

# AUMC

## *A Community in Faith Where Active Adults Can Grow and Thrive*

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

September 2019

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOE

#### How Much Should I Tip?

The other day I went out to lunch with my daughter, Rebekah, and at the end of the meal I asked her, “How much should I give for the tip?” You see, before teaching, Rebekah used to work as a waitress in several restaurants. She told me and I paid the bill and the tip. I also ask her because one day we went to lunch, and, I left an improper amount. Dad (me) heard about it!

In preparing for Sunday message one August 25<sup>th</sup>, I researched all kinds of web-sites and articles on service. I also found an interesting article on, “how to be a good customer”! And, Rule #40 was “If you can’t afford to leave a tip, you can’t afford to eat in the restaurant. Stay home.” I love that rule! I think that rule should be applied to every area of life, and, this rule must include more than generosity!

In the Letter to the Colossians, the Apostle Paul, tells the church:

**Colossians 3:12-13** <sup>12</sup> Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. (NLT)

Kindness and generosity (forgiveness) along with mercy (compassion), humility, gentleness and patience are just like items of clothing – you must put them on!

“Imagine a new rule of life: if you can’t afford to be kind – stay home!” “If you can’t be patient with people – stay home!”

Notice the items we must put on when we venture out the front door:

1) Mercy or compassion – since we have been given mercy, give it liberally to all who need mercy; 2) Kindness – a disposition of courtesy to all, to build better relationships & friendships; 3) Humility – to those who are over us and no condescension to those who are below us. In this passage, humility isn’t just a humble demeanor or attitude, it is a humble mindset. 4) Gentleness

or meekness – this is directed to those who have injured us. Resentment and revenge are not in our vocabulary; 5) Patience – is a quality of Godly character for those who provoke us.

How much should I tip? Well, right there it is! 100% of kindness, generosity, forgiveness, compassion, humility, gentleness and patience. This is how God tipped us, and how we should tip others.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS – SUSAN LAUER**

We have decided to place artificial flower arrangements on the altar starting September 2019. It is getting is getting harder and harder to find participants each week and the price has of the arrangements has also gone up. Fran Robinson has graciously stepped up to the plate, with her magic, to make beautiful arrangements for each season/quarter throughout the year. We will still honor Doctor Adkins' Adkins Memorial Flower Fund for Easter, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you would like to have flowers on the altar, for any reason/special occasion, please give me two weeks' notice so that I can let the florist know to pick up the vases, and also give Dot time to make then announcement in the bulletin. Thank you so much for your cooperation over the years in honoring/and or memorializing your loved ones. Please feel free to still do the same, just give me a little notice Susan W. Lauer swestlauer@yahoo.com

#### **BELLS – BILLIE WALL**

Good September Atlantic!

We have been blessed with a bountiful summer season of visitors, good weather (if you like hot), special events, well attended services on the boardwalk and in the sanctuary, special music provided by guest and member musicians and mission programs that continued through the summer to provide for those who were here and in need of the services of our church by the sea.

Now another season begins with programs returning to enrich the lives of our visitors, members, and our community of faith in Ocean City. Atlantic is blessed with many members who give their time and talents to these programs. The handbell choir will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. We will begin preparing for our Christmas Concert, scheduled for December 8th at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. We thank you all for support and encouragement.

There will be some surprises for all of you to join us in playing for worship, for you to play the bells and/or chimes as we praise our Lord in music together! Keep your calendars ready for some additional dates that will be important for the life and health of our bell program and memorable worship at Atlantic.

It is my honor and pleasure to direct the wonderful and loyal ringers of the Atlantic Bell Choir. Bless you and yours in these beautiful months ahead as we witness the seasons change and the bounty of the blessings we will receive.

**Bible Study: Starting Wed. Sept. 4th**, Rev. Dr. Barth (9:30am) Rev. Sterling (6:00pm) will be teaching a 13-week study on the book of Galatians. We will be using the book, 'Galatians for You' by Timothy Keller. To sign up for the class, contact the church office.

### **BOOK CLUB – JACKIE STERLING**

Attention all book readers. The AUMC book club will meet again on September 26, at 6:30 P.M. We will be discussing the book, *A Woman's Place*, by Lynn Austin. It's a novel about women during WWII and the different roles they played. Please join us at my home and take part in this fun group. All are welcome. My number is 410-726-2221.

### **CHANCEL CHOIR – JUNE TODD**

**SEPTEMBER!** MY favorite time of year. The tourists are leaving, the children are back in school, the choir season seasons begin and cooler weather approaches, I hope!

I want to express my sincere thanks to all the soloists who sang and played for us this summer. We are blessed to have so many talented members and friends here at Atlantic!

The Chancel Choir will sing on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00, rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 8:15pm. We need singers – new and former members are encouraged to join! No auditions are required, just interest and enthusiasm. Every year (57), I think we may have enough singers to fill both choir lofts! Could this be the year?? I don't have many left – give the choir a try. Let's make this a singing season!

### **MARTHA CIRCLE**



*Martha Circle* will begin the 2019-2020 year with a meeting on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:45am.

We invite all women of AUMC to join us! Even if you can't make all our regular monthly meetings, we invite you to join and attend when you can. We are a very active group of women who are an important addition to AUMC and all the church's Missions and Functions.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call Brenda Wimperis at 410-812-3121 or Jackie Sterling at 410-726-2221.

*We sincerely hope you'll consider joining us,*

*Blessings,*

Brenda Wimperis, President



**41<sup>st</sup> Annual AUMC Church Bazaar**  
**Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>!**

The Bazaar Committee, Chaired by Pam Zorn, have been meeting and finalizing the plans for this year's bazaar!

We are actively soliciting donations for the *Silent Auction* from local businesses and ask all AUMC members who are business owners to contribute also. Gift cards, Service Gift Certificates, Merchandise and all donations are gladly accepted! Donna Berg and Sharon Rutherford are Silent Auction Coordinators.

We are accepting "Ads" for the annual *AD BOOK*. The Ad Book is an excellent reference source for businesses and is handed out to all church members the Sunday before the Bazaar **AND** handed out to all Bazaar Attendees. Call Sharon Rutherford for details at 240-372-0080.

We are also asking all AUMC members who are blessed with "canning and preserving" talents to consider donating a few jars of your goodies to the *Bakery Delights and Gifts Shop!* Of course, we'll be asking for baked goods also! Jackie Sterling is Bakery Delights and Gifts Coordinator.

In addition to a delicious Friday night Italian Ziti Dinner, the Saturday Luncheon is going "retro", offering ~ Chicken and Dumplings! Becky Yates and BJ Cain are Kitchen Coordinators.

Our "*Thrift Shop*" will be open Friday Night, November 8<sup>th</sup> and all proceeds (from Friday night) are being donated to the Bazaar. Linda Jones (along with Bill) is Thrift Shop Coordinator. Of course, the Thrift Shop will be open for its regular hours on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.



**MEN'S RETREAT – BILL JONES**

Exciting news for the men of Atlantic UMC. After an absence of several years we have decided to once again hold a Men's Retreat at Pecometh Camp. We have reserved rooms for the weekend of February 7-9, 2020. Pastors Joe Barth and Bill Sterling are scheduled to be our facilitators for a weekend of spiritual connection and fellowship. More details will follow in the coming weeks but guys mark your calendars now for this wonderful event. If you have any initial questions please contact Bill Jones.

**MISSIONS – JOANN WAYSZ**

Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the school supplies donation program. The supplies were taken to the Worcester GOLD Office for distribution and are very much appreciated.

## **THRIFT SHOP – BILL & LINDA JONES**

Activity in the Thrift Shop has remained consistent and busy through July and August as we are seeing many families and students visit us. It is always a joy to be able to talk to our visitors and to find out that many of them make a visit to the AUMC Thrift Shop an annual stop while they are on vacation.

We have scheduled our Fall Bag Sale for Monday and Tuesday, September 16 & 17. We will then close for that Wednesday and Thursday for our turnover to Fall/Winter clothes. We will have our Grand Re-opening on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> with all new clothes items. As always, we can use all off the volunteer help, we can get on any of these days. If you have some time to share, we would love to hear from you.

## **Women's Retreat – Debbie Collins**

### **It's that time again.... our ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP PECOMETH..... October 8-9**

REGISTRATION THIS YEAR IS \$75...pp double occupancy which also includes 4 meals ...Also... an added bonus this year ... invite a first-time guest...registration FREE!! Perhaps you could make this a mother/daughter get away... sisters...good friends...a new friend that perhaps is unchurched and you have always wanted to invite... THEY will be our guest!! As always, ANYONE who needs help with the cost. No problem... just let us know and be assured this will be handled in strict confidence. Reservation form attached to this email. Reservations are due by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **SAVE THE DATE(S):**

**January 16, 2020**

**February 13, 2020**

**March 12, 2020**



**Atlantic United  
Methodist Church  
Annual Soup Sales**

**Full details to follow. Please call Becky Yates at 301-275-2526 or Larry Yates at 301-412-0376 with questions.**

**Monthly Report of Trustees Activities and Work Projects Status**  
**Month of September 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.**

**Church Building Security: There have been a few occasions lately where we have found the Church building unsecure. This is a large concern for our safety and security.**

**This is a both a concern during the week and on Sunday's for our Church Services.**

**If you are using the Church, or the last one to leave after an event or meeting, please make sure the Building is locked, and secure.**

**We have asked the weekly ushers, greeters and any trustee members that may be in church to please coordinate and make sure that the Church building is completely locked before leaving.**

**If you unlock or open a door, please close it and relock it after you're done. Please Do not prop open any doors with wedges.**

**Church Building HVAC:**

**There have been several incidents lately that we have found the HVAC Thermostats adjusted below or above our normal settings. This causes several problems, particularly when the building is vacant;**

**It overworks our systems.**

**It increases our HVAC Bill dramatically.**

**It makes the building spaces uncomfortable when the building is opened.**

**We kindly ask all users that if you adjust the thermostat for a meeting, function, or service that you return it to its originally set reading of 72 degrees in Summer and during the winter 60 degrees.**

## **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. It has gotten better, but there are still some persons using it without conducting Church business or attending services.

Remember, to avoid your vehicle from being towed, we want to once again remind congregants that our policy is for all to display a recent AUMC Church Bulletin on the dash of your vehicle.

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:**

#### **Broken Camera & Replacement of the Camera Surveillance System:**

Mid July we experienced a broken camera in our surveillance system. It was replaced. ADT advised us the system is outdated, parts are no longer available for repair. Recommendation to replace the entire camera system consisting of 12 cameras and recording devices in the Church and Thrift shop. This proposal was brought before the Church Council for approval on 7-30-19. It was approved.

**STATUS: COMPLETED**                      **August 5, 2019**

Work done by ADT.

#### **Access Cover for front of AV Console System:**

There was a concern that the wires and components to the AV Console were exposed and subject to damage. We installed a removable cover on the front of the AV Console system to eliminate this problem.

**STATUS: COMPLETED**                      **August 20, 2019**

Work done by Bill Sterling & Trustees.

### **NEAR FUTURE/PLANNED PROJECTS & WORK – SHORT TERM:**

#### **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 Work to be done by Trustees and other Church Volunteers.

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

## ***On the Church Calendar***

- September 3 thru 7 – Back porch AA Group Sessions  
– morning and afternoon – Tilghman Hall**
- September 4 – 9:30pm – Bible Study with Pastor Joe  
6:00pm – Bible Study with Pastor Bill**
- September 8 – 6:30pm – Bell Choir Rehearsals start  
September 9 – 6:00pm – SPRC**
- September 10 – 11:45am – Martha Circle  
September 10 – 5:00pm Finance Meeting**
- September 11 – 2:30pm – Nurture Committee**
- September 12 – 2:30pm – Thrift Shop Board**
- September 16/17—10:00am—2:00pm -Thrift Shop Bag Sale**
- September 18 – 7:00pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsals start**
- September 20—10:00am—2:00pm -Thrift Shop Grand Reopening**
- October 5 – 9:00am -4:00pm – Church Wide Work Day/Clean-Up, Fix Up**
- October 8 & 9 – Women’s Retreat – Camp Pecometh**
- October 15 – 11:45am – Martha Circle**
- October 29 – 7:00pm – Church Conference**
- November 8—3:00pm—7:00pm—Christmas Bazaar & Dinner**
- November 9—10:00am—2:00pm— Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon**

### ***September Birthdays***

- September 2 - Darlene Prejean  
September 6 - Linda Jones  
September 6 - Bill Jones  
September 7 - Maura Vlachos  
September 8 - Bob Johnson  
September 8 - Max McGuire  
September 11 - Helen Trivets  
September 17 - Cliff Berg  
September 17 - June Todd  
September 22 - Bonnie Mitrecic  
September 23 - Tim McGuire  
September 26 - Joe Cain