

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTIONS

JUNE 2024

## *Words of Grace...from the Pastor*

*So there is a special rest still waiting for the people of God. For all who have entered into God's rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world. So let us do our best to enter that rest.*

*But if we disobey God, as the people of Israel did, we will fall.*

*(Hebrews 4: 9-11a).*

In his book, *The Seasons of Life*, Chuck Swindoll wholly recommends summer to be the perfect season to be a season of rest. According to Swindoll, summer arrives as a long-awaited and much needed time of relaxation and rest. As a pastor himself, he urges us to add a little leisure to our lives. He, too, hears the same messages inside his head to press on, be responsible, work hard, and do it now, while keeping the candle burning at both ends with meeting quotas, to-do lists, and of course, aim for the highest work-ethic possible. On the other hand, God reminds us to consider our need for time-out and refreshing during these several months of summer. And let it begin first of all with "a mental rest, a quiet confidence in the Living Lord." "Come to me...I will give you rest." (Matthew 11: 28)

Atonement, the Lord is commanding us to enter into rest. Let us slow down a little, smell the roses, watch the ball game, and cast fear, worry, and doubt to the farthest corners of the universe. Swindoll goes on to suggest building memories with your loved ones, celebrate Memorial Day, Father's Day and anniversaries. Taking time to appraise your life is also suggested (See questions to ponder in this newsletter). Over these next few months, take time to be holy...take time to speak with the Lord...and keep holy the Sabbath Day.

*"Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of His coming back again is drawing near."*

*Hebrews 10:25 The Living Bible*

*Pastor Amy*

<sup>1</sup> Swindoll, Charles R., *Seasons of Life*. Oregon: Multnomah, 1983.

## MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Have you ever considered going on a short-term mission trip? Going on the mission field is a very rewarding experience. Bonny and I recently went on a week trip to the Yucatan with DCI Missions in Mexico. The founders of this ministry, Bill and Kathy Craver, have been there for thirty years, and have built up a large network of small churches and church plants and mission stations. They regularly bring church groups from America to spend a week and experience all the ministry opportunities that they set up in advance. Their ministry headquarters is in a town called Tizimin, which is about 2 hours away from Cancun. The cost of the trip is \$565 plus airfare. That includes: lodging in air-conditioned rooms, all meals, transportation, and all the ministry opportunities set up in advance. They even have a small swimming pool on the campus.

When Bonny and I went there in March, we shared the gospel one on one with 75 people! Each one got a gospel tract, and most of them prayed with us to receive Christ. We water baptized five new converts in the Gulf of Mexico.

Our church has been invited to come and experience a week on the mission field in the most comfortable, and easily accessible place I have ever been. We are hoping to take a small group of people from Atonement Church at some point in the near future, possibly this coming winter. If you might be interested and would like more information, call Cliff at 588-7823.

**SPORTS CAMP**@Knollwood Community Center July 21- 25. Christ is counting on us to share the Gospel! Contact the church office 302-798-8472

## HOLY COMMUNION

<https://www.google.com/search?q=holy+Communion+in+Wesleyan+tradition+>

In the Wesleyan tradition, Holy Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper, is a central act of Christian worship and a sacrament commanded by Christ. John Wesley, a Protestant, believed that Holy Communion was more than a remembrance of Christ's sacrifice. He considered it a way for God to convey grace to people's souls, and believed that regular communion was essential for Christian discipleship. Wesley's teachings on Holy Communion include:

- The Real Presence: Christ is present in Holy Communion.
- Grace: God's presence makes empowerment and pardon possible.
- Duty: Christians should receive the Lord's Supper as often as they can.
- Redemption: Holy Communion is a sacrament of redemption through Christ's death and hope for his return.
- Love: Holy Communion is a sign of the love that Christians have for each other.
- Faith: Holy Communion is a means for God to increase faith.

### SUMMER DATES

Sunday June 2, 2024

Sunday July 7, 2024

Sunday August 4, 2024

*P.S. On Communion Sundays, all donations to the Communion Fund support our outreach programs and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, as needed. Thank you for funding the Communion Fund.*

## OPERATION XMAS CHILD 2024

is starting up! See Sunday Bulletin for info.

## **MESSAGES: JUNE – AUGUST 2024**

### **JUNE 2024**

June 2 HOLY COMMUNION

Series: Sanctification

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 11: 17-20

Title: "Christlikeness"

### **June 9 GRADUATION SUNDAY**

SERIES FOR JUNE AND JULY: The Fruits of God's Holy Spirit

Scripture Reading - Galatians 5: 22-23

Message Title – "Divine Love"

Sermon Hymn – More Love to Thee, O Christ

### **June 16 FATHER'S DAY**

Series – The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Scripture Reading – Psalm 126:1-6

Message Title- Inexpressible Joy

Sermon Hymn – Joy to the World

### **June 23 Pastor Amy Retreat- Friday, June 21 to Tuesday, June 25**

Speaker – Laura Calzone

Fruit of Kindness

Scripture & Message Hymn - Laura's Choice

### **June 30 FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

Scripture Reading – Romans 15: 5-7 NLT

Message Title – Patience

Message Song/Hymn TBD

ONE SERVICE AT 10-11:00am

*BAPTISMAL POOL FOR BAPTISMS ; ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC ON PATIO ;SPECIAL GUESTS: YOUTH FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL/S.U.R.G.E.*

### **JULY 2024**

July 7 HOLY COMMUNION

Series on Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Scripture Reading – Pastor Cliff's choice

Message Title – Peace

### **July 14 Prayer for Students going to Black Rock Retreat**

Scripture Reading- Psalm 34:8; Psalm 100:4-5

Message Title- "Goodness"

Message Hymn – "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands" pg 182 CFO Sings

### **July 21 Knollwood Sports Camp (VBS)**

Scripture Reading – Hebrews 3:1-6

Message Title - "Faithfulness"

Message Hymn – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

### **July 28**

Scripture Reading – Matthew 11: 28-30

Message Title "Gentleness of Jesus"

Hymn – Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

### **August 4 Holy Communion**

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Message Title - "Self-Control"

(No Message Hymn)

### **August 11 Message Series on The Parable of the Four Soils**

Scripture Reading - Matthew 13: 1-23

Pastor Cliff - Message

Message Title - The Hard & Stony Paths

### **August 18**

Scripture Reading - Mark 4: 1-9

Sermon Title - Thorn and Good Soil

Sermon Hymn - Hymn of Promise

### **August 25 - Labor Day Weekend**

Scripture Reading - Luke 8: 4-15

Message Title - Power of Fruitfulness

Sermon Hymn -CFO pg. 106

## **REBECCA CIRCLE FLEA MARKET**

Saturday, June 22nd @8am - Atonement Methodist Church. Fun & treasures!

**SUMMER CAMP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS** is scheduled July 14-19 at Black Rock Retreat Center. Camp can be a lifechanging experience for these students: Matthew and Noah Lang, Gaige and Caidence Bishop, Hannah Robles, Mia Lewis and Essence Lewis. Please remember them in your prayers.

## **WHAT ARE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS?**

Did you know there are seventeen spiritual gifts in the Bible? It's important for everyone to know what your gifts are because they are interrelated and each one functions in partnership with other believers as part of the larger body of Christ.

God gave each of us our gifts while we were still in our mothers wounds and they are a part of your life. So you see, God's gifts to you are just as unique as you are. His plans are to use your gifts to benefit the Kingdom of God.

So please join us on June 9, 2024 between services for the spiritual gift survey. You can stay to fill one out or you may take one home to fill out and return. If you can not make it on June 9th, I'm willing to make arrangements to get a survey to you.

Let's see if we can get everyone to fill out a survey before the end of June!  
Shalom, Laura Calzone.

**ANNUAL DOOR OF HOPE FUNDRAISER** The annual Door of Hope offering for the past two months collected a total of \$807.00!!!! Praise the LORD!! How blessed and grateful The Door of HOPE Pregnancy center is! May God richly bless all those who helped to support this ministry of Life!!

## **FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION... APPRAISING LIFE**

1. Am I really happy, genuinely challenged and fulfilled in life?
2. In the light of eternity, am I making a consistent investment for God's glory and God's Kingdom here on earth?
3. Is the direction of my life now taking leading me toward a satisfying and meaningful future?
4. Can I honestly say that I am in the center of God's will for me?

### ***And for the kids:***

1. Am I spending sufficient time with the children so that they know I love and accept them and care very much about their future?
2. Am I communicating life goals, a proper value system, a standard of moral purity? Am I committed to loyalty, generosity, and honesty to my kids?
3. Have they been told they are valued, growing up to be positive, confident, safe and secure and highly respected as young men and women?
4. When they leave your home, will you support them as they live out their hopes and dreams?

## **THANK YOU**

I want to thank our church family for their kindness with cards, thoughts, prayers and meals during Frank's illness and all the sympathy cards in his passing into glory. We appreciate it. Thank you. Doris Kerr and family.

**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.

**SPORTS CAMP 2024** Coming Sunday July 21 – Thursday July 25 We've got the Spirit, we've got the equipment, and we've got the experience to make this year's VBS Sports Camp the best ever for the children of Knollwood. It's a time of friendship for our church and the Knollwood community; arts & crafts, outdoor games such as basketball, soccer, volleyball, badminton, cheerleading, kickball, whiffle ball, jumping rope, croquet, and more for students ages 4-11. Also, there is a time of Bible Study and refreshments at the close each night. All that is missing is Y-O-U to help pull it together! Christ is counting on us to share the Good News of Jesus to these families! Contact the Church Office and say, "YES!!!" (302-798-8472)

**DID YOU KNOW?** Atonement Church has had a prayer quilt ministry since 2008. They have created 650 prayer quilts. As part of the prayer quilt ministry, the congregation helps by praying for those in need. Each quilt represents 64 different people who are praying. If interested in learning more, contact Betty Wilbur at 302-299-7632.

**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.

## Happy July 4th in the year of our Lord, 2024!

Happy Independence Day!

"America! America! God shed His grace on thee and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by Thy might, great God, our King."

Pray for our nation: its government, politicians, and its people.

(2 Chronicles 7: 14)

*"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."*

**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!



## 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.



## Happy Birthday June!

June 3 - Liz Tryens

June 10 - Matthew Lang

June 20 - Benjamin Alexander

June 22 - Walter Erbenich

June 22 - James Lang

June 29 - Logan Hofferth

June 30 - Betty Pinchin

**WALKING WITH JESUS BLOG** is in need of creative writers. The blog is on the church's website ([atonementchurch.net](http://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)

**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](mailto:wakeupcall@seedbed.com). It is a Global Methodist publication that is an encouraging way to begin your day.





## **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.



### **Atonement Methodist Church**

3519 Philadelphia Pike  
Claymont, DE 19703

[www.atonementchurch.net](http://www.atonementchurch.net)  
[atonementmc@gmail.com](mailto:atonementmc@gmail.com)

Pastor Amy Peters, Lead Pastor  
302-218-5896

Cliff Werline, Assistant Pastor  
302-588-7823

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

**Helen Albright** 302-764-0684  
16 N. Rodney Drive  
Wilmington, DE 19809

**Adrian Dejong** 302-793-1068  
2402 Garfield Avenue  
Wilmington, DE 19809

**Marty Hargan**  
4200 Verona Drive  
Wilmington, DE 19808

**Lois Hopper** 302-798-4812  
711 W. Birchtree Lane  
Claymont, DE 19703

**Gerri Kaut**  
Lodge Lane  
1221 Lodge Lane  
Wilmington, DE 19809

**Darla Laramore** 302-439-4814  
319 Chapel Ave, Apt A  
Claymont, DE 19703

**Jack Scott** 610-485-6574  
1310 Cherry Street  
Boothwyn, PA 19061

### **The Deadline for the next newsletter is Sunday, August 18th.**

Please send all information to be included in  
the newsletter to: Brenda Stephens -  
[atonementmc@gmail.com](mailto:atonementmc@gmail.com)

# JUNE 2024

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