

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

APRIL 2024

Words of Grace and Thanksgivingfrom the Pastor

***REJOICE in the LORD always. Again, I will say, REJOICE!
Philippians 4: 4***

How wonderful, how marvelous and how excellent God has blessed Atonement Methodist Church throughout this Lent and for the Easter services! Once again God's grace, mercy and loving-kindness have exceeded our expectations! God is ever faithful, isn't He? Truly, praise and thanksgiving are ever on our lips for all God has done and is doing in the life of Atonement Church.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3: 20-21 NKJ

On Palm Sunday, the Easter party for Knollwood children (and parents, too) filled the Knollwood Community Center. The children were so attentive to the dramatized Easter story of Jesus' death and resurrection, followed with an egg hunt and Easter refreshments.

For Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday's two worship services plus 44 persons on live streaming, Atonement welcomed 250 people into its Easter celebrations. The Easter Sunday Brunch in the Welcome Center was overflowing with Easter people and food! What joy and fellowship were present! Thanks to all who helped in any way!

To the family of God at Atonement Methodist Church: "How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence."

We have such joy in Jesus! Praise God! All glory to God! Amen.

Pastor Amy

SPRING FORWARD

The term used to prolong daylight during the spring and summer months is “spring forward.” Springing forward brings to mind how essential it is to “spring forward” in our relationships with our Lord and our fellow citizens. Stagnation imparts a malaise that thwarts our ability to expanding our relationships with others and God. The devil loves it when we get too complacent and comfortable with our relationships with God and each other. As a young lad, an old parochial school nun said to me, “Idle hands are tools of the devil.” Taken to heart, that nun’s statement makes much sense to me today. Although God references multiple verses in scripture that require us to wait on the Him, (ie; Psalm 46:10, Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 27:14) we must continue to facilitate God’s inter workings as we await further revelations from Him. Conversely, scripture instructs us to “forget those things which are behind and pressing forward towards the prize for the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Philippians 3:13-14).” Pressing forward implies “springing forward.” As we reflect on this season after Lent and Easter, let us endeavor to cultivate and nurture our relationships with one another and our Lord. In this manner, we shall indeed be acclaimed, “a workman who needs not be ashamed (II Timothy 2:15)”

In His Service,
Tom Bailey

COMING IN APRIL Gideon’s Sunday - April 28th during worship services. Learn more about the Gideon’s at their website: friendsofgideons.org. Atonement Church has been in partnership for decades with this invaluable ministry of Bible distributions globally.

LAYLEADER THOUGHTS

Last month I had hopes that each of you would do something that would grow your relationship with God during Lent. I have been attending two life groups. One on the book of Psalms and the other 40 Days Of Decrease. The study on Psalms has been good because it’s been a great way to learn how the books of the Bible tie into one another. The discussions have been interesting and the bonding, growing as individuals and as a group has been great! 40 Days Of Decrease had taught different areas of life that we grow short in and one’s that interfere with our relationship with Christ. I hope to continue to work on fasting those areas. More of God and less of me. It’s given me a greater insight into what Jesus endured/suffered for me. He stopped at nothing for me - simply out of LOVE! The Holy Spirit is teaching me about surrendering and trust. Again, more of him - less of me. I’m also helping Pastor Amy where I can, learning how to show grace and mercy, learning on living a Christian life. I continue to serve on the various committees, attend prayer meetings and do things behind the scenes to benefit the church. I am here for you - I am always available 302-353-2761. I work night shift so I may be sleeping when you call. Leave a message and I will get back to you.

Shalom
Laura Calzone

Toiletries Needed for Persons in need: Atonement Church has been providing essentials of soap, shampoo/creme 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.

VERY IMPORTANT

ANNOUNCEMENT: In the last several months there have been a number of people who have had allergic reactions to perfume, colognes, scented soaps and lotions. Reactions have been varied, but not insignificant. Did you know that fragrance sensitivity and allergic reactions affect approximately one-third of the population, with nearly 10% of the population having allergic reactions? Because of the health issues at stake, would you be willing to consider God's House a fragrance-free zone? Some of our church family are having to leave because of trouble breathing and headaches. Your cooperation is appreciated.

REBECCA'S CIRCLE is having a bake sale on Sunday, April 14 before and after the 9 a.m. service. There will be a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center desk for people to provide a home baked item. Proceeds from the bake sale to benefit Red Bird Mission in eastern Kentucky.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS IS COMING! If you are interested or you know someone who is interested in learning more about joining Atonement Methodist Church, this meeting is a must! The New Members Class is being held Sunday, April 28 from 3-6pm with dinner! Pastor Amy will lead the class. Come, be part of the great things God is doing in the family of God at Atonement Methodist! Call the Church Office to register- 302-798-8472.

GRIEF SHARE - Meetings are now ongoing at 6:30pm in the SURGE Youth Room. Leaders are Bruce and Deborah Gayley. Call the church office or just show up. (302.798.8472) Even though the course has started, walk-in's are welcome at any time.



Happy Birthday April!

April 5 - Crystal Eckenroad

April 6 - Joan Northwood

April 11 - Jeff Knoettner

April 14 - Anna Mangini

April 20 - Tom Sterling

April 22 - Darla Laramore

April 24 - Earl Pullman

April 29 - Gail Basson

12 NOON- THE LORD'S PRAYER

As part of the Global Methodist Church, everyone is invited to stop at 12 Noon sharp, if possible, and take a moment to pray with all our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. The Lord's prayer is the perfect prayer model, so if time permits, why not take a moment and ponder the different segments of the prayer and go deeper with God. May God bless the Global Methodist Church worldwide as we all devote this time of prayer to God.

DOOR OF HOPE is a pregnancy center whose services are free of charge and funded by donations from churches, individuals, businesses and the greater Wilmington area. The Door of HOPE is a Christ-centered organization that empowers people to make life-affirming and healthy decisions, particularly about sex, pregnancy and relationships. They equip individuals with all the accurate information needed to make healthy choices for their families.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY!

COME ONE, COME ALL on APRIL 7TH at the 9:00am and 11:00 worship services. Be ready to share a family friendly joke with your Atonement Church friends. It's okay to laugh out loud with a short story, joke, or riddle. Let's have fun like Jesus did- He had a sense of humor, so why can't we? God delights in our laughter!

Why did the baby chick cross the road? To meet up with her Peeps!

Why don't eggs tell jokes? They might crack up!

WAKE-UP CALL: A daily devotional that is great! Wake-Up Call sets the pace for a good and godly day. Join your brothers and sisters at Atonement Church every morning with the wakeupcall@seedbed.com. It is a Global Methodist publication that is an encouraging way to begin your day.

GREEN DAY FOR ATONEMENT CHURCH

Coming Saturday, April 27 between 9am and 12 noon. This event is sponsored by the trustees of Atonement. Sign up in the Welcome Center in the area that fits you. (weeding, pruning, edging, the courtyard area, flower beds, etc.) Also, for those interested in spring cleaning inside the church, there are opportunities for that as well.

WALKING WITH JESUS BLOG is in need of creative writers. The blog is on the church's website (atonementchurch.net) Linda Cobourn originated this blog and is looking for help. She will come along side you in order that you may share one of your "Walking With Jesus" stories. (610-485-5157)

The Vision of the Global Methodist Church is to join God in a journey of bringing new life, reconciliation, and the presence of Christ to all people, and to helping each person reflect the character of Christ.

Through our ministries, we desire to share the whole counsel of God with all peoples and to advance the presence and fulfillment of the Kingdom of God in every part of the world and at all levels of societies and cultures. The Global Methodist Church is committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures, and the work of the Holy Spirit in conveying God's truth and grace to all people.

We are a global church that recognizes and deploys the gifts and contributions of each part of the church, working as partners in the gospel with equal voice and leadership.

Our witness to the world is marked by mutual love, concern, sharing, and a focus on those who are most vulnerable. We watch over one another in love and bear witness to the transforming power of the Good News as we humbly, but boldly, strive to serve others as ambassadors of Christ!

QR CODE - Atonement now has a QR Code that will make giving to the church easier. Aim the camera on your phone on the code and it will take you to Atonement's Giving Page on our website. And then, continue to follow the prompts. No App necessary!





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, APRIL 21st.

Please send all information to be included in the newsletter to: Brenda Stephens -
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**ATONEMENT METHODIST
CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of Atonement Methodist Church is to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ that we will be able to offer to people near and far, by word and deed, the saving love of God in Christ.

As servants of God, we are sent into the community to reveal the love of God and demonstrate words and deeds, that we may be renewed after the image of our Creator. To be able to minister in Christ's name is a gift and a task. The gift is God's grace, the task is unwavering service. We are sent out by Christ to live and work together and to profess our faith to the community in order that they might hear and respond to the word of God.



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April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 AA Meeting 8:30pm
7 HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY Worship Service 9am & 11am	8 Finance Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	9 Leadership Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	10	11 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	12	13 AA Meeting 8:30pm Prayer Group 9am
14 Worship Service 9am & 11am	15 AA Meeting 7pm	16 Trustee's Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	17 Rebecca's Circle 10am	18 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	19 SURGE 7 - 9pm	20 AA Meeting 8:30pm Prayer Group 9am
21 Worship Service 9am & 11am	22 AA Meeting 7pm	23 AA Meeting 7pm	24	25 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	26 SURGE 7 - 9pm	27 GREEN DAY FOR ATONEMENT CHURCH 10 am to 12 noon AA Meeting - 8:30pm Prayer Group 9am
28 GIDEON SUNDAY NEW MEMBERS CLASS 3pm to 6pm Worship Service 9am & 11am	29 AA Meeting 7pm	30 AA Meeting 7pm				