

ATLANTIC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of Atlantic UMC:

Easter is the main event! This is at the core of our theology and what we believe in the Christian Church. This is at the very core and foundation of our faith.

Each year Easter brings to us the clear and profound reminder of God's redemptive and reconciling work through Jesus Christ. Easter brings to us the profound reminder that in Jesus Christ we have been forgiven, born into the family of God, and given the extravagant gift of eternal life. Easter brings to us the profound reminder that truth is stronger than falsehood, that good is stronger than evil, that life in Jesus Christ is stronger than death.

Easter Sunday morning is the day in which we celebrate the Resurrection. The Resurrection is God's dramatic demonstration of His presence, power, and promise in human life to humanity. It is the ultimate demonstration of God's presence, power, and promise to the world. Easter does not deny the cold reality of death, but magnifies, proclaims, and pronounces God's glorious gift of eternal life. The resurrection reminds us that death is not the end, but the entrance and door way into a new dimension of life with holy God.

Friends, the Christ of Christianity is still powerfully alive.

Martin Luther writes: "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

Bishop William Willimon writes: "You don't explain the resurrection – you witness and experience it."

Enough said! See you in Church.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. George R. Patterson, MDiv.

Notes of Thoughts and Prayers:

Mr. David Kretser (illness)
10014 Flotilla Lane, Berlin, MD 21811

Mr. Frank Palumbo (illness)
c/o Terri Hammond
10310 Hotel Road, Bishopville, MD 21813

Mrs. Doris Gorden (illness)
36245 Shearwater Drive, Selbyville, DE 19975

Mr. Joel Gorgodian (illness)
Berlin Nursing & Rehab, Room 602
9715 Healthway Dr, Berlin, MD 21811

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

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



***Atlantic UMC New Members
February 25, 2024***

Hannah Lynne Barton
5 Ash Court
Berlin, MD 21811

Chester Coleman Bunting, Jr
37227 Tranquil Cove
Selbyville, DE 19975

Gregg Burnett Holland
501 Sunlight Lane, Unit 4
Berlin, MD 21811

Cynthia Saunders Hudson
10008 Flotilla Lane
Berlin, MD 21811

James Martyn
Susan Mae Martyn
13126 Muirfield Lane
Berlin, MD 21811

Martin Hayes McKown
Andra' Powell McKown
13035 Drum Point Road
Ocean City, MD 21842

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Ocean City, MD 21842

Stacy Ann Meyer
1521 Shad Row
Ocean City, MD 21842

Thomas Jefferson Mumford III
Frances Diana Tracy-Mumford
5722 Kingsmill Drive
Salisbury, MD 21801

James Arthur Perdue
Janice Mortimer Perdue
7522 Stephen Decatur Hwy.
Berlin, MD 21811

Jill Marie Schaeffer
10050 Golf Course Rd, Unit 31
Ocean City, MD 21842

TRUSTEES – DENNIS DARE, CHAIR

We are busy with several improvements and maintenance items:

- Chair lift and cargo lift for the second floor are being manufactured. Uncertain of installation date.
- Handicap lever door hardware is on backorder. Uncertain of installation date.
- New treatment performed for termite protection.
- Thrift Shop renovation is set to begin shortly. Contract has been awarded. Material has been received. Building Permit being processed. Storage POD has been ordered. Renovation consists of expansion of the sales floor by 140 square feet and the painting and installing new flooring for the entire Thrift Shop.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION – MICHELLE STANSFIELD

On Sunday, March 24, the children will be performing at Showell United Methodist Church's 120 year celebration at 2PM. They will share their song with our congregation on March 17.

Children's Church annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, March 24, during the service. Rain or shine. Fun for all!

Our Children's program is growing! We have eight participants ages three through eleven. I am thrilled to be working with such a wonderful group of young people. They are eager to learn about God, our savior, Jesus, and embracing the many Bible stories.

FROM THE LAY LEADER / LAY REPRESENTATIVE (ROBERT JOHNSON)

High School Graduate Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to assist the child, stepchild, or grandchild of an "in good standing" current or deceased member of Atlantic United Methodist Church in their pursuit of a higher education, enrolled/enrolling (accepted) as a full-time student in an accredited institute of higher education above the high school level of studies.

To be eligible the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be the **child, stepchild, or grandchild** of a:
 - Current or deceased member or spouse of Atlantic United Methodist Church.
- The applicant must be a college bound high school senior or current college student attending an accredited two or four-year college full-time in the above application academic calendar year in pursuit of an Associates or Bachelor's degree.
- All applications must be received in complete form with attachments by March 31st, of the above application academic calendar year. Each applicant is personally responsible for meeting the application deadline. This application is not considered complete until all requested application materials have been received. Complete Applications packets must be sent by either email or mailed to AUMC Church

Office (postmarked before close of business on March 31st) 105 4th street Ocean City, MD, 21842 atlanticumc@atlanticumc.org

- The successful applicant will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship to be awarded to the applicant during one academic calendar year. Notification to the successful applicant will be made by May 31st of the above application academic calendar year. At that time, the successful applicant must provide their social security number to receive the scholarship. NOTE: Should you not receive the scholarship this year, you may reapply from March 31st this year to close of business March 31st of the following year.
- The scholarship may be revoked if the student fails to maintain the status of a full-time student, or if the student does not maintain an overall 2.5 GPA, or if the student is suspended from the academic institution, at the option of the AUMC Scholarship Committee.
- The awardee is prohibited from being considered and receiving multiple (future) scholarships.

Camp Pecometh Grants

Grants from the Christian Education Endowment Fund are available to children of church members who need financial assistance to attend one of the summer sessions at Camp Pecometh. Contact the church office and you will be contacted.

MISSIONS – JOANN WAYSZ, CHAIR

A heart felt thank you to everyone who was able to participate in Souper Bowl Sunday. We collected over 150 cans of soup and other nonperishable food which were distributed to Diakonia, The Shepherd's Crook and our own Friday Community Soup Kitchen.

As we say goodbye to Winter and welcome the Spring that is just around the corner, we take this time to say how much we appreciate our church's support through the cold, winter season of Ocean City's underserved community. They truly appreciate your kindness; we couldn't have done it without YOU.

THRIFT SHOP – JOYCE BAKER, MANAGER

March is coming in like a lion at the AUMC Thrift Shop.

Our spring bag sale starts Monday, March 4th and continues thru March 11th, fill a shopping bag for \$5.00. All fall and winter clothing must go!

Starting March 12th, the Shop will be closed for renovations: expanding floor space, painting and new flooring. While the Shop will be closed for approximately three weeks, the Drop Off Room will remain open to accept your donations. Volunteers will be sorting and boxing donations in designated area within the church, creating a need for some strong **volunteers to move boxes from the sorting area to the container unit**, set up in the

parking lot. **So, if you have the time and muscle to move boxes, call the church office with your contact info!**

Once renovations are complete, we will need more volunteers to hang up merchandise in preparation for our grand reopening tentatively scheduled for April 1st. Stay tuned for updates!!

A big thank you to our Church for making this possible!

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – JUNE TODD

Welcome Spring!

I am still trying to form an Easter Choir. We practice each Sunday following the service for 30 minutes. I am happy to say, I have one new person – Donna Pellingier. The choir (small but mighty) will sing each Sunday until April 7th.

In the early 70's, Rev. Wimbrow started the Palm Sunday Walk. The Pastor and the choir would lead the congregation up to the Boardwalk to Third Street and back to the church where we would conclude with the benediction in front of the cross. A nice idea if the weather cooperates!

I want to thank Charlotte Nash for assisting me with the filing of music and the cleanup as we prepare for the renovations. She is a dear friend and excellent assistant!

To the congregation: Blessings and prayers to all those who are ill or grieving.

I have stopped driving because of my age and eyesight. I may call for rides in the future. I appreciate your support and friendship all these years.

Happy Easter!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE – BECKY YATES, CHAIR



Yes, Spring is only a few short weeks away. Robins are in Ocean City and around us trees and flowers are budding and blooming. Sunday, March 10, 2024 – Sunday, November 3, 2024, is our daylight savings season (2:00 AM becomes 3:00 AM and we lose an hour). Are you ready to “spring forward”? We are looking forward to longer, warmer days ahead.

Even though Spring is almost here, the church is still in the season of Lent. Is your journey through this season a time of sacrifice, reflection or giving to others through your time and talent?

As a group, the Worship Committee will work with the Pastor to ensure all aspects of this season of the church and your worship experience are welcoming to our congregants and visitors.

I was invited by the Pastor to participate in the first Ministry/Mission Moment a couple of weeks ago. As mentioned, one of the responsibilities of the Worship Committee is to have Greeters and Ushers each Sunday at both the Philadelphia Avenue entrance (parking lot entrance) and the Fourth Street entrance. Our volunteer list has grown and continues to grow for the 10:00 AM service. We thank you for your interest. The March

schedule is posted on the bulletin board across from the Sanctuary. Please check and confirm your availability for the dates listed. If you have a conflict, please contact me at 301-275-2526.

Another way the group is working to enhance your worship experience is the presence of fresh flowers on the altar. If you are interested in purchasing fresh flowers, please sign up on the flower chart posted in the hall across from the sanctuary and fill out one of the forms available and place it in the collection plate with your payment. Two weeks' notice is requested. A member of the Worship Committee or the Church Administrator will be in contact with you to confirm the information. The cost of two arrangements is \$50.00. Information will appear in the bulletin. Please arrange to remove the flowers at the end of the church service. If you do not wish to take the flowers with you, please let me know and we will arrange for them to be delivered to one of those listed in the Thoughts and Prayers Notes on the back of the bulletin.

Our greeters and ushers will direct children to Michelle's Sunday School Class. Nursery volunteers for the younger children are always welcome. We also have several books, toys and videos located in the Nursery, suitable for children for use during the service. Suggestions are welcome.

SAMPLE



The cost of the two arrangements is \$50.00. Please make your check payable to AUMC and indicate in the memo **Altar Flowers**.

Date:	March 26, 2023
Given by:	Your names
Wording:	In Honor of:
	In Memory of:
	In Celebration of: Spring and the beautiful wonders of our Savior
	To the Glory of God
Other:	Variety, color, etc. Spring flowers and pastel colors

Bulletin note: *The flowers on the altar are given anonymously in celebration of Spring and the beautiful wonders of our Savior.*

March 24 is Palm Sunday. Our Sunday School children will pass out palms at the end of service. Do you know how to make a cross out of the palm?

Easter Sunday is March 31. Have you ordered your Easter Flowers? If you missed the insert in the bulletin, please complete and return to the Church Administrator by March 15.

The AUMC family is invited to help beautify the altar for Easter Sunday.

Potted tulips will be placed on the altar in honor or memory of loved ones. Please complete this order form, include payment - you may drop your order on the offering plate, mail to AUMC, or leave at church office. ***Deadline to order is Monday, March 15th.*** Please remove flowers from altar immediately following Easter Sunday Service.

Thank you.



_____ Tulips @ \$10.00 ea.

TOTAL: \$ _____

IN HONOR OF: (Please print clearly)

by _____

by _____

IN MEMORY OF: (Please print clearly)

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FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE -

Church Office hours – Monday thru Friday – 8:00am – 4:00pm -

Pastor's office hours - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00pm, afternoons - pastoral care

Sunday Worship Service – 10:00am

Soup Kitchen – Fridays – 11:00am – 1:00pm

Thrift Shop

March 4th thru March 11th 10:00am – 2:00pm \$5 Bag Sale

March 12th – 29th - closed for renovations and restocking, donation room opened

March 12th – 11:45am – Martha Circle

March 15th - Deadline to order Easter flowers.

March 18th – 5:00pm – Singles Dinner – Pines Public House – Ocean Pines – for reservations are call Charlotte Nash – 410-289-5724 or 570-954-5692

March 24th – Childrens Easter Egg Hunt during worship service – rain or shine

March 31st - AUMC Scholarship Application deadline

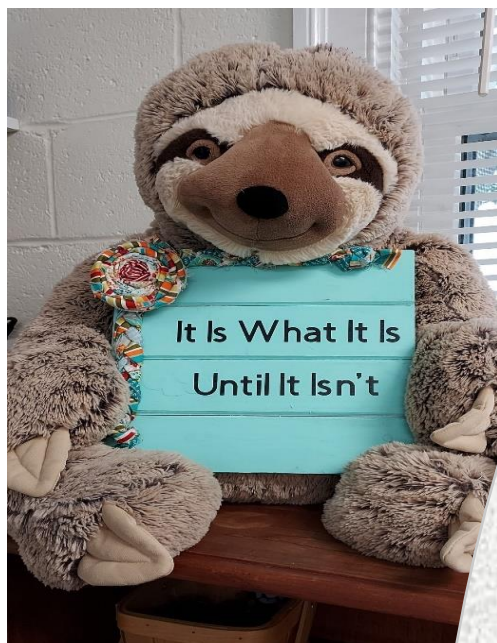
OCEAN CITY CHRISTIAN MINISTERIUM

The Ocean City Ministers Association Area Ministries **Christian Character and Service Scholarship** will be awarded to **two** graduating seniors that are active in an Ocean City church in the amount of **\$500 each**. This scholarship is sponsored by the Ocean City Christian Ministerium. Please contact the church office for further information and application. Submit application and required documents to Rev. Patterson by Friday, May 24, 2024.

March Birthdays

March 1 – Betty Breeding
March 2 – Pam Harbaugh
March 2 – Mark Patterson
March 6 – Sherry Maykrantz
March 10 – Nancy Brown
March 11 – Jennifer Albright
March 13 – Faye Cathell
March 15 – Norman Cathell
March 16 – Tom Ayd
March 17 – Donna Berg
March 18 – Barbara Conner
March 18 – Dot Simpson
March 19 – Kim Richins
March 20 – Vicki Carter
March 21 – David Kretser
March 23 – Jerry Simpson
March 23 – Greg Steen
March 29 – Maggie Coffin
March 30 – Roger Marino
March 31 – George Steen

****If your birthday is not listed, please contact the Church Office so that we may update our records.****



From the mouths of Minions



Laughing is the best medicine. But if you're laughing for no reason, you may need medicine.

The center of a donut is 100% fat free.

Wouldn't be so great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes and come out wrinkle free... and three sizes smaller.

That annoying moment when you are texting someone and autocorrect decides to join the conversation .

Technically if you don't cut a cake and just eat the whole thing with a fork you still only had one piece.

Wi-Fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.

Unless your name is Google, stop acting like you know everything.

Don't worry about getting older. You still get to do stupid things, only slower.

I don't have bad handwriting. I have my own font.