

ATLANTIC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MAY, 2025

Dear Members and Friends of Atlantic United Methodist Church:

I read the following from an unknown author. You are called to belong, not just believe! We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, formed for His family, and none of us can fulfill God's purpose by ourselves. The Bible says nothing about "solitary saints" or "spiritual hermits" isolated from other believers and not engaging in fellowship and worship.

Our relationship to Christ is very very personal, but God never intended it to be detached and private. In God's family we are connected to every other believer, and we belong to each other for eternity. The Bible says; "in Christ's we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Following Jesus Christ includes belonging, not just believing. To the apostle Paul, being a member of the Church meant being a vital part of a living body, and an interconnected part of the body of Christ. The Bible teaches us that the Church is a body, not a building, or an organization. Just as the organs in our bodies fulfill specific purposes, they must be connected to function. But if we are not attached to the body, the local church, we miss God's purpose and plan for our lives. We are creating beatings with a creative purpose.

If an organ is somehow severed from his body, it will shrivel and die. It cannot exist on its own, and quite frankly neither can we. Disconnected and cut off from the life blood of a local church, our spiritual lives will wither and eventually cease to exist. This is why the first symptom of spiritual decline is usually inconsistent attendance at worship services and other gatherings.

Membership in the family of God is not something to be casually ignored. The Church is God's idea for the world. Jesus Christ said; "On this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The people who say; "We don't need the Church; they are either arrogant or ignorant." The Church is so significant that Jesus Christ died for it on the cross. The Bible says; "Christ loved the church and gave his life for it." God commands us to love the Church as much as Jesus did. Remember what the Bible says; "Don't neglect the coming together of the saints."

See you in church! Grace and peace,

Rev. George R. Patterson, MDiv.

Notes of Thoughts and Prayers:

Mrs. Judy Czop (get well)
12624 Selsey Rd, Ocean City, MD 21842

Mr. John Collins (get well)
9 Silview Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804

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

Mrs. Delores Cook
12519 Fleetway Drive, Ocean City, MD 21842

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

Atlantic UMC Confirmation Class 2025



Abbott Chistopher Eschenburg, Son of Cassie Stuart
and Christopher Eschenburg (deceased)

Owen Joseph Evans, Son Sarah and Aaron Evans

Samuel Aaron Evans, Son of Sarah & Aaron Evans

William Patrick McAllister, Son of Brian & Katherine McAllister

Conor Hayward Pelling, Son of Tom and Donna Pelling

Will Atticus Pelling Son of Tom and Donna Pelling

TRUSTEES – DENNIS DARE

The air conditioning has been activated, and the heat will soon to be deactivated. Trees have been trimmed; mulching done and other routine maintenance is being performed as we get ready for summer.

The Trustee's main focus remains the Capital Project to replace the roof and repair the steeple structure. The engineers have completed the design drawings and specifications for both projects and bidders are being solicited. Prebid inspections are being conducted, and bids are due to be submitted in the next few weeks. With bids in hand the Trustees will meet with the Finance Committee and the Administrative Council to finalize the contracts.

The preliminary order of work will have the structural work in the Bell Tower and Steeple done this spring. During the summer the masonry work such as replacing lintels and repointing brick will be performed. The bulk of work will be done in the fall when the roof over the Sanctuary and the single-story areas will be replaced. There will be a lot of equipment, workers and materials but it will be scheduled to minimize any impact on our church activities.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE – JOANN WAYSZ

The Mission Committee thanks everyone for their generous support of our mission programs. The quality of life in the Ocean City area is better because of YOU.

May brings beautiful flowers and the celebration of Mother's Day so our next project will be in support of the Shirley Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health in Berlin. This center gives so many services to mothers and women that they could fill this page. All services are free of charge to expectant mothers, mothers and adult women. There will be a basket of baby bottles in the rear of the Sanctuary beginning May 4th. You may take a bottle, fill it with pennies, loose change or whatever you wish your donation to be and return it to the basket any Sunday during the month of May.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MICHELLE STANSFIELD

On March 30, Children's Church went to Ocean Lanes for a fun time of having lunch and bowling. 14 children and 14 adults participated. Eight of our youngest Christians had a blast at our Easter Egg hunt during Children's Church on Palm Sunday, April 13. The children also handed out palms to the congregation after the service

THRIFT SHOP- JOYCE BAKER

Spring is here; we all know that at the Thrift Shop. We worked so hard cleaning the shop, special thanks to Teresa Simpson, Marybeth Sisk and Larry Holdren, Jr. for helping me. It smells so fresh and looks so bright and clean. Thanks to all the special volunteers that helped stock the new merchandise. We could not have done it without your help. All volunteers are appreciated.

I am asking for a few men to help us, we need men on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Many of the drop off bags are so heavy we have a tough time getting them inside. I know surely someone could volunteer. *Please, we need your help.* We could also use some extra volunteers to help restock the shop as we have lost some volunteers to health issues.

Please contact me if you would like to volunteer – 410-629-9237 or call the Church Office. Volunteer. 410-629-9237 or call the Church office.



New Members 2025

Atlantic UMC will be receiving new members into our Church on Sunday, May 18th. There will be an orientation class on Sunday, May 11th at 9:00 am in the Chapel, for those who are interested. There are three options of membership in the United Methodist Church. They are as follows:

- 1) **Full Member** – entitles one to all the rights of Church membership, to its pastoral care and oversight, participation in activities, holding an office, and voting rights.
- 2) **Affiliate Member** – is a member of another United Methodist Church, and as an affiliate member entitles one to all the rights of Church membership, to its pastoral care and oversight, participation in activities, holding an office, and voting rights, while retaining their full membership at another United Methodist Church.
- 3) **Associate Member** – is a member of another Christian Denomination, and entitles one to its pastoral care and oversight, participation in activities of the Church, however no voting rights.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this fellowship of faith, please circle one of the above and fill out the following:

Name _____

Address _____

Date of birth _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Transfer of Membership – simply complete the above personal information and indicate Church (and address) from which Church you are transferring your membership.

Transfer of Membership from: _____



CALENDAR

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May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00am - 2:00pm Thrift Shop	2 10:00am - 2:00pm THRIFT SHOP 11:00am - 1:00pm Soup Kitchen @ Tilghman Hall	3 10:00am - 2:00pm Thrift Shop
4 10:00am - 11:00am Children's Church 10:00am - 11:00am Worship	5 10:00am - 2:00pm Thrift Shop	6 10:00am - 2:00pm Thrift Shop	7 10:00am - 2:00pm Thrift Shop	8 10:00am - 2:00pm Thrift Shop	9 10:00am - 2:00pm THRIFT SHOP 11:00am - 1:00pm Soup Kitchen @ Tilghman Hall	10 10:00am - 2:00pm Thrift Shop
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25 8:30am - 9:30am Boardwalk Service 10:00am - 11:00am Children's Church 10:00am - 11:00am Worship	26 Memorial Day Church Office - Closed 10:00am - 2:00pm Thrift Shop - Closed	27 10:00am - 2:00pm Thrift Shop	28 10:00am - 2:00pm Thrift Shop	29 Ascension Day 10:00am - 2:00pm Thrift Shop	30 10:00am - 2:00pm THRIFT SHOP 11:00am - 1:00pm Soup Kitchen @ Tilghman Hall	31 10:00am - 2:00pm Thrift Shop

May Birthdays

May 2 – George Harkins

May 2 – Rae Harmon

May 3 – Joanie Baysinger

May 7 – Alec McCabe

May 9 – Deb Evertt

May 11 – Earl Robinson

May 14 – Ed Towns

May 15 – Jim Cox

May 16 – Cookie Auxer

May 17 – Sheridan Brueckner

May 18 – Katie Mason

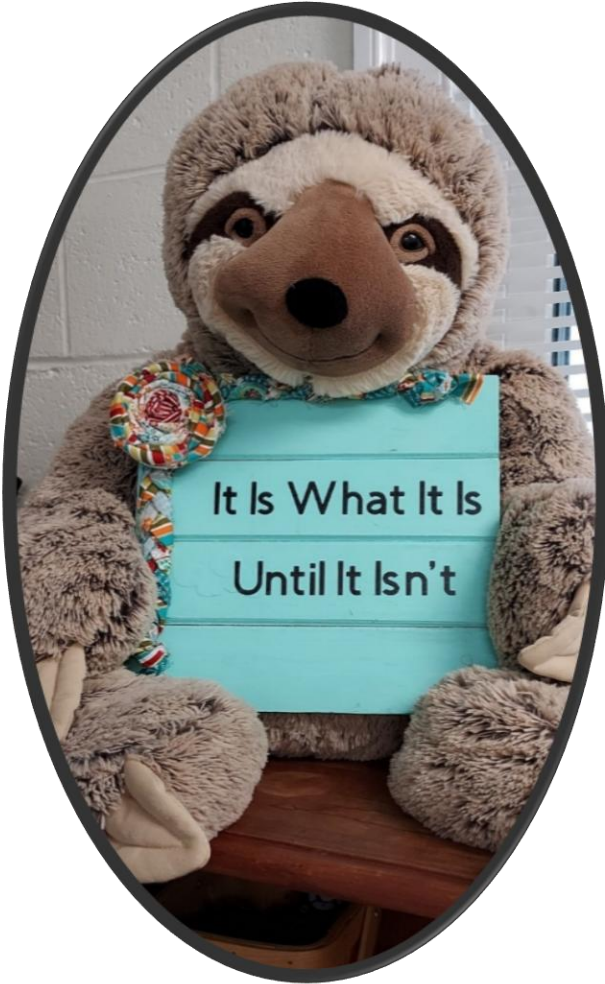
May 22 – Teresa Simpson

May 23 – Susan Lauer

May 30 – Owen Evans

May 31 – Terri Hammond

Maya Angelou Quotes:



- *If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.*
- *I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.*
- *Nothing will work unless you do.*
- *Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.*
- *I'm convinced of this: Good done anywhere is good done everywhere. For a change, start by speaking to people rather than walking by them like they're stones that don't matter. As long as you're breathing, it's never too late to do some good.*
- *If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be.*
- *It's one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, to forgive. Forgive everybody.*
- *I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.*
- *If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded.*
- *I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.*
- *The most important thing I can tell you*

about aging is this: If you really feel that you want to have an off-the-shoulder blouse and some big beads and thong sandals and a dirndl skirt and a magnolia in your hair, do it. Even if you're wrinkled.

- *As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.*

