

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

November 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

A Word of Grace.....Thanksgiving Grace

“For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.” (2 Corinthians 4: 15 NKJV)

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to our Atonement Church family and your families and friends! Together we see the truest form of Thanksgiving expressed when God's grace in us through Jesus Christ overflows to others to the glory of God!

Grace, grace, God's grace! Grace that will pardon and cleanse us within! It is marvelous grace of our loving God- infinite, matchless grace that exceeds our sins and all our guilt. Freely given, freely receive. Grace that points us to the mighty cross! (Author Julia H. Johnston, 1910: Grace Greater Than Our Sin).

Let us follow the example of the Pilgrims to embrace their thankful spirit some 400 years ago. As survivors, they faced tremendous challenges and tragedies in their pilgrimage to America. Of the 100 Pilgrims who sailed to America, only about half survived the first winter. Yet, the Pilgrim's leader, William Bradford, declared a day of thanksgiving to God for God's grace and provision. Their sense of gratitude had increased through their trials, not diminished.

This Thanksgiving celebrate Who we have- Jesus Christ- and what Jesus has done through His sacrifice on the cross. May our sense of gratitude increase as we appreciate and recognize God's blessings!

“Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.” Colossians 2: 6-7

Pastor Amy



WELCOME DAVID AND AMANDA LANG!!!!

Let us welcome Dave and Amanda Lang as Atonement's new Youth Directors! In 2013 God blessed our Atonement Church family with the Lang family. What started as a Bible Study for six Knollwood brothers, ten years later- the whole family worships and works here to help connect our neighbors to God through faith in Jesus Christ. David and Amanda Lang met at Walmart and the rest is history. Amanda and David look forward to sharing their faith with our Middle School and High School students in order that the youth will share what they are learning with others to the glory of God! They are building a team of adults and young adults to fulfill their mission. Join with and support David, Amanda and their students with your prayers.



Introducing Jeff Knottner

Jeff is a graduate of Berklee College of Music in Boston, with a degree in Piano Performance. Jeff plays piano, Rhodes, synthesizers and Hammond B3 instruments. He is a private piano teacher with over twenty-five years teaching experience starting with the NJ School of Music. Jeff is also an experienced church Worship Leader. As a performer he has played in numerous festivals including the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, True Blue Jazz Festivals and the Cliddord Brown Jazz Festivals, and pianist for the 2018 Duke Ellington Sacred Concert. Jeff was awarded Best Jazz Performance by the Delaware Division of the Arts, 2022 scholarship winner. As a worship Leader Jeff along with his wife Karen have worked with many local churches over the years. Jeff is the current Worship Leader at Atonement Methodist Church in Claymont Delaware working with their praise band. Jeff also teams up with his wife Karen. Karen is an experienced vocalist and classical pianist. They perform many styles including jazz standards, popular songs, Broadway and classical favorites.

Jeff Knoettner - Performer / Teacher

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SERMONS FOR NOVEMBER

THEME: THANKFUL LIVING

NOVEMBER 5:

"THANKSGIVING GRACE"

2 CORINTHIANS 4: 7-15

NOVEMBER 12: PASTOR CLIFF

NOVEMBER 19:

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

"HEAVEN'S THEME"

REVELATION 7: 12

NOVEMBER 26:

CHRIST OUR KING SUNDAY

THE UNFATHOMABLE CHRIST

PHILIPPIANS 2: 9-11



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

May we live in a spirit of gratitude to you and generosity to our neighbor. Loving God, in this season and all year long, give to us the gift of a thankful heart, so that we may acknowledge you as the giver of all that is good in our lives. In the name of Jesus we ask it. Amen.

PSALM 9:1

I WILL GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD
WITH MY WHOLE HEART; I WILL RE-
COUNT ALL YOUR WONDERFUL
DEEDS.



Happy Birthday November!

Nov. 2 - David Lang

Nov. 3 - Alberta Quigley Maris

Nov. 4 - Wayne Coe

Nov. 6 - Donna Harmon

Nov. 8 - Caleb Lang

Nov. 12 - Roberta Berger

Nov. 15 - Milford Kumorteh

Nov. 19 - Lindsey Ogorek

Nov. 19 - Gil Wilbur

Nov. 21 - Vonnie Anderson

Nov. 23 - Maureen Boland

Nov. 27 - Cheryl Blevins

Nov. 27 - Donald Lockwood

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING
SERVICE** for the North
Wilmington and Claymont
areas will be held on Tuesday,
November 21st at 7pm at Holly
Oak Calvary United Method-
ist Church. Refreshments will
follow.

Operation Christmas Child 2023

Atonement Church has been blessed once again to be able to send a lot of joy to the children in other countries. Operation Christmas Child is another way to reach out to the under privileged kids of our world through Jesus Christ. In this instance, we are the hands and feet of Jesus. This year we will be contributing over 120 boxes to Operation Christmas Child. Please bring boxes to Atonement on or before November 12. Also, we would be grateful for shipping monies in increments of \$10.00 per box. Thank YOU, Atonement Church family,! From Kathy & Sandy

WAKE UP SLEEPER! by email for blog post, start each day with a fresh focus on the love of Jesus in the Word of God. Together we orient our lives around the love of Jesus who transforms our hearts, homes, churches and cities. Be encouraged with Scripture, reflection and prayer. The Wake-Up Call moves us forward in our day as we walk with Jesus and others. Learn more and subscribe at: Begin your day with Jesus and take His hope and love with you!

<https://seedbed.com/wakeupcall/> or
Seedbed.com

News on Atonement's Food Closet

Due to the price of food, we continue to help the hungry weekly. Please help with donations of pancake mix, syrup. Raman noodles, cans & containers of fruit, soup (chicken noodle & vegetable), and Dairy Pure milk, one quart. Our Food Ministry monies also contribute to other items found listed on the closet door outside of Room 102. No canned vegetables, please. Donated items can be placed in the shopping cart outside the Nursery.

The Empowerment Group will be on hiatus til January. Enjoy your holiday. Will resume in January with sign language classes. Thank you from your leaders Liz Tryens and Becki Daswick.



12 NOON PRAYER TIME

Wherever you may be, let us join with the Global Methodists daily to stop and pray the Lord's Prayer at noon time. Please ask God to bring peace to Jerusalem, as well. This is our time to pray for our world!

Toiletries Needed for Persons in need:

Atonement Church has been providing essentials of soap, shampoo/crème rinse, shaving cream, razors, toothpaste and brush, and men's and women's deodorant. Please label any donations "Toiletries for Atonement" and leave at Welcome Center desk.

REBECCA'S CIRCLE

**Wednesday, November 8th @
10am**

**Arlene Skotnicki
311 Lighthouse Road
19809**

This Sunday, November 5th is All Saints Sunday

If you have had a loved one pass away between November 1st, 2022 until this Sunday, contact the office so their name can be in the bulletin.

Carolyn W. Burlew Sept. 2, 2023

Richard DeFeo Jan. 12, 2023

Ruth Jean Eck Jan, 27, 2023

John Spencer Ellixson, Sr. Nov. 14, 2022

William E. Grant Dec. 8, 2022

James D. McQuage Sept. 25, 2023

George H. Miller Feb. 18, 2023

Joy Peters April 14, 2023

Andrea Ridgik Oct. 10, 2023

Delvert Snyder March 24, 2023

Bob Richards April 11, 2023

Larry Friday Nov. 18, 2022

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

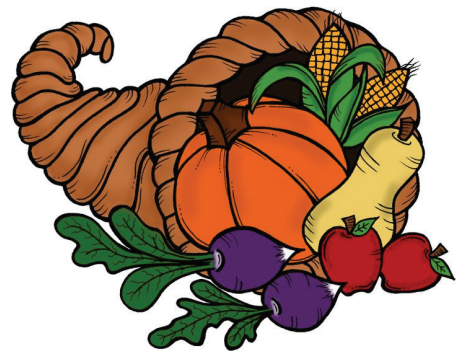
Brenda Stephens

Jeff Knottnew & Wife Karen

David & Amanda Knottner

WELCOME ABOARD BRENDA STEPHENS!

ONCE AGAIN, ATONEMENT CHURCH has found God's favor in providing us with a new Administrative Assistant, Brenda! Brenda met the Staff-Parish requirements with flying colors! She has lots of software experience, especially useful in her marketing business, which includes being a photographer. Brenda also was employed by Aldersgate UMC as Communications Director, as well. Do stop by during church office hours, Tuesday through Thursday, from 9-2pm and welcome Brenda! We are so grateful to God for His provisions!



THANKSGIVING DINNERS

For Thanksgiving this year, Atonement will be offering complete Thanksgiving dinners to those in need. We are looking for caring souls to pack a Thanksgiving dinner. We will also give out gift cards to Food Lion. Please contact the Church Office to learn more. (302)798-8472.

Christmas Is Coming...

Join us on Christmas Eve for morning worship services as usual at 9am & 11am with Pastor Amy bringing a Christmas message of love and hope for all ages.

The evening of Christmas Eve there will be 6:30pm Branch Candlelight & 8pm Traditional Candlelight. Families and Friends are most welcome!

P.S. Hoping to have a children's time at 6:30pm service. Contact Bonny Jones to learn more. (302-798-3345)

SAVE THE DATE...
YOU NEED TO BE THERE!!

December 2nd, 2023
Claymont Christmas Parade



CHRISTMAS AT SEA SEAMEN'S CENTER OF WILMINGTON PORT OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 302-575-1300

The goal of the Christmas at Sea Program is to give a ditty box, a shoe box filled with gifts, to every seafarer arriving in Delaware during the month of December. Last year the Seamen's Center provided gifts to over 1000 mariners. The boxes are filled with essentials (all full-sized), a hand-knit hat and scarf, and a few goodies. You can participate by filling a box or simply by donating the items listed below.

Knitted Hat
Knitted Scarf
Winter Gloves
Disposable Razors
Warm Socks
Playing Cards
Cough Drops
Soap

Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Deodorant
Shampoo
Chapstick
Candy or Gum
Hand Lotion
Pens and Stationary

SCW volunteers begin delivering the boxes on December 1st; it would be helpful to have contributions prior to that date.

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 AA Meeting 8:30pm
5	6 AA Meeting 7:30pm	7 Prayer Group 9am Worship Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	8 Rebecca's Circle 10am	9 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	10	11 AA Meeting 8:30pm
12 Special Worship Service 9am & 11am	13 Finance Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7:30pm	14 Leadership Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	15	16 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	17	18 AA Meeting 8:30pm
19 Special Worship Service 9am & 11am	20 AA Meeting 7:30pm	21 Trustee's Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25 AA Meeting 8:30pm
26	27 AA Meeting 7:30pm	28	29	30 Choir Rehearsal 7pm		



*A card or phone call to our homebound friends
would certainly brighten their day!*

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**The Deadline for the next newsletter
is Sunday, December 19th.**

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.



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