

AUMC

A Community in Faith Where Active Adults Can Grow and Thrive

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

May 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are in the Easter season, the time when we rejoice in what God has done for us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May we continue to rejoice and be glad in it! One of my favorite hymns is in the Faith We Sing hymnbook. It is "We Are Called". The hymn reminds us that we are called to live in the light [of Christ], to open our hearts, to show mercy, and to be bearers of hope to the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. Most of all, we are called to walk with each other in love and to be humble servants of God. Jesus saves us by showing us the way to do this. May we follow the path he lays before us now and in all seasons.

The summer is approaching and with it some changes for Atlantic. Since the adult Sunday School class will not meet during the summer, the final FaithLinks class will be **Sunday, May 19th**. We will then begin our summer worship schedule. Please note the new times: **8:30 am boardwalk service at Shenanigans on 4th Street (weather permitting); 10:00 am traditional service in the sanctuary**. This worship schedule will run through Labor Day.

Another change for Atlantic will be the transition to a new pastor, Rev. Joe Barth. Pastor Joe, as he would like to be called, will start on July 1st. My final Sunday will be June 2nd. I have worked out clergy coverage and will provide more details in the June newsletter. In the meantime, there are some very special (and fun!) events coming up this month, and I would like to mention a few of them. On **Thursday, May 9th**, you are invited to attend the first ever Clergy Coastal Comedy Night. The CURE group clergy thought it would be a lot of fun to bring our congregations together for fellowship through a meal and evening of comedy. Each clergy person (including me!) will do a brief skit. Then the congregations get to decide the winner! If you come, I might have some support in the audience! I have never done a comedy routine before. You may have even noticed that I tell very few jokes from the pulpit. It's because I always mess up the punch line. But being a good sport, I will give it my best shot. The event will take place at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Coastal Highway in Ocean City. There will be a meal at 5:30 with the show to follow. We are asking for attendees to pay \$10 to cover the cost of the meal. I am responsible for bringing desserts to share. If you can bring a dessert, will you please let me know? Also, **please RSVP by May 6th: 410-524-7474 so that we can plan accordingly. See flier below for additional details. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors!**

Another event that will surely inspire you to recall some pivotal events in your life is *How to Compile your Memoir*. This class will be offered by Jean Marx and will provide basics to get you started. It will be offered at Atlantic on **May 16th at 6:00 pm** in the John Tilghman Fellowship Hall. **Please call the church office to sign up by May 10th**. There is no fee to attend.

You may have noticed the new handicapped-accessible seating in the sanctuary. There is also a new button next to the parking lot entrance to make it easier for people in wheelchairs to enter the building. Please join me in thanking the trustees for getting this done. **There will be a Church Cleanup/Fixup Day on May 18th from 9 am – 4 pm**. Hope you can stop by to help. I continue to pray that God’s love, power and joy are fully present and realized in this time and place.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Patty

Coastal Clergy Comedy
THURSDAY, MAY 9
DELICIOUS MEAL BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM
COMEDY THROUGHOUT THE EVENING
ADULTS \$ 10
PROCEEDS TO GO TO THE CURE GROUP

Comedy by

Rabbi Mills

Pastor Dan

Pastor Frank

Pastor Patty

Br. Matt

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Hall, 10301 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD
RSVP BY MONDAY, MAY 6 AT: (410) 524-7474

PastorWifeWall.com

Figure 1 Pastor Dan

BOOK CLUB – JACKIE STERLING

The Atlantic Book club will be meeting Thursday, May 9th at 6:30. We are reading *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. All are welcome. We are meeting at my home. Blessings, Jackie Sterling 410 726-2221

CHANCEL CHOIR – JUNE TODD

It has been a long recovery; I am happy to be back to the organ. Thank you again for all your prayers and thoughtfulness during these past four months.

The choir will continue to sing until June 2, Pastor Patty's last Sunday. I want to express my thanks and appreciation to the members of the choir who have been so faithful – Charlotte Nash, Pat Beisler, Becky McArthur, Joanne Waysz, Billie Wall, Ed Kriege, Bob Johnson, Dave Moquin, Tom Hemmick, Doug Hemmick.

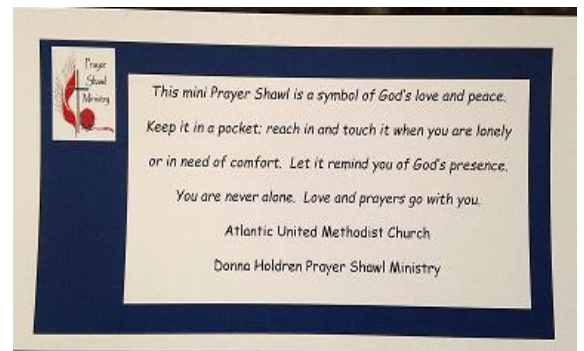
A very special thanks to my daughter, Mary, for her devotion to me and the choir. She has been singing for me since age 5! Her recent solos were beautiful and inspiring! May God continue to bless her with this amazing talent.

I would like to request prayers for Les Munro and Jack Gorgodian. Happy Spring!

DONNA HOLDREN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – JOANN WAYSZ

The Donna Holdren Prayer Shawl Ministry is offering a new item. Some refer to it as a Mini Prayer Shawl or Prayer Cloth. It measures about 4 x 5 inches and can be comfortably held in the hand. They will be treated just as the Prayer Shawls are now. We will

pray while making them and then they will be consecrated during a Sunday church service then stored on the quilt rack under the large shawls in the chapel. They can be used just like a shawl to give comfort, hope and peace to anyone who you feel may benefit from them, anywhere in the world.



MARTHA CIRCLE – BRENDA WIMPERIS, CHAIR



Martha Circle's May meeting is Tuesday, May 14th beginning at 11:00 at Sunset Grille. This is our annual "end of year" lunch celebration! Be prepared to "reveal" your secret sisters! You should receive an email to rsvp or call Nancy Sitskorn at 410-289-4328.

The Berlin Nursing Home Birthday Party is Tuesday, May 21st at 2:00. Please try to attend. We haven't had the best representation the last couple years ~ so let's try to have as many come as possible. Penny Miller is "Chair" this year and is currently getting the Birthday Names and Wish List. Watch the weekly church bulletins and see Penny in Church so you can sign up for the "wish list" items. There will be a "cut off" date to bring your gift items to church ~ watch our weekly bulletins or check with Penny for updates!

We sincerely "**Thank**" all the AUMC ladies who attended the April Dinner! We had such a good time reminiscing! AND it was wonderful to have so many of us together for a fun evening of socializing! Good food, handsome waiters and some wonderful "tales" of past ~ **thank you all!**

From Penny Miller: *You are invited to help celebrate residents' May birthdays at the Berlin Nursing Home on Tuesday, May 21st at 2:00 pm. The Martha's Circle is providing refreshments and gifts for each resident celebrating their birthday. Also, the Nostalgias band will perform. If you would like to sign up for a gift, please see or call Penny Miller at 410-208-1472.*

Monthly Report of Trustees Activities and Work Projects Status Month of May 2019

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

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

We are now well into the Spring season. We are enjoying better weather, and we are all looking forward to the summer, beach, and boardwalk time.

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 needs the attention of the Trustees such as a leaking water source, lights out, broken window(s), equipment or appliances not working, heating or air conditioning not working, or any other concern to please let us know.

ROOF REPLACEMENT:

Thank you everyone for your patience the week of April 15-19. We had the roof replaced on the west end of the building. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, but it needed to be done. Thank you for your support.

PARKING LOT ISSUES:

Update Parking Signs in Parking Lot to Accommodate Enforcement and Towing of Violators:

New Signs have been ordered and will be placed at both entrances.

These signs will be in addition to the required signage by Ocean City Government to be able to accommodate the towing of violators who park illegally on Church property in our parking lot.

Our Church parking lot is very small and has always been an attractive place to park free of charge for people who do not want to pay to use the Town paid parking facilities.

Since the paid parking started April 1st, we are once again starting to see an increase in people parking their vehicles in our parking lot and going to the Boardwalk, or other locations downtown that is not related to our Church. This will get worse as Summer arrives and brings many more people to Town.

Our Church lot is private property and is to be used solely for Church Service, Thrift Shop, Church Events, Church Meetings, and Church Business. We are forced to look for solutions to our illegal parking dilemma.

Therefore, we are placing new additional signage at each entrance about the proper usage of our parking lot. These signs will also warn people illegally using our lot that their vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.

We will ensure that persons who illegally park their vehicles on our lot are in fact in violation of our posted signs before we call the towing company to remove them. But **illegally parked vehicles will be towed**. Illegal Parking on Church Property IS UNACCEPTABLE, IT TAKES PARKING PLACES FROM STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, CONGREGANTS, VISITORS, PATRONS OF THRIFT SHOP, etc.

As far as AUMC congregants go, THIS WILL NOT AFFECT THE WAY WE COME AND GO ON A DAILY BASIS. NOTHING CHANGES FOR US.

The policy of using our lot to park and go off property by **PLACING A RECENT AUMC CHURCH BULLETIN ON THE DASH OF THEIR VEHICLE WHEN PARKING ON CHURCH PROPERTY WILL REMAIN THE SAME. BUT PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IF YOU PARK ON THE LOT, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PLACE A RECENT AUMC BULLETIN DISPLAYED ON THE DASH OF YOUR VEHICLE IN CLEAR VIEW TO PREVENT TOWING.**

The second concern regarding the parking lot is during Sunday Service.

We ask congregants to please leave the **3 visitor spaces** that are marked for visitors **for visitors**. We have permission to park free of charge in the City Hall Lot, and the Police do not enforce the parking lot on 4th street until after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday's. **Please use these areas for overflow parking and leave the visitor parking spaces available for visitors.**

Work being done by Trustees

We continue to work 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 last report, below is an updated status report of our activities work projects:

Pull Out Shelves for Kitchen:

Purchase and install at least Six (6) more pull out shelves in the Kitchen:

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

STATUS: COMPLETED April 9, 2019

Work done by Jay Hastings

Plan to have all brick work on the Church building tipped (cleared and filled), and the cracks in all the exterior walls repaired.:

This includes all exterior brick and stucco walls, brick steps and walkways. They currently have several cracks in the walls and causes rain, snow, etc. to leak in the walls and building.

STATUS: COMPLETED April 10, 2019

Work done by Dan O'Meara.

Kitchen Pot Replacement:

Replacement of all of our 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.

Different committees within the Church (Martha's Circle, Missions, Soup Kitchen, etc.) helped fund the purchase of these pots.

STATUS: COMPLETED April 18, 2019

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

Replace the Roofing of the Church Building:

This roof replacement was done to the West end of the Church Building. The roof was very old and has been patched and repaired several times. There has been over \$30,000.00 spent in the past 10 years and the roof still leaks every time we have a large rain or snowfall. We feel the company that had been performing our roof repairs and work (Peninsula Roofing) was not performing a satisfactory job. They were replaced in January of 2019 by (Chesapeake Roofing). We requested bids and found Chesapeake the most reasonable and reliable. Council approved this repair and expense on 2-26-19 at Council Meeting.

STATUS: COMPLETED April 15-18, 2019

Work done by Chesapeake Roofing.

Reduce the size of 4 pews in the Sanctuary to accommodate space for 4 Wheelchairs:

This will include the reduction in size on 4 pews in the Sanctuary it will occur on 2 pews in the rear of the sanctuary and 2 pews approximately 1/2 way in the center of the sanctuary.

This required a carpenter to cut them down and reattach the end caps.

STATUS: COMPLETED April 22, 2019

Work done by Reach the Beach Home Improvement & Concierge LLC.

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. They have been mounted; this part of this project was completed on Friday March 8, 2019.

STATUS: IN PROGRESS ½ WAY DONE HOPEFULLY TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF APRIL 2019

Work being done by Trustees

Windows in the Church Administrator's Office & the Pastor's Office:

Replace the 4 windows in the Church Administrator's office and the Pastor's Office. They are not functional, they will not properly lock and create a security risk and vulnerability to break-in's, they all leak the outside elements of rain, snow, air, heat, and cold to enter and escape.

STATUS: IN PROGRESS HOPEFULLY TO BE COMPLETED IN APRIL 2019

Work being done by Window World.

Power Wash the Exterior of the Church Building & Thrift Shop:

Plan to power wash the North, East, and West sides of the Church building including the Thrift Shop, sidewalks, etc. The building has lots of mold, mildew and algae growing on the bricks, stucco, and sidewalk entrances.

STATUS: IN PROGRESS HOPEFULLY TO BE COMPLETED IN MAY 2019

Work being done by Ocean Waves Soft Wash Power Washing, Inc.

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

The Church campus has needed a through cleanup/fixup for a long time. We plan on finishing on the upper level in the Fall. We are hopeful we will have enough volunteers to get everything done within a couple of days.

Plan to do a complete cleanup, painting (as needed), and fixup. Of the meeting/classrooms on the upper level. This will be done in coordination with our planned Fall Cleanup/Fixup days in the Fall of the year.

STATUS: PENDING Work to be done in Fall 2019 by way of Church Wide Workday to be held Saturday October 5, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (PLEASE PLACE THIS SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR) Work to be done by Trustees and other Church Volunteers.

On the Church Calendar

May 2 – Noon - National Day of Prayer - Flagpole, City Hall

May 7—5:00pm –Finance Committee

*May 9 – 5:30pm - Dinner & Coastal Clergy Comedy,
St. Peter's Lutheran*

May 14— 11:00am—Martha Circle Luncheon—Sunset Grille

May 16—6:00pm - Introduction to Memoirs

May 18—9:00am –4:00pm—Church Wide Spring, Clean-up, Fix Up Day

May 21 – 2:00pm - Martha Circle's Berlin Nursing Home Birthday Party

May 28 – 6:00pm—Administrative Council

Summer worship times – May 26th thru September 1st

Informal (Boardwalk) 8:30 am

Traditional (Sanctuary) 10:00 am

May Birthdays!!

May 6 - Nancy Bryant

May 8 - Carol Finke

May 11 - Earl Robinson

May 12 - Jackie Sterling

May 23 - Susan Lauer

May 24 - Joanne Harner

May 27 - Natalie Bloodsworth



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AUMC INFORMATION FORM

****To ensure we have correct contact information on file, the AUMC family is asked to please complete this *AUMC Information Form* and return it to the Church Office: 1.) place in Dot's mailbox (outside of Church Office), 2.) email to Church Office atlanticumc@atlanticumc.org , 3.) mail to Church – 105 4th Street, Ocean City, MD – 21842,4.) hand deliver to Church Office.**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers:

Cell: _____

Home: _____

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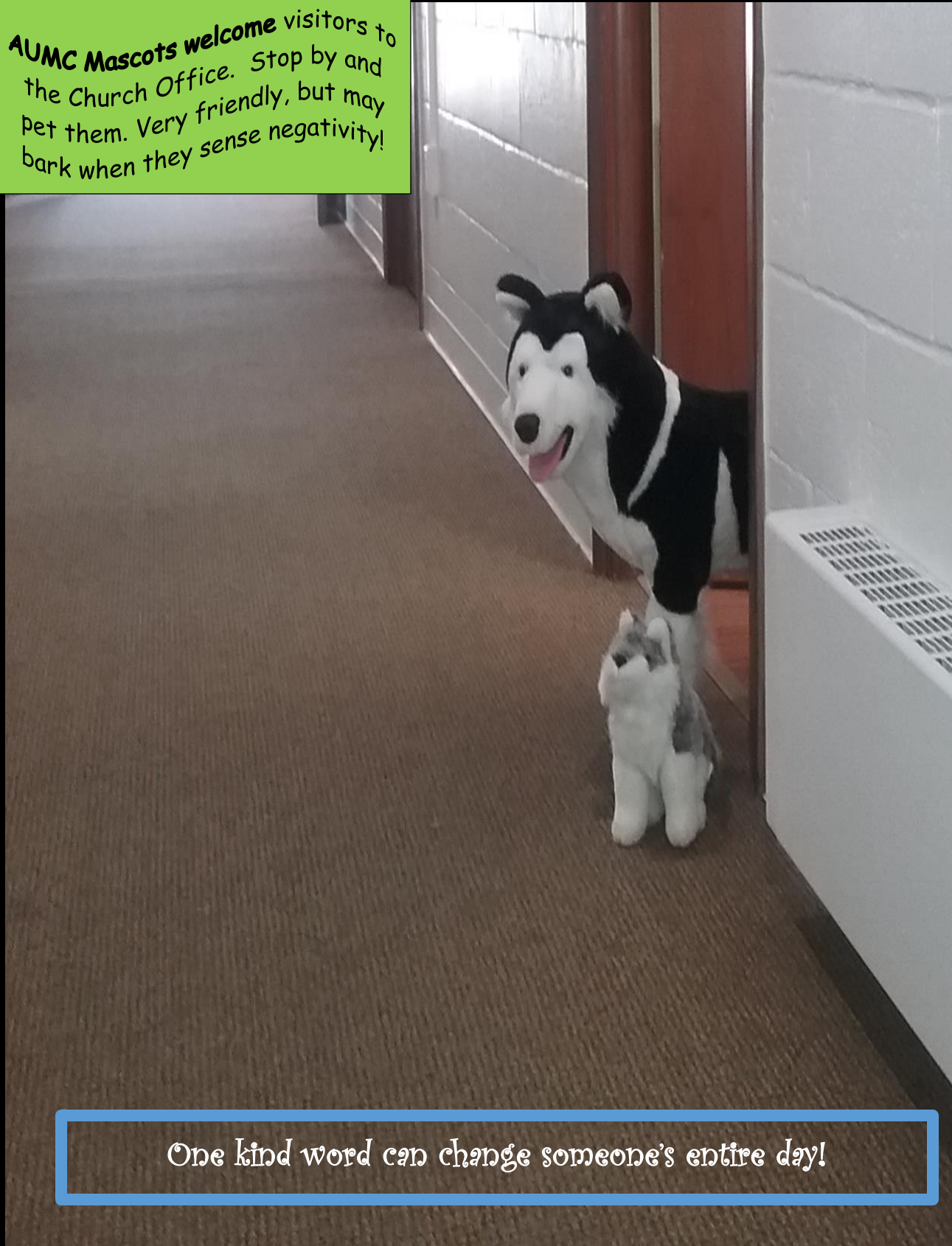
Birthday _____

Attend

____ 8:15am Worship

____ 10:30am Worship

AUMC Mascots welcome visitors to the Church Office. Stop by and pet them. Very friendly, but may bark when they sense negativity!



One kind word can change someone's entire day!