

ATLANTIC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY – AUGUST 2024

Dear Members and Friends of Atlantic UMC:

The average life spans may be a little shorter than you realize. For instance, a face-lift lasts only six to ten years; a dollar bill lasts for only eighteen months; a painted line on the road remains only three to four months; and a tornado seldom lasts more than ten minutes.

Generally speaking, we are told that the human life span averages somewhere between seventy-five and eighty years. That may sound encouraging to the young and a little disturbing to those in their sixties, seventies, and eighties. The simple fact is; nobody knows for sure how long he or she may live for “God numbers our days.”

The Holy Scriptures remind us that life passes very very quickly. James writes, "You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away" (James 4:14). An unknown author writes; “It’s not the number of years in your life, but the life in your years.”

Since this is true, let's do our best to make the time we have meaningful and fulfilling. Rather than live with reluctance, let's live with passion and enthusiasm.

How? I have three thoughts for you to ponder:

- 1) Don't “ignore the still small voice of God.” A woman in my former church took these words to heart when she felt led to contact a person she hadn't talked to for a long time. The person was surprised and thrilled. "You have no idea how much your call has meant to me," she said. Later the woman who had received the call admitted she was feeling like “no one cared.” The simple phone call was so encouraging.
- 2) Secondly, be positive. Pessimist and cynics may be persuasive and sound convincing, but their message is debilitating and depressing. Life's too short for negativity. Christians are people of joy – that is our heritage.
- 3) Thirdly, live your life in truth – the truth of God. The greatest truths known to humanity are found on the pages of Holy Scripture. Read it, ponder it, and allow the truths of God to guide, comfort, and inspire you.

Enough said! Enjoy this summer and I will see you in Church!

Rev. George R. Patterson, MDiv.

Notes of Thoughts and Prayers:

Mrs. Alice Jones (get well)
2828 Gullway, Ocean City, MD 21842

Mrs. Susan Copenhaver (sympathy)
67 Battersea Road, Berlin, MD 21811

Mrs. Verla Hammond (illness)
12618 Collins Road, Bishopville, MD 21813

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

Mrs. Betty Turk (shut-in)
12425 Windsor Road, Ocean City, MD 21842

I want to express my appreciation for the many prayers, cards, flowers and acts of kindness from this congregation to Gary and myself during our 5-year battle. Gary is now at peace and pain-free. Thank you all and may God bless you. Shirley

*Dear Church Family,
There are no words to express my heart felt
gratitude for the prayers, cards, and donations to
our soup kitchen. The love and kind words you
have shown me these last months have given
me a great deal of comfort. Jerry loved Atlantic
United Methodist Church and his church family
and you have truly been a blessing in our
marriage and our life together!*

Teresa Simpson

TRUSTEES – DENNIS DARE, CHAIR

The new cooling tower has been installed and is operational. All five air conditioning systems have had their spring tune ups.

Alarm Engineering has been contracted to relocate three existing security cameras to better locations to provide expanded security coverage inside and outside the church. A painter has been contracted to strip, stain and coat the 4th Street double wooden doors. Over 50 years of nor'easters have taken a toll and a refurbishment is in order.

All door hardware has been installed and the church is now fully handicap friendly with lever door handles.

A new WiFi power point has been added in the Tilghman Fellowship Hall and now provides a strong signal for the Sunday morning Facebook broadcasts. An additional new power point is being installed near the Sunday School Room to allow access to the internet in their teachings.

The package lift for the Thrift Store to move merchandise up and down the steps has been installed. The person lift off the main hallway arrived but was missing a piece. It has been received and we are awaiting some electrical supply work before final installation and inspection.

LAY LEADER – ROBERT JOHNSON

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.

Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference

The 240th Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference was held June 6-8, 2024 at the Ashore Resort & Beach Club, Ocean City, MD. Key items approved are listed below.

An apportionment budget of \$3,496,935 for 2025 was approved. This represents a 23% reduction from 2024 due to the number of churches that went through the disaffiliation process, and corresponds to the reduction in the apportionment base. The following areas were reduced:

General Church	31%
Conference Ministries	21%
Clergy Support	19%
Administrative	5%

Equitable compensation recommended a 5.7% salary increase for clergy. A full elder would start at an annual salary of \$49,678. In addition, it was separately recommended and approved for a 5% increase in health and dental benefits. The church would be charged \$23,587 for a full elder.

The conference is implementing a 13-week paid leave policy for clergy who are expecting the birth or adoption of a child. The conference would assist the church up to \$7,500 for pulpit supply and similar expenses during that period.

The conference voted to support the endorsement of Rev. Joseph W. A. Archie, III to the Jurisdictional Conference as an Episcopal (bishop) candidate.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MICHELLE STANSFIELD

Children's Church went to Mioni's Pizza and then had a game of miniature golf at Baja Amusements on Sunday, June 9. Five children and four adults participated in the outing. It was a fun afternoon!

SINGLES DINNER

The AUMC Singles gathered for dinner on June 10 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. We meet monthly at a nearby restaurant. Please join us!



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

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.

In order to properly record contributions, members and constituents are assigned an account number/envelope number. Using this account number, the financial secretary records your contribution, whether or not you use envelopes. If you contribute electronically, make a lump sum contribution once or twice a year, or prefer not to use church envelopes, please let me. I am preparing to order 2025 contribution envelopes and do not want to order more than we need as cost per box is almost \$5.00.

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

Boardwalk Service – 8:30am – Shenanigans, 4th St. & Boardwalk

Soup Kitchen – Fridays – 11:00am – 12:45pm

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

CHURCH CALENDAR:

- July 10 – 5:00pm – SPRC
- July 10 – 6:00pm - Trustees
- July 24 – 5:00pm – Finance
- July 24 – 6:00pm – Administrative Council
- **November 9 – 10:00am – 2:00pm – Christmas Bazaar**

July – August Birthdays

July 2 – Jennifer Hoffman

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July 4 – Paul Wall

July 6 – Larry Holdren, Sr.

July 9 – Deno Vlachos

July 12 – Gary Brown

July 14 – Jimmy Carter

July 15 – Danny Drew

July 17 – Michael Truitt

July 22 – Amy Azadi

July 27 – Pamela Buckley

August 2 – Betty Turk (97)

12427 Windsor Road, Ocean City, MD

August 3 – Mel Jone

August 4 – Patti James

August 5- Mary Price

August 7 – Larry Layton

August 8 – Judith Clark

August 11 – Delores Cook

August 11 – John Trumpower

August 13 – Alison Klebe

August 14 – Teresa Patterson

August 17 – Robert Nock

August 17 – Bo Spicer

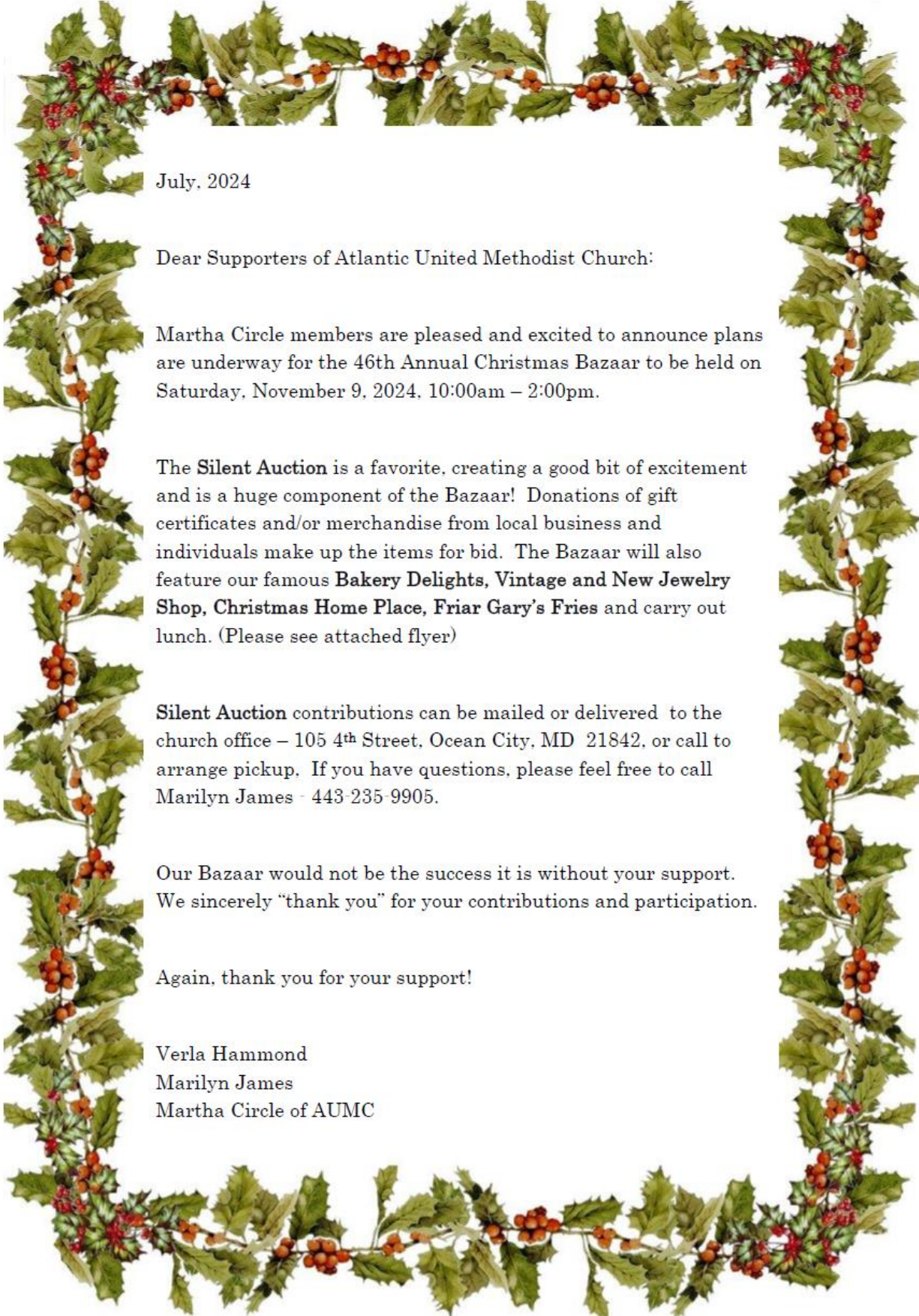
August 18 – Beth Truitt

August 20 – Alice Jones

August 22 – Kathy Durham

August 23 – Barbara Johnson

August 27 - Billie Wall



July, 2024

Dear Supporters of Atlantic United Methodist Church:

Martha Circle members are pleased and excited to announce plans are underway for the 46th Annual Christmas Bazaar to be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, 10:00am – 2:00pm.

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 business and individuals make up the items for bid. The Bazaar will also feature our famous **Bakery Delights, Vintage and New Jewelry Shop, Christmas Home Place, Friar Gary's Fries** and carry out lunch. (Please see attached flyer)

Silent Auction contributions can be mailed or delivered to the church office – 105 4th Street, Ocean City, MD 21842, or call to arrange pickup. If you have questions, please feel free to call Marilyn James - 443-235-9905.

Our Bazaar would not be the success it is without your support. We sincerely “thank you” for your contributions and participation.

Again, thank you for your support!

Verla Hammond
Marilyn James
Martha Circle of AUMC



46th Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 9th

10:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M.

Atlantic United Methodist Church

4th Street, Ocean City, MD

410-289-7430

Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus (pictures available)

Christmas Home Place

Vintage and New Jewelry

Bakery Delights & Gifts

Silent Auction

Friar Gary's Fries

Carry out lunch, with seating available

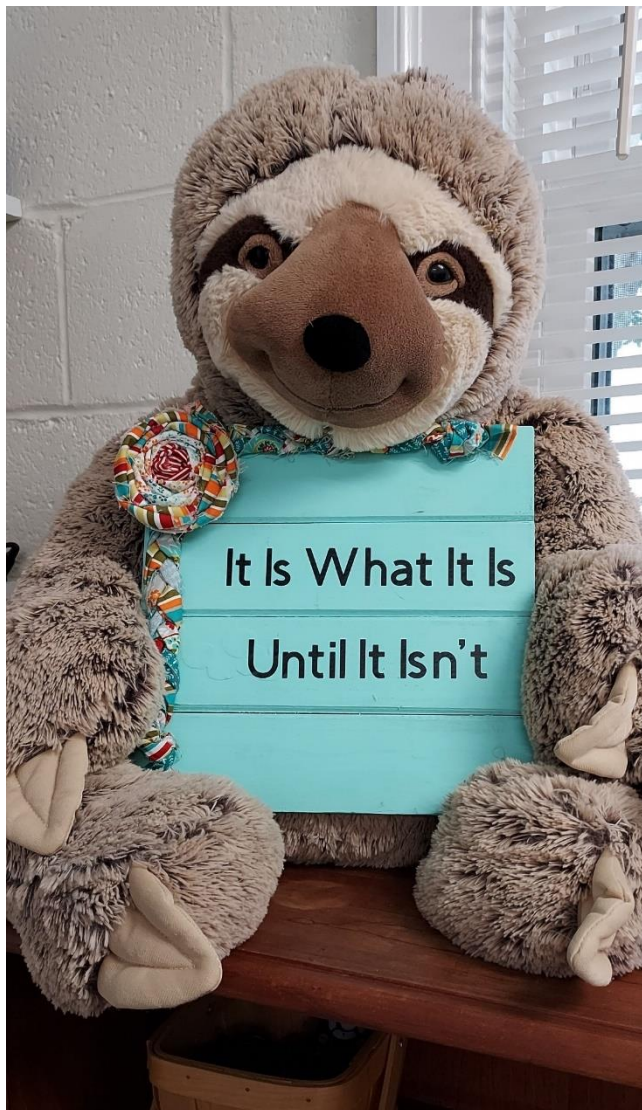
(watch for updated menu!!)

"Hosted by the Martha Circle"

Proceeds support local missions

AUMC Thrift Shop will be open – 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

****Credit Cards Accepted - \$10.00 minimum****



*Don't worry. If Plan A doesn't work,
there are 25 more letters in the
alphabet*

*Have you ever noticed that anybody
driving slower than you is an idiot,
and anyone going faster than you is
a maniac.*

*Here's something to think about: How
come you never see a headline like
"Psychic Wins Lottery"*

*Sometimes I wonder: What happened
to the people who asked me for
directions?*

*I am not lazy; I am on energy
saving mode.*

*We're all mature until someone pulls
out the bubble wrap.*

*Don't trust everything you see –
even salt looks like sugar.*

*I spend a lot of time holding the
refrigerator door open looking for
answers ,*

*I just did a weeks' worth of cardio after
walking into a spider's web.*

*People who wonder whether the glass
is half empty or half full are
missing the point.
The glass is refillable .*