

Connections

Word of Grace...from the Pastor

In our spiritual life, there is a dynamic and ever-changing possibility of spiritual growth toward wholeness in the image of Christ...for the sake of others. (*“Invitation to a Journey, M. Robert Mulholland, Jr., pg.16*). This month’s series of messages are focused on the spiritual journey for Christians, in particular. The book, *“The Pilgrim’s Progress,”* (written by John Bunyan in 1678) is second only to the Bible in the number of copies sold, having never been out of print. It serves as a reference for our messages as it chronicles the epic adventure of a man named Christian. He leaves his home in the City of Destruction and begins a life-long quest to the Celestial City, heaven. Christian visits amazing places and meets many fascinating people who either help or hinder his progress. May I suggest you read the book of *“The Pilgrim’s Progress”* in its modern version or watch the computer-generated imagery movie (CGI)? We are all pilgrims making our way to Heaven to be with Jesus and to meet God. During our study of spiritual formation we will have testimonies from our congregation on their pilgrimage on Laity Sunday, October 16th. Then, on Friday through Sunday, October 21-23, featuring pastors and evangelist Kenny and Kim Davis, we will have a good old-fashioned tent revival in our front yard! And God knows we need one of those here in Claymont. I hope you all will participate, and WE WILL FILL THE TENT with the Atonement Church family and new friends who are seeking God. October is a great month for the harvest, and may God bring many souls to Christ. Atonement Church will be found faithful to God, to God’s Word, and mission of Christ Jesus as we worship and witness, serve and reach out in love to our community.

Yes! The LORD has done amazing things for us and we are filled with joy!”

Pastor Amy





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

October

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The Deadline for next newsletter is Nov. 14

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

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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

October Message Series
“The Pilgrim’s Progress”

October 2

World Communion
“Awakening”

Psalm 38:4; Isaiah 64:6; Matthew 7: 7-8

October 9
“Purging”

Romans 7: 14-25

October 16
Laity Sunday
Ephesians 4: 11-16

October 23
“Fall Jubilee with Kenny and Kim Davis”

October 30
“Illumination”
Revelation 4: 1-5; 8b-11



For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.
2 Corinthians 9:10



Holy Rosary Church
9/11 Memorial Service

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Charge Conference
Saturday, Nov. 12 at 1:00 p.m. at Atonement Church.

All are welcome to join us for .

There will be 3 other churches attending.

District Superintendent Joseph Archie will be leading this meeting.



FALL IS A TIME WHEN EVERYTHING BURSTS WITH ITS LAST BEAUTY, AS IF NATURE HAD BEEN SAVING UP ALL YEAR FOR THE GRAND FINALE.



BIKE TO THE BAY: Every hour of every day, someone is diagnosed with MS. Once again, Randy Keim is riding 150 miles on his bicycle in a round-trip-event from Dover to Delaware Seashore State Park in the MS Bike to the Bay. Randy is asking you to support his fundraising efforts with a tax-deductible donation. The ride will take place on October 8 & 9. This is Randy's 21st time participating. Randy can only accept donations in the form of cash or checks, on his Facebook page or on the MS website. Pledges cannot be accepted. Checks are to be made out to the National MS Society (NMSS). Randy notes that financial support is needed with on-going efforts to end the devastating effects of Multiple Sclerosis. Donations can be given to Randy whenever you see him, or he would be glad to pick them up from you. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: We are getting ready to order our offering envelopes for 2023. If you have left over envelopes from 2022, you will be able to use them in 2023. If you did not receive envelopes in 2022 and will need them for 2023, call the Church office. Sign up in the Welcome Center if you need envelopes for 2023.



ATONEMENT CHURCH GAINING NEW PHONE TECHNOLOGY

The Church now has a new Church App called "My UCD" that has our church directory and other useful tools. All you need to download this app is an identifier code which was sent to you in an email. If you did not receive your code and would like to download the app, contact the church office to receive your code.. You can download this app from Google play store or apple store and search Universal Church Directory. I am sure you will love having this new app on your phone for those times when you are not at home and need to contact a church member or get their address (it will even give you directions). If you have any questions on this, please do not hesitate to contact me or stop by the Church for assistance.

Youth Ministry Report

SURGE has continued to go strong in the weeks since we've started last month. The kids have been engaged, involved, and really enjoying their time together, and getting to learn more in fellowship, about the Bible, and especially about their relationship with God. We've also been trying new ways of approaching our learning together to get the kids even more engaged and receptive to what we're doing together. One of these we just did last week, where we took an exercise in artistic ways of expressing how God has been at work in our lives, or what our relationship with God means for us, which the kids really enjoyed. You can see some of the results of their artwork hanging up in the hall outside of the SURGE room, or on the wall by my desk in the room. We're continuing to look into more ways that we can begin engaging in service projects as a group, not only for the community, but also to give back to the congregation. We will be starting with facilitating the food bagging ministry that our Church is engaged in, but anyone else who has something going on in the congregation that could use the assistance of the youth shouldn't hesitate to contact me to see what we can work out. The subject of mission trips has also been broached a couple of times, but not concrete plans have developed for this yet. Anyone with any leads or information on anything we could do in this regard should also feel free to contact me. As always, feel free to get in touch if you have any youth that you believe would like to join or attend youth group some Friday night, or if you would like to donate your time or resources to facilitating what we're doing here. This youth group is a wonderful part of the ministry of this Church, and it is my hope we will continue to expand the ways that we are integrating our youth into the congregation and the greater Body of Christ.

As pastoral intern, I am also currently engaged in Palmer Theological Seminary's Theological Field Education, so I will be assisting in our church's ministries in a slightly more structured and consistent format. I would also like to thank everyone in our congregation who is currently involved in overseeing this process, your assistance is greatly appreciated. I am taking a very full course load at the moment as well. Aside from that class, I am also involved in courses called "Teaching the Faith," "Christian World Mission," "Nurturing Spiritual Formation and Character II," and "Theology and Practice of Worship." It is my hope that these courses will not only aid in my own personal development, but also what I can bring to the ministry of our Church and congregation.

Pastor Jeff



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, November 4th, 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Cost—\$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children (5-11)

Tickets available before and after worship service
or see Pastor Jeff or Lynn Peters

Menu:

Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Desserts, and Drinks

***Gluten Free noodles will be available.**

This Fundraiser will support our youth group upcoming events .

Please come support our youth!

Knollwood News

The After-school program is starting on Thursday, Oct. 6th at Knollwood Community Center. 3:00 - 4:00 pm for grades K-3rd; 4:00 - 5:00 pm for grades 4th - 6th; and 6:00 - 7:00 pm for 7th and above. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Pastor Amy for more information.

What Are Our Kids Doing

Andrea Ryan—Chichester High School Volleyball manager
Ryan Simpson —Brandywine High School Marching Band
Steven Simpson—Brandywine High School Marching Band

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

To what in our lives do we submit and surrender our time and money? Who or what do we heartily serve and follow. If our time, money, and other interests are devoted to an entity other than God Almighty, could that entity be in essence our God? How readily do you follow the true and living God?

“Connecting the Claymont Community and Beyond to Christ”

Through your tithes and gifts, Atonement continues to fulfill its purpose and mission given to us from God’s Word. These tithes and offerings are essential to our spiritual growth and missional outreach. We are sincerely thankful to God during these times of financial and denominational hardship for the faithful giving of the people at Atonement. Above all, we ask that you pray and give joyfully to the meaningful work of our congregation. As we enter the last quarter of our year, this is our Finance Team update: All our bills are paid, with the exception of our apportionments. We intend on paying those apportionments. For our tithes and offerings the projected income for 2022 is \$267,548.00. For our expenses the projection is \$280,825.00. Thank God for the leaders of the church keeping our spending down. As we all know, the price of everything is up and ever increasing.

We have also made significant cuts to our 2023 budget and are still working on it for our Charge Conference on Saturday, November 12th at 1pm. All are welcomed to attend or ask the Church Office for a copy of the 2022 Charge Conference report once it is finalized. Our monthly financial statements are available to anyone who requests one. We do ask for your prayers and for greater faith to trust God in our finances. God has truly blessed us in the past and God will do it again as we support our church with our presence, prayers, gifts, service, and witness- to the glory of God.

Kathy Delacy

Finance Chairperson

Autumn is the one season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it.” —*Lee Maynard*.



BLESS THE LITTLE CHILDREN AND BE BLESSED BY GOD!

Time to start collecting for your Operation Christmas Child boxes!

For those of you that are unfamiliar with this ministry, check out the info table in the Welcome Center or visit Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse on line at www.samaritanspurserg.org for a history of the ministry. It has wonderful stories of the impact it has on children all over the world. At the table, you can find ideas for packing your box!

If you don't have a spare shoe box, the preprinted OCC boxes are available again this year.

If you don't want to fill a box you can donate supplies or you can write a check to help with postage to mail the boxes to their final destinations. The cost is \$9 a box. (Checks need to be made out to Samaritan's Purse" with OCC postage in the memo line. –DO NOT MAKE CHECKS OUT TO THE CHURCH) Donated items or filled boxes can be left in the Welcome Center. Just be sure to clearly mark your items with "Donations for OCC boxes"

If you need ideas for filling your box there will be a suggestion sheet available on the info table. Remember when you are shopping-no liquids, no glass and no war themed items. They will be removed at the sorting center in Baltimore so please select approved items so everything you choose makes it to the child who receives your box! **Note: No toothpaste or food of any kind is allowed. Both of these items are now on the unacceptable list. In addition all items must be new. No used items please. The kids love getting school supplies and they are greatly appreciated.** And if you are looking to fill a box with a nice selection of items but are tight on funds, the dollar store is a great place to shop. You can fill a box with all sorts of fun stuff for the kids at a very reasonable price!

Filled boxes must be brought in no later than Tuesday, Nov. 15. NO EXCEPTIONS. After that they will have to wait until next year.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Bailey at 302-290-1122.



Beginning September 25th
You May Join at Anytime

SUNDAYS

Worship Ushers, Lynn Peters - Sundays 9am and/or 11am

Worship Greeters, Mary Ryan - Sundays 9am and/or 11am

Bell Choir with Maria Bezilla at 10:15 Starting October 16

Empowerment Group, Liz Tryens - Last Sunday of the month, 12:15 in Room 102

The Return of the Gods DVD Study, Ellie Kwick - 7:00 in Room 102

MONDAYS

Rebecca Circle (Women's group), Arlene Skotnicki & Deb Clark, 3rd Monday of the Month 7pm, Location varies

WEDNESDAY

Romans Road Study, Rev. Ethel Coker, Room 102 at 11am

Case for Heaven and Hell, Amy Peters, Valerie Pilkington and Diane Hill, Welcome Center 12:15pm

Discipleship Explored, Pat Defeo, 6:30pm, Choir Room

Cliff Werline, 7:00pm, Welcome Center Library

Tom Bailey & Mark Peters, 7:00pm in Room 102

THURSDAY

Discipleship Explored Marian Humphrey & Becky Daswick, 12pm in the library

Sanctuary Choir Practice, Maria Bezilla, 7pm in Choir Room.

Knollwood Bible Study, Amy Peters, Knollwood Community Center, starting Oct. 6th, 4:00pm K-3rd graders, 4th-6th graders, 5:00pm, 6:00pm 7th grade and above.

FRIDAY

Pizza Pals October kick-off Oct. 14 at 6:30 dinner. Contact person Mary Ryan

SURGE Youth: Volunteers to help with Pastor Jeff in Youth Ministry. (302.932.1878) 7pm

SATURDAY

Evangelism Team Prayer meeting 9:00am Choir Room.

MISCELLANEOUS

40 Days of Prayer for the Unsaved: Pastor Amy, Kick off on Sat. Oct. 2nd at 10:30am. (Four group meetings will be determined and scheduled throughout the 40 days).

SERVICE Groups:

Altar Guild, Fran Hershberger 302.792.2129

Prayer Quilt Ministry, Joan Northwood 798.7027

Knollwood Service Group, Pastor Amy 218.5896: Helping elementary students with after school homework. Other ways to help the Knollwood Community Center, too!

Knitting & Crocheting for a Need: from home, contact person Betty Wilbur.

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.



OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mo	Tu	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
8:30-12:30 Nursery 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service 10:10 a.m. Bible Study with Ellie Kwick 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (Ages 5-12)						1 9:00 Evangelism Prayer Meeting 2:00 Praise Band Rehearsal 8:30 AA Mtg
2 WORLD COMMUNION 10:10 Bible Study with Ellie Kwick 7:00 The Return of the Gods DVD Study	3 7:00 SPRC Mtg 7:30 AA Mtg	4 7:00 Worship Mtg 7:00 AA Mtg.	5 12:15 Cases for Heaven & Hell DVD study LIFE GROUPS 6:30 Pat Defeo 7:00 Cliff Werline 7:00 Mark Peters	6 12:00 Discipleship Explored 4:00- Knollwood Bible Study 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00 SURGE Youth Group	8 9:00 Evangelism Prayer Meeting 2:00 Praise Band Rehearsal 8:30 AA Mtg
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