

AUMC

A Community in Faith Where Active Adults Can Grow and Thrive

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

October, 2018

New Worship Times Effective October 7

8:15am – 9:15am – Informal Worship moves back to Sanctuary

9:15am – 9:30am – Fellowship time with refreshments

9:30am – 10:15am – Faith & Fellowship Adult Sunday School

10:30am – 11:30pm – Traditional Service

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was a full and busy summer at Atlantic UMC. The weather mostly cooperated, and we were able to offer our boardwalk service through the summer. This service returns to the sanctuary on October 7th at 8:15 am. Now that autumn is coming we will experience a new thing in our weather (falling leaves, chillier temperatures). We will also experience something new in the church in terms of changed worship times. Maybe it helps to remember as changes come that experiencing new things is nothing new for followers of Jesus. Our Sunday readings from Mark's gospel have shown how Jesus often traveled to new places where he could meet new people to spread the hope of the gospel. We heard there were times when he would rather have been away from the crowds. Often the crowds caught up with him and his plans had to be set aside. We know this at times caused anxiety for Jesus and his disciples. Doing new things often causes anxiety. But Jesus and his disciples worked through it because God gave them a mission to fulfill. Atlantic UMC also has a calling from God to make opportunities available for people to go deeper in their relationship with God and each other. For this reason, we are making some changes in the worship service to give people an additional way to do this.

On Sunday, October 7th, we welcome you to attend the new Faith & Fellowship Adult Sunday School Class. To make room for this in the Sunday schedule, we have adjusted the times for worship. See info below. Topics will change weekly, as will the facilitators. Rev. Bill Sterling will kick off the first session on the topic of "Incivility". You are welcome to drop in when you can. We hope to list the topics in the bulletin the week before. The group will meet in the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:15 am. Coffee and donuts will be available in the John Tilghman Fellowship Hall at 9:15. Feel free to bring your coffee/donuts to the session. From 8:15 through 11:30 Ellen Whittemore will provide child care in the nursery. We will also continue to offer fellowship time following the second service, which will now end at 11:30 am.

I want to thank the Lead Team, Debbie Collins, Dan Geary, Grace Hoption, Larry Yates, and Jean Marx for their help in making this possible. I also want to thank the facilitators, Rev. Bill Sterling, Bob Johnson, Cliff Berg, Pam Zorn, Debbie Collins, Jack Moore and Bill Jones. May God bless this effort. May it meet its goal of bringing people closer to God and each other. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with any one of us.

Other News:

*On September 16th I formally announced my retirement, which will be on **June 30, 2019**. As the congregation prepares to receive a new pastor on **July 1, 2019**, the council wanted you to have an opportunity to share your thoughts about this with members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). Their names are listed on the Church Leadership Roster on the church bulletin board.*

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Patty

BACKPACK PROGRAM – DEBBIE PRIESTLEY/BRENDA WIMPERIS

School is in session and the Backpack Program is in full swing. Please support this ministry that provides weekend for students in need at Ocean City Elementary School. Last year OCES Backpack Ministry provided food for 33 children each weekend throughout the school year. Bags are prepared every Thursday at 8:30am and delivered to Ocean City Elementary School. The cost of food for each student is \$30.00 per month. Please support this AUMC Ministry.

BOOK CLUB – JACKIE STERLING

The first meeting of the book club met at my home in September. We had a great discussion on the book, "Barbara Bush, A Memoir". We decided we wanted to continue with the book club and we will meet again at my home on Thursday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Our selection for next month is "The Elegant Gathering of White Snows" by Kris Radish. It's a novel, about friendship. Check your library, on-line, local book stores. Please let me know if you have any questions. My number is 410-726-2221, my email is, jackiebeth60@gmail.com. We would love to have you join us. Blessings and Happy Reading,

CHANCEL CHOIR – JUNE TODD

Thank you for the “birthday surprise”. The cake was delicious and I appreciate all the cards and good wishes sent on Facebook. My duet with Mary had a lot of LIKES. If any of your new members would like to hear stories from the past meet me for coffee someday.

The Chancel Choir only has eleven members at this time. We really need all voice parts, but especially soprano and alto. Don't be shy – give it a try! Wednesdays at 7:00pm, Sundays at 10:00am in the Choir Room.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Dan & Kathleen Geary and say a fond farewell. Our best wishes and appreciation for all they have done for AUMC. Our love and God's blessings to you both.

MISSIONS – BILL JONES

Missions Committee - At the last Missions Team meeting the group decided to refocus somewhat and has made a couple of recommendations for changes. The Mission Team membership has been comprised of the chairpersons of the various missions projects the church supports. Team meetings have primarily been reports on how each project is doing. Because we feel it is important to involve non-chairpersons in our missions planning and overview we will be recruiting other people to be in this group to now be called the Mission Committee. We are looking for people who have heart for missions and who will help the committee develop new missions outreach programs. If you think you might be interested please talk to Pastor Patty or Bill Jones.

Thrift Shop - With summer coming to an end the Thrift Shop has seen a drop off of students but we have still been very busy. The Bag Sale on Sept. 17-18 was very successful and we were blessed to be able to clear out a large amount of summer clothes and other items from the store. Thanks to some twenty people who volunteered to help with the turnover we were able to quickly restock with winter apparel for our Sept. 21st Grand Re-opening. We continue to be grateful to all of those people who help in the shop.

Soup Kitchen - As anticipated the Soup Kitchen has seen a reduction in the number of people coming to lunch on Friday's but the last couple of weeks have still exceeded 100 people attending. This ministry continues to serve a number of homeless and lower income people from our community. It is perhaps one of the most beneficial missions that we support and we appreciate everyone who comes on Friday's to volunteer their time to either prepare the meals or serve the guests.

Cold Weather Shelter - As hot and humid as it has been recently it is hard to comprehend that the Ocean City Cold Weather Shelter is gearing up for the next season. The shelter could open as early as December 1st depending on how cold it gets. Volunteers are sorely needed to prepare meals for approximately 20 guests, to help with intake and registration and especially to spend the night in the shelter to assist guests with issues. Training sessions for prospective volunteers will be on Saturday, October 11th and November 10th from 10:00-12:00 AM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. If you are interested in knowing more about this ministry please see Bill Jones or Karen Hook.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – JOANN WAYSZ – When taking a prayer shawl, please only take from the rack, as these have been blessed, and sign the register.



We missed the fall church picnic this year so I would like to form a small group to co-ordinate/organize an annual spring/family church picnic. I thoroughly enjoyed the picnic we had last year on the church grounds and we had a very good turnout. It was good fellowship and the food was fabulous. I would like to bring us together again, but will need a handful of people to help get this up and running. IF you are interested and want to partake, please contact Susan Lauer after any church service or email me – swestlauer@yahoo.com

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE – DOT SIMPSON

Altar Flowers - Effective June 1st, we began the process for all payments for altar flowers to be paid directly to AUMC. Please promptly make your payments. Cost \$40.00. Just place payment in my church mailbox, mail to the church, or drop in collection plate. 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 10:30 service. Place metal inserts in kitchen, coffee cans are available in kitchen for easy carry out of flower arrangements.

Church Calendar – AUMC is a very busy church in addition to meetings, ministry events, etc., maintenance and repairs need to be scheduled. Please check with the church office prior to scheduling a meeting or other use of the building. The website calendar is maintained for the membership and the general public to know when meetings, special services, etc. However, a master calendar is maintained within the church office which includes information on scheduled maintenance, meetings, etc. Conflicts occur when information is not conveyed to the church office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Church Conference – Mark your calendar - Church Conference is scheduled for November 15th, 6:00pm. All AUMC members are encouraged to attend.



Cheers, Cheers for 40 Years !!!!!

***Congratulations AUMC Martha Circle! We're
hosting our 40th
Annual Holiday Bazaar !!!!!!!***

**Friday, November 9th from 3:00 – 7:00
Saturday, November 10th from 10:00 – 2:00**

We will be serving a delicious Baked Ziti Dinner on Friday night and on Saturday we'll be serving our wonderful Traditional Chicken Salad Luncheon.

We're asking for your help! It takes a small army to pull off a successful bazaar! If you can help or donate in any of the following areas, please contact the following MC Members:

Silent Auction Donations ~ Donna Berg or Sharon Rutherford

Ads for our Ad Book ~ Sharon Rutherford

White Elephant Treasures donations ~ Adele Biel

Christmas Home Place helpers ~ Linda Jones

Kitchen Assistants ~ Becky Yates or Jackie Sterling

Dining Room Servers ~ Susan Lauer

Cashiers ~ Linda Jones or Brenda Wimperis

Advertising ~ Joan Strang

Everyone can bake and we'll be asking for donations for our Bakery Delights and Gifts (Joanne Harner) and the Traditional Luncheon on Saturday. Friday night desserts are being purchased. This Bazaar is the main fundraiser for Martha Circle. We are very proud to support fifteen missions with our annual proceeds, most of which are local and/or within our church! We realize we can't have a successful bazaar without your help and support **AND** we thank you for that!

Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 2 at 11:45 in our social hall ~ all ladies of the church are encouraged to attend!

Back Porch Group— For nine years, AUMC has opened its doors to the Back Porch Group to hold its daily meetings the first week of September.

Written on an Attendance Card at the boardwalk service on September 9th:

We attended two AA meetings here. The energy was inspiring and passionate. Both times the speakers praised the support of the church and stated they were made to feel like family. As a recovering believer, I see the church and AA integrated as one. Thank you.



AUMC received the following thank-you card from the leaders the Back Porch Group along with a generous donation.

Pastor, and board members, I want to thank you all for allowing us to have AA meetings at your church. We are blessed to see new comers in our AA meetings and watch them change. We are also blessed for all of you allowing us to have our meetings thru the Tuesday through Saturday and also how you make us feel welcome.

God works in mysterious ways and continues to show us all the miracles he performs and his grace he gives us. I want to let you know that we had 30 people celebrate their sobriety Saturday morning for past 30 days of 1 year up to two with 35 years of sobriety. Had two people come to AA meetings this past week with ~~less~~ more than 30 days sobriety and started to learn it took to laugh in recovery. This is because we had a place to hold our meetings for the week we are at Ocean City Seaside by the Sea convention. God Bless

Back Porch Plum Place (AA Group)
Wayne "Zippy" Sapp

Not want to especially thank you for all your support and your smiles. Looking forward to next year.

You couldn't be more thoughtful,
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and I couldn't be more grateful.

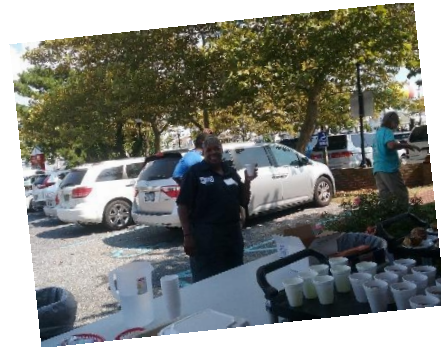


God Bless
Wayne "Zippy" Sapp
Glen and Erica

P.S. God was good with contributing in the meetings this year.

What do Soup Kitchen volunteers do when the power goes out?

Why of course - they keep on serving!

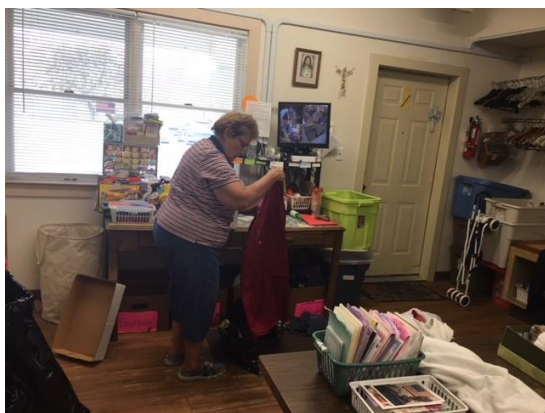


Hats Off to AUMC Thrift Shop Volunteers!!

Thank you!!

September 17 thru 22

*Successful Bag Sale, Makeover, Grand Reopening -
all in one week! WHEW! Thanks to the all the
great Thrift Shop Volunteers!*



AUMC Soup Sales 2019



Yes, it's time to start planning for the January and February AUMC Soup Sales.

Dates for the Sales are: **January 10, 2019**

Ham and Bean Soup
Chicken Noodle Soup
Ham Salad Sandwiches
Egg Salad Sandwiches

January 24, 2019

Ham and Bean Soup
Chicken Noodle Soup
Ham Salad Sandwiches
Egg Salad Sandwiches

February 7, 2019

Ham and Bean Soup
Vegetable Beef Soup
Ham Salad Sandwiches
Chicken Salad Sandwiches

February 21, 2019

Ham and Bean Soup
Vegetable Beef Soup
Ham Salad Sandwiches
Chicken Salad Sandwiches

Each sale will also feature homemade biscuits, homemade desserts, and eat-in and/or carry-out. Ham Salad, Chicken Salad and Egg Salad will also be for sale by the pint or quart. Prices will be posted in the December and January Newsletters.

Sign-up sheets will be posted after Thanksgiving in Tilghman Hall.

We are looking forward to working with returning volunteers and welcome new volunteers to join in this exciting fundraiser for Atlantic United Methodist Church. *Please contact either Becky or Larry or Yates if you have questions. 301-275-2526 (Becky) 301-412-0376 (Larry) or via e-mail, beachcomber201@comcast.net*

Bon Appetit

On the Church Calendar

September 30 (1:00pm) thru October 2 – Parking Lot Closed for Paving

October 1 thru October 12 – Installation of Fire Alarm System

October 2 - 11:45am - Martha Circle

October 9 & 10 – Women’s Retreat – Camp Pecometh

October 16 – 5:30pm – Finance Committee

October 23 – 6:00pm – Administrative Council

November 9 & 10 – Christmas Bazaar

November 15 – 6:00pm – Church Conference

November 21 – **NO DISCIPLE STUDY** – Morning or Evening

2019 Soup Sales

January 8th

January 22

February 5

February 19

Recurring Events

MONDAYS:

6:30pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAYS:

9:30am - Bible Study with Jack Moore & Bob Johnson

WEDNESDAYS

11:00am – Disciple Study with Pastor Patty

6:30pm - Disciple Study with Pastor Bill

7:00pm – Choral Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAYS:

8:30am – Backpack Program

FRIDAYS:

11:00am – 1:00pm – Soup Kitchen

1:00pm – Donna Holdren Prayer Shawl Meeting

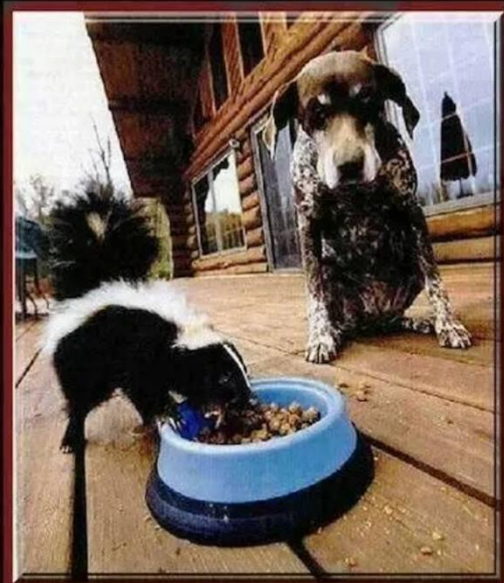
Thrift Shop – Monday thru Saturday – 10:00am – 2:00pm



October Birthdays

- October 1 - Charlotte Nash
- October 2 - Virginia Harmon
- October 4 - Michelle Wells
- October 17 - Jim Almand
- October 18 - Joann Waysz
- October 23 - Bev Steen
- October 26 - Art Perry
- October 27 - Sue Haring
- October 30 - B. J. Cain

Two of the greatest qualities
to have in life are:



PATIENCE
and **WISDOM.**