

AUMC

A Community in Faith Where Active Adults Can Grow and Thrive

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

March, 2019

Dear Friends,

Can you remember a time in your life when you had a transformational experience? Maybe it was when you met “the love of your life”, or upon the birth of your first child, or a new stage of life that brought many changes. Lately, I have been preaching about being transformed by your faith in God through his son, Jesus Christ. This is a life-long process, a journey that happens through active participation, prayer, and perseverance. We are moving toward the time of the church year where we are asked to think again about our faith and how it is transforming our lives.

I have always found the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, to be a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal in my own faith journey. I pray it will be this kind of journey for you as well. During the season of Lent, I will be preaching scriptures that encourage us to think about our faith, ask for God’s forgiveness for those things that take us away from God and each other, and find renewal for what lies ahead. Perhaps you might like to read ahead. Below is a list of the scriptures I will be preaching on during Lent. What might God be saying to you through them?

3/10 – 1st Sun Lent Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9
Gospel: John 3:1-17

3/17 – 2nd Sun Lent Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7
Gospel: John 4:3-28, 39-42

3/24 – 3rd Sun Lent Old Testament: Isaiah 35:4-7a
Gospel: John 9:1-41

3/31 – 4th Sun Lent Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Gospel: John 11:1-46

4/7 - 5th Sun Lent TBD – Lay Speaker Preaching

4/14 – Palm Sunday TBD - Rev. Bill Sterling Preaching

4/21 – Easter Sunday Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25
Gospel: John 20:1-18

On Ash Wednesday, March 6th at 1:00 pm you are welcome to attend a special service at First Presbyterian Church in Ocean City. Prior to the service, the church will offer the Grace Parker Breakfast, a local favorite! Come early to enjoy breakfast (fee charged), and then stay for worship. Rev. Dan McKenty and I will officiate.

During Lent you are also invited to Wednesday evening worship services hosted by the Ecumenical Clergy Group (CURE). These will take place on Wednesday evenings beginning with a meal at 5:30 pm and then followed by the service (around 6:30 pm) For locations, see flier later in newsletter.

Also, the CURE group is hosting a special series of dialogues about "Heaven, Hell and the Afterlife". Details are available on the brochure in the hallway. These events will be held at the Ocean Pines Library.

There is much to celebrate at Atlantic in terms of mission and ministry. May God continue to guide your steps in His service. May your faith be renewed daily.

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Patty

INTRODUCING ATLANTIC'S NEW PASTOR...



Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Barth (aka "Pastor Joe"), an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, will begin his appointment as Atlantic's pastor beginning July 1, 2019. Pastor Joe comes to Atlantic from his most recent appointment at Bates United Methodist Church in Snow Hill, Maryland.

He has many gifts to offer the congregation, including first and foremost his commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. He looks forward to helping the church form new disciples and leaders for Christ. He has 4 grown children and 4 grandchildren.

Pastor Joe considers this appointment a wonderful privilege and looks forward to ministering at Atlantic.

CHANCEL CHOIR - JUNE TODD, DIRECTOR

I want to express my sincere thanks to all the members and friends for their kindness and generosity these past three months. I hope to be back to the organ soon. I am going to therapy for the next several weeks.

The choir will continue to rehearse before service at 10:00am, in the choir room during the month of March. I hope many members of Atlantic will attend the Wednesday Lenten Services at the town churches. The choir will sing on March 27 when we host the service at Atlantic.

I want to extend my sympathy to the Frieda Bruce family. I have so many fond memories of Frieda when she sang in the choir and the Pines Tones. She loved to sing and sang with me for over 40 years. I hope she is smiling and singing in the "Angel Choir". Happy Spring!

MARTHA CIRCLE – SHARON RUTHERFORD, SECRETARY

The March Martha Circle Meeting is Tuesday, March 12th at 11:45.



We are inviting all AUMC ladies to ***AUMC Ladies Night Dinner*** scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00, in Tilghman Hall. Dinner will be provided along with a (very) brief business meeting and a presentation from Justin at "ReSale", Habitat for Humanity in Berlin.

We'll be recognizing and honoring some of our "founding" Martha Circle Members and hope they will share some of their fondest memories of early endeavors!

A great dinner, lots of socializing, some fun door prizes ~ a night of enjoyment ~ for the ladies of AUMC! Please come and join us!

We have limited seating, so RSVP to Brenda Wimperis at bwimperis@comcast.net or text at 410-812-3121. Hope to see many of you there!

At our February meeting, Pam Zorn led a discussion on "***Your Health Questions***" for the February 12th meeting, primary topics were "heart health" and "sleep". You can imagine the number of questions! Dr. Zorn retired after 26 years of Emergency Medicine and became a member of Martha Circle in 2018. We look forward to Pam leading additional "***Your Health Questions***" in the future.

Announcement was made during the January meeting that the 41st Annual Christmas Bazaar would be held November 8th & 9th, 2019. Volunteers for the various areas were also announced. **During the February 12th meeting, Pam Zorn announced she would be the Chairperson for the 2019 Bazaar!** She will be assuming the role Brenda Wimperis has held for three years. **Thank you, Brenda!!! Welcome Pam!!!**

MISSIONS

The Mission Committee thanks everyone who was able to participate in Souper Bowl Sunday. Your generous donations of canned and nonperishable foods will greatly assist Diakonia and the Shepherds Crook in helping the less fortunate in our community.

We have received a note of thanks from Worcester G.O.L.D. for the many gifts we provided and money sent to them for their Helping Hands for the Holidays program. Many of you had said that participating in this program brought a special glow to your holiday season. Those of us fortunate enough to be the delivery "elves" got to see first hand the impact that your generosity was going to mean to the 8 children and 6 at risk adult clients that we supported this past Christmas season. Thank you.

Monthly Report of Trustees Activities and Work Projects Status

Month of March, 2019

Board of Trustees of Atlantic United Methodist Church reports the following:

Hello all. We want to thank everyone who has given us feedback and ideas of repairing and improving our Church building and campus. We appreciate and welcome your ideas and suggestions.

We continue in our winter season, we are still experiencing very cold temperatures, severe winds, rain, snow, etc. With the weather comes certain challenges for a building and campus as old as ours. We ask everyone to help us out by continuing to be vigilant when you are in or around our building. We ask if you see something that should need the attention of the Trustees such as a leaking water source, lights out, broken window(s), equipment or appliances not working, heating not working, or any other concern to please let us know. We are working very hard to stay on top of the repairs and address everything we can as quickly as we can. As the old saying goes **“If You See Something, Say Something”.**

Since our February report, below is an updated status report of our activities work projects:

Repair of lighting in main hallway of Church Building:

The lighting in the main hallway of Church was found to be inadequate, dark and dingy at best. The light fixtures are very old, they had faded, dull covers, and are were difficult to open to replace bulbs. We had our concerns and needs evaluated by the electrical contractor who determined the best way to proceed would be to replace the covers with clear glass and upgrade the light bulbs to LED bulbs with increased lumens. This repair has begun and has already improved the lighting in the hallway and made our lights more energy efficient.

STATUS: COMPLETED February 1, 2019

Work done by Trustees after consultation with Royal Plus Electric.

Repair of broken refrigerator/cooler that is under the work counter in the kitchen:

This refrigerator has been a source of problems and constant breakdowns for several years. It totally quit working at two very critical times recently (1 during the first Soup sale and another during a large Funeral). The repair person was not able to get it functional. He has ordered parts to completely rebuild the motor and refrigeration pieces of the unit. This should last and be functional for several years. This unit was made in 1985 (34 years ago). It was delivered to us and been in service for many years. The last time any major repair was done on this was 1999 (20 years ago). – We feel this repair is the best option at this time.

STATUS: COMPLETED February 6, 2019

Work done by McDonald Refrigeration.

Commercial Ice Maker for Kitchen Operations:

Purchased a small Commercial Ice Maker/Machine for the Church:

This Ice machine will be installed in the Scullery. It will be made available and be used by all Kitchen users. Ice availability has always been an issue at Church, we have had to hand bag small amounts of ice from a home type refrigerator which contains a very small ice maker, or purchase bags of ice from a convenience store. Neither of these options are adequate to continue to service the needs of the Church.

STATUS: COMPLETED February 6, 2019

Purchased by Trustees and Installed by 5 Star Plumbing.

Repair of leaking roof. – Bell tower and Narthex:

The roof of the Church Bell tower and Narthex experienced a leak on Thursday January 24, 2019 in the middle of the Soup Sale.

STATUS: COMPLETED **February 6, 2019**

Work done by Chesapeake Roofing.

Repair of broken window in classroom upstairs:

Broken window needing to be replaced, and the lock/handle mechanism to the double door closet needs to be repaired/replaced.

STATUS: COMPLETED **February 19, 2019**

Work done by Master Jack Company

Repair to Church Surveillance System:

The current CCTV camera surveillance system needed repair and repositioning of our cameras.

STATUS: COMPLETED **February 19, 2019**

Work done by ADT.

Repair the Hymnal, Bible, Pencil, envelope holders, etc. on all Sanctuary Pews:

Several of the larger racks need remounting. They tend to fall off easily. Some smaller pencil/pen racks are either broken or missing. We will be remounting the larger racks to make them stronger and sturdy. We have received the order of the smaller pencil/pen, envelope racks. We will be installing them as well.

STATUS: IN PROGRESS **HOPEFULLY TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF FEBRUARY 2019**

Work being done by Trustees

ADT Fire Alarm Upgrade & Connectivity:

ADT Fire Alarm System upgrade throughout Church building to have direct connectivity to Ocean City Emergency Operations Center in the event of a fire event:

Work was supposed to be Completed week of December 3, 2018. They ran into problems with hardware, building issues and additional requirements by the Fire Marshall's office during this installation. The parts have been delivered and are being installed. Waiting for the system to go live after approval of the Fire Marshall

STATUS: IN PROGRESS **HOPEFULLY TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF FEBRUARY 2019**

Work Being Done by ADT.

Kitchen Pot Replacement:

Replacement of 8 of our 10 of aging aluminum soup/stock pots and lids in the Kitchen with Stainless-Steel pots:

They are much more efficient in heating and heat retention and, less cumbersome.

We are working with different committees within the Church (Martha's Circle, Missions, Soup Kitchen, etc.) to help fund the purchase of these pots.

STATUS: IN PROGRESS **HOPEFULLY TO BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 2019**

Being Purchased by Trustees with the assistance and support of Martha's Circle, Missions, Soup Kitchen, etc.

Handicap Wheel Chair Accessible Entry Button for Glass Entry Doors off Parking Lot:

Plan to install an access button for Handicap/Wheelchair access at the double glass entry doors off the parking lot.

These doors will then both open upon activation of the access button when the doors are unlocked by the switch inside or the remote button in the office.

STATUS: IN PROGRESS HOPEFULLY TO BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 2019

Work to be done by R.J Locksmith

Pull Out Shelves for Kitchen:

Plan to install at least Six (6) more pull out shelves in the Kitchen:

These shelves make working in the kitchen much easier and convenient.

STATUS: IN PROGRESS HOPEFULLY TO BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 2019

Work to be done by Jay Hastings

Replace the Roofing of the Church Building:

This roof replacement will at a minimum include the West end of the Church Building, which needs to be done ASAP. It may necessitate the replacement of the roof of the entire Church building. The roof is very old and has been patched and repaired several times. We have received bids and are in the process of getting the roof repair/replacement project before the Church Council for approval process.

STATUS: PENDING CHURCH COUNCIL APPROVAL

We are working diligently on this project in coordination with professionals.

Church Wide Work Day/Clean-Up, Fix Up - SPRING:

Saturday May 18, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(PLEASE PLACE THIS SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR)

Church Wide Work Day/Clean-Up, Fix Up - FALL:

Saturday October 5, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(PLEASE PLACE THIS SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR)

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MEETINGS

March 7 – 2:30pm – Thrift Shop Board Meeting

March 12 – 11:345am – Martha Circle

March 26- 6:30pm – Administrative Council

SPECIAL SERVICES/EVENTS

Marth 5th – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – St. Paul's Episcopal

**March 6th – Ash Wednesday service – 1:00pm - First Presbyterian Church, Ocean City –
Rev. Frick and Rev. McKenty, Officating.**

SERIES OF LENTEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS AND SERVICES BEGINS - MEAL 5:30pm/Service 6:30pm

March 13th –St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ocean City

March 20th –First Presbyterian, Ocean City

March 27th –Atlantic UMC, Ocean City

April 3rd –St. Paul's Episcopal, Ocean City

April 10th –Holy Savior Catholic Church, Ocean City

April 17th – Annual Holy Thursday service at Atlantic, 7:00 pm.

March 14, March 19 and March 26

Heaven, Hell and the Afterlife from Jewish and Christian Perspectives – Ocean Pines Library



March 2 - Pam Harbaugh

March 6 -Bill Sterling

March 7 - Jerry Ewancio

March 8 - Phyllis Moore

March 10 - Ed Kriege

March 11 - Jennifer Albright

March 13 - Faye Cathell

March 15 - Norman Cathell, Sr.

March 17 - Donna Berg

March 18 - Dot Simpson

March 19 - Kim Richins

March 20 - Vicki Carter

March 29 - Butch Walter

March 30 - Roger Marino

March 31 - George Steen



Before the doors open on Soup Sale Day!!



Wednesday Lenten **WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Simple Meal
followed by
Common Worship

WEDNESDAYS @
5:30PM

Location

3/13 St. Peter's Lutheran

3/20 First Presbyterian

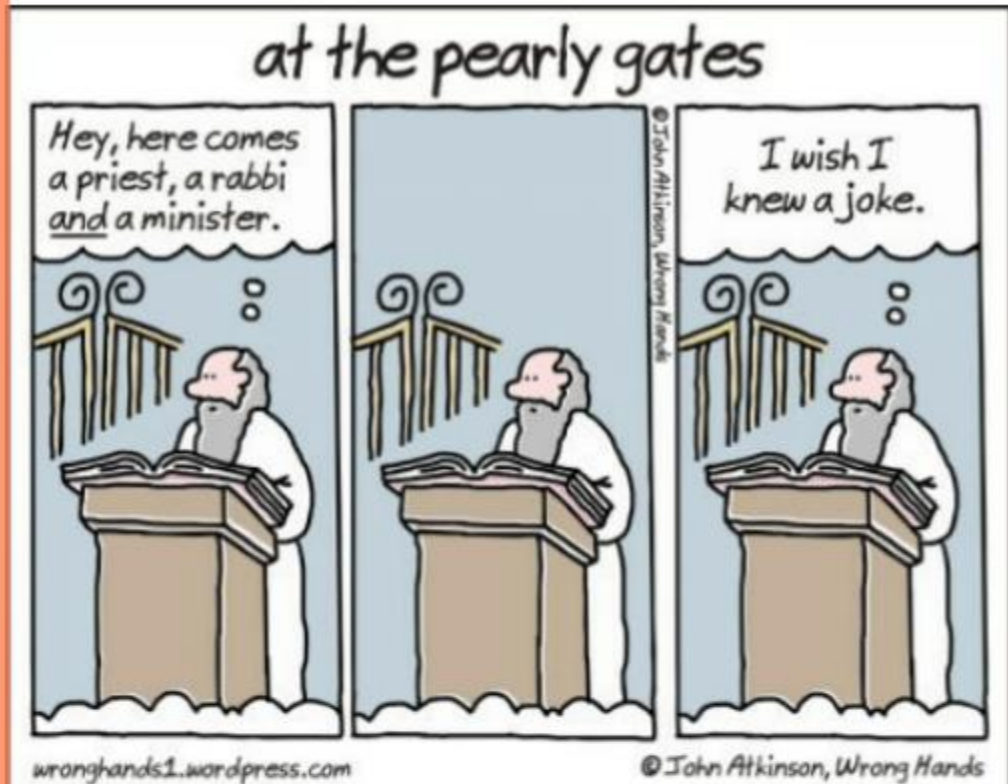
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4/3 St. Paul's by-the-Sea

4/10 Holy Savior

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FIRST PITCH: 6:35 P.M.

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