

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

July 2019

A LITTLE PENCIL

It has been forty years since Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize “for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitutes a threat to peace.” This remarkable servant of God accepted the award, but declined to attend the ceremonial banquet and asked that the monetary award of \$192,000 be given to the poor in India.



In 1979, the Press Release read: “The Committee has placed special emphasis on the spirit that has inspired her activities and which is the tangible expression of her personal attitude and human qualities. A feature of her work has been respect for the individual human being, for his or her dignity and innate value. The loneliest, the most wretched and the dying have, at her hands, received compassion without condescension, based on reverence for man. In Mother Teresa’s case, this basic philosophy of life is firmly rooted in her Christian faith.” Her Christian faith informed her world-view, it informed her daily ministry, and even more, it was the foundation of her identity in God. I will concentrate on her identity in God in this article.

In an interview 10 years after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, she said in an interview: “I am a little pencil in God's hands. He does the thinking. He does the writing. He does everything and sometimes it is really hard because it is a broken pencil and He has to sharpen it a little more.” I must correct my title: “A Broken Little Pencil Needing Constant Sharpening!”

When I read this comment, I wondered, is Mother Teresa theologically and Biblically correct? First, I looked at the Apostle Paul’s second letter to the Corinthian Church:

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 ² The only letter of recommendation we need is you yourselves. Your lives are a letter written in our hearts; everyone can read it and recognize our good work among you. ³ Clearly, you are a letter from Christ showing the result of our ministry among you. This "letter" is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts. (NLT)

In this passage, the Apostle Paul refers to the entire local church as a letter, a message from God indelibly written on the human heart through the power of the Holy Spirit. So,

the whole church is the letter; while each believer contributes a (or a few) page(s) to give glory to God, and extol the salvation through Jesus Christ. And, according to Mother Teresa, you and I are a broken pencil writing a few lines in this grand letter.

What are your lines? How are they coming out? Is your section giving glory to God, and extolling the salvation found in Jesus Christ? Are you writing something important, or, is your page all about you?!

In the same interview Mother Teresa added: "I'm a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world." St. Teresa of Calcutta

Rev. Dr. Joseph Barth

AUMC Family welcomes

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Sunday, July 7, 2019

8:30am – Boardwalk Service at Shenanigan's on 4th & Boardwalk (in case of extreme heat or rain, service will be held in our sanctuary)

10:00am – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

We will honor Pastor Joe with a special Fellowship Hour in Tilghman Hall immediately following the 10:00am service.

BELL CHOIR – BILLIE WALL

Our bells and chimes continue to enjoy their respite and look forward to meeting Pastor Joe to ask if he plays or is at all interested in playing handbells with our choir. There will be plenty of time for that, but you can be assured that I will be asking!

Looking through the Daily Times today, this announcement caught my eye.

"Carillonneurs to perform at SU

Two renowned carillonneurs will perform Thursday, July 11, on SU's Brown and Church Carillon in the Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons. A graduate of the Music Conservatory of Leuven, Belgium, and that country's Royal Carillon School, she is joined by her daughter, Rosalie, for a rare four-handed performance.

Gerald Martindale will perform Monday, July 15. He is the carillonneur for the historic 54-bell carillon at Canada's Metropolitan United Methodist Church of Toronto. The performance is part of his 2019 American concert tour.

Admission is free and the public is invited. Concerts are rain or shine. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged.

Call 410-548-5588 or visit the SU website at www.salisbury.edu." I hope to attend at least one.

God bless you all during this summer season. . .maybe a "Bellbug" will bite and you will be interested in picking up a new and exciting church mission for the coming year!
Always Hopeful, Billie Wall, Director Atlantic Bell Choir

BOOK CLUB – JACKIE STERLING

The Book Club will be reading "A Women's Place" by Lynn Austin during the summer. It's a novel about four women who go to work in a factory during WWII and how it affects them. We will meet again in September.

CHANCEL CHOIR – JUNE TODD

The Chancel Choir will sing for Pastor Joe's first service on July. The rehearsals are over until September. Sincere thanks to all the choir members and bell ringers for their faithful service to AUMC. I want to welcome Pastor Joe to AUMC and I look forward to working with him. Have a safe, relaxing and healthy summer.



Welcome Pastor Joe! Martha Circle Members Welcome You to AUMC!
Save the date - Tuesday, September 10th, 11:45, will be our first Martha Circle Meeting for our 2019 – 2020 year! Maybe we can get Pastor Joe to stop into our meeting for a brief "hello"?

Save the date - Friday, November 9th and Saturday, November 10th will be our 41st Annual Christmas Bazaar!



Shown are Martha Circle Members who were able to attend the Berlin Nursing Home Party in May! A great time was had by all AND the Birthday Residents really appreciated all the lovely gifts we sent them!

Wishing you all a safe, joyful 4th of July and summer!
Blessings, Brenda Wimperis, President

MISSIONS – PAM ZORN

SOUP KITCHEN

The soup kitchen is in full swing serving over 200 every week! Come join the fun 11am-1pm Fridays.

BRING US YOUR BOTTLES -When you are traveling this summer or any time during the year, please keep in mind this way that you can help the unfortunate in our community and

our summer students. Bring us those little "courtesy bottles" of soap, shampoo, etc. that are provided by the hotels where you are staying. Just leave them in the kitchen and they will be placed in our "help yourself" basket that's put out every Friday at the Soup Kitchen.

SHEPHERD'S CROOK FOOD PANTRY

Shepherd's Crook is giving groceries to the needy- summer is a great time to donate nonperishable food items and toiletries. Drop off in green bin in Tilghman Hall. Call me if you would like to volunteer mornings 10am-noon. God Bless, Pam Zorn (443-235-1576)

DONNA HOLDREN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – JOANN WAYSZ

We are very excited about the positive reception that our Mini Prayer Shawls have received. We hope that they bring as much comfort and inspiration as our larger shawls. It only took two weeks for our initial basketful was GONE! So, we gladly welcome anyone who would like to help us create them. There are knitting and crocheting patterns that are easy to follow; and as always, all supplies are provided by our Ministry. Contact Joann Waysz, 215.828.5521 or ewaysz@aol.com and we'll get you started. The Mini Prayer Shawls are not meant to take the place of our larger Prayer Shawls however. Each item has its own time, circumstance and place for sending AUMC's blessings to those in need.

A huge hug and Thank You to those who have so faithfully contributed their time and talent to this Ministry. I pray it brings blessing to you just as you are bringing them to others.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Attention weekly ushers, greeters, and lay reader. Please coordinate between yourselves to make sure all exterior doors to the Church are locked and secure before leaving Church. Thank You Very Much for your help - AUMC Trustees

Altar Flowers – price increase Effective July 1, 2019 the cost of altar flowers will increase to **\$44.00**. All payments for altars will be paid directly to AUMC. Just place payment in Dot's church mailbox, in offering plate or mail to the church, please note on envelope or check "altar flowers". 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.

Conserve electric – save money. Thermostats are set at 74 degrees throughout the building. Feel free to lower thermostat while you use a room, BUT please reset to 74 when leaving. Also, please keep doors to offices, rooms and sanctuary closed when not in use.

Monthly Report of Trustees Activities and Work Projects Status Month of July 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 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.

PARKING LOT ISSUES:

Update Parking Signs in Parking Lot to Accommodate Enforcement and Towing of Violators:
Our parking lot continues to be an area of concern. There continues to be more and more persons using it without conducting Church business or attending services.

We have meet with the Towing Company and will have violators towed when necessary or justified. Since the paid parking started April 1st, we continue 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 continues to get worse as Summer has arrived and this season brings many more people to Town.

To avoid your vehicle from being towed, we want to once again remind congregants that our policy is as follows:

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.

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:

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

Power washing of the North, East, and West sides of the Church building including the Thrift Shop, sidewalks, etc. The building had lots of mold, mildew and algae growing on the bricks, stucco, and sidewalk entrances.

STATUS: COMPLETED **May 15, 2019**

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

Broken Freezer in Scullery:

June 11, 2019 One of our older freezers broke, it requires a new compressor – Part ordered and should be replaced pretty quickly.

STATUS: PENDING SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY END OF JUNE, DEPENDING ON PARTS AVAILABILITY

Work being done by McDonald Refrigeration.

Fans not working in Kitchen over Stove Top & on second floor of Church in the Thrift Shop Storage Area:

STATUS: Completed **June 26, 2019**

Work done by DiSabatino Construction Company – Kitchen Exhaust Fan
William Ayres – Second Floor Fan

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 were not functional, they would not properly lock and created a security risk and vulnerability to break-in's, they all leaked the outside elements of rain, snow, air, heat, and cold to enter and escape.

STATUS: COMPLETED **June 17, 2019**

Work done by Window World.

Toilet Repair in Ladies Restroom on Main Level of Church:

Repair leaking toilet

STATUS: COMPLETED **June 19, 2019**

Work done by 5 Star Plumbing.

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. Work to be done by Trustees and other Church Volunteers. **(PLEASE PLACE THIS SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR)**

CHURCH CALENDAR

Aug. 6—5:00pm—Finance Committee
Aug. 13—6:30pm—SPRC
Aug. 27 —6:30pm - Administrative Council
Sept. 16/17—10:00am—2:00pm -Thrift Shop Bag Sale
Sept. 20—10:00am—2:00pm -Thrift Shop Grand Reopening
Nov. 8—3:00pm—7:00pm—Christmas Bazaar & Dinner
Nov. 9—10:00am—2:00pm— Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon
Thrift Shop—Monday thru Saturday 10:00am—2:00PM

Summer worship times – May 26th thru September 1st
Informal (Boardwalk) 8:30 am
Traditional (Sanctuary) 10:00 am

July Birthdays!!

July 2 - Jennifer Hoffman
July 4 - Paul Wall
July 5 - Larry Holdren, Sr.
July 9 - Deno Vlachos
July 14 - Jimmy Carter
July 17 - Michael Truitt
July 20 - Joel Gorgodian
July 21 - Norma Biddle
July 24 - Diane Wright
July 27 - Pam Buckley

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

The Golden Rule