

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

November 2019

Crossing the Divide



Two years ago, I flew to Germany with my oldest son, Jonathan. We visited Munich, Austria and then we ended the vacation in Berlin. Two of the many sights we wanted to see in Berlin are the remnants of the “The Berlin Wall” and “Check-Point Charlie.” Thirty years ago, on November 9, 1989, the wall was opened and Germany began its journey of reunification. The wall was 27.9 miles and circled “West Berlin” dividing the city into two.

When the wall came down every magazine and newspaper heralded the event as the end of an era. It symbolized the end of the division of Europe, and the end of two social systems in Germany. Those two systems being socialism and representative democracy.

In the United States, it was unequivocal confirmation that the Soviet Union and communism was falling apart. It was later reported that 82% of the U.S. population paid close attention to this news item. And over 50% paid very close attention according to the Gallup/Times Mirror survey. This indicated a very high level of interest in foreign news story. Everyone loves the story of reunion and the removal of barriers where should never be one.



The greatest story of reunification in history happened in Jesus Christ! You see, before Jesus the world was divided by the godly (Jews) and the ungodly (heathen). The Apostle Paul tells us just how bad it was, and how much better it became, because of Jesus!

Ephesians 2:13-15, 19 ¹³ But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. ¹⁵ He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. ¹⁶ Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death... ¹⁹ So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. (NLT)

Before Jesus died for all of humanity, people were divided between insiders and outsiders, excluded and included, living apart from God and those living with God. The effect of Jesus' death, means that all Christians, whether Jewish or Gentile, are: 1) No longer strangers, 2) no longer aliens, 3) fellow citizens with the saints (God's people), 4) part of the same household of God.

Jesus made all the difference in the world! Jesus' death on the cross, his rising again, and being made alive in a spiritual body was all by God's great design. In this passage, the emphasis is on his death, and not on his resurrection. The word "blood" in verse 13, is the strategic reason: "...you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ." We also see it in the word "body" in verse 14, "...in his own body on the cross," And finally, we see it in the word "cross" in verse 16, "... by means of his death on the cross."

Thank God that the greatest dividing wall of history has come crashing down in Jesus Christ, and we are now able to be at peace with all of God's people – near and ~~far~~ near.

In Jesus' Love,

Rev. Dr. Joseph Barth, Pastor

BAZAAR NEWS – PAM ZORN

The Christmas Bazaar is right around the corner: Nov 8 3-7 and Nov 9 10-2. We need volunteers to stay after second service Sunday Nov 3 to help bring things down steps. We will be setting up all week, so come out and be a part of the fun. Bring your friends to shop and dine!!

Bakery Delights: Homemade baked goods and home-canned treasures are needed for the Bakery Delights shop. Contact Jackie Sterling - 410-726-2221.

BELLS – BILLIE WALL

December 8, 2019

**Atlantic Bell Choir
3:00 p.m.**

**Singing, Ringing,
Playing Along!**

**An afternoon of carols, special music of the season
and delight!**

**Tea and Cookies
will follow the concert!**

Mark your calendar!

**We will see you there!
Billie Wall and the Atlantic Bell Choir**

BOOK CLUB – JACKIE STERLING

The AUMC Book Club met and we had a great discussion. We have chosen for our next book, “Where the Crawdads Sing”, a novel written by Delia Owens. Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 14th, 6:30 at my home. All are welcome. Please call me if you have any questions. My number is 410-726-2221.

Blessings and happy reading.

CHANCEL CHOIR – JUNE TODD

It’s a beautiful Fall day, my favorite time of year. A sincere thanks to my faithful choir members and great musicians for sharing their time and talents with us on Sunday mornings. Please consider joining the choir for the Advent and Christmas Season. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. High! or Low! Lift your voices in Praise!

There are angels among us. Thank you and may God bless you!

MEN'S RETREAT – BILL JONES

Atlantic UMC will be hosting a Men's Retreat to allow men of our congregation to gather together for fun, fellowship and Christian discussion. We will meet from Friday thru Sunday, February 7-9, 2020 at the Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh. Pastors Joe Barth and Bill Sterling will lead a discussion on the topic of "King David – God's Man". Details on the topic will follow. The cost of the weekend will only be \$100.00 per person with the Christian Education Endowment Fund providing the remainder of the cost. At present sixteen slots have been reserved so we expect them to be filled quickly. I will begin accepting reservations, and payment, in mid-November. Until then if you have any questions please contact me.

MISSIONS – JOANN WAYSZ

The Soup Kitchen had a busy summer but now that we have returned our usual off-season numbers, we are taking a deep breath and stopping to remember all the blessings we have received from this ministry. It is a joy to meet the youth from so many different countries and realize they are just like our own children and grandchildren. They are respectful and so appreciative of the great food and warm, welcoming atmosphere that our Soup Kitchen brings. We want to take this opportunity to thank the extra workers who helped us provide that friendly experience. We have a wonderful group of helpers who show up and work hard every week; but, when our numbers soar from 100 to 250+, those extra hands made a big difference. THANK YOU!

AUMC NEWS:

On October 27, AUMC welcomed new member, Lacey Murray.

It's a girl! In October, Sara & Howard Jarmon welcomed a great-granddaughter, Kimber Lynn Jarmon. Proud parents are Katie and Alan Jarmon.

AUMC member Nola Beadenkopf and husband are moving to The Villages in Florida.

Dan Geary is asking for prayers as he faces major health concerns. Cards of encouragement may be sent to: Dan and Kathleen Geary, 8153 Northwest 54th Terrace, Gainesville, Fla. 32653

Continued prayers of healing for Pastor Bill Sterling following foot surgery.

****2020 Contribution Envelopes will be available in John Tilghman Fellowship Hall mid-November. ****

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

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:

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.

Trustee Meeting:

Quarterly Trustee meeting was held on Tuesday October 22, 2019. Action Items and follow up to projects if any will be reported in December Newsletter.

Welcome to our new members for the upcoming year.

Chairperson:

Larry Yates **Class of 2020**

Members:

Laurie Brucki **Class of 2022**

Linda Jones **Class of 2020**

Pam Buckley **Class of 2022**

Ed Kriege **Class of 2022**

Grover Collins **Class of 2021**

Tim McGuire **Class of 2020**

Jeff Facello **Class of 2021**

Bill Wimperis * **Class of 2021**

Church Building HVAC:

We are still experiencing 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; (1) overworks our systems, (2) increases our HVAC Bill dramatically, (3) makes the building spaces uncomfortable when the building is opened.

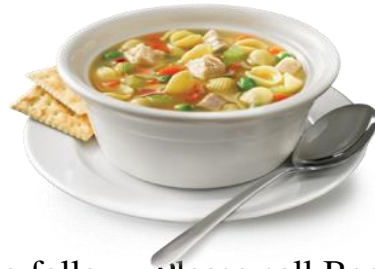
We kindly ask all users that if you adjust the thermostat for a meeting, function, or service that you return it to its originally set reading of 72 degrees in Summer and during the winter 60 degrees.

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.



November Birthdays

November 4 – Debbie Priestley

November 7 – Elizabeth Steedman

November 7 – Beth Zimmer

November 8 – Jeff Facello

November 9 – Sara Jarmon

November 10 – Debbie Collins

November 12 – Sarah Purnell

November 14 – Brian Bankert

November 15 – Joe Mitrecic

November 19 – Grace Hoption

November 21 – Emily Nock

November 24 – Nancy Sitskorn

November 25 – Penny Miller

November 27 – Carol McGuire

On the Church Calendar

Meetings & Special Events

November 8 3:00pm—7:00pm—Christmas Bazaar & Dinner
November 9—10:00am—2:00pm— Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon
November 12 – 5:00pm – Finance Committee
November 25 –7:00pm - Community Thanksgiving – Ocean City Baptist Church
December 8 – 3:00pm - Bell Choir Christmas Concert
December 10 – 11:45am – Martha Circle
December 13 – 7:00pm - Pine Tones Concert
December 24 – 7:00pm - Family Christmas Eve Service
January 16 – 11:00am – 1:00pm - Soup Sale
February 7 – 9 – Men’s Retreat – Camp Pecometh
February 13 – 11:00am – 1:00pm -Soup Sale
March 12- 11:00am -1:00pm - Soup Sale

Recurring

Sunday

8:30 -Informal Worship
9:30am – Adult Sunday School
10:30am – Traditional Worship

Monday

6:30pm—Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday

9:30am Bible Study with Bob Johnson/Jack Moore

Wednesday

9:30am Bible Study with Pastor Joe
6:00pm—Bible Study with Pastor Bill
7:00pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

8:30am—Backpack Ministry

Friday

11:00-am—1:00pm—Soup Kitchen
1:00pm—Donna Holdren Prayer Shawl Ministry

Atlantic United Methodist Church

105 4th Street, Ocean City, Maryland

410-289-7430

 **41st Annual Christmas Bazaar** 

November 8-9, 2019

Friday Night 3 pm-7:00 pm and Saturday 10 am-2 pm

Friday and Saturday activities include

- *Christmas Home Place –Christmas trees, wreaths, decor, and everything else Christmas
- *Bakery Delights and Gifts –cakes, pies, breads, cookies, soup mixes, and home canned goods.
- *AUMC Thrift Shop will be open (new this year for Friday night)
- *Vintage Jewelry—earrings, necklaces, bracelets and pins
- *Silent Auction—over 100 great items and gift baskets
- * Ticket Drop—Friday night only
- *Take and make—decorative items and craft supplies

Friday Night Italian Dinner served 3:00-6:30

Carry outs available

Menu—Baked Ziti with meat sauce, Italian bread, salad, beverage and dessert

Price--\$10.00

Saturday Lunch served 11-1:30 pm

Carry outs available

Menu Choices--Chicken Salad with croissant, chips, cole slaw & pickle
\$6.50

Chicken and Dumplings—small bowl \$3.00, large bowl \$6.50

Vegetable Beef Soup—small bowl \$3.00, large bowl \$6.50

Assorted Desserts--\$2.00

Beverages--\$1.00



Community Thanksgiving Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

7:00PM

Ocean City Baptist Church

102 N. Division St

Ocean City, MD 21842

Donations accepted:

**Packaged food goods, paper products
and funds for the offering will be
distributed to the needy in our
community.**

*This is a great opportunity to give thanks
to God. We hope you can attend.*

Presented by Ocean City Christian Ministers Association



Happy Thanksgiving!

*“Whatever you do in word or deed,
do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks through Him
to God the Father.”*

Colossians 3:17

