

ATLANTIC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A community of faith where all of God's children, both young and old,
can honor God, grow spiritually, and serve others.*

November 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Atlantic U.M.C.:

Thanksgiving is a time when we pause with family and friends to reflect and give heartfelt thanks for all of God's blessing. As you think back over this most unusual year, I am sure that you to have much for which to be grateful. We are indeed privileged to live in intimacy and fellowship with our Creator through Jesus the Christ. The blessings that we experience from the love and support of our loving families and cherished friends. The sense of accomplishment that comes with our success, and the pleasures and benefits derived from years of hard work.

Helen Steiner Rice says it well in the following poem:

MAKE EVERY DAY THANKSGIVING

*Thank you, God, for everything –
the big things and the small,
For every good gift comes from God –
the giver of them all,
Too often we accept
without any thanks or praise
The gifts God sends as blessings
each day in many ways,
O, make us more aware, dear God,
of little daily graces
That come to us with sweet surprise
from never-dreamed of places,
And help us to remember
that the key to life and living
Is to make each prayer a prayer of thanks
And every day Thanksgiving.*

From the staff here at Atlantic UMC, and our families, we want you to know how grateful we are for your presence, prayers, support, and encouragement. Because of your graciousness and generosity, Atlantic UMC is able to share God's love with the many people who enter its doors each week or watch online. Indeed we wish you a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. George R. Patterson, MDiv.

Worship Services:

- Informal Service - 8:30 am
- Traditional Service - 10:00 am

**On October 26, the Administrative Council made the decision to transition the 8:30 service to a more traditional service, beginning October 31.

Intercessory Prayer:

Paige Beal, Darcy Lee Behan, Larry Bell, Patti Bennett, Cliff Berg, Robert Biel, Greg & Flo Brand, Laurie Brucki, Linda Carey, Grover Collins, Jeff Facello, Calvina Fisher, Gary German, Ellie Giordano, Clifford Glenn, Renee Greene, Alice Hagendorf, Nancy Hendricks, Frank Klebe, Sr., Ed Kriege, Donna Leiner, Greg Lowe, Milly Marx, Maggie Mazcko, Chuck Miller, Jeff Parks, Tracy Pattison, Alex Selvi, Linda Short, Ron Steen, Elmira Swain, Helen Trivits, Betty Turk, Paul Wall, Ros & Petro Whitman, David Winters, Larry Yates, Yuk Chee Woo

First Responders

ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

- November 9th – 11:45am – Martha Circle – John Tilghman Fellowship Hall
- **November 13th – 10:00am – 2:00pm – Annual Christmas Bazaar**
- November 20 – 7:00pm – Community Thanksgiving Service – First Presbyterian Church

- Thrift Shop – Monday thru Saturday – 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Soup Kitchen – Fridays – 11:00am – 1:00pm

ALTAR GUILD/WORSHIP COMMITTEE – BECKY YATES beachcomber201@comcast.net

On October 3, AUMC celebrated Communion with Pastor Patterson inviting congregants to the altar. This is one step toward our congregation returning to a normal form of worship. Thank you to everyone assisting with this. Our goal is to continue returning our worship services to a pre-pandemic time.

Adele Biel is the coordinator for scheduling Communion Stewards. If you have not been contacted by her to assist with the preparation of the elements, please do so. .

Also, thank you to those answering the call to participate as a greeter, usher, or both. This has lessened the burden on all those serving. A training class/refresher course will be announced soon.

The “ordinary – green” season for the church will soon come to an end the end of November when we enter the season of Advent. During this season the Altar Guild and Worship Committee will transform the church by adding the Chrismon ornaments to the Christmas tree. What are Chrismon ornaments?

Chrismons, meaning "Christ monograms," traditionally are white and gold designs made from Christian symbols that signify Christ. Often displayed on an evergreen tree during the Christmas season, symbols such as stars, crosses, fish, crowns, and the alpha and omega remind us of Christ's identity, his story, and of the Holy Trinity. Chrismons were first developed in 1957 by Frances Spencer and the women of the [Ascension Lutheran Church](#) in Danville, VA.

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Volunteers will be needed to assist with the setup of the tree, decorating the tree, changing banners for the Advent season, etc. A date and time will be communicated to the congregation from the office. One of the ornaments to be placed on the tree is the Alpha and Omega ornament.



Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet. Used together, they symbolize that Christians believe Jesus is the beginning and the end of all things

CHANCEL CHOIR – JUNE TODD

It is with great sadness and gratitude that I say “so long” to my longtime friend and choir member, Ed Kriege. Ed & Karen sang in the choir for many years, Karen until her illness and Ed for over 20 years. Ed also served on many committees and volunteered in the Thrift Shop and Soup Kitchen. He will be missed. Ed is going to Maine to live with his daughter and family. I am sure we all send him on his way with our prayers for good health and contentment. Blessings and love from all of us at AUMC.

“Choir or No Choir”// that is the question?? Please, if anyone is interest in singing for Sunday worship service, talk to me after service. I am willing to organize a choir, if I have singers who are willing to give an hour a week (Wednesdays at 7:00pm) and an hour and half on Sundays! I really miss having the sound of the hymns coming from the chancel.

Again, thanks aging for your expressions of sympathy.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

LAY LEADER – ROBERT JOHNSON

We are looking for new members for the Tuesday morning Bible Study. We meet at 9:30 am for an hour of fellowship and study. We select a book of the Bible and together read it and discuss the verses. Some bring in additional material from study Bibles and Bible commentaries. There is never a session where we do not learn more and increase our understanding of God's work. Contact me regarding any details. All would be welcomed.

MARTHA CIRCLE – VERLA HAMMOND/JUNE TODD

Martha Circle is excited about the 43rd Annual Christmas Bazaar, November 13th and we are working hard to finalize the details. The Bazaar is the main fundraiser for Martha Circle and enables us to support over fifteen missions with our annual proceeds. We realize we can't have a successful bazaar without the support and help of the entire AUMC Family **AND** we thank you. If you are able to help us by "working" on the day of the Bazaar, please contact Verla Hammond or the church office.

The next meeting of the Martha Circle is Tuesday, November 9th – 11:45am. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Penny Miller – Coordinator of Bakery *Delights & Gifts* - We are need of homemade desserts, baked goods and gift items. Please bring your donation to the church, Friday, the 12th between 8:00am and 4:00pm or by 9:30am on the 13th. We would appreciate it if you could wrap them for sale and put a fair price on the item since you know how much effort and cost went into your creation. If you have any questions about the Bakery Delights & Gifts table, please contact Penny Miller – 443-513-0809.

MISSIONS – JOANN WAYSZ – PENNY MILLER

Donna Holdren Prayer Shawl Ministry

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the women of our congregation who have faithfully knitted and crocheted Prayer Shawls to continue this ministry in Donna's memory. Thank you to Peggy Timmons, Ginger Marshal, Betty Breeding, Laurie Brucki, Mary Price, Carrie Holdren.

The shawls have given our love, comfort and support to countless people in our church and local community and been mailed to those in need all over the United States.

Anyone wishing to serve in this ministry is welcome to see me: Joann Waysz, 215.828.5521. Our patterns are easy; the supplies are free. If you want to learn how to crochet or knit or just want to dust off some skills, we can sit together on Friday's at 1 p.m. in the chapel.

Missions Committee

Thank you to everyone who has been able to contribute nonperishable food for distribution by St Paul's by the Sea, Shepherd's Crook. You have helped sustain an important ministry to the underserved of our community. Now that the summer is over and many seasonal jobs have ended, many people will need our help to feed their families. Contributions may be placed in the plastic bin in John Tilghman Hall.

The holiday season is fast approaching. Although specific details are not available yet, watch for information about two very important mission projects: Mountaire's Thanksgiving for Thousands and Worcester GOLD's Helping Hands for the Holidays. These two very important programs provide support for those in need throughout Worcester County.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS – JOYCE BAKER

Your Thrift Shop continues to thrive. We are loaded with beautiful fall clothing. Please stop by and check it out, you will be totally surprised at the beautiful new and slightly used clothing we have. New items arrive daily.

We want to welcome our new volunteers, Susan Moore and Deb Hansen, and welcome back Cindy Naughton. We are so thankful for your service.

A special thanks to Gary and Shirley German for stepping up and working the extra days. You are guys are special!!

A huge thanks to Ed Waysz and Wade Walter. Oh, how wonderful it is having the men help us out. "They are our men to bring the boxes of clothing down from upstairs". What a blessing!! Thank you both. We still could use some more men to help us out, please think about volunteering. We need you!

We will be putting out Christmas items closer to Thanksgiving. We are loaded with special items. Keep us in mind for that special gift.

Finally, I just want to say how happy and thankful, I am to be working with such a wonderful Church family. Thank you all for all your time, I appreciate you and so does Our Church.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE - DOT SIMPSON

- Church Office hours – 8:00am – 4:00pm
- Pastor's office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, in afternoons doing pastoral care (making hospital calls and visiting the sick) and returning to the office later in the day to return phone calls etc.
- To ensure that we have current contact information for our AUMC Family, we are asking everyone to complete the information sheet included with this newsletter. Please email information to atlanticumc@atlanticumc.org, or mail completed form to 105 4th Street or leave at Church Office during regular office hours.



43rd Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 13th – 10:00am till 2:00pm

Atlantic United Methodist Church

4th Street, Ocean City, MD

Christmas Home Place

Vintage and New Jewelry

Bakery Delights & Gifts

Silent Auction

CARRY-OUT LUNCH:

Chicken salad with croissant platter

Chicken salad by the pint

Homemade soups by pints or quarts

Sodas

THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN 10 -2

“Hosted by the Martha Circle”

Proceeds support local missions

******Credit Cards Accepted - \$10.00 minimum******



Bob & Barbara really enjoyed their recent trip to seven national parks in Arizona, Colorado and Utah. Bob was busy with his camera, taking over 1299 pictures! Thank you, Bob for sharing these four for the AUMC family to enjoy.

Goblin Valley State Park in Utah



Double Arch at Arches National Park



Grand View Point Overlook, Canyonlands National Park - ask Bob how he was able get this panoramic shot!

November Birthdays

- November 7 – Beth Zimmer
- November 8 – Jeff Facello
- November 8 – Nancy Thomas
- November 9 – Sara Jarmon
- November 10 – Debbie Collins
- November 12 – Sarah Purnell
- November 14 – Brian Bankert
- November 15 – Joseph Mitrecic
- November 19 – Grace Hoption
- November 21 – Emily Nock
- November 24 – Nancy Siskorn
- November 25 – Penny Miller

June provided the following matching game. See June after Sunday service for the answers.

Just for fun . . .

A MATCHING GAME

(Match column one with column two)

Occupation

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

Hymn

- ___ 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.

AUMC Contact Information

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Thanksgiving after all is a word of action.

There is always something to be thankful for.

Thanksgiving isn't just a day. It's a way we can live our lives every day.