

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.

*July – August
2022*

Dear Members and Friends of Atlantic UMC:

Sometimes I think we get so caught up in our everyday mundane tasks and pressures that we often lose sight of how precious and fragile life really is. Everyday brings with it new challenges and opportunities, and blessings from the generous and gracious hand of God. I am learning slowly, ever so slowly, that each day is to be “savored.” Each new day is a precious gift from God. I love the quote: “Yesterday is history; tomorrow is a mystery; today is a gift; that is why it is called The Present” (unknown author). I love Max Lucado’s approach to each new day and thought that you, like me, might find it helpful.

Five Votes of Confidence

- 1) I refuse to be shackled by yesterday's failures.*
- 2) What I don't know will no longer be an intimidation – but an opportunity.*
- 3) I will not allow people to define my mood, method, image, or mission.*
- 4) I will pursue a mission greater than myself by making at least one person happy they saw me.*
- 5) I will have no time for self-pity, gossip, or negativism ... from myself or from others.*

(On The Anvil, Max Lucado, p. 141)

What a great way to approach each new day!

See you in Church,

Rev. George R. Patterson,

Notes of Thoughts and Prayers:

Norma Biddle
810 Corner Ketch Road
Newark, DE 19711
Tracy Pattison
1305 Foggy Bottom Drive
Salisbury, MD 21804
Mrs. Betty Jester
C/O Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation
Room #110-2, 9715 Healthway Drive Berlin, MD. 21811
Mrs. Betty Turk
12425 Windsor Road, Ocean City, MD. 21842
Mr. Robert Biel
5 West Mallard Drive, Berlin, MD. 21811
Mrs. Calvinia Fisher
12912 Lake Place, Ocean City, MD. 21842
Mrs. Donna Leiner
13044 North Shore Road, Ocean City, MD. 21842
Mrs. Alice Hagendorf (mother of Alice Jones)
Amity Place, Rm #408
1300 Old Swede Road, Douglass, PA 19518

BAPTISMS

JUNE 26, 2022

Jonah James Pope
Son of William and Chelsie Pope

TRUSTEES – EARL ROBINSON

It has been a busy time for your Trustees.

The audio/visual upgrade is to be completed this week. Our ever growing “on line congregation” will have a beautiful updated worship experience and our attending congregants will enjoy the enlarged visuals on the new large monitors. A dedication of the new system is being planned. Stay tuned as more information is coming.

And as that system is being completed the exterior of our church building will be power washed and all dryvit, stucco, and wood surfaces will be freshly painted. We want our church to be a warm, clean, fresh and inviting place to attend and worship.

The refurbishment of our Baltimore Ave. sign has been approved by the Town and the permit issued. As soon as some minor details of the scope of work are agreed to, the work will begin.

Many thank you’s are in order to our hard-working Trustees and to all of you for bearing with the inconveniences that go along with having work done.

Thank you and may God bless us all.

THRIFT SHOP – JOYCE BAKER

Help, help help. We need help in the Thrift Shop. We could use help on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Saturday is extremely urgent day. It’s only for 4 hours. We really need some people to step up. Our volunteers have been working so hard and they could use the rest. Thanks to Peggy Timmons she has returned to us after taking time off to help her daughter, but she needs help on Tuesday.

We will be closed July 4th. A much-needed day off.

Hope everyone has a great July 4th. Please consider helping the Thrift Shop the Church really benefits from the shop in many ways. Please contact the Church Office if you can and will help.

MISSIONS – JOANN WAYSZ

We are pleased to welcome the international student workers to our Soup Kitchen. It has been a long wait but they have arrived and are a lovely, respectful group of young adults. Sometimes we need to explain just what the luncheon meal consists of because at times our style of food is very different than that of their country. A new and tasty favorite is watermelon. Putting a pin to indicate their country on the world map on an easel in Tilghman Hall is fun too. Have a look.

Summer is here and as dangerous for the homeless as the cold of winter. The blessing bags contain water and juice along with food. Nothing is heat perishable

so don't worry about keeping them in your car as you did in the cold weather. Help yourself.



These J1 Students are so appreciative of the AUMC family for the donation of bikes and safety gear, making their travel around Ocean City much safer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND



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

**Complete the forms included with this newsletter and return to Church Office
by July 22nd.**

FROM THE LAY REPRESENTATIVE/LAY LEADER (ROBERT JOHNSON)

The 238th Session of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference was held June 16-18, 2022 via Zoom. Separate clergy and laity sessions were held on June 16th. A combined session was held June 17th.

Three procedural resolutions regarding the rules of conduct of the sessions and the calendar were passed. Several normal annual housekeeping resolutions were passed dealing with pastor minimum salaries, retired clergy housing allowance, pre-1982 service rates, and clergy and lay employee eligibility for benefits. A lengthy motion regarding the representation of the annual conference was referred to the session committee and will likely be taken up at the next Annual Conference.

The Jurisdictional Conferences are scheduled for November at which time new bishops could be elected. The Peninsula-Delaware Conference elected not to present any potential nominees.

The Annual Conference created a new conference level committee on Creation Care/Creation Justice.

The annual conference budget was passed and key summary figures are shown below.

	2023	2022
Connectional Ministries	\$1,199,518	\$1,199,518
Conference Ministries	1,166,084	1,152,143
Administrative Ministries	1,116,954	1,099,642
Clergy Support Ministries	<u>760,049</u>	<u>744,940</u>
Total Expenses	4,242,604	4,196,063
Apportionment Adjustments	<u>636,391</u>	<u>629,409</u>
Total Apportioned	<u>\$4,878,995</u>	<u>\$4,825,472</u>

Five churches in the conference have voted to disaffiliate with the United Methodist Church in accordance with the Taylor Disaffiliation Plan and all were approved pending compliance with the total agreements. They are: Woodland UMC, Seaford, DE; Taylorsville UMC, Berlin, MD; Calvary UMC, Smith Island, MD; Elwell UMC, Smith Island, MD; and Union UMC, Smith Island, MD.

Although the bankruptcy court has not yet confirmed it, there has been an agreement between the United Methodist Church and the Boy Scouts of America. In the future, there will be standardized agreement regarding sponsorship, responsibilities, risk, and insurance. As a note, AUMC has not sponsored any BSA troops and, therefore, has not been directly affected.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – BECKY YATES, CHAIR

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.

SINGLES DINNER CLUB – Enjoying Dinner at Coastal Steakhouse



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 - pastoral care
- 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.
- *Taking a summer break, no newsletter in August.*

ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

- July 5 – 5:00pm – Trustees
- July 5 – 6:00pm – SPRC
- July 22 – Deadline for Vacation Bible School Registration Forms
- July 26 – 5:00pm – Finance
- July 26 – 6:00pm – Administrative Council
- August 1 thru Aug 4- 10:00am – Noon -Vacation Bible School
- **Sunday Services:**
 - 8:30am – at Shenanigans – 4th & Boardwalk (thru Labor Day)
 - 10:00am – Traditional Service – Sanctuary
- Thrift Shop – Monday thru Saturday – 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Soup Kitchen – Fridays – 11:00am – 1:00pm

July Birthday Wishes

July 2 – Jennifer Hoffman

July 2 – Alison Kretser

July 4 – Paul Wall

July 6 – Larry Holdren, Sr.

July 9 – Deno Vlachos

July 14 – Jimmy Carter

July 17 – Michael Truitt

July 20 – Joel Gorgodian

July 21 – Norma Biddle

July 27 – Pam Buckley

August Birthday Wishes

August 4 – Patti James

August 5 – Mary Price

August 8 – Judith Clarke

August 11 – Delores Cook

August 11 – John Trumpower

August 13 – Allison Klebe

August 17 - Robert Nock, Sr.

August 17 – Bo Spicer

August 18 – Beth Truitt

August 22 – Kathy Durham

August 23 – Barbara Johnson

August 27 – Billie Walls

2022 - AUMC VBS

Registration Form

Ages 4 – 18

August 1 thru 4

10:00am – Noon

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Grade Completed _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email Address: _____

*****AUMC VBS Registration Form and Children's Activity Consent Form** must be completed and returned to Church Office by July 22nd.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM

Name of child _____

Name of parent(s) or guardian(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Other person and/or number to call in emergency _____

Medical Information

Is your child presently being treated for an injury or sickness or taking any medication?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain. _____

Does your child have a physical handicap or illness that would prevent him or her from participating in normal rigorous activity? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please explain. _____

Consent and Certification

I, the undersigned, being the parent or legal guardian of the child named above, do hereby consent to the participation of my child in the following activity conducted by Atlantic United Methodist Church: _____

I certify that my child is physically fit and adequately prepared to participate in this event.

Medical Treatment Authorization

I understand that I will be notified in the case of a medical emergency. However, in the event that I cannot be reached, I authorize the calling of a doctor and the providing of necessary medical services in the event that my child is injured or becomes ill. I authorize one or more of the following persons to make emergency medical care decisions on behalf of my child, if required by law or a health care provider: _____

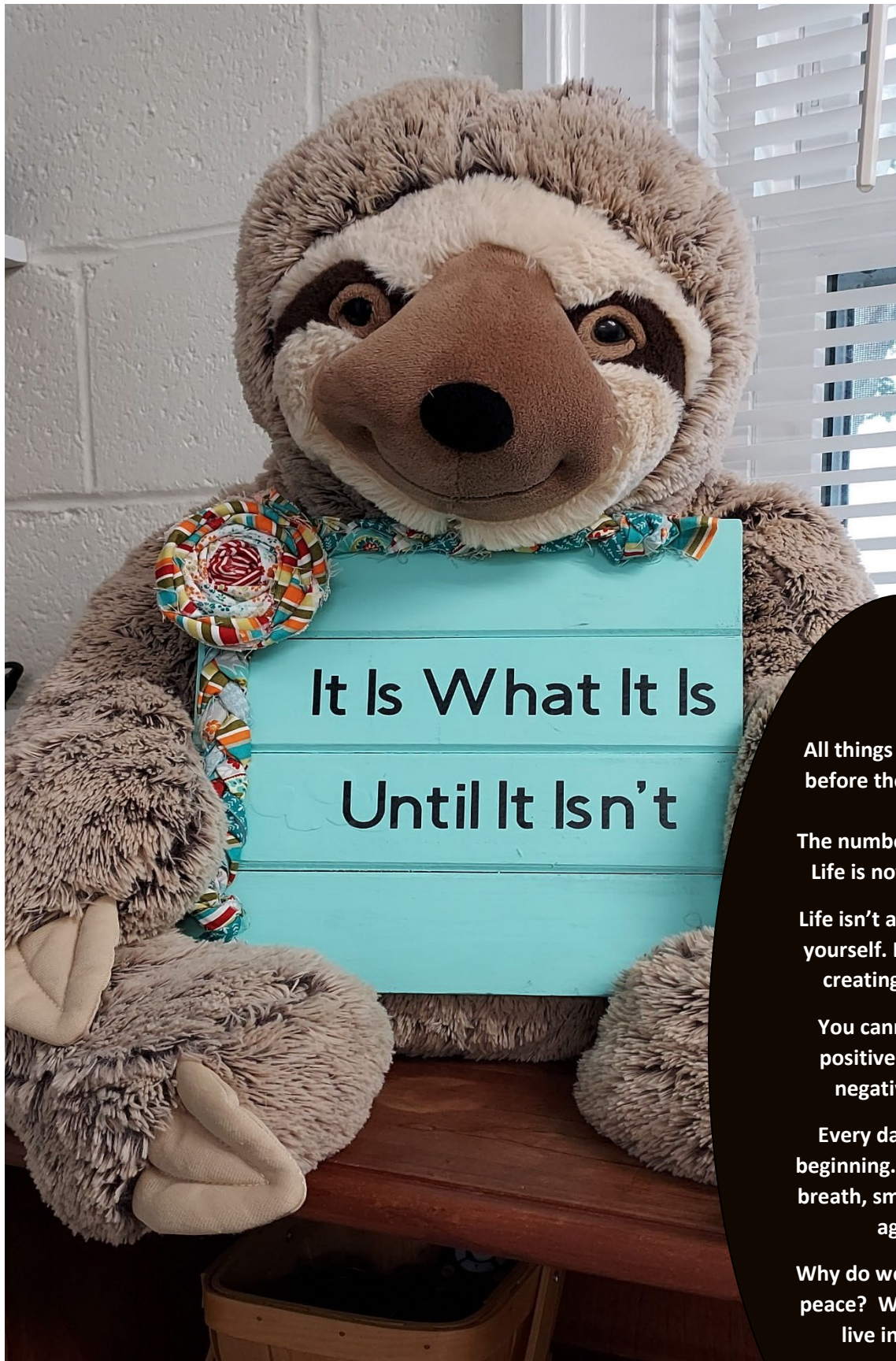
or another adult chaperone designated by the pastor. I authorize these persons to act in my place to consent to all necessary and appropriate x-ray examinations, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care.

I understand that Atlantic United Methodist Church will not be responsible for medical expenses incurred solely on the basis of this authorization. I also understand that the designated adult chaperones

reserve the right to restrict my child from any activity that they do not feel is within the physical capabilities of my child.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date



**It Is What It Is
Until It Isn't**

**All things are difficult
before they are easy.**

**The number one skill in
Life is not giving up.**

**Life isn't about finding
yourself. Life is about
creating yourself.**

**You cannot have a
positive Life and a
negative mind.**

**Every day is a new
beginning. Take a deep
breath, smile and start
again.**

**Why do we only rest in
peace? Why don't we
live in peace?**



"Assateague Dewey"

Allen Sklar, Photographer