. Our church is blessed to have a wide range of missions efforts that interested congregation members can participate in. I encourage

everyone to consider volunteering in some aspect of missions in order to give back what we have so graciously been given.

### **WANTED - SINGERS:**

**Big Ones** – little ones

**Short ones** – tall ones

**High note singers**

**Middle note singers**

**LOW NOTE SINGERS**

*Shower caps and soap provided for those who sing in the shower.*

**Come One and All!**

### **CHANCEL CHOIR – JUNE TODD, DIRECTOR**

September! My favorite time of year. The tourists are leaving, the children are in school, the choir season begins and cooler weather approaches, I hope! I want to express my thanks to all the great soloists who contributed their talents to our summer, 10:00 am services.

The Chancel Choir rehearsal will begin on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00pm. This choir needs new and former members. No auditions required, just interest and enthusiasm. I try to plan six weeks ahead so that each member has time to learn the music. If there are parents who would like to enroll their children in a youth choir, please call the church office. I would be happy to provide rehearsal time for them. Join the choirs – Lets make this a “singing season!”

It is hard to believe but this is my 55<sup>th</sup> year as your organist and choir director. I came as a bride in 1962 the summer Atlantic was being built. It has been a wonderful career. I appreciate your love and support these many years.




**Martha Circle  
Bazaar  
Committee  
Members** are  
very excited to  
host our two-day  
Bazaar this  
November 10<sup>th</sup> &  
11<sup>th</sup>! ***Our first  
two-day bazaar!***

On Friday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, we'll be open from 3:00 – 7:00. We'll serve an Italian Baked Ziti Dinner from 4:30 – 6:30 **AND** we're offering carry-out **AND you can pre-order your carry-out ahead of time!**

On Saturday, we'll be open from 10:00 – 2:00. And of course, we're offering the **Traditional Chicken Salad Luncheon** ~ serving from 11:00 to 1:00.

Both days we'll have the

**Silent Auction** with a   
few specials just for Friday night  
**The Christmas Home Place** full  
of beautiful holiday décor

**Bakery Delights and Gifts** with  
all homemade baked goodies including  
Soups in a Jar




**White Elephant Treasures and  
Finds**

**And** new this year **LuLaRoe  
Clothing Boutique** ~ *LuLaRoe is a  
brand of boutique clothing that's sold  
independently, very comfortable and  
offered in many, many colors, designs  
and sizes! We'll be offering daily and  
hourly specials!*

**Committee members** and volunteers have been busy since February preparing for this annual bazaar. We can't make this bazaar a success without your help ~ we need volunteers for both days! Susan Lauer, Dining Room Coordinator, needs help in the dining room on both Friday night and Saturday to help serve meals and prepare carry-outs! If you'd like to help in the kitchen, please talk with Chuck Strang, and/or Becky Yates and see what their needs are. We need cashiers for our many market places! We're looking for gently used household items for the White Elephant Treasures and Finds ~ items can

be left in the "meeting room" at church. We'll need many baked items for our Bakery, and hope to have samplings of your "preserved" bounty from this summer! We mailed letters in June to the many businesses who constantly support our Silent Auction and we're receiving donations. If you own a business or know a business owner who could donate a gift certificate or merchandise **OR** if you'd like to give us a "cash donation" for us to purchase gift certificates, please see Donna Berg or Sharon Rutherford.

**Save the dates on your calendar**, consider volunteering and join in the fellowship! We need you!

Brenda Wimperis, Bazaar Chair, 410-812-3121   
Linda Jones, Co-Chair

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**AUMC THRIFT SHOP  
SEMI-ANNUAL \$5 BAG SALE**



**Tuesday, September 19  
10:00am - 2:00pm**

**Grand Reopening  
Friday, September 22  
with Fall/Winter Merchandise**

**AUMC Thrift Shop**  
105 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ocean City, MD 21842  
410-289-4458



## Meetings & Special Events

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

September 5,6,7,8, 9 - *AA Sessions*  
*Tilghman Hall – morning/afternoon*

September 11 – 4:00pm- *Worship*

September 11 – 6:30pm-*Trustees*

September 12 – 11:45 am –

*Martha Circle*

September 14 – 6:30pm – *Leadership*  
*Development*

September 19 – *Thrift Shop Bag Sale*

September 20 thru November 15 – *Bible*  
*Studies with Pastor Patty*

September 22 – 10:00am - *Thrift Shop*  
*Grand Reopening*

September 26 – 6:30pm –

*Administrative*

October 3 – 11:45am – *Martha Circle*

October 10,11 – *Women's Retreat –*  
*Camp Pecometh*

October 19 – 5:30pm – *Finance*

October 24 – 7:00pm - *Administrative*

October 26 – 7:00pm-  
*Charge Conference*

## September & October Birthdays

September 2- Darlene Prejean

September 5 - Steven Hoffman

September 5 - Sunny Trivits

September 6 - Bill Jones

September 6 - Linda Jones

September 7- Maura Vlachos

September 8 - Bob Johnson

September 9 - Mike Trivits

September 11 - Helen Trivets

September 15 - Candace Allen

September 17 - Cliff Berg

September 17 - June Todd

September 22 - Bonnie Mitrecic

September 23 - Tim McGuire

September 24 - Ed Montgomery

September 26 - Joe Cain

September 28 - Carolyn Godfrey

September 28 - Charlotte Sampson

September 30 - Diane Kleinfelter

October 1 - Deb Hanson

October 1 - Charlotte Nash

October 2 - Virginia Harmon

October 4 - Steven Hoffman

October 17 - Jim Almand

October 18 - Joann Waysz

October 22 - Jean Marx

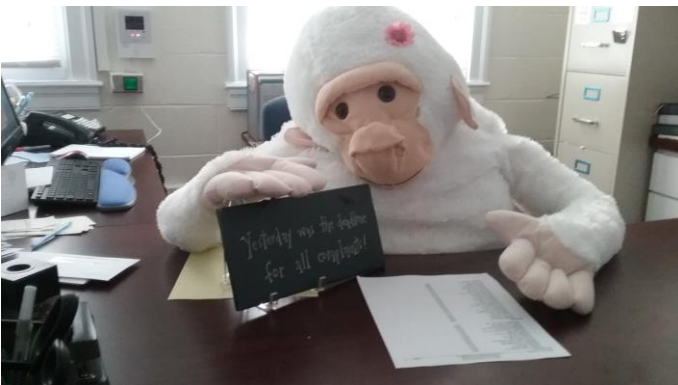
October 23 - Beverly Steen

October 25 - Charlotte Meyers

October 26 - Art Perry

October 27 - Sue Harting

October 30 - B. J. Cain



Yesterday was the deadline for all complaints!



