

## 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.*

*October 2022*

Dear Members and Friends of Atlantic UMC:

The name Micah isn't exactly a marquis Biblical name. Though obscure, this ancient prophet really had a spirit of discernment. Micah had a deep suspicion that something phony was going on. He sensed that there was greed in the hearts of the leaders of the kingdom of Judah, which prompted him to warn the common folk not to be deceived by religious leaders of that day.

The Rev. Charles Swidoll writes; "in true prophetic style, Micah comforted the afflicted and afflicted the comfortable." Micah publicly condemned sin. He fought for the well being of the oppressed. He tried to warn the people that the future of the nation was in jeopardy. In doing so he risked his own life.

But Micah didn't focus on the negative, but on the positive. He offered wisdom, hope, and grace to God's people. This prophet of God saved his best words for a positive message to the people. He writes; "With what shall I come to the LORD and bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves? Does the LORD take delight in thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" (Micah. 6:6-7). No! That is not what God desires from His people.

Micah had the spiritual insight to know what pleased God. He writes: "God has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah. 6:8).

Enough said. See you in Church.

Grace and Peace,

George R. Patterson, MDiv.

### **TRUSTEES – EARL ROBINSON, CHAIR**

Your Trustees are very pleased to tell you, our updated audio-visual system is up and running. Our 10:00 service can now be seen on our Facebook page, our website - [atlanticumc.org](http://atlanticumc.org), or on TV by way of either Roku or Fire. Our broadcast and support team, consisting of Dot Simpson, Chris Welk, Terry Hoption, Bob Johnson and Jeff Facello have worked very hard to make this happen. Please keep in mind, this is not intended to be an alternative to regular attendance, but rather a means whereby our sick and shut-ins can join us in worship and to hopefully attract new members to our church. We invite you to view a replay of a service and let us know what you think.

Our parking lot landscaping is scheduled to be complete by Sept. 29th. The parking lot will be sealed and striped the following week. Be advised our parking lot will be closed Oct. 4th, 5th, and 6th. The Thrift Shop will remain open during this time as the city is graciously allowing us and our Thrift Shop customers to park free in their 4th street lot. Our lot will reopen Oct. 7th.

Your Trustees have had a very busy year, but we are not finished yet. Stay tuned for more repairs and improvements to come.

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH - MICHELLE STANSFIELD, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

We will be having a Fall Party for our youngsters on Sunday, October 16, during Children's Church. There will be games, Christian fall crafts, surprises and lots of fun! All in the spirit of the fall season.

### **MARTHA CIRCLE – VERLA HAMMOND, PRESIDENT**

The Martha Circle has started again after a summer break. We had eighteen ladies present for the first meeting. We all bring our lunch and the hostess provide dessert and beverage.

Officers for this year are Verla Hammond, President; Becky Yates, Vice President; Penny Miller, Secretary; and Donna Berg, Treasurer.

We have two big fundraisers a year, the Church Bazaar and service a luncheon for the officers and stockholders of Bank of Ocean City.

Becky Yates is chairperson for the bazaar. If you have any questions, please contact her. Items still needed for the Bazaar are Christmas items for Fran Robinson, Jewelry for Vera Patterson, Silent Auction items for Joann Waysz and of your course your wonderful baked goods, pickles, relishes, jams, etc. for Penny Miller's bake table.

Mark your calendar for October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am for Martha Circle and be sure to save November 12 for the bazaar.

Looking for your support. Prayers, Verla

*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heaven laden, and I will give you rest.*  
Matthew 11:25

## **FROM THE LAY LEADER / LAY REPRESENTATIVE (ROBERT JOHNSON)**

### **BIBLE STUDY**

A Bible Study is offered by Bob Johnson on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in our Meeting Room, the subject will be The Lesser Prophets. Any questions, please call the church office.

### **CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Here is an announcement directly from the conference with several opportunities for expanding our knowledge to make disciples of Jesus Christ. One need not commit to all, but select those that interest you.

#### **Training Tuesdays**

Drawing together experts from throughout the Peninsula-Delaware and Baltimore-Washington Conferences and beyond, this fall's Training Tuesday webinars will provide local churches with valuable resources as they grow in vitality.

"A vital church is a church whose mission, ministry and mindset are geared toward thriving rather than surviving. Its focus is on deepening discipleship, building relationships and establishing partnerships so it can have a significant impact within the communities it serves and beyond," said the Rev. Jackie Ford, the Conference Director of Connectional Ministries. "Training Tuesdays teach congregations how to become vital and increase their effectiveness beyond the church walls."

- The Training Tuesday sessions, held via Zoom, will focus on the affiliation's [Pillars of Vitality](#). These include: see all the people, deepening discipleship, love like Jesus loved, and multiply impact.

#### **The schedule includes:**

- [Sept. 20](#) – Getting Started on a Congregational Vitality Pathway with Readiness 360
- [Sept. 27](#) – See all the People, an overview of the free MissionInsite tool
- [Oct. 11](#) – See all the People, community prayer and how to conduct relational 1:1s
- [Oct. 25](#) – Deepening Discipleship, Creating an intentional discipleship pathway/process
- [Nov. 8](#) – Deepening Discipleship: Examples of Effective Intentional Discipleship Pathways/Processes
- **Registration coming soon for:**
- **Nov. 15** – Live and Love Like Jesus
- **Nov. 29** – Multiply Your Impact
- **Dec. 13** – Statistical Report Training
- **Jan. 10** – Change Management

In addition, in order to equip local church leaders for service beginning Jan. 1, a full library of training videos and documents from three years of Training Tuesdays is now available.

On the Peninsula-Delaware Conference [Training Tuesday's Previous Webinars page](#), you can find sessions on Finance, Trustees, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and much more. For access to additional sessions visit the Baltimore-Washington Conference [Training Tuesdays archive page](#).

### **THRIFT SHOP – JOYCE BAKER, MANAGER**

By the time you read the news, we will have had our annual bag sale. We know it will help us unload a lot of clothes and prepare us for restocking with all fall and winter clothes. We have been running half price on all clothing since the beginning of September and have moved a lot of merchandise.

We always look forward to the change of seasons. It is so much fun with all the volunteers working help restock. Plus, we serve pizza to all that volunteers. Even though it is a hard day off work, we make it fun. The grand reopening will be September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward to seeing the change, please come out and support the Thrift Shop, every dollar earned goes back to the church to support missions and the budget.

Thanks to all who volunteer we do appreciate your help.

### **SINGLES DINNER CLUB**

The Singles Group meets at a nearby restaurant usually on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. This will be advertised in the Sunday Bulletin so keep an eye out for the location. We always have a good time and invite you to join us whenever you can. The dates for this fall are Oct. 17, Nov. 21, and Dec. 19. Please call Penny Miller at 443-513-0809 for further information.



*September Singles Dinner Club at  
Taylors Restaurant – Ocean Pines*

## ALTAR GUILD/WORSHIP COMMITTEE – BECKY YATES, CHAIRPERSON



Fall is here and with that comes the changing of the leaves with bright colors of red and gold. We may be sorry to see summer leave, but we embrace the new season with a different way of looking at God's creations.

The color for the Altar will remain green for the month October. Colorful autumn arrangements will be displayed throughout the Sanctuary and Narthex.

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

Assistance with our monthly communion is requested. Please contact me for further information.

Would you like to see fresh flowers on the Altar every Sunday? We are working on this program and details will be forwarded to the congregation via e-mail.

### ***Prayer for Autumn Days***

*God of the seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process.*

*God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so*

*God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.*

*God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power-filled presence. May we gain strength from this.*

*God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.*

*God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.*

*God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.*

*God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this, we are grateful. Amen.*

JOYCE RUPP

## **CHANCEL CHOIR – JUNE TODD, DIRECTOR MUSIC**

Join me at Choir Rehearsal every Sunday after worship – 10:45 – to 11:15am.

If you need a reason:

- It's true: if you're a tenor, you're a babe magnet.
- You don't have to dress up the robes hide a lot.
- Choir members share fifty percent of the tip money earned by the organist.
- Rehearsals provide a relaxing couple hour hours away from a grumpy spouse and wild kids.
- You can sing but can't read music? Two words: soprano section!
- You have a guaranteed seat on Easter Sunday.
- It's exactly like singing in the shower, except you are not naked and people are actually listening.
- If you sing a wrong note, you can always blame it on the altos (or the basses)
- Lets' face it you might as well volunteer to sing since nobody's ever going to pay you to do so
- Singing in the choir is proven to be an excellent stress reliever.
- Those who sing pray twice.
- Singing improves posture and core muscle tone – can we say New Year's resolution to exercise?!
- Singing in choir is proven to be an excellent stress reliever.
- Studies show that participation in music is good for your mental health, concentration, and memory.

## FRIAR GARY'S FRIES

Please join us immediately following the worship service on October 30th, for freshly cooked French fries, lovingly prepared by Gary and Nancy Brown and their team of volunteers. Not to be missed!



### 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 - afternoons - pastoral care
- If your birthday is not listed in the newsletter, please contact the Church Office so that we may update our records.
- 2023 Contribution Envelopes will be available for pickup in December. Please contact the church office, if you do not need envelopes for 2023.

### ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

- Sunday Worship Service – 10:00am
- Thrift Shop – Monday thru Saturday – 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Soup Kitchen – Fridays – 11:00am - 1:00pm
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 2:00pm – Thrift Shop Grand Reopening
- October 9<sup>th</sup> – 3:00pm – Church Conference – John Tilghman Fellowship Hall
- October 11<sup>th</sup> – 11:45 – Martha Circle
- October 30<sup>th</sup> – *Friar Gary's Fries* in the parking lot.
- November 12<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 2:00pm - 44th Annual Christmas Bazaar

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAY WISHES

October 1 – Deb Hansen  
October 1 – Charlotte Nash  
October 16 – robin Cox  
October 18 – Dennis Dare  
October 18 – Joann Waysz  
October 23 – Beverly Steen  
October 25 - Doris Gorden  
October 29 – Cindy Naughton  
October 30 – B. J. Cain



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September 22, 2022

Dear Supporters of Atlantic United Methodist Church (AUMC),

***Martha Circle members are pleased and excited to announce, plans are underway for the 44th Annual Christmas Bazaar to be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022.***

*The **Silent Auction** is a favorite, creating a good bit of excitement and is a huge component of the Bazaar! **Donations of gift certificates and/or merchandise from local businesses and individuals make up the items for bid.** Silent Auction contributions should be mailed to the church address or call the Silent Auction Coordinator Joann Waysz (215-828-5521) to arrange for pickup.*

*Our famous Bakery Delights, Vintage Jewelry Shop, Christmas Home Place, and Carry-out luncheon will be open for business.*

The **AD Book** is distributed to our church families the Sunday before the Bazaar and to all Bazaar attendees. It is a great resource and is a wonderful opportunity for reasonable advertising to reach many families and businesses in our community.

The cost to advertise your business in the **AD Book** is:

\$30.00 half page (5 ½ x 4 ¼)

\$45.00 full page (5 ½ x 8 ½)

**All ads should be emailed to [AUMCBazaar2022@gmail.com](mailto:AUMCBazaar2022@gmail.com) as a ".jpg" file. We cannot accept business cards as "ad content." Final deadline for all ads to appear in the book is Friday, October 14, 2022.**

Please make checks for the **AD Book** payable to AUMC – Martha Circle and indicate **AD Book** in the memo section. Questions regarding the **AD Book** should be directed to Coordinators, Donna Berg (302-598-7050) or Sharon Rutherford (240-372-0080).

Martha Circle supports twelve missions, most local, such as Believe in Tomorrow, Diakonia, Cricket Center, OC Cold Weather Shelter, Friday Soup Kitchen, Buckingham Presbyterian Church Backpack Program, Eastern Shore Wreathes Across America and more!

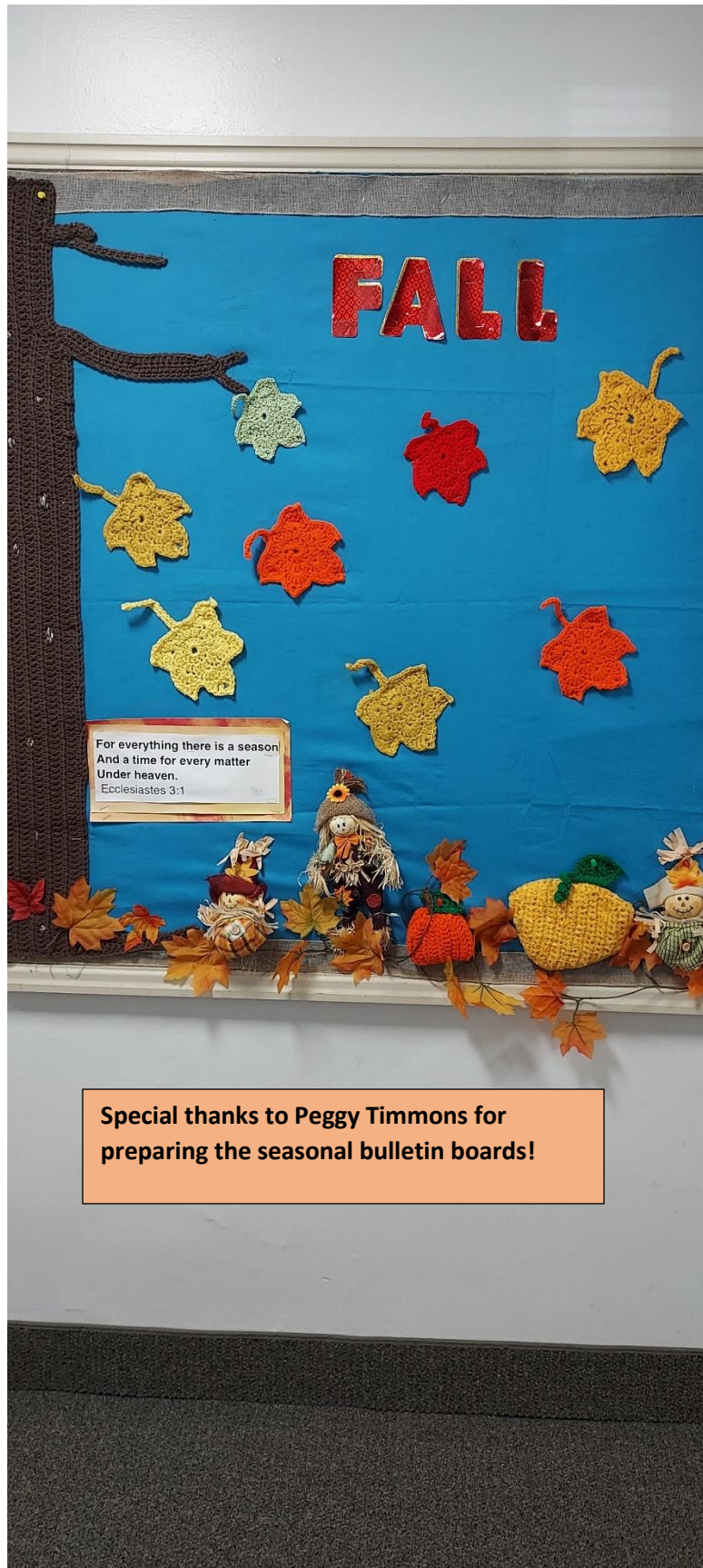
***Our Bazaar would not be the success it is without your support. We sincerely "thank you" for your contributions and participation. If you are not in the position to donate to the Silent Auction or participate in the AD Book, please know we understand and we will not contact you any further than this letter (NO PHONE CALLS).***

Again, thank you for your support!



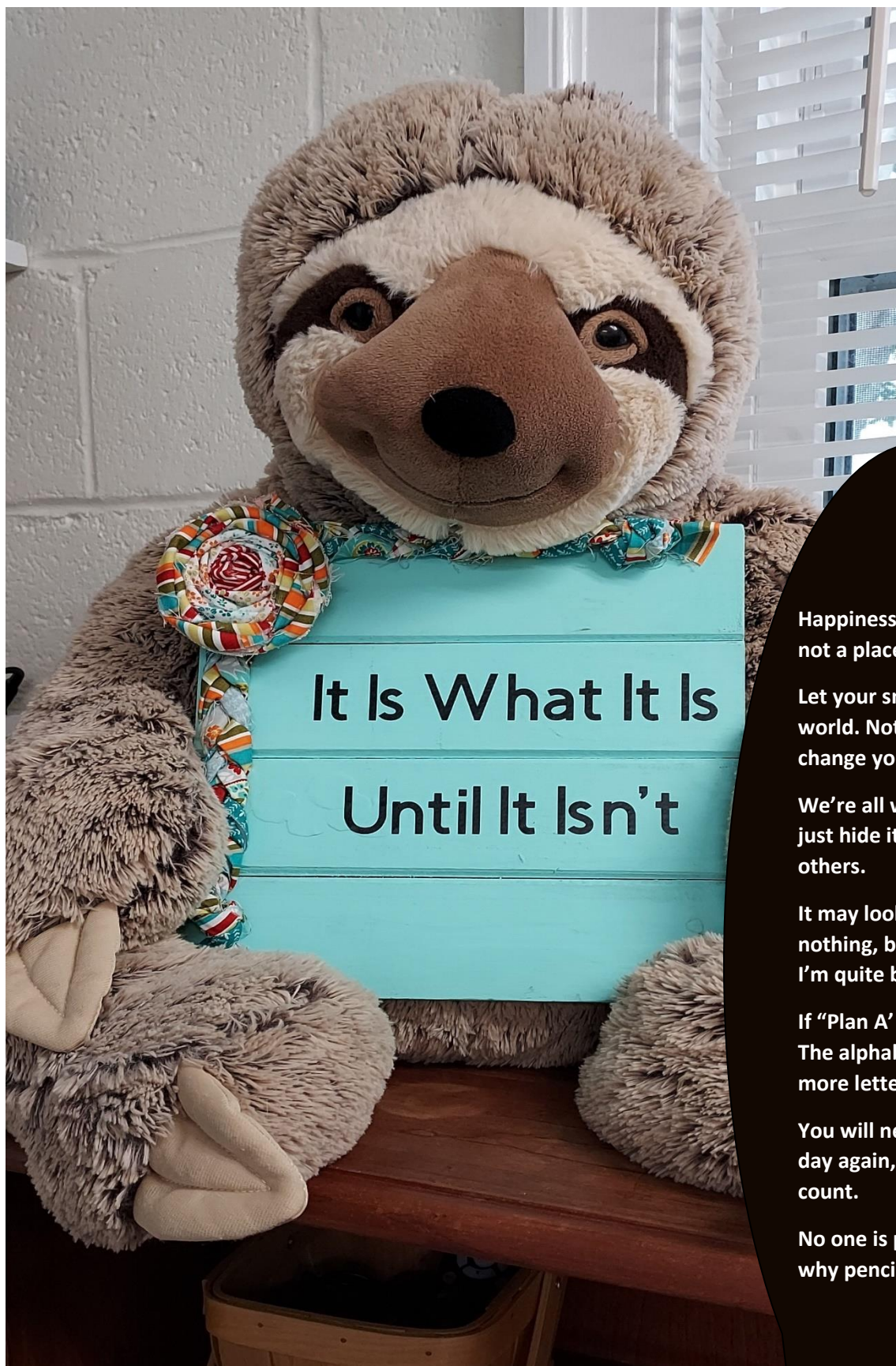
Verla Hammond, President  
Martha Circle of AUMC





For everything there is a season  
And a time for every matter  
Under heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Special thanks to Peggy Timmons for  
preparing the seasonal bulletin boards!



Happiness is a direction  
not a place.

Let your smile change the  
world. Not the world  
change your smile.

We're all weird. Some  
just hide it better than  
others.

It may look like I'm doing  
nothing, but in my head  
I'm quite busy.

If "Plan A" didn't work.  
The alphabet has 25  
more letters. Stay Cool!

You will never have this  
day again, so make it  
count.

No one is perfect – that's  
why pencils have erasers.

