

ATLANTIC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of Atlantic UMC:

Suzanne Bloch, an immigrant from Germany, often played chamber music with Albert Einstein and other prominent scientists. She said that Albert Einstein, though an accomplished violinist, often irritated his fellow musicians by not coming in on the beat. “You see,” Bloch explained, “he couldn’t count rhythmically.” Einstein had developed and could project revolutionary theories about the cosmos, yet had difficulty with rhythmic counting. Despite his struggle, he remained an enthusiastic musician. (unknown author)

Do we sometimes yield to our limitations? God has created all of us with gifts and graces, but we do struggle with our weaknesses and limitations. We may be tempted to use our limitations as an excuse for not doing the things God has called us to do. Just because we may not be gifted to speak in public, sing in the choir, get involved in a mission project, or hold a particular position of leadership in the life of the Church, does not mean that we can sit on the spiritual sidelines and do nothing. For we are created beings with a created purpose.

In spite of our limitations, we are called to move forward trusting in God to accomplish that which He called us to do. The apostle Paul writes; “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (II Timothy 1:7).

See you in Church!

God bless,

George R. Patterson, MDiv.

Notes of Thoughts and Prayers:

Mr. & Mrs. Don Coffin (sympathy)
9900 Mason Road, Berlin, MD 21811

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

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

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





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

Stacy Ann Meyer

1521 Shad Row
Ocean City, MD 21842

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

James Arthur Perdue

Janice Mortimer Perdue
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Berlin, MD 21811

Jill Marie Schaeffer

10050 Golf Course Rd, Unit 31
Ocean City, MD 21842

TRUSTEES – DENNIS DARE, CHAIR

All door hardware has been changed so it is handicap compliant. Old keys will no longer work. Any concerns, contact Dennis Dare.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - JUNE TODD

Welcome Spring! And warmer weather, I hope!

I want to express y thanks to my faithful choir members and welcome Donna Pellingier, Priscilla Zytkowicz and Barbara Conner. The choir will sing Sunday, April 21, 28 and May 5. Mother’s Day will be the last Sunday for the season

We will have especial music on April 7, Mary Price and Jennifer Wills will sing the favorite “How Great Thou Art” and Jennifer Will sing “I know that My Redemer Liveth” from Handel’s Messiah.

I want to thank Michelle Stansfield for her dedicated and faithful work with the children. We all look forward to seeing and hearing them!

Thanks so to all those who helped with the renovation of the THRIFT Shop, Choir Room project. It was fast and smooth, but also difficult for mee to throw things away (music) after 61 years! Is anyone interested in old music? A memory – Easter was my husband’s favorite day of the year. He would take the offering at the e Boardwalk Sunrise Service, using Fishers Popcorn buckets. I would direct the ecumenical choir. We always had a brass quartet and Elworth Wheatly on keyboard. My parents would come from Boyertown, Pa to keep the children!!

Happy Memoires! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

DIRECTOR EDUCATION – MICHELLE STANSFIELD

Children’s Church had a very successful and fun Easter Egg hunt on

Palm Sunday. Eleven children participated. Atlantic United Methodist Church was well represented with their children singing, “Jesus Loves Me” while doing sign language during Showell’s United Methodist Church’s 120-year anniversary celebration. On Sunday, April 21, a Children’s Church outing is being planned for Alley Oops following the service. A fun afternoon that includes lunch and games.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE – BECKY YATES, CHAIR



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March brought us Lent and Easter. Spring continues in April with dormant plants coming to life.

The Worship schedule for the Months of April and May is posted on the bulletin board across from the Sanctuary. Thank you for your participation. Please check often. We are always looking for others to join our group.

May will bring the beginning of the tourist season. Visitors are welcomed by our greeters and ushers with a smile and knowledge of the programs.

May will also bring the commencement of the services on the boardwalk. The May and June schedule will be posted by mid-April. The church enters another season as Spring ends and Summer begins.

For Flowers That Bloom

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

THRIFT SHOP – JOYCE BAKER, MANAGER

Thrift Shop hopes to open April 5th

We are so excited at how beautiful the shop looks. New paint job, new flooring and a new room added. O, the space we have now!

So, all to our Church members please come and look how nice it is!

We have a lot of work to do to get ready. To all volunteers, please let me know when you can help. We will need all the help we can get, men especially. We will have a lot of boxes and merchandise to bring from the pod. We welcome your help

Thanks to all that helped while the shop was being renovated, sorting drop offs, etc.

Thanks to the Church for giving us more space to work in. We appreciate it.

MARTHA CIRCLE – MAURA VLACHOS, CHAIR

Spring Greetings from Martha Circle!

Our Mission: “To support and serve wherever there is need.”

If you like to have fun and fellowship with friends, AND serve our community at the same time, you should consider joining us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except June, July & August) at 11:45 a.m. in the John Tilghman fellowship hall for our meetings. Not only do we plan our Annual Christmas Bazaar and donations to mission ministries, but we also enjoy delicious food and conversation. Each year, we budget for donations to worthy community groups, such as Believe in Tomorrow, Diakonia, Cricket Center, OC Cold Weather Shelter, Wreaths Across America, Worcester Gold, and many more.

Did I mention that we have FUN? We made our Spring bonnets last month and were independently judged in the Prettiest, Most Creative and Funniest categories.



We also serve within our congregation by sending monthly cards to members of our church who are in need of prayer and special nurturing. Jesus instructed His disciples to love one another just as He loved them. Please consider joining us as we strive to Honor His request!

Please call me at 443-366-5506 with any questions or if you would like to join our group.

God's Blessings, Maura Vlachos

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

- 2024 Parking Passes are available, contact Dot 410-289-7430 or email atlanticumc@atlanticumc.org

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 – 12:45pm

Thrift Shop - Monday thru Saturday – 10:00am – 2:00pm

On the Church Calendar:

April 5 – Thrift Shop Grand Reopening

April 9 – 11:45am – Martha Circle

April 10 – 5:00pm – SPRC

6:00pm – Trustees

April 23 – 2:00pm - Martha Circle hosts Bank of Ocean City Stockholders

April 24 – 5:00pm – Finance

6:00pm – Administrative Council

May 2 - Noon – Nation Day of Prayer in front of City Hall

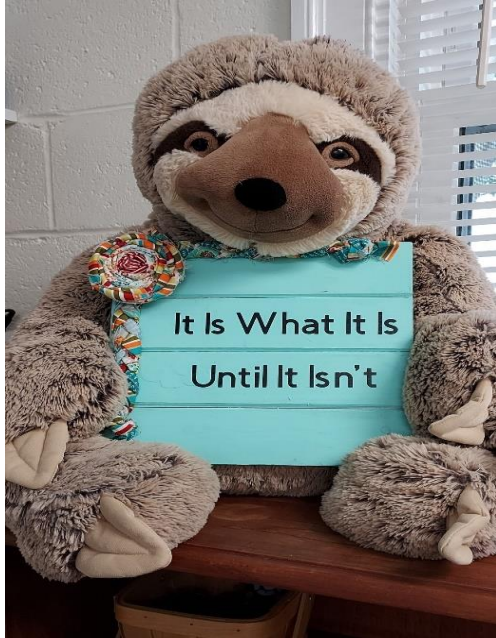
OCEAN CITY CHRISTIAN MINISTERIUM

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.

April Birthdays

April 5 – Marci Will
April 7 – Michelle Bankert
April 9 – Grover Collins
April 11- Martha Bennett
April 11 – Greg Shockley
April 17 – Phil Turk
April 22 – Judy Czop
April 22 – Matt Fields
April 24 - Laurie Bruki
April 27 – Shirley German
April 27 – Donna Drew
April 24 – Lindsay Moore

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



*People can't drive you crazy if you
don't give them the keys*
Mike Bechtle

*Sometimes you lie in bed at night
and you don't have a single thing
to worry about. That always
worries me!* Charlie Brown

*Never put off till tomorrow what
you can do the day after
tomorrow as well.*
Mark Twain

I'm in shape, round is a shape.
George Carlin

*If you think you are too small to
make a difference, try sleeping in a
room with a mosquito.*
Dalai Lamai

*If you don't have wrinkles, you
have not laughed enough.*
Phyllis Diller

*The road to success is dotted with
many tempting parking spaces.*
Will Rogers