

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.*

May, 2022

Dear Members and Friends of Atlantic UMC:

In the book of Proverbs we read the following: "Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life" (Proverbs 16:31).

Satchel Paige was an amazing baseball player and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1971. He was once asked this most insightful question: "How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were?" Satchel Paige responded; "An honest answer to that question depends on an honest admission of one's attitude. It doesn't have so much to do with one's age as it does one's attitude."

Dr. James Moore writes; "Attitude determines altitude."

Five tips for staying young:

Your mind is not old, keep developing it.

Your humor is not over, keep enjoying it.

Your strength is not gone, keep using it.

Your opportunities have not vanished, keep pursuing them.

God is alive, keep seeking Him.

Enough said. See you in Church!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. George R. Patterson, MDiv.

BAPTISMS

APRIL 3, 2022

*Layton Ryan Rompalo
Weston David Rompalo
Sons of Cody & Shelby Rompalo
Maternal Grandparents: Larry & Pam Layton
Paternal Grandparent: Cherie Messner
Great Grand Parents: Peggy Layton, Bud & Joan Kraft*

*Robert Layton Koster
Son of Robert & Morgan Koster
Maternal Grandparents: Larry & Pam Layton
Paternal Grandparents: Robert & Susan Koster
Great Grand Parents: Peggy Layton, Bud & Joan Kraft*

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ALTAR GUILD/WORSHIP COMMITTEE – BECKY YATES

The Easter Cycle (Easter-Pentecost). Color - White



We celebrated the crucifixion and resurrection in April. Our church altar was complimented with 100 living plants to celebrate the beauty of new life.

The Altar Guild continues to prepare for upcoming events. The month of May is full of special times not only in the life of the church but the community.

We celebrate the graduations of students, ending one phase of their lives and entering another.

In the United Methodist Church, May is designated as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

May 15 is Mother's Day. Ushers will present Pink Carnations to all ladies in attendance.

On Sunday, May 29, Memorial Day Weekend, the first 8:30 AM Boardwalk Service will take place at Shenanigan's. More information will be listed in the bulletins or E-mail communications.

We also celebrate those who have fought and continue to fight for our freedom. We can never forget our generations of veterans. God Bless them.

The schedule for the Greeter and Usher Schedule for the Month of May is posted on the bulletin board across from the Sanctuary. Please check often. If you have a conflict, please let me know as soon as possible. If you wish to join us on Sunday mornings, at 10:00 AM as a greeter or usher, please contact me. There is always room for you to assist in this important activity.

ATLANTIC BELL CHOIR - BILLIE WALL

I would like to thank the members of the Atlantic Bell Choir for the extra rehearsals, the constant repetition of melodies, rhythms, and technical learning to play the piece selected for Easter Sunday. The members are: Nancy Hendricks, Fran Robinson, Sharon Sorrentino, and Marci Wills. We have discussed the possibility of playing through the summer months. It would be so much easier if we have people who could cover the bells, we must leave silent. I thank you all for your prayers asking our father for giving you the thought to play.

I praise God that we are doing so well. Our thanks to all who support us each time that we play.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - MICHELLE STANSFIELD

Children's Church. The Palm Sunday Easter Egg hunt in the side church yard for the children, was a huge success! There were seven enthusiastic young people finding many Easter Eggs with goodies inside. A big thank you to Mike Trivits and his group of young men to help hide the eggs. It was so much fun!

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – JUNE TODD

Thank you all for filling the church and singing so heartily on Easter Sunday. It was thrilling to hear.

The choir will continue to rehearse after worship each Sunday until May 29th and sing each Sunday until June 5.

I don't usually watch American Idol, but this season a friend and classmate of my grandson's from S. U. is a contestant. His name is Jay Copeland. He is excellent has made it to the top 10. He has the talent, personality and stage presence Please take time to for him! It's easy - Just text (1) to the number 21523, you can vote up to 10 times. You can also listen to him on American Idol YouTube. Thank you.

MARTHA CIRCLE – VERLA HAMMOND

Martha Circle is closing out this year with our May Meeting/Luncheon. At our luncheon we will reveal our 2021 Prayer Sister.

Our past year was very successful ending with the Bazaar in November. Funds raised enabled us to provide support to several local organizations.

We will regroup on September 13, 2022, at 11:45 in John Tilghman Hall. Please consider joining us. Also, our committees will be hard at work over our break planning for the 44th Annual Bazaar in November 2022.

Thank you and God Bless!



MISSIONS – JOANN WAYSZ

As we welcome spring, the Mission Committee would like to thank the AUMC congregation for their continued support of our community programs, especially the Blessing Bags. These bags will continue to be available because hunger knows no season. We are hoping to see more J1 workers this year and to be able to show God's love through our Friday Soup Kitchen. If you would like to help in this mission, please contact the church office or Joann Waysz.

We hope everyone had the opportunity to view the bulletin board display showing the work of The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The committee works around the world wherever there is a need; including the Ukraine.

AUMC is also contributing mission funds to missionaries Steve and Sheila Young through the I-55 Partnership (Isaiah 55 :1). Steve and Sheila are familiar faces in Ocean City. During the summer months, they work with the J1 students, helping them with their English, assimilation into our culture, and providing Bible study and faith-based opportunities. During the rest of the year, they work with an organization, CRU, in the Eastern European countries of Moldova, Romania, Poland and the Ukraine. They introduce Christ to everyone who wants to hear and learn. Because of political issues in many of these countries, they are not permitted to distribute Bibles but do their mission work through a program of "English" classes. The CRU staff has remained in the Ukraine to give aid and relocate people to safer areas of the country and Poland. There will be pictures and information related to their work in the Ukraine on the bulletin board. God is still working in the madness through the people who love him.

THRIFT SHOP – JOYCE BAKER

Spring is in the air, maybe not outside but it sure is in the thrift Shop. Our shop looks so different with all Spring and Summer clothes out. We had a great bag sale.

Hope you all check out the Thrift Shop Facebook page! Thanks to Susan Carpenter Moore for setting, it up and keeping it up dated. It really looks very pretty. Good job Susan!

A special thanks to Pam Zorn for treating all the volunteers the pizza and treats, the day we set up shop. Thank you so much Pam. We all appreciated it. And we had a special guest helping us the day we changed over, Betty Kurka. It was so nice to see her and have Betty back in the shop. I want to thank everyone that helped, we worked so hard that day, and everyone was really a big help. So, thanks to all.

Come on in and check the shop out, beautiful clothes and nice items for your house.

And a big thank you to the Soup Kitchen crew for always looking out for us, we sure do appreciate the wonderful lunches.

We still need a few volunteers, especially on Saturdays please contact me or the church office. God bless, Joyce

TRUSTEES – EARL ROBINSON

Our Administrative Council at its last meeting approved the reasoning and expenditure for our audio-visual update. The new system will include two large screen monitors at the front of the sanctuary and two updated cameras and an improved sound system. The banners that currently hang on either side of the pulpits will be relocated to the side wall.

The new system is intended to enhance the worship experience for the attending congregation and greatly improve the broadcast service for those watching from home. It is expected the work will begin in 4 to 5 weeks and should take 3 to 4 days to install. Our target date to be up and running is the first week of June.

Also, our air conditioning system is now on line and we are ready for the Spring and Summer weather.

If you have any questions on these or any other matters please do not hesitate to ask.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE - DOT SIMPSON

- Church Office hours – 8:00am – 4:00pm
- Pastor's office hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, in afternoons doing pastoral care (making hospital calls and visiting the sick).
- Congregant Parking Passes for 2022 are available. You may pick up one at the church office or passes may be mailed.
- On Sundays, until 12 Noon, you may park free of charge in the City Hall Parking Lot on Third St and the Municipal Lot on Fourth Street.
- If your birthday is not listed in the newsletter, please contact the Church Office so that we may update our records. hat on
- Consider electronic giving - Many members of the AUMC family have found this a safe and secure way to contribute - through using bill-pay option at their bank or the *Vanco Mobile* app.

Merry Christmas

It's BAZAAR! *Yes, it's only May, but it's never too early to "Save the Date" –*

Saturday, November 12, 2022

This is the date Martha Circle will host the 44th Annual Christmas Bazaar at Atlantic United Methodist Church from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

This is a church-wide event and volunteers will be needed for all areas from set-up to clean-up.

- **The Christmas Shop – Fran Robinson, Shirley and Gary German**
 - Gather all your Christmas goodies from storage, bring to the church and assist with making items for sale in the Christmas Shop. Workshops are being planned at the church.
- **Take Out Luncheon – B. J. Cain**
 - Join our kitchen staff in preparing and selling items from the menu.
- **Silent Auction – Joann and Ed Waysz**
 - Assist with soliciting, collecting, labeling, and monitoring the Silent Auction items.
- **Jewelry Shop – Vera Patterson and Marilyn James**
 - Assist with the display and sale of donated items at the Jewelry Shop. This is always a popular spot.
- **Baked Goods Corner – Penny Miller**
 - Accept baked goods, display, sell homemade items. This shop sells out very quickly.
- **Advertising – Peggy Timmons and Sharon Rutherford**
 - Assist with the placing of ads in local shops and newspapers. Assembling our sponsor's/promoter's pamphlet.
- **Set up and take down - Everyone**
 - Volunteers needed to help set up for the Bazaar, Wednesday thru Friday, November 9 thru 11 and remove everything after the Bazaar on Saturday, November 12 so the church will be ready for Sunday Service November 13.

Several volunteers are on-board to oversee the above areas. If you have questions on volunteering, or need further information, please contact either Verla Hammond or Becky Yates. Funds raised from this event are distributed to UMCOR, organizations within the Town of Ocean City and Worcester County to benefit those in need.

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ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

- May 1—11:15am—Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
 - May 8 – 11:15 am – Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
 - May 10 – Martha Circle Luncheon Meeting
 - May 15 – 11:15am – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
 - May 20 – 11:00am – Wedding – Hancock/Bontempo
 - May 22 – 11:15am – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
 - May 29 – 8:30am – Boardwalk Service – Shenanigan’s 4th & Boardwalk
 - May 29 – 10:00am – Traditional Service – Sanctuary
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- Thrift Shop – Monday thru Saturday – 10:00am – 2:00pm
 - Soup Kitchen – Fridays – 11:00am – 1:00pm

May Birthday Wishes

May 3 – Joanie Baysinger
May 11 – Earl Robinson
May 14 – Marjorie Steen
May 14 – Ed Townsend
May 14 – Jim Cox
May 16 – Cookie Auxer
May 17 – Sheridan Brueckner
May 23 – Susan Lauer
May 24 – Joanne Harner



A positive attitude may not solve all your problems but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

Be the type of person who leaves a mark, not a scar.

Life is the art of drawing without an eraser.

Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile.

Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments.

