

AUMC
A Community in Faith Where All God's Children Can Grow and Thrive

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Acquiring a New Church-Wide Mindset

What does it take to be a great church? Well, the answer is the same as being a good Christian? Or, a good servant? Being a person of prominence often implies an expectation that others serve us, however, being a follower of Jesus Christ means we are *called* to serve others. That's a BIG difference!

Jesus modeled this BIG difference during his ministry on earth. He modeled humility! In Biblical times, the lowest servant in the house washed visitors' feet. Imagine God in human flesh washing the dirtiest feet, the feet of fishermen and those who worked with animals, and then saying to the recipient, "Follow my example; go and serve others now!" Download that picture into your mind every single day!!



What mindset is needed?

Philippians 2:5-9 ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges...took the humble position of a slave...humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names (the name of highest honor)."

How was Jesus able to humble himself and ministry to the least of the least among him? Three big issues he settled within himself that you and I also need to settle. First, he knew who sent and called him; second, Jesus knew who constantly and completely sustained him; and third, Jesus knew who was going to reward him. You see, when you know those three things in your life – then you are free!! Free from the fear of other people and their opinion of you; free from the fear of failure (judged by this world's standards, not by God's standards); free from the fear of rejection, which is dismissing your worth as a person and contribution to the world as a Christian. Pastor Rick Warren once said, "*True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.*" However, the times you do think of

yourself you realize: 1) God called you, 2) God sustains you and, 3) God will reward you. You are no longer a servant to the recognition of others, you are a servant of others!!

In Jesus' Love,

Your servant, PJ

Unable to attend worship on Sunday:

You can download and listen to the sermon at:

<https://atlanticumc.org/>

Or view the video of the service (downloaded on Sunday afternoons)

<https://www.facebook.com/ATLANTICUMCOC>

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL NOTES:

- AUMC Backpack Ministry project has been transferred to Buckingham Presbyterian Church in Berlin. Debbie Priestly, who has administered this project for several years has had to step away. We thank Debbie for her passion and dedication to this important ministry. Buckingham Presbyterian has graciously accepted the responsibility of fulfilling this vital need in our community. Funds contributed to AUMC for this ministry will be transferred Buckingham.
- Nurture & Shepherding Chair Joanne Harner informed the Council that although none of our shut-ins in nursing homes have been visited due to the Covid 19 restrictions, they have been receiving cards.
- Trustee Chair Larry Yates reported that the Ocean City Police will allow our congregation to use the City Hall parking lot until noontime on Sundays.

Monthly Report of Trustees Activities and Work Projects Status Month of August 2020

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

Hello all. Welcome back to Church Services. Even though we were still somewhat challenged with the Covid restrictions and safety protocols, we are back. The Trustees and the Greeters/Ushers from Worship committee appreciate everyone who continues to chip in and help us make our worship services run efficiently and in compliance with all the social distancing, masks, and CDC requirements. THANK YOU EVERYONE.

The facilities are still officially closed during normal business hours, limited admission to the building is controlled and restricted to persons who must enter. There is still no social gatherings or outside use of our building. The Thrift Shop has reopened with increased safety protocols.

We continue under the guidelines and directives set forth by the Federal Government, CDC, State of Maryland, Worcester County, and Town of Ocean City, and our Conference leadership and Bishop.

HVAC & UTILITIES:

We need your help with our Church Building HVAC & UTILITIES:

We are in the summer months now and HVAC is always an issue, and since our building is closed most of the time, we must conserve energy and watch our utilities.

There have been occasions of late the lights have been left on. Please help us and turn off the lights when you are done using them.

We ask everyone to please avoid changing or adjusting the readings on the thermostats and observe the settings on all thermostats of 74 in the summer and 67 in the winter. We understand there may be times that you have to adjust the thermostats or turn on lights when you're in the building and using them, but if you must change the settings or turn on lights please return them to the original settings, and turn off the lights. The bills for HVAC and electric can be exceedingly high and this would be helpful. – Thank You.

CHURCH PARKING LOT USEAGE:

Summer has arrived and with that comes parking issues and concerns. Improper use of our Church Parking lot continues to be an issue. We have had illegally parked vehicles towed from our lot recently, and we will continue to monitor the lot and tow illegally parked vehicles. The tow fee is \$450.00. **PLEASE REMEMBER: When you use our parking lot please display either a Church bulletin when available, or an AUMC Congregant parking pass** (these look just like the cover of a bulletin but says “AUMC congregant parking – 2020”) We have had these passes printed and they are available in the Church by the mailbox area and from the office. If you would like one, please contact the office and Dot will make sure you get one.

EVERYONE STAY SAFE AND CAREFUL.

THANK YOU-BILL & LINDA JONES

Linda and I would like to personally thank everyone who helped us in the Thrift Shop the last two-and-a-half years. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time in what we considered to be a personal mission and will always cherish the many friendships we have made. A special thanks to Bill and Brenda Wimperis for coordinating our surprise going away party on June 30th. We very much appreciate the good wishes from everyone who attended. With this said we really hope everyone will give their total support to Pam and Jim as they take over the operation of the Thrift Shop. They will need your help especially as we navigate new territory in dealing with the pandemic. God Bless all of you

MARTHA CIRCLE – BRENDA WIMPERIS:

The Martha Circle Board continues the challenge of scheduling a regular meeting, so we’re looking ahead and planning a meeting OUTSIDE, at church, in a shady area on **Tuesday, September 8th at 2:30.** This timing eliminates our “social hour” and won’t affect those who volunteer in the Thrift Shop.

We, as a group, continue to be an important, active group for our Church during these most difficult times. Many of you continue to “step up” to volunteer and support our Thrift Shop and new Manager, Pam Zorn! Pam could still use additional help. If you don’t feel comfortable being in the Thrift Shop when it is OPEN ~ there are several duties that can be done during CLOSED hours that will help tremendously. If you can help in any way, please contact Pam Zorn.

The Christmas Bazaar Committee met last week and continues to press on ~ planning an Outdoor Christmas Mart in October in leu of our usual (indoor) 42nd Annual Christmas Bazaar. We are committed to “host” a safe event for everyone ~ all our Coordinators, volunteers and attendees.

We are optimistic that we can present an

Outdoor Christmas Mart
One Day Event

Saturday, October 17th, 10:00 -3:00

**We are planning to provide all our usual shopping
Including a delicious Carry-Out Lunch!**



Rain Date, Saturday, October 24th

In order to “pull this off” we’d like to transform our Church Parking Lot in to an inviting **Outdoor Mart**. We need to borrow beach tents or canopies and in order to “light things up” and accept credit cards (via our credit card machines) we need to borrow a generator!

If you or anyone you know can lend us tents, canopies or a generator ~ please contact Brenda Wimperis at 410-812-3121.

THRIFT SHOP – PAM ZORN

Many thanks to everyone who has been coming in to help in the Thrift Shop. It has been hopping with donations and shoppers! It is now open Monday through Friday 10am to 2pm. We can always use help, so anyone interested in volunteering, please contact me at 443-235-1576 or pamzorn@comcast.net (or just show up!!). There is plenty to do even if you do not want to be around other people right now.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE - DOT SIMPSON

As I continue to work from home, please remember that I am available by phone – Monday thru Friday – 8:00am – 4:00pm - 410-289-7430 or by email – atlanticumc@atlanticumc.org. If you need to meet with me at the Church Office, please call to arrange a time.

We will continue to mail copies of devotionals – *Upper Room* and *The Word for You Today*. IF you would like to receive a copy of either or both, please let me know – 410-289-7430 – atlanticumc@atlanticumc.org

Each week Pastor Joe sends out a robo-calls. In these calls he gives important information about church events, activities, special prayer requests, etc. These calls are very informative and keeps everyone connected. If you are not receiving these calls, please contact Dot.

Parking: White Marlin Open – The Air Show. Parking at the church during these two events could create problems for those needing to conduct church business. Some Weigh-in events for the White Marlin Open are going to be held at the park on 3rd street every day from August 3 thru August 7. The Air Show has always created a parking problem at the Church and will again this year. August 15 and 16th. We want to make sure we have adequate parking for our Church and Thrift Shop functions during both events. We will be strictly enforcing our parking policies and towing illegally parked vehicles. Make sure you display the Church issued parking pass or a current Church Bulletin on the dash of your vehicle to avoid being towed. We will have special vehicle identifiers for Thrift Shop customers during the White Marlin Open dates.

Church Archives – Volunteers are needed to organize documents and pictures collected through the years. Please contact Dot if you are interested in working on this project.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

Robert Biel, Laurie Brucki, Pam Buckley, Betsy Clark, Norman Connell, Ruth Ann Esham, Jeff Facello, Calvin Fisher, Gary German, Family of Ginger Gillis, Renee Greene, Larry Holdren, Henry Hungerford, Marilyn James, Betty Rose Kurka, Louis Parsons, Roger Marino, Milly Marx, Marvin Steen, Richie Tesar, Helen Trivits, Betty Turk, Paul Wall, Alfreda Warren, First Responders.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Difference
July, 2020				
Contributions	16,873.22	103,931.23	129,423.08	25, 491.85

August Birthdays

August 4 - Patti James

August 5 - Mary Price

August 11 - Delores Cook

August 17 - Robert Nock, Sr.

August 17 - Bo Spicer

August 23 - Barb Johnson

August 25 - Amy Morgan

August 27 - Billie Wall



Thank you, Peggy Timmons for the beautiful bulletin board.



**Martha Circle
Needs to
BORROW ~
BEACH TENTS or**



**BEACH CANOPIES and a
PORTABLE GENERATOR**

We've had to change our (indoor) 42nd Annual Christmas Bazaar in November to an

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS MART in October.

Saturday, October 17th with a rain date of Saturday, October, 24th !

The OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS MART will be held on our Church Parking Lot.

Do **YOU** or anyone you know have a Beach Tent or Beach Canopy we can borrow? Do ***YOU*** or anyone you know have a portable generator we can borrow?

If we can borrow these items, please call Brenda Wimperis, Bazaar Chair, at 410-812-3121 and I'll discuss the details with you!