

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

OCTOBER 2024

A WORD OF GRACE....

from Atonement's Lay Leader, Laura Calzone

We are being faithful participants in making disciples of Jesus Christ, which is on-going and a work in progress. We have had new volunteers step up to the plate. Our children's ministry and youth groups are growing, especially with the Middle School age group. The Body of Christ has improved in taking care of each other in different and creative ways, as the need arises. We have two prayer groups meeting weekly on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. We have several different Life Groups and ongoing Bible studies. We are currently running the Alpha Course with 30-36 participants from outside the Church. We are starting a John Wesley "Class Meeting" the week of October 6. Fellowship and relationships between the two different Worship services are growing and improving. We have faithful and strong Leadership team in place, which is led by our faithful, loving, and obedient Pastor Amy.

We are growing and learning as we go, however there is always room for improvement. We continue to let the Holy Spirit be our mentor, teacher, and guide.

Shalom,
Laura Calzone
Lay Leader

**OCTOBER IS LAITY APPRECIATION!
LET'S CELEBRATE ALL CHRISTIANS AS MINISTERS!
MAY GOD BLESS ATONEMENT'S AMAZING AND
WONDERFUL LAITY!!!**

Sunday, OCTOBER 20 @ 9 & 11am



**YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED TO BE IN MINISTRY TO OTHERS,
USING THE GIFTS AND GRACES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

It's going to be a special day!

OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

BOOK OF JOEL, Continues...

OCTOBER 6, 2024

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Scripture Reading: Joel 2: 18 – 27

Message Title: "The Mercy of God"

OCTOBER 13, 2024

Scripture Reading: Joel 2: 28-32

Sermon Title: "Day of the Lord"

OCTOBER 20, 2024

LAITY SUNDAY

Scripture Reading: Joel 3: 1-16

Message Title: "The Day of the Lord's Judgment"

OCTOBER 27, 2024

Scripture Reading: Joel 3: 17-21

Message Title: "The Reign of God"

ALL SAINT'S DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

This day is a day of remembrance of our loved ones, who in the past year have gone on to eternal life with God forever in heaven! If you have a relative who has passed since November 5th, 2023- please contact Church Office to have their name included in our bulletin. Our records include: Vonnie Anderson, Sara Zacharias, Frank Kerr, Beth Smith, Jeffrey Trump, Fay McCall.

ONGOING MINISTRIES OF ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

Altar Flowers for Traditional Service
Clean Water Project for Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child Gift Boxes
"Little Library Box" at the Bus Stop
Lion's Eyeglass collection
Used & Retired American Flags
Cell Phones for Soldiers
Knollwood After School Program

IMPORTANT NEWS FLASH!!!

Atonement's Annual Charge Conference is coming!

MONDAY OCTOBER 28th at 6:30 pm.

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM FOR REFRESHMENTS

EVERYONE IS INVITED ! This is YOUR Church, Atonement- so, come! Our Presiding Elder, Reverend Kari Jones wants to hear your voices give witness to the good things God is doing at Atonement!

Meeting begins at 6:30pm.

Ask the Church Office for a copy of the 2024 Charge Conference report once it is finalized. Our financial statements are available to anyone who requests one. We do ask for your prayers and for greater faith to trust God in these most challenging times. God has truly blessed us in the past! And God will continue to bless us as we bless God with extravagant worship, passionate love, and give bold witness of our faith- all to the glory of God!

"CLASS MEETING" LIFE

GROUPS begin Sunday, October 6 to determine day, time, and place. Study books are available: "The Class Meeting: Reclaiming a Forgotten Small Group Experience," written by Kevin Watson. The book cost is \$15.00. Contact Pastor Amy at 302-218-5896, as needed.

ALPHA COURSE is off to a great start, meeting Wednesday evenings in the Welcome Center area. Thanks to Pastor Cliff and lots of volunteers who are hosting this excellent opportunity to grow in faith and help connect others to the Good News of Jesus Christ!

*"You made the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows when to set." Psalm 104: 19*

BLACK ROCK RETREAT CHRISTIAN CAMP:

Hannah's words:

When I went to BRR (Black Rock Retreat), I personally wasn't ready for it and I truly and honestly didn't want to go. But I had to go anyway. Now, for my personal genuine experience at BRR, it was actually really fun and interesting. We did so many activities! Such as: Archery, Hiking, Swimming and much more. We spent a lot of our time in the woods, lake, creek and the pool.

My Cabin, MeadowLark, was an awesome cabin. The counselors we had were absolutely fantastic. They were super kind and always willing to listen when one of us needed them.

We played games such as "Kingdoms". "Kingdoms" is basically a game where you can either play it during the day or at night. I don't recommend at night unless you're in a setting similar to where BRR was. Thus, "Kingdoms" is a game where there are two teams. Our teams at BRR were "Centipedes" and "Tigers". I was a centipede. You wear these flags on a fabric belt around your waist and you have to run and make sure no one from the other team catches you. But if the opposite team does, you have to kneel and wave your flag in the air until someone from your team helps you.

We also had this activity called Vespers. "What is that", you may be asking? Well, here is your answer! "Vespers" something we did everyday. It's basically when you have your Bible, book/note-pad, pen and/or pencil, and we take notes on what the topic was! Basically, we go over Bible chapters. We had a guest named "D-Money" or Duane and all he talked about was Bible verses, chapters and what's happened in his past life. And we learned some camp songs/dances

Thank you to the Atonements for letting me have this privilege to be there.

- Hannah Robles

Caidence's words:

My experience at Black Rock was wonderful! I did multiple fun activities, got to know the people in my cabin, made new friends, and got to connect with my counselor. I loved the experience in total! My favorite part was when I had free time to walk around and go to the pool and lake and spend time with my new friends! It was amazing! I'm so grateful and happy and I thank Atonement Church for allowing us to go there! It was really fun and I loved it!

- Caidence Bishop

FALL LIFE GROUPS: CONNECT.

GROW. SERVE. FALL Life Groups are happening during October and November. Anyone interested in a Wednesday Noon Time Bible Study meeting at Atonement? Book Study? Video series? Pastor Amy will connect you to resources and help you get started!

“BUILDING ON THE VISION OF ATONEMENT CHURCH”

“Connecting the Claymont Community & Beyond to Christ”

Over the years Atonement Methodist Church has been blessed by gifts given through estate planning. During uncertain days like these, we often evaluate what is really important to us in this world. The life and ministries of Atonement Church are very important to the health and welfare of Atonement, as well as the entire community. Your donation through legacy giving will bring honor to the Lord, as well as financial help to Atonement's vision and mission. There are ways for you to contribute directly to the General Operating Budget, the Memorial Fund for Worship and the Building Fund. Your legacy gift leaves real hope for sustaining the future of Atonement.

SAMARITIAN'S PURSE WATER

PROJECT continues as Atonement collects coins and donations to fund the Clean Water Wells projects. Samaritan's Purse tells us on their web site that 748 million people live without access to clean water. Atonement's coin collection (in the blue water jug in the Welcome Center and in the mason jar up front at The Branch) have accumulated thousands of dollars for the Clean Well water project. Pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters (as well as cash or checks) are most welcome!

THANK YOU TO KNITTERS

Did you know that Atonement Church has a small group of knitters and crocheters who supply new born baby caps and blankets? Babies baptized here at Atonement receive these beautiful handmade items as well as new babies born at the Door of Hope Pregnancy Center. Free yarn is available. To learn more, contact the Church Office. (302-798-8472)

VERY IMPORTANT

ANNOUNCEMENT: In recent 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.

"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3: 1

JOIN THE TEAM at Knollwood Community Center! Afterschool Program BIBLE STUDY. MONDAYS 4-5pm, Elementary Grades K-5. Starting Monday, September 12. Coordinated by Pastor Amy, volunteers are very important for the success of this program.

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!



UPDATE YOUR CONTACTS with Diane Hill's new home address: 2200 W. 4th Street, Lorrelton Assisted Living, Wilmington, DE 19805. May God bless her and this new chapter in her life! Diane is hoping to keep in touch with her friends here at Atonement and make new ones at Lorelton.

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.

"As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night." Genesis 8:22

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 6: Traditional & Branch – Pastor Amy

October 13: Traditional- Todd Bezilla

The Branch- Pat DeFeo

October 20: Traditional- Linda Cobourn

The Branch- Laura Calzone

October 27: Traditional- Arlene Skotnicki

The Branch- Kathy Bailey



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)

WELCOME OCTOBER! Fall Colors are quickly appearing and **Operation Christmas Child** is going strong! A BIG thank you to our Friday Night Surge group and Rebeccas' Circle for giving OCC a quick jump start! Surge helped organizing items for easy packing and Rebeccas' Circle helped to putting together over 100 OCC boxes for future packing! Still in need of childrens scissors, small glue sticks, and 3-hole lined loose leaf paper. Then the fun begins! Boxes are now in the Welcome Center for you to take home and pack. Pamphlets are also available explaining how to pack a box. Thank you for all your support with donations for OCC and thank you in advance for packing a box. Updates to follow!

"It was You who set all the boundaries of the earth; You made both summer and winter."
Psalms 74: 17



Happy Birthday October!

3- Valerie West

4- Steven Simpson

7- Emma Hofferth

8- Cathy Knutson

10- Sue Boggs

10- Renee Bennett

12- Caleb Yanovitch

12- Mia Lewis

14 - Adrian DeJong

14 - Sue Anderson

16 - Bill Yanovitch

16 - Allen Cobourn

20 - Curt Bennett

22 - Corrine Coates

23 - Patricia Bailey

29 - Amanda Armstrong

WOMENS'S FREE FALL RETREAT

Saturday October 19, 9 am to 3:30 pm

Contact Margaret Arlt (302) 613-9878

Christ the Cornerstone Church, 6 North Clifton Ave, Wilm, DE 19805 *Seating is limited. Atonement women have already signed up. Contact Laura Calzone for possible car-pooling.

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 of Atonement Church every morning with the 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.



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

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OCTOBER 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 7pm | 2 ALPHA 6:30pm | 3 | 4 SURGE 7 - 9pm | 5 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm |
| 6 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am | 7 | 8 Prayer Group 9am Leadership Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm | 9 Rebecca's Circle 10am ALPHA 6:30pm | 10 | 11 SURGE 7 - 9pm | 12 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm |
| 13 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am | 14 Finance Meeting 7pm | 15 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 7pm | 16 ALPHA 6:30pm | 17 | 18 SURGE 7 - 9pm | 19 Prayer Group 9am Women's Retreat 9am to 3:30pm AA Meeting 8:30pm |
| 20 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am | 21 | 22 Prayer Group 9am Trustee's Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm | 23 ALPHA 6:30pm | 24 | 25 SURGE 7 - 9pm | 26 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm |
| 27 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am | 28 ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE 6pm | 29 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 7pm | 30 ALPHA 6:30pm | 31 | SURGE 7 - 9pm | Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm |