

AUMC

A Community in Faith Where Active Adults Can Grow and Thrive

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

June, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,



We lost a dear friend recently. This is one of my favorite pictures of Frank Hoover – a person who was always ready to lend a helping hand. At 91 he was a dedicated volunteer at the Soup Kitchen, showing all of us that you are never too old to serve. Frank has moved on to glory and he will be missed.

The summer season is upon us and God nourishes us with the beauty of the creation every day. Thanks so much to those who keep the church grounds looking so beautiful and free of trash. Your service shows!

I believe we all know that finding free parking in Ocean City during the summer can be a struggle. Our church parking lot therefore becomes quite popular! On Sundays, if you attend 8:30 am worship we ask that you remove your car after the service to make room for the 10:00 am worshippers. After this service finishes, the lot is usually available for the rest of the day. On weekdays we appreciate your waiting to park in the lot until after 2:00 pm when the Thrift Shop closes. A standard practice has been to place a Sunday bulletin in your windshield so that we know who is in the lot. We appreciate your help with this.

The boardwalk service has started up again (weather permitting). Parking in the municipal parking lot is free until noon on Sundays. If you park closer to the boardwalk, you need to feed the meter. Please spread the word.



We look forward to welcoming many summer visitors, both on the boardwalk and inside at our 10 am service.

Some members have suggested that the church offer a way for small groups to gather for Christian discussion between the services on Sundays. This is also a proven way to connect new people to a church as they grow in their faith. To do this necessitates a change in time for each worship service. This is a big change and the Lead Team wants to hear your thoughts before proceeding.

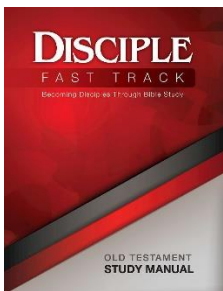
On June 10th, I will provide an overview of a possible resource that could be used if the church decides to move forward. The Lead Team will also distribute a survey, which will be collected at the end of the service. You will have a chance to share what you think. I have also included a copy with the newsletter. Feel free to print it out and return it to my box. We hope to share the results in the July newsletter. Thank you!

Last month I mentioned that we plan to offer a Disciple Bible Study class in the fall (see information below). Since I last mentioned it, *8 more people have shown interest*, giving us a total of 18 so far! We will offer an information meeting soon, so stay tuned.

Last month, I offered this prayer for the church as I closed my letter. I offer it again. May it offer strength, guidance and encouragement. Have a wonderful summer and don't forget your church. It is here for you when you return from your travels.

Blessings and peace, *Pastor Patty*

*May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.
May you see Christ in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FALL – DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY- FAST TRACK is coming to Atlantic UMC!

Disciple Fast Track, an adaptation of the original, bestselling *Disciple Bible Study*, provides a viable option for busy people seeking comprehensive engagement over time with the entire biblical text. *Fast Track* groups meet for a total of 24 weeks, devoting 12 weeks each to the Old Testament and the New Testament. Participants read a manageable 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily in preparation for the weekly meetings, which last approximately 75 minutes. A brief, illustrated review video enables participants to recall important facts and ideas; lively and engaging video presenters then offer insights into the current week's session. Participants have the opportunity to take a spiritual gifts assessment and determine meaningful ways they can serve and live out their discipleship commitment.

CHANCEL CHOIR – JUNE TODD

I want to express my thanks and appreciation to the faithful Chancel Choir members for their years of service: Mary Price (50), Billie Wall (46), Joel Gorgodian (19), Ed Kriege (15), Charlotte Nash (14), Chuck Strang (14), Bob Johnson (10), Dave Moquin (10), Christine Parks (9), Becky McArthur (6), Joann Waysz (5), Dan Geary (2), Larry Yates (2).

This is my 56th year as organist and choir director. I appreciate all the love and support from the members of Atlantic. I ask for continued prayers for Joel, Les, Jim and Pat.

The Pine Tones Concert – “A Celebration of Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary”, will be on Jun 10 at 3:00pm, at the Community Church of Ocean Pine. \$10.00 ticket at the door. We will be singing music from the 1960’s. I hope you can join us!

Have a happy and safe summer!

Bells – Billie Wall

It is time to "put the bells away" for another summer season! But before we do, we will be participating in the 10:00 worship service on June 10. One of the selections was written by Kathleen Wissinger who has attended the Ocean City Festival and is the composer for many selections played by handbell choirs worldwide.

Let Love Be Our Voice Charlottesville Kathleen Wissinger 10/2017

Quoted from the forward in the score of the piece: Hope and healing, claimed by choosing love as a response to violence, is the focus of "Let Love Be Our Voice." Written shortly after angry and violent public demonstrations in Charlottesville, Virginia (the composer lives an hour away) - and edited in the wake of the Las Vegas massed shooting -this heartfelt original hymn touches on the many ways we can respond positively to evil in the world when facing devastating news or our questioning children and even those responsible for the mayhem. And finally, Jesus gives us the answer we don't always want to hear: "love your enemies." A calm but rhythmic accompaniment introduces the easy to learn tune and conversational text, ending with the refrain each time: "Let love be our choice. Let love be our voice."

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The Atlantic Bell Choir and the Morning Glories have enjoyed participating in worship during this 2017/2018 season. We look forward to accepting new members in the fall and

beginning the new year in September. God bless you and your families as we all enjoy the summer ahead at the church by the sea!

MARTHA CIRCLE – BRENDA WIMPERIS



***Martha Circle & Bazaar Committee Members
are planning a busy June!***

The Bazaar Committee is hosting a
“Christmas in June”

Sale on Thursday, June 21st, Friday, June 22nd and Saturday,
June 23rd from 10:00 – 2:00 at church!

We’ve received great donations ~ but NOW we’re running out
of storage space, so we’re having a
Bazaar Pre-Sale!

We have Christmas trees, bolts and bolts of ribbon, outdoor
projection lights, signs, card stamps, stockings, stickers,
wrapping paper, poinsettias, plus so much more!

The Sale will be held “under the trees” on the side yard and in the “back of the sanctuary”.
Tell your neighbors ~ bring your friends ~ support the Bazaar!

If you can help with setup (Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday) OR with the sale, Thursday,
Friday or Saturday, please contact Linda Jones.

MISSIONS – BILL JONES

Thrift Shop

It has been a busy month in the Thrift Shop but thanks to our many volunteers we have
been able to keep up with donations from many yard sales and condo renovations. Too often I
fail to remind everyone that the Thrift Shop is also a very viable mission effort. We routinely
give out Bibles (English and Spanish) to customers who ask for them. We also occasionally
give free clothing to people who come in and express that need. And daily we give out lots of
smiles and encouraging words to our customers. I think many of our volunteers feel the mission
aspect of the Thrift Shop is our most important function.

Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen has begun to see the influx of international students and the growth in the number of people served each Friday. From the normal 60-70 people we see during the winter months we will soon be seeing upwards of 200-250 people each week. This is a very important mission of this church as many people rely on these daily food locations as their principal meal of the day. We can always use extra help in preparing and serving the meals.

Backpack Ministry

The Backpack Ministry has been quietly providing weekend food to over thirty students this year. As the school year nears its end I think we need to thank Debbie Priestley and her group of volunteers who collect and pack the backpacks each week. This is an incredibly important project and the beneficiaries are the children.

CHURCH OFFICE – DOT SIMPSON

Effective June 1st, all payments for altar flowers will be paid directly to AUMC, OC Florist will not be sending invoices. Cost of altar flowers is \$40.00. Just place payment in my church mailbox or mail to the church. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor or in memory of a special person(s), please contact Susan Lauer – 410 289-5004 or email her at swestlauer@yahoo.com. When placing flowers on altar, please remove flowers immediately following 10:00 service. Place metal inserts in kitchen, coffee cans are available kitchen for easy carry out of flower arrangements.

A big thank you to my AUMC Family! I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness following my knee surgery in early April. The cards were very special, as well as the food delivered (yummy), visits and transportation provided. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped out in the office during my absence. I am on the mend and doing well.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 2 - Sherry Dare
- June 6 - Verla Hammond
- June 8 - Kurt Marx
- June 10 - Moira Biddle
- June 10 - Bob Eastman
- June 14 - Charlotte Montgomery
- June 15 - Terry Hoption
- June 15 - Les Munro
- June 22 - Frieda Bruce
- June 26 - Adele Biel
- June 29 - George Godfrey
- June 30 - Ida Laynor

Adult Christian Education Interest Survey
AUMC offers a new opportunity for Faith Sharing and Fellowship

Name: _____

Date: _____

Worship Service You Currently Attend 8:30 _____ 10:00 _____

The Lead Team has done quite a bit of research on Adult Christian Education (by “Adult” we mean 18 years and up). Many Churches are finding a deeper connection to Christ, the Bible, and each other by offering an Adult Christian Education time between services. This would also position us well to offer Sunday School for children during the same time as the church grows in its capacity for ministry.

We would like to explore your thoughts and interest in possibly doing this at AUMC. This program and the weekly sessions will be based on a program called *Faithlink*. It is scripture and faith-based and deals with the ever changing and complicated world we live in. It addresses the current events and topics that are affecting each of us every day.

The idea being considered would necessitate a change in our worship times. **Please note that we are only talking about changing the worship times and offering the class during the Fall/Winter season - from the Sunday after Labor Day through the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.** For the Summer we would revert back to our current worship schedule.

Here are the worship times we are considering:

8:15 – 9:15 – Contemporary Service

9:15 – 9:30 - Brief fellowship time for refreshments – You can also take your refreshments into class with you.

9:30 – 10:15 - Adult Christian Education class

10:30 – 11:30 - Traditional Service

Here are the Survey Questions for you to prayerfully consider:

1. Would you be comfortable if we did this? Y / N

2. Would you be interested in participating, facilitating or both? (We hope to put a team together, so you wouldn't need to do it every Sunday.)
 Participating _____
 Facilitating _____
 Both _____

3. Please add comments/suggestions, including topics you may want to discuss at the classes: _____

ATLANTIC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Ministries at AUMC:

AUMC Soup Kitchen

AUMC Thrift Shop

Ocean City Elementary Backpack Program

Donna Holdren Prayer Shawl Ministry

Helping Hands Ministry

Chancel Choir

Handbell Choir

Martha Circle

AUMC supports the following community ministries:

Ocean City Crisis Coalition

Community Food Bank

Cold Weather Shelter

AUMC supports these missionaries:

Patrick Whaley, Ukraine Missions

Steve Young, International Student Ministry