

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.

June 2022

Dear Members and Friends of Atlantic United Methodist Church:

The summer of 2022 is about to begin. Summer brings with it a time of rest and relaxation and reflection. This summer I would encourage you to pause and ponder the many blessings we enjoy.

Holy God has looked upon the United States of America with great favor and extended His hand of provision all across this great land. We know that God is faithful to His Word and has proven to be a gracious and generous provider.

First of all, we have a godly heritage. The documents of history show that 52 of the 55 men who signed our Constitution were men of deep faith. They have been described as "orthodox and evangelical Christians." This country was founded upon Biblical principles and a Christ centered interpretation of justice, fairness, and equal opportunity.

Secondly, just think about all the natural resources that are found in our great land. God has placed at our feet are blessings of ore, minerals, oil, forests, bays, rivers, lakes, farmlands, and much much more. God has provided not only what we need for ourselves but also abundance so that we can provide for others in distant lands.

Thirdly, we are privileged to enjoy the free enterprise system here in this great land. I know the economy is struggling right now but this is a remarkable blessing that provides incredible opportunities.

Finally, just think about our freedom. Every time you cast a ballot, no matter what your political persuasion or how important or unimportant a given election may seem, we need to give thanks to God for the freedom to personally impact the direction of this country. This is an amazing blessing that is completely foreign in many nations around the world.

So, this summer I would encourage you to pause and ponder the many blessings God has graciously and generously bestowed upon this great land. Enough said. See you in Church!

God bless,

Rev. George R. Patterson, MDiv.

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BAPTISMS

MAY 1, 2022

Claire Barbara Kretser

Daughter of Gordon & Sara Kretser

Maternal Grandparents Mark & Susan Wenzlaff

Paternal Grandparents David & Alison Kretser

Great Grand Parents Jeannie Powell,

Edward & Edith Wenzlaff

Godparents Dr. & Mrs. Brian Delligatti

MAY 8, 2022

Lucas John Lynch, Jr.

Son of Lucas and Lisa Lynch

Siblings - Casey and Piper Lynch

Maternal Grandparents - Larry and Pam Layton,

Jay and Pat Bozman

Paternal Grandparents - Alex and Margot Lynch

Great Grandparents - Peggy Layton, Bud and Joan Kraft,

Theresa Welsch, Diana Young

WEDDING

May 4, 2022

Teriann Palumbo – Russell Hammond

MAY 20, 2022

Emma Renee Hancock – Stephen Bontempo

Brides Parents – Mr. & Mrs. Chad (Gretchen) Hancock

Grooms Parents: Dr. & Mrs. Eric (Karen) Bontempo

ALTAR GUILD/WORSHIP COMMITTEE – BECKY YATES



We start the month of June celebrating **Pentecost**. Pentecost for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day. In much of early Christianity, Easter Day (not Pentecost) became the primary day for baptisms. After their baptism, 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 primarily celebrate the [commissioning of new members into ministry](#). Some do this through services of confirmation on Pentecost. And still others have also, historically, offered baptism on Pentecost as well.

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 was used in some places, including England, where Pentecost had also become a day for baptisms by the Middle Ages. Whether it happened at Easter or Pentecost or at some other time, 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 also be referred to in English 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.



Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost and is celebrated by many Christians in the United States. It is one of the few feasts that are celebrated as a doctrine instead of an event. It is also symbolic of the unity of the Trinity.

The Boardwalk Service at 8:30 AM (weather permitting) will take place at Shenanigan's. This is a very popular service during the summer months. Assistants are needed to get the patio at Shenanigan's ready for service. If you are interested, please contact me. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the Sanctuary.

The Greeter's and Usher's sign-up sheet for the 10:00 AM service in the Sanctuary is posted for June and July. Please advise if you are unable to assist on the dates assigned. New members are welcome.

The “official” start of the summer season is upon us. Please stay safe in your travels. Enjoy the sunrises, sunsets, and sound of the waves. Take in the beauty of God's

work. It is all around us. Our prayers travel with you during the church's Ordinary Times.

LAY LEADER – BOB JOHNSON

Recently two have completed courses as part of the Lay Servant Ministries Academy. Mike Trivits completed the Basic Lay Servant course and Robert Johnson completed the Planning Worship advanced course. There will be opportunities for others to participate in this program this fall. Some courses were in virtual format and others were in person classes. We will keep you up to date and you can visit the Lower Shore District web site for the current status

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - MICHELLE STANSFIELD

Children's Church performed "Jesus Loves Me" in sign language during the church service on May 15th. They did a fantastic job praising God through song.

Parents and Grandparents - SAVE THE DATES!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND



August 1 thru August 4 – 10:00am – Noon Ages – 4 to 8

Registration Forms will be available June 20th, forms need to be returned to church office by July 22nd.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – JUNE TODD

I want to express a warm welcome to the 20 new members who joined a UMC last Sunday. It was a thrilling sight to see!

A sincere thanks to the faithful few choir members Mary Price, Charlotte Nash, Joann Waysz, Billie Wall, Bob Johnson, Doug and Tom Hemmick who gave so willingly of their time and talent to add to our Sunday morning worship services. Our last Sunday will be June 5. I hope to have solos duets vocal or instrumental for the rest of the summer. If anyone is interested, please call the office or me.

Have a healthy and safe summer!

THRIFT SHOP – JOYCE BAKER

Sorry we don't have a lot to write about. Everything is going so good in the shop. We are just getting overwhelmed with drop offs. We just can't seem to keep up. If anyone would be willing to lend a hand, we sure would appreciate the help.

We are beginning to get a lot of the foreign students; they love our shop and are so happy to find the good bargains. We so much appreciate them; they are so friendly and so nice to talk too.

Until next time; remember to come take a look around, we have so many nice items.

MARTHA CIRCLE – VERLA HAMMOND

The Martha Circle held their annual "end of year" luncheon celebration at Harborside Grill in West Ocean City. We enjoyed a wonderful time of great food and conversation. Officers for the 2022-2023 term were announced: President – Verla Hammond, Vice President – Becky Yates, Secretary – Penny Miller, Treasurer – Donna Berg. Thanks to the ladies who participated. We invite all women of the church to joy us in fun and fellowship at our next meeting - September 13th at 11:45 in John Tilghman Fellowship Hall.



TRUSTEES – EARL ROBINSON

Things are moving right along with our Audio/Visual upgrade. We have been advised that all the parts and equipment have been received by the installer and installation will be scheduled within the next few weeks. We expect to see the upgrade in service by the second Sunday in June.

And now that the warm Spring weather has finally arrived, we can have our exterior building improvements done. Very soon you will see the exterior power washed and all wood surfaces painted.

Your Trustees work very hard at keeping our building updated and in good repair. We will keep you updated as projects are planned and occur.

May God bless us in the service of his Church.

MISSIONS – JOANN WAYSZ

We are starting to see some summer workers, mainly from the Dominican Republic. Our church is helping to welcome them through the effort of the Thrift Shop and the Friday Soup Kitchen. There is a map in John Tilghman Hall where the students are placing pins to make their home countries. We hope that by the end of the summer, there are many pins for you to see.

The bulletin board in the hall has a display of photos and information about how the ministry of the United Methodist Church is partnering with other global agencies, in

the name of Christ, to bring as much aid as possible to the people of Ukraine. The work is massive and all your prayers are needed.

**DONNA HOLDREN PRAYER SHAWL
MINISTRY – JOANN WAYSZ**

There is a beautiful new group of Prayer Shawls in the Chapel just waiting to give joy and comfort to those in need. Stop in and see the handy work of our faithful knitters and crochets.

Since the beginning of this ministry in 2007, over 520 shawls have made their way to those in need. Some are hand delivered but the ministry will also mail shawls to those who just live too far away. Our shawls have gone as far as away China. Just let the church office know the address and we can send them on their way.

Baby blankets are also provided to God's precious gifts on their Baptism.

If anyone want to help knit or crochet, just contact the church office or Joann Waysz. Instructions and materials are provided by t



**Blessing of the Prayer Shawls
May 15, 2022**

SINGLES DINNER - The Singles Group meets at a restaurant once a month for good fellowship and laughter. In May we celebrated birthdays for Joanne Harner and Susan Lauer at Shrimp Boat, thank you Martha Bennett for the delicious cake. We will meet on June 20 at Coastal Smokehouse for our last

dinner until September. Hope you can join us!



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 and shut-ins)
- 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.
- Consider electronic giving, by using bill-pay option at you bank or the *Vanco Mobile* app.

June Birthday Wishes

June 2 – Sherry Dare

June 6 – Verla Hammond

June 10 – Bob Eastman

June 10 – Barbara Trumpower

June 15 – Terry Hoption

June 18 – Claudia Nicholls

June 19 – Rebecca Galyon

June 25 – Buck Mann

June 26 – Adele Biel

June 26 – Brian Shockley

ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

- June 20 – Vacation Bible School Registration Forms available
- July 22 – Deadline for Vacation Bible School Registration Forms
- July 5 – 5:00pm – Trustees
- July 5 – 6:00pm – SPRC
- Jul 26 – 5:00pm – Finance
- Jul 26 – 6:00pm – Administrative Council
- August 1 thru Aug 4- 10:00am – Noon -Vacation Bible School

- Sunday Services:

- 8:30am – at Shenanigans – 4th & Boardwalk
10:00am – Traditional Service – Sanctuary
- Thrift Shop – Monday thru Saturday – 10:00am – 2:00pm
 - Soup Kitchen – Fridays – 11:00am – 1:00pm

Merry Christmas

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. Items/volunteers are needed for each of the following areas of the Bazaar.

- **The Christmas Shop**

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. Several items are waiting for our elves to work their magic. Let's be creative.

- **Take Out Luncheon**

- **Silent Auction**

- **Jewelry Shop**

- **Baked Goods Corner – Penny Miller**

Put your baking skills to work.

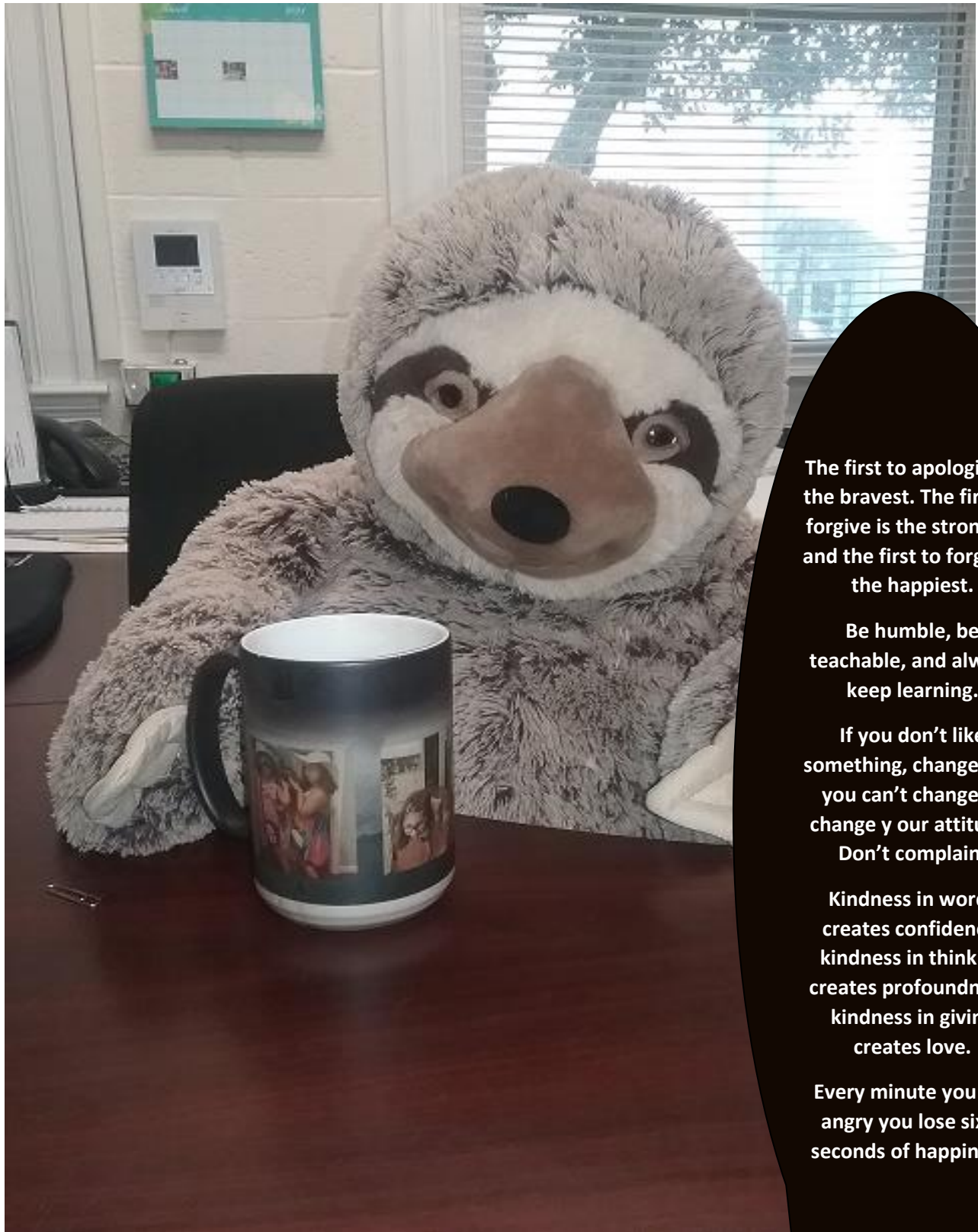
- **Advertising – Peggy Timmons and Sharon Rutherford**

- **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.

Our 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.



The first to apologize is the bravest. The first to forgive is the strongest and the first to forget is the happiest.

Be humble, be teachable, and always keep learning.

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain.

Kindness in words creates confidence, kindness in thinking creates profoundness, kindness in giving creates love.

Every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness.



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Allen Sklar, Photographer