

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTIONS

NOVEMBER 2024

*From the Pastor's Heart. . . . A Thanksgiving Message*

***"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his deed."  
(Proverbs 19: 17)***

Our God is a god of abundant generosity, not selfishness or greed. Scripture tells the story in Luke, chapter 5, verses 1-7 of the kindness and big-heartedness of our God. God, in His charity, gives the disciples so many fish that their boat cannot hold them all. When the fishing nets of these early disciples of Jesus began to tear, Peter and Andrew shouted out for help. This brought other fishermen and their boat to help with this miraculous catch of fish. Instead of claiming the fish for themselves, Peter and Andrew invited others to share in it. It is believed that 7 of Jesus' followers were fisherman and they saw the goodness of God with their own eyes. God lovingly gave Peter and Andrew an opportunity to be a channel of God's blessing, as they shared with others what God had unbelievably given them.

God does not give us just enough material blessings to survive. God is interested in our salvation as well as our everyday needs for life. God gives and blesses abundantly, as confirmed in Ephesians 3:20 (Amplified Bible), "Now to God, who is able to carry out His purpose and do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think (infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes or dreams), according to His power at work within us."

Peter was awestruck at this miracle. Jesus cared about his day-to-day routine and its needs. And still even today, God is interested in helping each one of us. God will supply your every need according to His riches in glory in Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:19). Remember these words: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 3:16). This Thanksgiving may we have eyes to see God's provision every day. God is working miracles every day. Let us join God in His work to build His Kingdom here as we "Connect the Claymont Community and Beyond to Christ." Blessed Thanksgiving to all!

Blessed by the Best,  
Pastor Amy



## **NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES** **GRACEFUL GIVING**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

**HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Scripture Reading: Timothy 2: 1-4, Colossians 1: 16

Message Title: "Praying & Voting"

**NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11

Sermon Title: "Generosity Encouraged"

**NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

Scripture Reading: TBD

Message Title: "TBD"

**NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 103: 1-2

Message Title: "Gratitude and Joy"

## **SAINTS OF ATONEMENT** **METHODIST CHURCH**

Dorothy (Vonnie) Anderson

John S. Ellixson, Jr.

Debbie Jones

Frank Kerr

Fay McCall

Kay Meddings

Helen (Beth) Smith

Jeffrey Trump

Harvey Waltersdor, Jr.

Sara Zacharias

## **LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER**

November 3: Traditional - Arlene Skotnicki  
Branch – Pastor Amy

November 10: Traditional - Ellie Kwick  
The Branch - Pat DeFeo

November 17: Traditional- Linda Cobourn  
The Branch- Laura Calzone

November 24: Traditional- Arlene Skotnicki  
The Branch- Kathy Bailey

**HEAL THE PAST**  
**LIVE THE PRESENT**  
**DREAM THE FUTURE**

## **THANKSGIVING** **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Tuesday, November 26, 7:00 pm*

Atonement will be hosting the annual ecumenical Thanksgiving Community Service in our Church Sanctuary. There will be a joint choir that will rehearse at 6pm. Additionally, there will be a food collection, with the following suggestions: canned meat, baked beans, canned fruit, applesauce, canned soup, crackers, cereal, shelf-stable milk, pancake mix and syrup. Donations will benefit Holy Rosary Food Ministry. You are cordially invited "to worship and praise the name of God...and magnify Him with thanksgiving." (Psalm 69:30) And what a blessed and holy Thanksgiving we will have!

## **THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for the great principle of thanksgiving. May we as a people find it more deeply embedded in our life, to the extent that it was practiced by our ancestors. May we as individuals know and practice the law that thanksgiving indeed become blessing receivers and so live. And for this, accept our humble gratitude. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **FALL LIFE GROUPS....**

### **it's not too late to join!**

Wednesdays from 1-2pm in the Welcome Center Library. This Bible study unpacks Psalm 91, which is an affirmation for God's people. Even in the worst of times, countless people have been able to trust in God for His protective care- found in Psalm 91. God truly is our shelter in the storms of life.

*"Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind."*

## CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

**Saturday, December 7th**

**Claymont Christmas Parade** Meet at Atonement at 9:00 to be carpoled to Maple Lane School. Parade starts at 10:00am. Atonement will have walkers along with the church banner and lots of candy to give to children along the way. The Gideon's will also walk along with us. Walkers of all ages are welcome. Wear your Christmas costumes or red and green clothing, if you can! Refreshments will be served in front of our church, sponsored by the Rebecca Circle. Sign up at the display table in the Welcome Center area!

**Saturday, December 14 Atonement joins the Salvation Army with its Red-Kettle Collection** from 9-4pm at the Claymont Food Lion. Sign up at the Christmas table in the Welcome Center to ring the bell for one-hour increments! The Salvation Army is such a worthy ministry as it helps so many people in so many ways.

**Sunday, December 22:** 9am during the Traditional Worship Service our Sanctuary Choir will present this year's **Christmas Cantata**, "What Sweeter Music- A Festival of Carols." What a blessing and a beautiful presentation of the Christmas story in music. It's a great day to bring a friend!

**Tuesday, December 24:** One Christmas Eve Worship Service at 7pm. Families and children are welcome! It will be a celebration of the Christmas story with Scripture, carols and candles.

**Sunday, December 29th:** Fifth Sunday Celebration with on service at 10:00am.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE** outreach continues for the months of November and December. We are collecting donations towards recovery after hurricane damage in the southern states. Checks can be made out to Samaritan's Purse and put in the brass collection plates in the Welcome Center or Sanctuary. Please label your envelope "Hurricane donation." Donations also can be made on their website. There's also a large, blue water jug for all coins (or dollars). This area is still suffering loss in many ways. As God has bless us, let us reach out to our neighbors down south and bless them!

### CHARGE CONFERENCE RESULTS:

Under the leadership of Atonement's Presiding Elder, Kari Jones, it was an excellent time of "holy conferencing" at the annual gathering on October 28th. Closing comments about the state of our church were: Atonement continues to grow in membership, service to the community, and is doing an excellent job in living out our vision statement to "Connect the Claymont Community and Beyond to Christ."

### THE BIRTHPLACE OF METHODISM

Each morning at 4am, John Wesley would kneel in prayer in his London home. It was in this place that the fires of Methodism began. As we see to connect to our Wesleyan heritage, it seems the best place we can begin is in prayer.

**GRIEF SHARE MEETING:** Wednesday, November 20 at 6pm in our Youth Room. This meeting will be led by Deb and Bruce Gayley, focusing on those grieving the loss of a spouse.

### Spiritual Food For Thought

**"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians**



## VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

*Ring a bell...help change a life*

**Atonement Church**  
**joins the Salvation Army's**  
**RED KETTLE SEASON**  
**at the Claymont Food Lion**  
**Saturday, December 14th**  
**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
**Sign up at the Welcome Center.**

### **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)

### **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  
ALPHA Course  
Wednesday Bible Study  
Sunday Afternoon Class Meeting  
Prayer Room  
Greeting Card Ministry  
Urban Promise  
Summer Camp Program

**ALPHA COURSE**, continues to meet through this month of November. Pastor Cliff leads this all-important basic Christianity course with great helpers, eager students, and excellent hospitality! These meetings will be open to all starting on November 20, Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the Chapel. The meetings will continue on Wednesday nights in December as the Spirit leads. THANK YOU to the table hosts and set up team!

'To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.' When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better. Concentrate on this sentence...'***The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.***



## **Ministry of Poinsettias**

Order your Christmas Poinsettias plants that will adorn our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall areas for Christmas.

Poinsettias will be in memory or in honor of loved ones - names will be listed in the bulletin. Plants will be delivered in time for Dec. 22th worship and remain until after Christmas Eve services on the 24th, which you then can take home to enjoy.

Cost is \$9 for a 6.5" red poinsettia. Order form can be found in the bulletin.

Deadline: December 15th.

## “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.

**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 November!**

- 2- David Lang, Jr.
- 3- Donna Prendergast
- 4- Wayne Coe
- 6- Donna Harmon
- 8- Caleb Lang
- 9- Christina Robinson
- 12- Roberta Berger
- 13- Alberta Maris
- 15- Milford Kumorteh
- 16- Lee Bird
- 19- Lindsey Ogorek
- 19- Gil Wilbur
- 21- Vonnie Anderson
- 22 - Camille Coates
- 23- Maureen Boland
- 27- Cheryl Blevins
- 30- Phil Calzone



**WALKING WITH JESUS BLOG** is on the church’s website ([atonementchurch.net](http://atonementchurch.net)) Linda Cobourn originated this blog and welcomes other creative writers. 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 of 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.



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

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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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>2</b> Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
<b>3</b> Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am Class Meeting 3:00pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 7pm	<b>6</b> Bible Study 1:00pm ALPHA 6:30pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>9</b> Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
<b>10</b> Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am Class Meeting 3:00pm	<b>11</b> VETERANS DAY Finance Meeting 7pm	<b>12</b> Prayer Group 9am Leadership Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	<b>13</b> Rebecca's Circle 10am Bible Study 1:00pm ALPHA	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>16</b> Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
<b>17</b> Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am Class Meeting 3:00pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Prayer Group 9am Trustee's Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	<b>20</b> Bible Study 1:00pm ALPHA 6:30pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>23</b> Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
<b>24</b> Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am Class Meeting 3:00pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Prayer Group 9am COMMUNITY SERVICE 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	<b>27</b> Bible Study 1:00pm ALPHA 6:30pm	<b>28</b> THANKSGIVING	<b>29</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>30</b> Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm