

ATLANTIC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November, 2023

Dear Members and Friends of Atlantic UMC:

The word Thanksgiving appears in the Old and New Testaments 136 times and is woven tightly throughout the principles and doctrine of Scripture. From a Biblical perspective, Thanksgiving is a mental posture – a position of the mind that has a deep sense of appreciation emerging from the very core of our being for the blessings and benefits of body, mind, and spirit that God has graciously bestowed upon us. Stop and ponder this:

- If you own just one Bible you are blessed. Most people in the world do not.
- If you awoke this morning more healthy than ill you are more blessed than one million people in the world who will die this week.
- If you have never experienced the danger of battle, and the loneliness of imprisonment, or the pangs of starvation, you were more blessed than over 500 million people in the world.
- Every year 15 million people die of hunger
- Every 3.6 seconds someone dies of malnutrition
- If you have food in your refrigerator, and your pantry is stocked, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the world.
- If you have money in the bank, money in your wallet or purse, you or among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

We have so much for which to be thankful. How can we look at the magnificence of a sunrise or sunset and not feel the surge of gratitude? How can we look at the heavens sprinkled with stars, highlighted by a beautiful moon, and not feel the surge of gratitude? How can we look into the eyes of our spouses, children, families, and friends and not feel a surge of gratitude? How can we draw a breath, lift a hand, take a step, savor a meal, speak a word and not feel the surge of gratitude and thanksgiving? How can we walk into the Church, sing the great hymns, listen to the anthems sung, hear the holy and sacred Word read, and be reminded of God's redemptive and reconciling work in Jesus Christ and not feel the surge of gratitude and thanksgiving? How can we kneel at the communion rail, receiving the bread and the juice, symbolic of Christ broken body and shed blood and not feel the surge of gratitude and thanksgiving? Indeed, we have much for which to be grateful.

Enough said! See you in Church!

Rev. George R. Patterson, MDiv.

Notes of Thoughts and Prayers:

Mr. & Mrs. Mel Jones (sympathy),
2826 Gullway, Ocean City, MD 21842

Lynn Harris
30 Federal Hill, Ocean Pines, MD 21811

Mr. Paul Wall
12528 Fleetway Drive, Ocean City, MD 21842

Mrs. Fran Robinson
2 Fells Point, Ocean Pines, MD 21811

Mrs. Christine Zorbaugh (illness)
239 West 28th Division Highway, Lititz, PA 17543

Mr. Dean Langrall (illness)
1909 Marlin Drive, Ocean City, MD 21842

Mr. Tom Hemmick (illness)
66 Boston Drive, Berlin, MD 21811

Mr. Gary German (illness)
2826 Gullway, Ocean City, MD 21842

Mrs. Donna Leiner (illness)
13044 North Shore Road, Ocean City, MD 21842

Mrs. Betty Turk
12425 Windsor Road, Ocean City, MD 21842

Message from Fran Robinson

I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers, love, and comfort during my recent illness. Your care and encouragement were greatly appreciated. God bless each and everyone.

Fran

TRUSTEES – DENNIS DARE

For the last several months the Trustees have been working with the various ministries on organizing the different storage areas of the church and in the process identifying duplicate items and items no longer needed. Before disposing of these items, they will be placed in the Chapel Sunday, November 19th for review by all ministries to see if there is something that should not be disposed of or if their ministry could use an item. Disposal will be through the Thrift Shop, online sale or donation to non-profit organizations. The Trustees would like to thank all who helped in this comprehensive effort to organize and dispose of unnecessary items.

MISSIONS – JOANN WAYSZ, CHAIR

As we begin a very busy season of the year, we thank God for all of His blessings to us. We also remember that there are many less fortunate without family and friends to care for and support them. Your Mission's Committee is planning a few programs that will be of some aide to these people.

In November, we will be giving out Thanksgiving dinner boxes, generously provided by Mountaire Farms.

In December, we will assist Worcester GOLD by purchasing presents for underserved children of the county. Look for the "wish list" tree in Tilghman Hall at the end of November. Also, through the generosity of Worcester Preparatory School, we will give bags of non-perishable foods to members of our community.

Through the efforts of a wonderful group of volunteers, our Friday Community Soup Kitchen will be serving lunch every Friday.

This is a very busy time for the Missions Committee and any help with these missions is greatly appreciated. Call the church office, Pastor George or Joann Waysz to join the fun.

LAY LEADER – ROBERT JOHNSON

The Peninsula-Delaware and the Baltimore-Washington conferences will provide churches with valuable resources as they grow. The webinars are held on Tuesday evenings. Some of the upcoming webinars are:

November 7 – Aligning Money and Mission

November 14 – Budgeting as a Response to Vision

November 28 – Toward Better Meetings: Crafting Meaningful Discussions, Decisions and Change

Videos of past webinars are available online.

Details and registration are available at <https://www.pdcbbc.org/training-tuesdays>.

The Lower Shore district office has moved. It is now located at:

517 Winder Street

Salisbury, MD 21801

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – JUNE TODD

I am pleased to welcome four new members to the choir, Amanda Fishel, Carol Fishel, Pat McConnell and Priscilla Zytkowicz. We will continue to rehearse following the Sunday Service. New members are always welcome. We will be learning new music for the Advent and Christmas season. Let us all make a joyful sound to our Lord!.

On November 12th, Barbara Dau will be here to play the flute for us and Cheryl Taustin will be our soloist. On November 19th, the choir will sing "We Thank You Lord"

Mark your calendar for the Pine Tones Christmas Concert, Friday, December 8th at 7:30 here at Atlantic United, an offering will be received.

Happy Thanksgiving!

ALTAR GUILD/WORSHIP COMMITTEE – BECKY YATES, CHAIR

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME – ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday November 5, which is the official hour to set all our clocks **back** to standard time. That's when local time will instantly become 1 a.m. and we "gain" an extra hour of time.

The "ordinary – green" season for the church will soon come to an end for a short time with the celebration of All Saints Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, and Advent during the month of November. During this season the Worship Committee will transform the Sanctuary in preparation for upcoming services.



Our Christmas Tree – Save the date – Week of November 20.

Volunteers are needed to assist with decorating the tree. A date and time will be communicated to the congregation from the office for decorating and placing Chrismon ornaments on the tree.

Be part of the Worship Assistant Team on Sunday Morning. If you are interested in assisting at the Sunday morning 8:30 AM Boardwalk Service or our 10:00 AM Sanctuary, please let us know. No prior experience needed. Some of the duties include handing out bulletins on Sunday or other scheduled services, answering and directing visitors and guests to various parts of the building, assisting with communion, lighting and extinguishing the candles on the Altar and assisting with taking up the collection. We have four individuals each Sunday and rotation is usually once a month. Schedules are flexible. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated.

Scheduled Services for November are:

November 5 – 10:00 AM – All Saints Sunday. Remember to set your clocks back

November 12 – 10:00 AM

November 19 – 10:00 AM

November 26 – 10:00 AM. The Chrismon Tree will be decorated between November 20 and November 25.

It's almost time.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - NOVEMBER 11

Nov 5 through 10 – help set up different market areas.

Sewing – making soup cozies and Tortilla warmers.

Nov 11

Volunteers Needed –

Baked Goods – especially pies, cakes

and cookies – bring to church Nov 10 after 1:00pm

Greeters – both doors Nov 11.

Carry-out – help fill orders Nov 11.

Cashiers – help where needed.

Silent Auction – as directed by Joann Waysz.

Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus

Everyone – return the sanctuary and other areas to worship-ready condition for Nov 12

A preview of goodies from the Christmas Shop will be available next Sunday, November 5th in the Chapel.

Please see Becky Yates or call/email to let her know where you are available to help. 301-275-2526 or aumcbazaar2023@gmail.com.

If you have donations for the Silent Auction, please bring them to church October 30 – November 4.

If you have not paid for the Advertisement in our Ad Book, please remit via check to Martha Circle by November 5.

Proceeds from the Bazaar benefit local and community organizations.



There are not words big enough, there is not a hug strong enough, there is not a smile wide enough. All we can offer is thank you. For all you've done, thank you

AUMC honors our veterans for their service and sacrifice.

David Cherry – U.S. Air Force – served 25 years – retired as a Colonel

George Marvin Steen – U. S. Army – SP4 – 1959-1961 – stationed in Korea

Dennis Dare – U. S Navy– Yeoman Second Class – active duty on USS Hermitage LSD34 – September 1970 to August 1972

Bob Pugh – U.S. Navy Reserves – Seaman (Feb. 24, 1955 Nov. 10, 1956) – U.S. Air Force – Airman Second Class (Nov. 11, 1957 – Feb. 23, 1963) at RAF Burtonwood and RAF Brizeanton

John Trumpower – U.S. Air Force – Airman First Class – 1965-1969

Donald L. Coffin – U. S. Marine Corp – Master Sergeant – Jan 22, 1960 – Jan 31, 1980 – served in Vietnam with the third Marine Division from October 1965 through March 1966

Joseph Cain – U.S. Air Force – Airman First Class – 4 years active and 4 years inactive reserves

Robert Johnson – U.S. Air Force – Captain – July, 1969 – March 1974

John McConnell – U.S. Army – Command Sergeant Major – 30 years active duty

George Patterson – U.S. Army Reserves – Specialist E-5

Edward Galyon – U.S. Air Force – Captain – 1970 – 1975

Jenning L. Wong – U.S. Army – Lt. Colonel – 1970 – 1998

Jerry Simpson – U. S. army – Corporal – two years

Norman Cathell, Sr. U. S. Army – SP4 – five years

Deno Vlachos – U. S. Navy – E5 – 1968-1972

November Birthdays

November 2 – Robert Moore
November 2 – Ed Waysz
November 3 – Joan Thompson
November 6 – Maxine Duggan
November 7 – Beth Zimmer
November 8 – Jeff Facello
November 8 – Nancy Thomas
November 9 – Elizabeth Burton
November 9 – Sara Jarmon
November 9 – William Purnell
November 10 – Debbie Collins
November 10 – Tim Price
November 12 – Sarah Purnell
November 14 – Brian Bankert
November 14 – Pastor George
November 15 – Joe Mitrecic
November 21 – Emily Nock
November 24 – Nancy Sitskorn
November 25 – Penny Miller
November 27 – Carol Ann McGuire

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE - 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.
- 2024 Contribution Envelopes will be available for pickup in early December. Please contact the church office, if you do not need envelopes for 2024.

ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR:

- November 11 – 10:00am – 2:00pm - Christmas Bazaar
- November 19 – Community Thanksgiving Service, St. George Greek Orthodox, 8805 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842
- December 24 – Christmas eve Services – 10:00am and 4:00 pm
- Thrift Shop – Monday thru Saturday – 10:00am – 2:00pm.
- Soup Kitchen – Fridays – 11:00am – 1:00pm

Worship Service: 10:00am – Traditional Service in our sanctuary



Community Thanksgiving Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022

6:00PM

**St. George Greek Orthodox Church
8805 Coastal Highway.
Ocean City, MD 21842**

Ocean City Christian Ministers Association
P.O. Box 23
Ocean City, MD 21843

An association of Christian Clergy uniting in worship, fellowship, and service to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Ocean City, Maryland area.

The Ocean City Christian Ministers Association invites everyone to our community's Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 19th, at 6:00pm at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, located at 8805 Coastal Highway. The emphasis of the service will be giving thanks to God through worship, scripture, testimonies, and prayer. Please bring packaged food goods, paper products, and funds for the offering, which will be used for the needy in our community. There will be desserts and fellowship after the service. This is a great opportunity to give thanks to God, and we hope you can attend.



Christmas Remembrance

Honor a loved one with a poinsettia and beautify the altar on Christmas Eve. Please complete this order form and include cash or your check, payable to AUMC. You may place your order in the offering plate or mail it to AUMC, 105 Fourth St., Ocean City, MD 21842. The cost of each plant is \$9.75. **Deadline to order is December 4th**

If you wish to honor a loved one during this holiday season, **but do not wish** to purchase a poinsettia, please complete the information requested and note on the form how you would like the funds recorded – ex General Fund, Soup Kitchen, Helping Hands, etc.

Poinsettia _____ Donation_____

IN HONOR OF:

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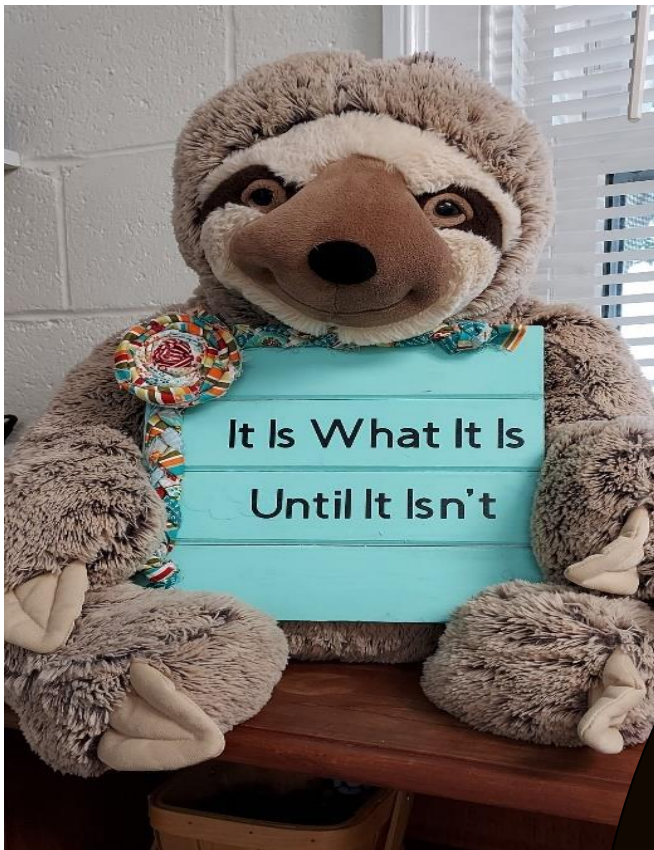
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If you can't be thankful for what you have, be thankful for what you have escaped.

Enjoy the little things for one day, you may look back and realize they were the big things.

Gratitude turns what we have into enough.

I am thankful for the difficult people I've met. They have shown me exactly who I don't want to be.

At times, I'm grateful that my thoughts don't appear in bubbles over my head.

There's one thing for which you should be abundantly thankful – only you and God have all the facts about yourself.

Today
is a
good day
to have a
good day