

ATLANTIC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A COMMUNITY IN FAITH WHERE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN CAN GROW AND THRIVE
AUGUST 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Atlantic United Methodist Church:

As Vera and I prepare to come and serve the good people of Atlantic U.M.C., we want to take this opportunity to thank you for the gracious ways you have welcomed us into your community of faith. Although we know many of the members, and have met some new members of the congregation, we have been deeply touched by your warmth and welcoming spirit. Many people have reached out to us in gracious and supportive ways to make the transition as smooth as possible.

As I step out of retirement and come to be your pastor, I must admit that it is with a healthy measure of anxiety. Since we have been attending AUMC for the past three years we are aware there are many challenges before us. However, I believe in the mission and ministry of AUMC, the faithful members, and the potential for growth in this community. It is my hope and prayer, that by the grace of God, and the moving of His Spirit, that I will yield myself to the will of God so that AUMC's ministry will be enriched and enhanced. I will welcome your guidance and measure of grace as I begin to learn and get a feel for the various dimensions of ministry.

I know that you to share many concerns. What will he be like? Can he preach? Will he be attentive to those who need pastoral care? Is he warm and friendly, or is he a prude? Is he approachable or guarded? Will he be responsible and attentive to the needs of the Church? Will he be visible and available? Will he be an effective leader? Questions that are most valid and appropriate and will only be answered by time. As we begin our journey of faith together let us embrace the words of the Apostle Paul; "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-3).

We look forward to this new journey and uniting with you in our pilgrimage of faith. See you in Church on Sunday!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. George R. Patterson, MDiv.

Worship Services:

- Informal Service - Boardwalk Services - 8:30 am – 4th Street at Shenanigans (in case of rain, service will be in Sanctuary)
- Traditional Service in our Sanctuary - 10:00 am

The Ocean City Police Department has authorized the AUMC family to park in the 4th Street Municipal Parking Lot until noon on Sunday with no fees as long as an AUMC 2021 Congregant Parking permit is displayed on dash.

Intercessory Prayer:

Larry Bell, Robert Biel, Cliff Berg, Carrie, Grover Collins, Denise Cruiskshank, Veronica Dierha, Jeff Facello, Gary German, Ellie Giordano, Renee Greene, Sue Harting, Nancy Hendricks, Tracy Hughes, Dannette Hutchins, Stuart Jarmon, Jean Kaylor, Milly Marx, Maggie Mazcko, Mayme S., Linda Short, Richie Tesar, Helen Trivits, Betty Turk, Paul Wall, Larry Yates

First Responders

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!



FROM PASTOR GEORGE:

Pastor's office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Also, on those days in the afternoon I will be doing pastoral care (making hospital calls and visiting the sick) and returning to the office later in the day to return phone calls etc.

ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

- August 10th – 5:00pm – Finance Committee (Bob Johnson, Chair)
6:00pm – Administrative council (Maura Vlachos, Chair)
- September 7th – 11th – 8:00am – 3:00pm – AA Group will be meeting in Tilghman Hall
- September 29th – 7:00pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal starts and will meet weekly thereafter
- October 5th – 1:00pm – 3:30pm – Martha Circle hosting Bank of Ocean City Stockholders
- October 18th – 6:30pm – Annual Church Conference
- November 13th – 10:00am – 2:00pm – Annual Christmas Bazaar
- Thrift Shop – Monday thru Friday – 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Soup Kitchen – Fridays – 11:00am – 1:00pm

MARTHA CIRCLE – VERLA HAMMOND/JUNE TODD

Happy Summer! Enjoy these last days. We are getting ready for an exciting Fall, meetings will start back September 14th at 11:45.

Our big order of business will our Bazaar. The date is November 13th. We have a lot of the help lined up. However, we still need a Bazaar chairperson and Silent Auction chairperson. Please think about these opportunities and let us know if you can help. This Bazaar will help us pay our missions. New officers for the coming year are: Co-Presidents - June Todd and Verla Hammond, Vice President – Peggy Timmons, Secretary – Penny Miller, Treasurer – Donna Berg. Please come join us for fun, devotions and a little work.

MISSIONS- JOANN WAYSZ/PENNY MILLER

As September approaches, thoughts of our children, grandchildren and neighbors turn to the opening of their schools. We will be partnering with Worcester GOLD again to help these children return with the supplies needed. If you wish to participate in this program, the items needed are listed below. If you would prefer to donate money instead of specific items, please make your checks out to Worcester GOLD and place them in the white “cross and flame” offering envelopes and place them in the purple bin in Tillman Hall. Supplies can also be placed in the purple bin. Last year we collected only money so that distance learning devices could be purchased for the children; this year, thankfully, students will be in their classrooms. The Mission Committee is always thankful of your support.

School Supplies for Students:

- Backpacks
- 1.5 inch 3- ring Binders
- Pocket Folders
- Highlighters
- Boxes & packs of Tissues
- Packs of Disinfecting wipes
- Colored pencils (24 pack)
- Crayons (24 pack)
- #2 Pencils
- Wide ruled & College Ruled Composition Books
- Wide Ruled & College Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- Glue Sticks
- Plastic & 3-ring Soft Pencil Cases
- Blunt tipped & Child Scissors
- Pens (Black, Blue, Red)

Monthly Report of Trustees Activities and Work Projects Status
Month of August 2021

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

We are in the middle of the very busy summer tourist season, along with all the fun comes some issues that we as Trustees must stay on top of and handle accordingly. HVAC, Increased attendance, parking issues are just a few.

THINGS NEEDING TRUSTEE ATTENTION:

We need everyone's help 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.

We are asking all Trustee members to help us during the Sunday morning services, or if you are attending a special function or service. Each of us should coordinate with other Trustees in attendance, but it does not hurt for each of us to be aware and help with the following:

When you arrive at Church:

- Please make sure the doors are unlocked and are ready to welcome everyone.
- Please make sure the lights are turned on in the Hallways, Sanctuary, bathrooms, Tilghman Hall, etc.
- Please adjust the thermostats in the Sanctuary and or Social Hall for comfort.
- Please help by monitoring the hallways and doorways ensuring the safety and security of our building and congregants.
- Please help when needed to fill in or help compliment the ushers and greeters.

Before leaving Church:

- Please make sure all lights are turned off
- Please make sure the Thermostats are returned to the at rest temperature of 74 in the Summer and 68 in the winter.
- Please make sure all doors are locked.
- Please make sure the appliances such as coffee maker, etc. are turned off and we have no leaking water or sparking electric things.

REPAIRS:

You will see below, we continue to be busy taking care of a lot of electrical, plumbing, and HVAC issues and problems along with small repairs, and storage issues. We believe we have taken care of them at this time and will continue to be vigilant addressing the needs of our building and campus. We are cleaning up and sprucing up the upstairs youth room so it may be used as a meeting/conference/counseling room.

Here is a summary of our repairs and building issues since our last report:

HVAC System:

Repairs to HVAC System.

STATUS: COMPLETED June 8, 2021

Work done by 5 Star.

Repairs to Air Conditioning:

STATUS: COMPLETED June 10, 2021

Work done by Atlantic Refrigeration.

Repairs to Electric & HVAC System:

STATUS: COMPLETED June 16, 2021

Work done by Royal Plus.

Repairs to Kitchen Equipment:

STATUS: COMPLETED June 22, 2021

Work done by EMR.

Repairs to Kitchen Refrigeration Equipment:

STATUS: COMPLETED June 23, 2021

Work done by McDonald Refrigeration.

Repairs to HVAC Equipment:

STATUS: COMPLETED June 24, 2021

Work done by 5 Star.

Repairs to Boiler Equipment:

STATUS: COMPLETED July 10, 2021

Work done by Service Today.

SAFETY, SECURITY & BUILDING USE:

The 2021-22 Emergency Preparedness & Church Facilities Use Policies Manual has been updated to reflect current information, they have been placed in all the normal locations throughout our Church Buildings.

HVAC & UTILITIES:

We still need your help with our Church Building HVAC & UTILITIES:
HVAC is always an issue.

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 68 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 an 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.

YOU MAY ALSO USE THE CITY HALL PARKING LOT AND THE MUNICIPAL LOT ON 4TH STREET FREE OF CHARGE UNTIL 12 NOON ON SUNDAYS.

ALTAR/WORSHIP – BECKY YATES

On August 1, 2021, we welcome Pastor George Patterson to the pulpit. With Pastor Patterson leading us in worship, the congregation will notice some changes in procedure during the 10:00 AM traditional service. The Altar Guild and Worship Committee are ready to assist the Pastor in implementing these changes.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to get involved with Greeting and Ushering on Sunday mornings. This is a terrific way to get to know current members, former members and new members attending AUMC.

A church greeter and usher are sometimes interchangeable. They are the first and last person people see when visiting a church. The church’s greeter and/or usher is the face of any ministry, which makes it one of the most important jobs in the church.

The greeter and/or usher welcomes regular members and visitors with a smile, hug (as appropriate) or handshake as they arrive in the doors.

Greeters give visitors any welcome gifts the church may be distributing. They may also give them fliers and brochures for church ministries they may be interested in joining.

Church greeters should be able to direct the flow of traffic inside the church.

Newcomers will need to know where restrooms and other facilities are located.

Church greeters should open doors for incoming members and visitors. At the end of the service, they should open doors again to allow churchgoers to leave with a hug (as appropriate) handshake or goodbye.

Ushers have a role separate but connected to greeters. Before the church service starts, the ushers will often have the responsibility to check the thermostat, check the restrooms, and prepare the bulletins for distribution. As churchgoers arrive, the ushers will act as doorkeepers, greeting each person with a smile, shaking hands, and handing out bulletins. They are also available to answer visitors' questions and extend extra help in seating those who need assistance.

During the church service, the ushers usually take part in some way. They are responsible to take up the church offering and make sure it is put in the proper place. In some churches, ushers also help with the Lord's Supper or Communion as the Pastor requires. Ushers have a goal of minimizing distractions during the music and sermon. Ushers stand ready to assist anyone in the congregation who might need help, to aid latecomers in finding a seat, and to inform those in the sanctuary of any urgent matters.

Church ushers, in case of an emergency, will take the lead in getting people to safety in an orderly manner.

After the service, ushers will again be at the door to greet the congregation as they leave and assist as needed. In many churches, the ushers will then make sure that the sanctuary is tidy, the thermostat is adjusted, and the lights are shut off.

Currently volunteers are asked to sign up on the sheets outside the Sanctuary. Please take a moment to see if there is a Sunday each month you will be able and willing to volunteer for either of these very important positions as we move into the next season at AUMC. If you are not familiar with the responsibilities of the positions, training will be provided either in a group or individually. Sunday morning observance is the best teacher.

Regardless of greeting or ushering on Sunday mornings, we are all unofficial greeters and ushers for God.

Source: classroom.synonym.com/job-description-of-a-church-greeter-12079209.html

Source: The Role of Ushers in Church - ServeHQ

August Celebrations

Birthday

August 4 – Patti James

August 5 – Mary Price

August 11 – Delores Cook

August 17 – Robert Nock, Sr.

August 17 – Bo Spicer

August 23 – Barbara Johnson

August 25 – Amy Morgan

August 27 – Billie wall

Anniversary

August 29 – Bob & Barbara Johnson



Kindness looks amazing on you!!