

*AUMC*

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

*May, 2021*

### **Waiting Expectantly to See Each Other Again!**

Meeting together as a church is a privilege. Yes, it is true that we have a constitutional right to the free expression of our faith, and the freedom of lawful assembly however, those rights can be taken away even with the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment in full effect.

While I do not believe God has caused this pandemic to occur, Genesis tells us, “what the devil meant for evil, God can use for good.” (Genesis 50:20)

This is where our faith tells us we have no right to claim anything from God without His grace! Grace means that our meeting together is a gift from God. It is a privilege!

How precious it will be when we all of us will again see each other face to face to worship and celebrate God's goodness.

Perhaps this is how it felt for the disciples to watch Jesus ascend into heaven and desperately want him to return to them. The angels say to them:

**Acts 1:11** “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

I know that Jesus will come again and we will be reunited with him! And, I know that this pandemic will come to an end. Yet, until this pandemic fully ends, life is not on hold; babies are being born, people are dying and going to eternity.

Our mandate is the same mandate as the disciples. To be God's witnesses has not been set aside. Invite people to come to church if they are comfortable in doing so. Invite them to watch our church service online, share your own testimony when you can, study the scriptures, and pray for God's will to be done.

Be encouraged! You still have an eternal purpose and a very present God and Father! I hope to see ALL OF YOU before I have to write another newsletter article! I am praying for you and love you with the love of the Lord!

In Jesus' Love,

Rev. Joseph Barth, Pastor

*Unable to attend worship on Sunday:*

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

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## **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!**

Atlantic United Methodist Church wants to make your worship experience an inspirational one! We welcome your input and feedback on what you enjoy when you attend our Church and/or what you feel may enhance the way we do things.

It is especially important to us that we have your comments and suggestions. Please drop your thoughts into our SUGGESTION BOX located in the main hallway, near the Kitchen entrance. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER:**

Louise Adams, Ray Adams, Sr., Kathi Bass, Cliff Berg, Robert Biel, Laurie Brucki  
Anne Case, Betsy Clark, Grover Collins, Family of Wayne Cannon, Jeff Facello,  
Gary German, Renee Greene, Sue Harting, Nancy Hendricks, Carol Holder,  
Marilyn James, Rick Manick, Roger Marino, Milly Marx, Bev Murphy, Family of Micki  
Preshoot, Rhonda, Linda Short, Patti Stolba, Richie Tesar, Helen Trivits, Betty Turk, Paul  
Wall, Brenda Wimperis, Larry Yates, First Responders

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## LAY LEADER – BOB JOHNSON

Effective July 1, 2021, Atlantic United Methodist Church will be a part of the Lower Shore District of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference. Rev. Tina Blake will be the District Superintendent. This is a result of the Annual Conference action to reduce the conference from four districts to three districts. The district office will remain in Salisbury.

Effective September 1, 2021, the Peninsula-Delaware Conference will be aligned (not merged) with the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Bishop LaTrelle Easterling will be the presiding bishop for both of these conferences. This realignment is necessary since several bishops in the Northeast Jurisdiction are retiring including our current Bishop Peggy Johnson.

The Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference will be held as a virtual conference from June 10-12, 2021. The Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference will be a virtual meeting held July 20-23, 2021.

The United Methodist General Conference for Minneapolis, MN has again been postponed until August 29 – September 6, 2022.

Further details are available on the Peninsula-Delaware Conference web site, <https://www-pen-del.org>.

### **Monthly Report of Trustees Activities and Work Projects Status Month of May 2021**

Board of Trustees of Atlantic United Methodist Church reports the following: Even though we continue to be challenged with the Covid restrictions and safety protocols, we continue to meet, worship, keep our ministries up and running, and serve God.

**We require everyone to still WEAR MASKS and PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING. –**

**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. Protective face coverings and social distancing is still required.**

**The following are the latest AUMC COVID 19 procedures and protocols developed and approved by AUMC SAFE Team on 1-21-21. Please read them carefully. If**

**you have any questions, feel free to contact Trustee Chair Larry Yates, or Pastor Joe Barth**

### ATLANTIC UMC COVID-19 GUIDELINES

We continue to fight the Covid-19 virus and are diligent to keep all safe! We need everyone's help to make our facilities as safe as possible:

- You must immediately notify the church office or Pastor Barth (after church office hours) if are exhibiting any symptoms. and/or, have been in contact with someone who may be infected or who tested positive.
- If you are sick, do not come on the Church campus.
- If you have any symptoms, you may get a Covid-19 test after 5 days of being exposed and continue to quarantine for 7 days. Or, quarantine for 14 days.
- If you have been in close contact with someone who tested positive, quarantine for 14 days whether or not you have symptoms.
- If you test positive and have no symptoms, you still must quarantine for 14 days from exposure.

The church facilities are still officially closed during normal business hours. The church administrator and pastor have returned to their full-time office hours. There is still limited/restricted admission to the building. There is still no use of our church facility by outside groups. The thrift shop is operating with increased safety protocols.

There have been no changes in safety and operational protocols, there will be no changes until the Federal Government, CDC, State of Maryland, County of Worcester and Town of Ocean City approves them.

#### TRUSTEE COMMITTEE:

I would like to take a moment and thank Linda Jones for all her help and guidance **over** the years, not only on our Trustee committee but for everything she and Bill have done to help and provide guidance, and leadership to the Church over their many years. We wish them many more years of happiness as they move on to the next chapter in their retirement lives. We will miss them very much.

Mr. Jim Cox has agreed to assume Linda's position on Trustees

Here is the current list of Trustee members:

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Class of 2021

If you need to contact us or bring something to our attention, our contact information is above. – We prefer everything to be documented in writing so Please correspond by email or text to Larry Yates and Bob Eastman. – We will take care of the need from there. We ask that you not attempt to do repairs yourself, contact vendors, or non-vendors for repairs.

THINGS NEEDING TRUSTEE ATTENTION:

We need everyone’s’ help please. There continues to be unreported problems in the Church building and on campus found that require attention for repair and replacement. Particularly issues involving leaks and electrical problems. These are considered emergencies and could, if left unattended cause costly, and catastrophic consequences to our building and campus. PLEASE, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE DON’T ASSUME THAT SOMEONE ELSE HAS OR WILL NOTIFY US. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. If you need to contact us or bring something to our attention. We prefer everything to be documented in writing so Please correspond by email or text to both Larry Yates and Bob Eastman.

HVAC & UTILITIES:

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

HVAC is always an issue, and since our building is closed most of the time, we must conserve energy and watch our utilities.

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 are 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.

### PARKING/USE OF CHURCH PARKING FACILITIES:

Spring/Summer/Tourist season 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 a AUMC Congregant parking pass (these look just like the cover of a bulletin but says “AUMC congregant parking – 2021”

We have had these passes printed and they are available from the office. If you would like one, please contact the office and Dot will make sure you get one.

### REPAIRS:

#### Water Leak from Roof in Kitchen:

There was a leak from the roof in the Kitchen over the worktable.

**STATUS:** COMPLETED March 26, 2021

Work done by Chesapeake Roofing.

#### Broken Refrigerator in Kitchen:

Refrigerator quit working, was not cooling. – Blowing hot air. The Compressor required replacing.

**STATUS:** COMPLETED April 12, 2021

Work done by McDonald Refrigeration.

#### Broken Dishwasher in Scullery:

Dishwasher rinse operating system quit working, was not rinsing.

**STATUS:** COMPLETED April 12, 2021

Work done by EMR.

## **ALTAR GUILD – BECKY YATES**

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in [Acts 2](#) describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the [birthday of the Christian church](#).

The word [Pentecost](#) comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called *Shavuot*, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.

Pentecost for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day. In early Christianity, Easter Day was the primary day for baptisms. The newly baptized were then trained in basic Christian doctrine, including the meaning of the sacraments they had now experienced, as they prepared to take up their ministries in the life of the church. On Pentecost, Christians celebrate the [commissioning of new members into ministry](#).

Two colors are historically associated with Pentecost. Red is a visual reminder of the "tongues of fire" that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3).

White is also used because Pentecost was the major day for baptisms in the early church. Those being baptized were given new white robes to wear as a sign they had taken off the world, died to sin, and were raised with the risen Christ to new life. This is why Pentecost may be referred to as "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday."

The [Season after Pentecost](#) is the time of the church year to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Source: *Ask The UMC, a ministry of United Methodist Communications.*

## **CHANCEL CHOIR - JUNE TODD**

Happy Mother's Day! The weather is lovely today- sunny and warm!

The May singing schedule is as follows: May 2 – Joann Waysz, May 9- Jennifer Wills & Mary Price, May 16 – Ascension Day and May 23 – Pentecost – a spirit duet – Tom Hemmick and Sharon Sorrentino and a solo by Mary Price for my Great Granddaughter's baptism – Taylor Rose Holyfield.

I want to extend my best wishes to Bill and Linda Jones as they leave us for Charlestown. Thank you for your support and dedication to AUMC. We will really miss



you. May you be blessed with good health and many more years of happiness in your new home.

*Memories from the past.* Following Harold Spedden in 1992, we welcomed George & Vera Patterson. They stay with us the longest – 8 years and 2 months until 2000. The Patterson have two daughters and two grandchildren and reside in Ocean Pines.

Our attendance increased during this time. We averaged over 300 each Sunday, a lot of families and children. Because of this growth, in 1996, the council decided to demolish the parsonage and build an addition to the church. Omar, my husband, tore down the house. The new plans included the Thrift Shop, four classrooms, the 2 large restrooms on the second floor and enlarged the choir room. Joseph Dashields was awarded the contract at a cost



of \$550,000 which was paid off before George left. We “old folks” were sad to see the parsonage go; the nursery and toddler class was held on the first floor in the early days and in the later 60’s it was used as a Thrift Shop! We were all sad to see George and Vera go. We tried to appeal Bishop Weaver’s decision, but we could not change his mind. So, they were assigned to Trinity United Methodist in Salisbury, where he served until his

retirement in 2018. We are so please that they are worshipping with us again, and thank them for their long and dedicated ministry.

### **MISSIONS – JOANNE WAYSZ – PENNY MILLER**

As we look forward to warmer weather and gardens in bloom, this year we anticipate the arrival of the J1 student workers. At this time, it seems that a limited number of these summer workers are being permitted by our country and theirs to travel to Ocean City to fill the much-needed positions that will allow area businesses to get back on their feet.

Our Thrift Shop has been a valuable source of items that these students need. Black or Kakhi pants and shorts; bed linens and pillows; bath and kitchen towels are the most



sought after items. If you have any of these items in good condition, the Thrift Shop would love to have them.

As in previous years, our Soup Kitchen will provide a Friday Lunch in accordance with Maryland's Covid restrictions.

### **MARTHA CIRCLE – JACKIE STERLING**

Happy Spring to all!

Martha Circle met April 13<sup>th</sup> with a full agenda. One of the primary topics were the replacements for President and Secretary. President Jackie Sterling will be stepping down when her term ends in September along with Secretary, Sharon Rutherford.

I would like to thank, Joanne Harner and Peggy Timmons, who pursued the circle members as the Nominating Committee, for someone to take over the positions. Penny Miller will become Secretary. President was a more challenging position. After much discussion and many ideas, Verla Hammond and June Todd agreed to become Co-Presidents. Thank you all!!! Peggy Timmons will continue as Vice President and Donna Berg will continue as Treasurer. Sharon and I will continue to participate in Martha Circle as active members. I want to extend my appreciation to Sharon, Peggy and Donna who have been so helpful to me!



We will celebrate our final meeting of 2020/2021, Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Noon, with a catered luncheon in the Tilghman Fellowship Hall. The 2021/2022 year will begin September 14, 2021. Blessings, Jackie

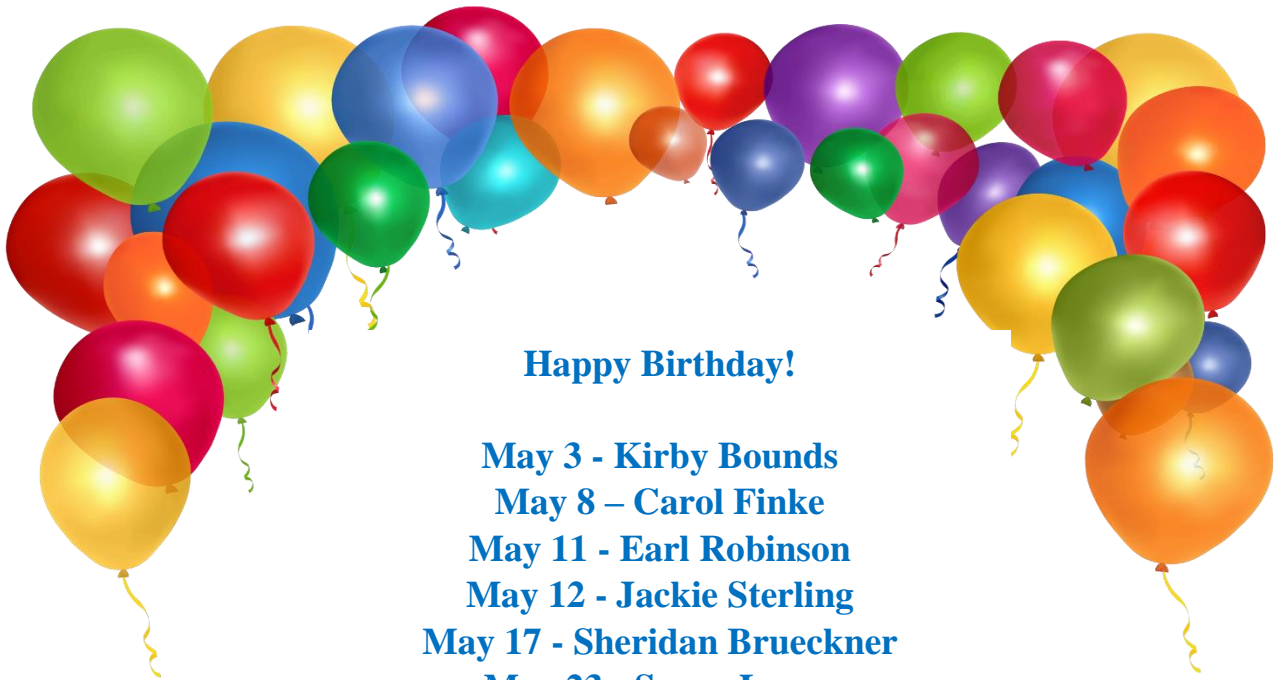
### **SPRC**

Administrative Council appointed Debbie Collins as SPRC Chair, effective April 23, 2021.

### **CHURCH OFFICE – DOT SIMPSON**

If you would like to have your birthday or anniversary listed in the newsletter, please contact the church office.

Articles for May Newsletter are due by noon on May 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Happy Birthday!**

- May 3 - Kirby Bounds**
- May 8 – Carol Finke**
- May 11 - Earl Robinson**
- May 12 - Jackie Sterling**
- May 17 - Sheridan Brueckner**
- May 23 - Susan Lauer**
- May 24 - Joanne Harner**
- May 27 - Natalie Bloodsworth**

**Happy Anniversary!**

- May 7 – Maura & Deno Vlachos**
- May 8 – Michael & Paulette Purnell**
- May 24 – Gary & Shirley German**



*One kind word can change  
someone's entire day!*

