

Connections

Word of Grace...from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church season of Lent is a season of forty days, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the joyful resurrection of Jesus. Atonement Church will welcome back Elisabeta Karp for the Ash Wednesday service, “Messiah in the Passover,” which will also include Holy Communion and the receiving of ashes (for those who want them). A love offering will be taken for “Chosen People’s Ministries.” May I encourage you to attend this traditional service for Ash Wednesday to prepare your hearts for the forty days leading us to Resurrection Sunday?

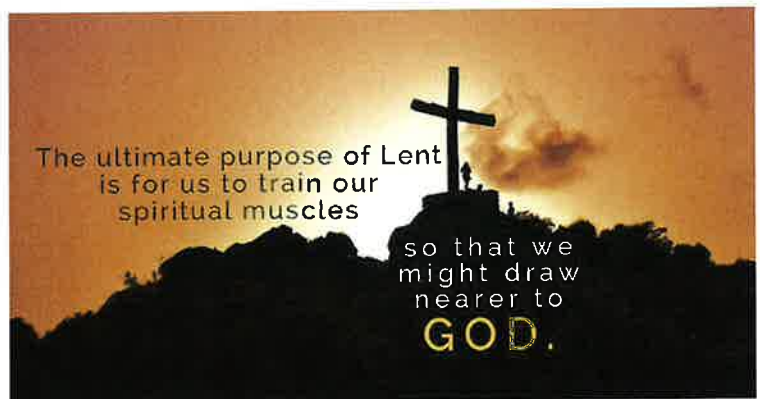
It is a time of self-examination and reflection; it is a time to focus on our relationship with God. Our series of messages for the month will be on the practice of spiritual disciplines in our lives. As disciples of Jesus Christ, let us take seriously God’s Word “to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord...” (2 Peter 3:18). One way to do this is to participate in our church-wide Lenten study, “*Lentwise: Spiritual Essentials for Real Life*”. It is a five week study based on the book of John. Ideally, it would be valuable to study in a group; yet, beneficial doing privately within your home. The cost of the book is \$12.00, contact our Church Office to purchase one and/or to sign up for a group experience.

“Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:25). My brothers and sisters in Christ, join us at Atonement Church for worship, discipleship, and fellowship now that Spring is almost here. The winter is almost past...the flowers will appear on the earth; the season of singing has come...”(Song of Songs 2: 11-13). Say, “Yes!” to God! You’ll be glad you did!

Your Sister in Christ,

Pastor Amy

*Make A Friend, Be A Friend,
Bring a Friend to Atonement Church.*



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A card or phone call to our Homebound friends would Certainly brighten their day!

MARCH

- 1 Mary Anne Komorny
- 7 Debbie Clark
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March Message Series
God's & Wesley's Means of
Grace"

March 6
"Adventure in God's Grace"
Acts 2: 42-47

March 13
"A Temple of the Lord"
Ephesians 2: 19-22

March 20
Cliff Werline Preaching
"A Gracious Life"
Matthew 22: 34-40

March 27
"Serve God, Serve People"
Matthew 25: 31-46

GOD'S WORD

By Andrea Ryan

If you cannot speak your pain, pray to the Lord our savior.
If you are misguided, there is always an angel.
You should not give up over a crack in the sidewalk.
We are imperfect in sin for his son died for us.
There are many scriptures of what he had said but we know the real scriptures.
The world has changed, but we shall not fall off the side.
People have fallen and the Lord lifts them up with another hand.
Miracles come in many forms.
The Lord lays his hands on the misfortunes.
Those dark thoughts are from the devil himself.
Trying to break us out of the light.
Those consumed in the dark, assume there is no light.



The Leadership Team will be holding a strategic planning meeting on Saturday, March 12 from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. We are inviting anyone from Atonement who would like to attend.

If you are interested, please contact the Church office to RSVP.



The Deadline for next newsletter is March 17

Please send all information to be included in the newsletter to:

Lynn Peters
umcatonement@comcast.net.

If you leave anything for the newsletter in the Church Office, please put your name on it so I know who to contact if I have a question.

Thank you, Lynn Peters

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CHURCHWIDE LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 2022

“Lentwise: Spiritual Essentials for Real Life”

Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2, is a five week Bible study using John's Gospel. Join us in person at Atonement Church or in your home. Books are on sale NOW for \$12.00 in the Welcome Center or call the Church Office (798-8272).

“If our lives with God are a journey, what the travel Essential for our journey of faith...”

Week 1: Compass: finding direction

Week 2: Nourishment: keep going

Week 3: Light: gaining wisdom

Week 4: Shelter: finding security

Week 5: Water: enjoying refreshment

Days & Times for the Lenten studies

Sunday

Arlene Skotnicki at 7:00 p.m. at 311 Lighthouse Road

Wednesday

Pastor Amy at 12:00 p.m. at Atonement

Pat Defeo at 6:30 p.m. at Atonement

Cliff Werline at 7:00 p.m. in Welcome Center

Tom Bailey at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mark Peters, 1601 Brandywine Blvd

(Group Study is suggested. Also, beneficial for private use during home devotional time.)



7:00 pm in Church Sanctuary
Guest Speaker Elisabeta Karp

Passover not only commemorates a Jewish milestone, it connects us to a glorious future with a God who keeps His promises. Elisabeta will present Jesus Messiah in the Passover as the picture of God's love and salvation. Come, learn with us the greater story of deliverance through the promised Messiah of Israel (exerts from Darrell R. Block)

Following the presentation of The Messiah in the Passover, we will partake of Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. Begin this spiritual season of Lent 2022 with a time of repentance and Communion in preparation for the joyful resurrection of Jesus.

An offering will be taken for
"Chosen People's Ministries."



Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It marks the beginning of a period of reflection and penance. In the Bible, sprinkling oneself with ashes was traditionally a sign of one's sorrow for having committed sins. In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday also marked the beginning of preparation for the understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ. The particular symbolism of ashes for this day comes from a practice in the Roman Catholic churches in which the ashes from the palms used in the preceding year's Palm Sunday celebration are blessed. With these ashes, the priest on the first day of Lent marks a cross on the forehead of each worshiper. This practice has become a part of Ash Wednesday services in many United Methodist churches.

Lord/LORD

If you look closely at your Old Testament, you will notice the word Lord appears in two ways: Lord and the LORD. What's the difference?

Lord translates the Hebrew word Adonai, meaning "lord" or "master". The word could refer to God, or to a human master.

THE LORD translates the Hebrew Yahweh, the mysterious name of God. The actual name Yahweh means something like "I Am" or "I Cause Things to Be", (one loose translation might be "Supreme Being"). For hundreds of years, English Bibles have chosen to translate Yahweh as the LORD instead of fumbling for a way to translate Yahweh. This choice goes back to the Jews, who had formed the habit of never actually saying the name Yahweh. Since it was the true name of God, they felt it was too holy to pronounce. So they got into the habit of saying Adonai instead of Yahweh. The translators followed this practice, and they use the small caps so you will always know that Lord and LORD are translating two different words. (In some isolated areas of the world, tribes still have a high God that is known by a name that the people believe is too holy to say aloud).

Could not we use Yahweh in our English Bibles? One version, the New Jerusalem Bible does. In this version, Psalm 23 begins "Yahweh is my shepherd," Does that sort of jar your ears? Most people think so. After all these centuries of calling God "Lord", we could probably never adjust to calling Him "Yahweh".

In the original Hebrew, Adonai and Yahweh sometimes appear together when referring to God. How do we translate that? Wouldn't it seem clumsy to say Lord LORD? Most translators think so; they came up with alternate phrases. The New International Version and today's English version use "Sovereign LORD", for example. Some other versions use Lord God.

In the New Testament, the term Lord applies not only to God but to Jesus. The early Christians saw Jesus as the Son of God. You will find "the Lord Jesus" many times in the New Testament. "Jesus is Lord" was probably the earliest statement of faith in Jesus Christ. Calling Jesus "Lord" meant that the person believed Jesus was the one he followed and worshiped.



Urban Promise Luncheon is the second Tuesday of March 8. We are in need of volunteers to help keep this outreach going! We are in need of help in preparing the lunches on Tuesday morning and donations of **fruit and dessert**. Call Lynn in the church office if you are able to help in any way. **THANK YOU!!! GOD BLESS YOU FOR FEEDING THE HUNGRY.** Donations can be left in Welcome Center.

Urban Promise feeds their Upper Academy breakfast. They are in need of cereal bars, fruit (bananas and apples) and granola bars. If you would like to donate, please leave it at the Welcome Center desk. Monetary donations are welcome, checks made out to Urban Promise.



SILBENT AUCTION

Thursday, April 7

Carriage House – Rockwood Park

Urban Promise will be holding a Silent Auction. This event is an important opportunity to provide critical funding in support of our children and programs. Would you be willing to put together an auction basket? Some basket ideas include, coffee lovers delight, death by chocolate, game night or get creative with your own ideas. The most successful baskets average in price between \$90=-\$175 in value. Please see Pastor Amy for more information.

URBAN PROMISE NEEDS HELP!

Urban Promise is looking for high school students who would be interested in doing a summer work week with them. There are also opportunities for young adults who would be interested in learning more about their internships or job opportunities can call Lori McClain at 484-643-2911 or check out their website at Urbanpromise.org.



Our family has received so many blessings over the past several months that we wanted to say Thank You! Thank you for helping with our rent, bills, food, the gift cards to Food Lion, fruit basket, visits, cards, thoughts and prayers. The support and love we have been shown by our Lord and Savior through him using off of you has been amazing and overwhelming! As believers, we are called to be generous because of the example of the Lord of life. This church's generosity proves that your hearts have been cleansed of self interest and filled with the servant spirit of Jesus himself. The light of Jesus is definitely shining bright in this church and we are ever grateful and thankful for all of you letting your light shine and staying faithful. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts! It is because of the many prayers, prayed for me, that I am alive today. Thank you God for all of you and I thank God for answered prayers! I thank God for the gift of life!

In Christ,

The Calzone Family

Steve, Laura, Phil and Abby

Dear Church family:

My family and I want to send you our thanks and love for the overwhelming love and support you gave to us. You will never know how much your cards, phone calls, prayers and special thoughts meant to us in this very sad time. Richard loved you all! He so looked forward to coming to worship every Sunday morning and the other fellowship times we had together. He was also blessed by those of you who purchased his creations and commented on how much you appreciated his art work. He so enjoyed making them! He was blessed to know the monies went to help the people of Knollwood and other mission outreaches in our church.

Richard was a kind, loving, and generous man. He could be a tease and he loved to make people laugh. His smile would light up a room. He loved his family above anything else in the world. They were his pride and joy.

One of the things I will most and yearn to hear again was; at least five times a day he would walk to where ever I was in the house and say, "Who loves you baby?" I would look at him and smile and say, "My hubby! And I love you so much too!"

My heart aches and tears flow, especially at night. But my Lord is upholding me with His Mighty Right Hand. He is my refuge and strength. Richard is walking the streets of God and his Savior and he's seen his Abba Daddy, Almighty God, face to face! Hallelujah!

Yours in Christ,

Pat Defeo

Speak A Word

In intentional moments, like the season of Lent, we quiet ourselves to hear the heartbeat of the Spirit, the wisdom of Jesus, and the will of our Creator. With anticipation, let us listen for the voice of God through Scripture, prayer and one another.

Creator God,

Deep in the night,
within the silence,
I hear your voice.
You speak to me
and fill my hearing
with your Holy Word.

Early in the morning,
within the stillness
of my mediation,
I hear your voice.
You whisper into my
spirit your Holy Word.

In the womb of prayer,
within the rapture,
I hear your voice.
You speak to me
and fill my consciousness
with your Holy Word.

May I be comforted by
your words of grace.
May I be corrected by
your words of instruction.
May I be renewed by
your words of resurrection.
May I be encouraged by
your words of prophecy.
May I be changed by
Your Word. Amen

- By La'Trelle Miller Easterling, January 13, 2015



BRANDYWINE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

3/1	at 6:30 p.m.	Talley Middle School Pops Concert
3/3	at 7:00 p.m.	Brandywine H.S. Musical "The Wizard of Oz"
3/4	at 7:00 p.m.	Brandywine H.S. Musical "The Wizard of Oz"
3/5	at 2pm/7 pm	Brandywine H.S. Musical "The Wizard of Oz"
3/10	at 7:00 p.m.	Concord H.S. Musical "Mama Mia"
3/11	at 7:00 p.m.	Concord H.S. Musical "Mama Mia"
3/12	at 7:00 p.m.	Concord H.S. Musical "Mama Mia"
3/31	at 7:00 p.m.	Mt. Pleasant H.S. Musical "Freaky Friday"
4/1	at 7:00 p.m.	Mt. Pleasant H.S. Musical "Freaky Friday"
4/2	at 2pm/7pm	Mt. Pleasant H.S. Musical "Freaky Friday"

FOOD CLOSET MINISTRY

Our Food Closet serves many people in our church and community. On average, we are handing out 20 bags/month. We want to continue serving our community and beyond but need your help.

We are currently in need of:

cans of fruit and vegetables
soup
crackers
apple sauce
pasta sauce
jelly and peanut butter
rice and instant potatoes



Please note that we cannot give out food past the expiration date. Please check the expiration date before donating to our food closet. Thank you!



BOOK COLLECTION:

Archmere Academy students built a community library box which is located right outside the front of the church near the bus stop. We are asking for donations of books for all ages. They can be new or used books. You can leave them in the library box or drop them off in the Welcome Center.

Change for Clean Water



Thank you for your continuous support to provide a pure-water drinking well to a country where uncontaminated, clean water is desperately needed.

Water jugs for your coins can be found the Welcome Center area. (Any coin or bill will gladly be accepted). In 2021, we collected \$227.70 to date for a total of \$3847.05.



MARCH 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Wednesday Lenten Study 12:00 Pastor Amy Peters – Library 4:00 Becky Daswick 6:30 Pat Defeo – Atonement Church 7:00 Tom Bailey – at Mark Peters home 7:00 Cliff Werline – Atonement Church	1 7:00 Worship MTG 7:00 AA Meeting	2 Ash Wednesday 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Service	3 6:00 Knollwood Teens Bible Study 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30 Pizza Pals 7:00 SURGE Youth Group	5 9:00 Evangelism Prayer Meeting 2:00 Praise Band Rehearsal 8:30 AA Mtg	
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