

# ATLANTIC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 2025

Dear Members and Friends of Atlantic UMC:

The Apostle Paul is credited with writing thirteen, and quite possibly fourteen, of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. In spite of being the spiritual giant that he was, he experienced incredible hardships and many of our same emotions, wants, and needs. Apart from Jesus Christ, the Apostle Paul accomplished as much for the Christian faith as anyone in human history. For his New Testament writings have and continue to speak and minister to billions of people over the centuries and still today.

The point I want to make is that while here in human flesh the Apostle Paul refused to boast in his giftedness. Instead, he confessed, "I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me . . . for when I am weak, then I am strong" (II Corinthians 12:9-10). That is true humility. Incredible perspective. He learned *to boast* in nothing but his own weakness. And, remember, he learned that in a place called Tarsus, a place of the shadows, where he experienced much despair and hardship.

We all stand at times in the place of the shadows. Your time of God-ordained waiting in the shadows, a place of despair, may never be evident or all that significant in other people's minds. There God begins to work deep within your soul until you, like Paul, gain such a renewed perspective, you can honestly confess, "When I am weak, *then I am strong*." When that happens, as it did with the Apostle Paul, you will be ready to come out of the shadows.

See you in Church!

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. George R. Patterson, MDiv.

*Notes of Thoughts and Prayers:*

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**TRUSTEES – DENNIS DARE**

*INSURANCE*

Thank you to Barbara Johnson for her documentation of the church contents and to Larry Holdren, II for the photographing of the building inside and outside. The appraiser has inspected the church and will forward the Replacement Value Report shortly. With this information the Trustees will be able to assure that our insurance coverage is appropriate.

*ROOF & STEEPLE*

The design of the various roofs from the Sanctuary west to the Thrift Shop, but not including the two-story Thrift Shop, is nearing completion. A final design estimate of cost will then give us a better idea of what the construction cost may be. The structural engineer is completing his design of the needed structural reinforcement of the metal steeple and the brick bell tower. With that, we should be able to get an estimated cost of repair. With these two estimates, the Trustees will work with the Finance Committee and the Administrative Council on how to proceed financially. This will be a major capital improvement to the church and will require a combination of both our emergency cash reserves and additional support from the congregation to protect our church well into the future.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE – JOANN WAYSZ**

Thank you to everyone who was able to make Souper Bowl Sunday a big success. Over 200 non-perishable items were donated to The Shepherd's Crook, Diakonia and AUMC's Friday Community Soup Kitchen.

Please continue to keep the United Methodist Committee on Relief in your prayers. It seems the need never ceases and your donations to this ministry are greatly appreciated. See the bulletin board for pictures of some of the work that they are doing.

The Donna Holdren Prayer Shawl Ministry will soon be offering Prayer Pocket Quilts. These are small material pocket squares, just the right size to slip into your pockets, containing a cross. They will be found in the chapel along with the larger Prayer Shawls. You don't need to sign them out as you do with the Prayer Shawls. The log book contains 540 names of people who have been blessed by your support of this ministry.

#### **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – JUNE TODD**

It's time to learn Easter Music. Please consider joining the choir for this special service. Rehearsals begin immediately following March 9th service.

#### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MICHELLE STANSFIELD**

Children's Church is planning a fun outing on March 30, immediately after church. It will be held at Ocean Lanes Bowling on 72nd Street. We will have food, drinks, and of course, bowling. Parents are invited to participate as well. Please contact Michelle Stansfield at 410-802-9059, if interested.

#### **THRIFT SHOP- JOYCE BAKER**

We have had a rough time haven't we. I think all of us welcome the warmer, and no snow weather. I, for one, can't wait till Spring.

Everyone loves sales and that is what we had; we did a surprise Valentines bag sale. It was very successful. We did good at unloading Winter clothing. It was wonderful seeing our customers so happy, and taking advantage of the sale. Still, we had boxes of clothes to sell. So, we sent a lot of shoes, coats, and clothes to Halo. This has been a year of overstock, but we were happy to share with Halo. A big thank you to Carol Clark for taking all the boxes Monday.

We are planning an end of season bag sale in April, then we will restock the summer merchandise.

As you all know I am stepping down from Manager, but I still plan to work in the Thrift Shop. . My many years managing has been very rewarding, I have so many wonderful memories, friends and co-workers that I have enjoyed so much.

Please, if you have it in your heart, please consider taking over. I will be happy to help you.

Blessings, Joyce



Worship Committee  
March 2024  
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Yes, Spring is only a few short weeks away. I have not seen my first robin yet, but I am sure they are not far behind. We get to ***“SPRING FORWARD”*** on Sunday March 9. Daylight Saving 2025 - Sunday, March 9, 2025 – Sunday, November 2, 2025. Enjoy the longer daylight hours and warmer days.

Even though Spring is almost here, the church will experience the Season of Lent. Lent starts on March 5 and ends on April 17. Is your journey through this season a time of sacrifice, reflection or giving to others through your time and talent?

*Start small – ask for God’s help  
in your day-to-day life and  
soon you will recognize His  
voice.*

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.

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. There are five (5) Sunday services in March. Please check and confirm your availability for the dates listed. If you have a conflict with dates, please contact me. 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.

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.*

Easter Sunday is April 20 and information regarding Easter flowers for the altar will be forwarded in April.

# Atlantic United Methodist Church

## Donna Holdren Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Instructions

Because this is a spiritual practice, before one begins the process, a blessing, prayer or wish can be said to dedicate your work. Your finished product will be placed on the altar and consecrated by the congregation through prayer during a worship service. It will carry to those in need our prayers along with Gods love and peace.

#### Knitting :

Needle size 11 to 13 usually, but yarn thicknesses may need a different size needle.

Quantity of yarn should be about 555 yards

Cast on 54, 57 Or 60 stitched depending on the thickness and elasticity of the yarn. Be aware that if there is a pattern in the yarn, you may need to do some matching when starting a new skein. Start a new skein in the middle of a row , not the end, so your joining doesn't show as much.

Knit the shawl using a pattern of one complete row of Knit stitches followed by the next row of Pearl stitches. Continue until the shawl is around 58 inches long.

#### Crocheting:

Hook size can be M, N or P depending on the thickness of the yarn.

Quantity of yarn should be about 750 yards

Chain 54 to 60 inches depending on the thickness of the yarn and desired width of shawl.

Single crochet the first row.

Double crochet the next three rows

Repeat one single crochet row and three double crochet rows until the length of the shawl measures 57 to 60 inches.

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## Fringe:

The individual pieces of yarn that will make up the fringe tassel should each be about 14 inches long.

Take a book or piece of cardboard whose circumference will measure 14 inches.

Wrap the yarn around about 76 times ( this will depend on the width of the shawl )and cut one end to make individual strands. Three strands should be attached every 4 or 5 stitches depending on the stitch length of the shawl.

Insert a crochet hook in the stitch pointing away from the body of the shawl. Place 3 pieces of yarn in the hook and pull a 2 inch loop through the stitch. Remove the crochet hook. With your fingers, pull the loose ends of the yarn pieces through the loop. Firmly grasp the loose ends and pull the loose ends tight.

Continue this process every 4 to 5 stitches on both ends of the shawl.

Depending on the weave of the yarn itself you may want to place a knot at the ends of the loose strands of yarn to keep them from fraying.

**Note:** These instructions are meant as a guide for those beginning the prayer shawl knitting and crocheting process. As you become more proficient you may want to use other patterns that do not lend themselves to tassels



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 2 - Betty Breeding  
March 2 – Pam Harbaugh  
March 2- Mark Patterson  
March 6 – Sherry Maykrantz  
March 6 – Andra McKown  
March 10 – Nancy Brown  
March 11 – Jennifer Albright  
March 13 – Faye 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 – Greg Steen  
March 29 – Maggie Coffin  
March 30 – Roger Marino  
March 31 - Sonya Bounds  
March 31 - George Steen

### From the Church Office

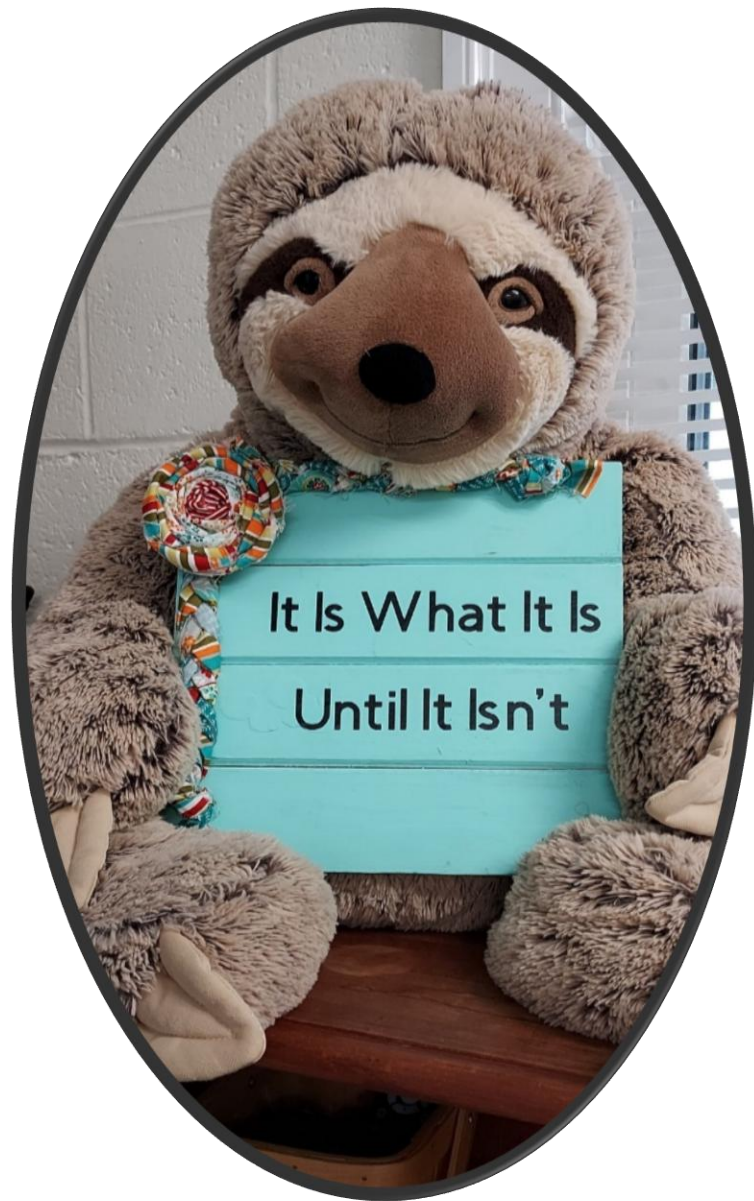
- Ash Wednesday (March 6) from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm the Church will be open to come and received the "Imposition of Ashes." Those ashes are a visible sign of our mortality, but also of the grace of God.
- Confirmation Class will be held on March 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th beginning at 9:00 am in the "meeting room." Confirmation Sunday will be April 13th, at the 10:00 am worship service. If you have a child / grandchild 11 years and older this is an important moment in their spiritual development. Please call Rev. Patterson (410-289-7430) for questions or to enroll your child / grandchild.

### Church Calendar

March 6 – 11:00am – 1:00pm – Imposition of Ashes - Sanctuary  
March 9,16,23, 30 – 9:00am - Confirmation Classes – Meeting Room  
March 11 – 11:45 - Martha Circle – John Tilghman Fellowship Hall

Thrift Shop – Monday thru Saturday – 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Soup Kitchen – Fridays – 11:00am – 12:45pm





*Don't forget to drink water and get some sun. You're basically a houseplant with more complicated emotions*

*If a cookie falls on the floor and you pick it up.....that's a squat, right?*

*The word "queue" is ironic. It's just a "q" with a bunch of silent letters waiting in a line.*

*My mind is like someone emptied the junk drawer on the trampoline.*

*I don't even believe myself when I say I'll be ready in five minutes.*

*I don't have ducks or a row...I have squirrels and they're everywhere.*

*I wish I were a little kid so I could take a long nap and everyone could just be proud of me.*

*Laughter is like a windshield wiper; it doesn't stop the rain but allows us to keep going.*

*I'm going to stand outside, so if anyone asks, I'm outstanding.*



*Hello*  
*March*