

**February 2020**

***Valentine's Day, 2020***

According to church tradition, "St. Valentine was a Priest, martyred in 269 at Rome and was buried on the Flaminian Way. He is the Patron Saint of bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travelers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses."

The Catholic Church does not recognize St. Valentine as a universal saint (one recognized throughout the Catholic Church for liturgical purposes), but as a local saint (important to certain congregations).

Some historians believe that St. Valentine was a temple priest jailed for defiance during the reign of Claudius. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom.

It is believed that he was a Roman priest martyred during the reign of Claudius II, because he was caught marrying Christian couples and aiding any Christians who were being persecuted under Emperor Claudius in Rome, Valentinus (or, St. Valentine) was then arrested and imprisoned. Claudius took a liking to this prisoner -- until Valentinus made a strategic error: he tried to convert the Emperor -- whereupon this priest was condemned to death. He was beaten with clubs and stoned; when that didn't do it, he was beheaded outside the Flaminian Gate [circa 269]"

I am not making the case that we venerate this saint! In the 14th Article of Religion in The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church it states, "The Romish doctrine concerning purgatory, pardon, worshiping, and adoration, as well of images as of relics, and also invocation of saints, is a fond thing, vainly invented, and grounded upon no warrant of Scripture, but repugnant to the Word of God."

The United Methodist Church (as well as many Protestant churches) do not allow the veneration of saints common in the Catholic Church. Yet, there are many aspects of his life which are inspiring to all Christians. United Methodists will continue to celebrate this day, without any thought of the person for whom the day is named.

By the 1400's it was associated with couples sharing flowers and candy with one another, and romantic love. In the 1800's, hand-written valentines were replaced by commercially produced cards. Shortly thereafter, the day has become grossly secularized to buy dinner, send roses, or candy; as well as flowers. The true meaning of St. Valentine's love is rarely mentioned.

So, as you decide how you want to celebrate this day, I invite you to think about celebrating it by sharing the Gospel with friends and family. That is, share the Good News that

Jesus Christ is Lord of your life, and nothing, not even death or the threat of death can tear you away from the love of God.

Share your heart, and the God who has your heart! Even in the face of threats, share the greatest valentine gift of all to those you love. Share your deeply rooted faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and how his heart beats for them as well.

In Jesus' Love,

Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Barth, Pastor

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### **BOOK CLUB – MARTHA BENNETT**

AUMC Book Club will meet February 27<sup>th</sup> in the upstairs lounge at Atlantic UMC - 6:30pm. We will discuss the book "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides. All are welcome to attend.

### **CHANCEL CHOIR – JUNE TODD**

I want to express my sincere thanks to the Trustees and AUMC for the installation of the attractive flooring in the music room and office. We all appreciate the new look! Chancel Choir will begin on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please consider joining us. We will be learning music for the Lenten and Easter season. The Choir will sing for the 6:00pm Ash Wednesday service. The Presbyterians will be joining us.

Please continue prayers for the choir, especially Ed, Dave, Joel and Tom. I also appreciate your support and prayers. Happy Valentine's Day!

### **DINNER CLUB – PENNY MILLER**

The Dinner Club began in 2010 and has provided a terrific opportunity for enjoyable fellowship and a way to get to know others within the church community. We presently have 17 couples in the group.

Once every three months throughout the year, club members get together in small groups of 6-8 in the home of the hosting couple. Rotations are created so you eat with new people each time. **All are welcome – singles and couples!**

**How it Works?** One couple per group is chosen as host for the rotation and they provide the main dish and beverages. Guests bring the appetizer, salad/veggies or dessert as the host wishes. The date is decided by the host anytime within a 3-month period and snowbirds can be accommodated too!

Contact Penny Miller – 410-208-1472 for more information.



Martha Circle February Meeting will be Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:45 with light refreshments.

A huge “**Thank You**” to Verla Hammond for coordinating the Bank of Ocean City Annual Stockholders Luncheon. Verla and Sara Jarmon have worked on and overseen this luncheon for years. Sara Jarmon always prepares many of the bank’s favorites and between Verla, MC members and Sara Jarmon, we present the bank stockholders with a wonderful luncheon! Thank You to Verla, Sara and all Martha Circle members!

The 2020 “***42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Bazaar***” looks like it might happen this November! We have some huge “holes” to fill, and are actively working on dividing up “many” duties amongst small groups. ***Small groups working together equals a big job accomplished!*** So, if you’ve been thinking of helping in any (small or big) way with the bazaar, your volunteering would be greatly appreciated.

***Martha Circle’s Annual Budget*** ties directly into our main fundraiser ~ the Annual Christmas Bazaar. For 2020 we’ve budgeted a little over \$19,000 for missions and are holding a reserve amount to help fund some viable ideas for fun/fund raising events this summer. We support thirteen (13) local missions with \$11,250.00 funding. Some of our “local” missions includes *Believe in Tomorrow*, *Diakonia*, *Cricket Center*, *OC Cold Weather Shelter*, our *Friday Soup Kitchen*, our *Thursday Back Pack Program* and Steve Young’s *I-55 Partnership*. Internationally we send a little over \$2,000 to help support *IC Jesus*, a Panama Mission where Becky and Jeff MacArthur’s daughter and family serve; *Imagine No Malaria*, a mission dear to Joanne Harner and the *National and International United Methodist Committee on Relief*. We’ve budgeted \$1750 to support three Peninsula Conference Missions, we also have budgeted money to assist any local churches who would have emergency needs, and of course we’re budgeted to supplement for any of our church members funeral receptions and/or luncheons. We will look at our “funds” this fall to see if we are able to donate additional amounts to local missions. Martha Circle Budget is available for anyone to see.

***We are an ambitious, “aging group of workhorses” that are very proud of the work we do and the missions we’re able to support through AUMC!***



***Martha Circle March Meeting Date has been changed to Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> beginning with light refreshments at 11:45! Mark Your Calendars!***

We’ve had to change the March Meeting date because the second week of March 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup> will be the “Thrift Shop Spring Change Over” Week. The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> will be the Bag Sale with a Grand Re-Opening on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. The OC St Patrick’s Day Parade (Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2020) drives the changeover week, trying to capture more buyers in town for the 13<sup>th</sup> Re-opening! Also, that week is the last AUMC Soup Sale on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>! **Too much work already scheduled with too few people to handle it all in one week!**

## MISSIONS – JOANN WAYSZ

Thank you to all who were able to participate in our Souper Bowl Sunday celebration to fight hunger in our community. Your generous donations will be divided between *The Shepherd's Crook* and *Diakonia*. Whether your favorite team wins the Super Bowl Game, when we care for our less fortunate neighbors, we are all winners.

## THRIFT SHOP – BILL & LINDA JONES

We are well into our new year in the Thrift Shop and experiencing the very normal drop off in visitors that January and February bring to Ocean City. As we prepare ourselves for the coming of spring and increased numbers of people, we are ever thankful for the many blessings this shop brings to us and our volunteers.

With this said please begin planning for our semi-annual Bag sale, Turnover, and Grand Re-Opening. The Bag Sale Days will be Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. We will restock the shop with spring and summer items on Wednesday and Thursday, March 11-12 and re-open on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. As always, we will need lots of help with the Bag Sale and especially on Wednesday when we do the restocking. This is always an exciting week so hopefully you will consider helping even if you are not a regular volunteer in the shop.



**\*\*\*One down, two to go!**

~~January 16, 2020~~

**February 13, 2020**

March 12, 2020



Atlantic United  
Methodist Church  
Annual Soup Sales

Please call Becky Yates at 301-275-2526 or  
Larry Yates at 301-412-0376 with questions.

**Details for the February 13, 2020 Soup Sale (the day before Valentine's Day)**



For February we will be preparing and selling Chicken Noodle Soup, Navy Bean Soup, Egg Salad Sandwiches and Ham Salad Sandwiches.

Both soups will be sold as small and large for both dining in and take-out.

All sandwiches will be available for dining in and take-out and pints of both Egg Salad and Ham Salad will be available for take-out.

Activities week of February 10:

Monday, February 10

Receive order from Supplier

Tuesday, February 11

Cook chicken (if needed)

Wednesday, February 12

Prepare vegetables and salads

Thursday, February 13

**SOUP SALE**

Signup sheets for these activities are posted in Tilghman Hall. Please consider how you can assist in making this a successful event for Atlantic United Methodist Church.

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On a separate note, the January Soup Sale was a huge success. We exceeded sales by \$900.00 from the first sale in 2019. Larry and I cannot thank everyone enough who assisted in this success. Great food and great volunteers made this happen.

## **Monthly Report of Trustees Activities and Work Projects Status**

### **Month of February 2020**

**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.**

**Please feel free to contact any one of the Trustees, you may call, or email us. You may also leave a note in the Trustee's mailbox, or you may call or email the Office. Thank You.**

### **Since our last report in the previous newsletter the Board of Trustees of Atlantic United Methodist Church reports the following:**

**The "Atlantic United Methodist Church Emergency Preparedness & Church Facilities Use and Policies Manual" that was developed and approved by this Council in 2017 is required to be updated by Trustees on an annual basis to reflect current contact information, etc. This has been done. The Manual will be distributed and placed for easy quick access in the following locations: Thrift Shop, Main Hall near first aid kit, Double door storage and Trustee closet, Meeting Room, Kitchen, Dining Room, Volunteer Office, Music/Choir Room, Narthex, Sanctuary near AV Panel, Child Care Room, Pastor's Office, Administrator's Office, Chapel, Upstairs Hallway.**

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**We also ask everyone, 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.**

#### **Church Building HVAC:**

**We are still experiencing incidents and 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.**



The following is a report of our activities, repairs, etc. since the last newsletter:

**Repair of Timer and outside 4<sup>th</sup> Street Porch Lights:**

The timer that controls the 4<sup>th</sup> street porch lights and the flood lights on the steeple was unfunctional and needed to be replaced. – Royal Plus Electric responded and handled the repair.

**STATUS: COMPLETED** **January 17, 2020**

Work done by Royal Plus Electric.

**Repair of Large Refrigerator in Kitchen:**

The large refrigerator in the kitchen under the workstation quit working and cooling. McDonald Refrigeration responded and handled the repair. They replaced a capacitor in the cooling unit.

**STATUS: COMPLETED** **January 22, 2020**

Work done by McDonald Refrigeration.

**Flooring in Choir Room & Music Office:**

The Carpet and Flooring in the Choir Room and Music office was replaced. There has been leaks in this area over the years, the carpets suffered from mold and mildew, they have been cleaned but continued to smell very badly, this flooring was very old. They floor needed to be replaced as soon as possible to diminish or eliminate the potential health hazards they bring with them. This was a 2020 budget item that was approved by Council in 2019.

**STATUS: COMPLETED** **January 23, 2020**

Work done by O.C. Floor Gallery.

**Painting of the Kitchen walls and cabinets, Scullery, and Tilghman Hall walls:**

This will include the painting of the walls in the kitchen, cabinets in the kitchen, walls in the scullery, and walls in Tilghman Hall. This was a 2020 budget item that was approved by Council in 2019.

**STATUS: IN PROGRESS** **To be completed by February 5, 2020.**

Work done by A.J. Ketterman Painting Company.

**Replacement of the Kitchen vent fan:**

This fan is an integral part of convection oven and the stove top cooking stove in the Kitchen.

The current fan is very old, and on its last legs. It is rusted and in need of immediate replacement to keep it functioning. It broke in June of 2019 and a temporary repair was done to hold us till funds were available this year.

**STATUS: PENDING** **To be completed by end of February 2020 if possible.**

Work to be done by EMR Commercial Kitchen Repair Company.

This was a 2020 budget item that was approved by Council in 2019.

## ***ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR***

### ***Meetings & Special Events***

**February 5— 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume**

**February 7-9 —Men's Retreat**

**February 11—11:45am—Martha's Circle**

**February 11—6:00pm—Trustees**

**February 13—11:00am—1:00pm—Soup Sale**

**February 25— 5:00pm—7:00pm -Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

**February 26—Ash Wednesday Services—two services**

**Noon and 6:00pm**

**February 27—6:30pm—AUMC Book Club—Upstairs Lounge**

### ***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**

**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**





*A Priest, a Minister and a Rabbi*

*Teach our Connection to Israel:  
Past, Present, and Future*



**TUESDAYS**

**FEBRUARY 18, 25 & MARCH 3**

**3 TO 5 PM**



# Salisbury District LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2020

Sponsored by the Salisbury District Board of Laity



**Saturday, February 22, 2020**

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Community Church at Ocean Pines  
11227 Racetrack Road - Berlin, MD 21811

\$7.00 Per Person - Includes Materials  
Light Morning Refreshments Provided

**ALL NEW AND/OR RETURNING CHAIRS & MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**Materials Distributed at Workshop**

Workshops Available: (*Choose One*)

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| ◇ Pastor-Parish Relations<br><i>Rev. Christina Blake, DS</i>           | ◇ Safe Sanctuary<br><i>Jim Kells, Dover District SS Coordinator</i>                                  |
| ◇ Finance<br><i>Bill Westbrook</i>                                     | ◇ Lay Leader/Lay Member<br><i>Richard Kellam, District Lay Leader</i>                                |
| ◇ Church Council/Charge Conference<br><i>Rev. Fred Duncan</i>          | ◇ Lay Servant Ministries<br><i>Ellen Lowe, Lay Academy Director, and<br/>Deborah Horsey, CLM</i>     |
| ◇ Nominations/Leader Development<br><i>Rev. Peggy Briggs</i>           | ◇ Ministry of Administration/<br>Communications<br><i>Charlotte Hastings, District Administrator</i> |
| ◇ Trustees with Accessibility Access<br><i>Rev. Dr. Becky Collison</i> |  |

**Due Date for Registrations Feb 15, 2020 - So we can have enough space and materials**  
**Registrations Accepted on Feb 22 - 8:30 am-9 am - Only For Classes With Space Available**

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## Leadership Training Workshop Registration

Make Your Check Payable To: **Board of Laity**

Mail Registration Form and Check (by **Feb 15, 2020**) To:

Salisbury District Office  
211A Phillip Morris Drive  
Salisbury, MD 21804

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop: 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

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# A MATCHING GAME

(Match column one with column two)

## Occupation

## Hymn

1. Electrician
2. Weather Forecaster
3. Restaurant Owner
4. Band Leader
5. Choir Director
6. Hotel Manager
7. Dentist
8. Soldier
9. Builder
10. Writer
11. Sailor
12. Judge
13. Undertaker
14. Policeman
15. Farmer
16. Florist
17. Singer
18. Politician
19. Golfer
20. Beautician
21. Obstetrician
22. Librarian
23. Gossip
24. Mathematician

- \_\_\_ There is a balm in Gilead A.
- \_\_\_ There is a green hill far away B.
- \_\_\_ Standing on the promises C.
- \_\_\_ O for a thousand tongues to sing D.
- \_\_\_ We plow the fields E.
- \_\_\_ Mid all the traffic of the ways F.
- \_\_\_ Low in the grave he lay G.
- \_\_\_ In the hour of trial H.
- \_\_\_ If, on a quiet sea I.
- \_\_\_ I love to tell the story J.
- \_\_\_ Come, labor on K.
- \_\_\_ Lo, how a rose e'er blooming L.
- \_\_\_ Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard M.
- \_\_\_ Book of books, our people's strength N.
- \_\_\_ Ten thousand times ten thousand O.
- \_\_\_ A charge to keep I have P.
- \_\_\_ All beautiful the march of days Q.
- \_\_\_ Be known to us in breaking bread R.
- \_\_\_ Blow ye the trumpet, blow S.
- \_\_\_ Come, let us tune our loftiest song T.
- \_\_\_ Come, o thou traveler unknown U.
- \_\_\_ Crown him with many crowns V.
- \_\_\_ Fight the good fight W.
- \_\_\_ How firm a foundation X.



Sometimes You Need To Look  
At Life From A Different Perspective

