

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

JANUARY 2025

A WORD OF GRACE FROM THE PASTOR.....

*"YOU crown the year with a bountiful harvest;
even the hard pathways overflow with abundance." Psalm 65:11*

As we end this year of our Lord, 2024, let us agree with the psalmist that our God has truly crowned this passing year with His goodness and grace! We gladly give God the glory, honor, and praise for Atonement's spiritual growth internally and outreach efforts, both locally and globally. God's goodness and blessings on Atonement have spread into our homes and communities, as we do our best to meet those in need with God's love. The Good News translation of Psalm 65:11 is, *"What a rich harvest Your goodness provides! Wherever You go there is plenty."*

Thank you, Atonement Methodist Church for your presence, prayers, tithes, service, and your witness in our church and in the Claymont community. Let us go forward gladly and unafraid into the New Year, 2025. We will continue to pray and work together knowing that God is with us. At times the tasks seem impossible, but I believe and know that **nothing** is impossible with our God! God calls us to *"Be rich in good deeds."* (1 Timothy 6:18) Together, we will be found rich in worship, rich in prayer, rich in discipleship, rich in fellowship, service and evangelism. We will continue to produce good fruit as we fulfill our God-given purposes found in the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. I am looking forward to another bountiful harvest in 2025. Why such optimism? Because *"All of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ Jesus with a resounding, "YES!"* (2 Corinthians 1:20 NLT). Together we will proclaim God's promises for our church and our lives.

Your Co-laborer in Christ,
Pastor Amy

P.S. A sincere THANK YOU for Christmas cards and gifts of any kind that were given to Mark and me this Christmas. Our hearts are full of gratitude! It is my pleasure and joy to serve Christ and all of you!

HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU, ATONEMENT CHURCH!

As we enter into this New Year, may we all embrace this Scripture verse to guide our steps: From the book of Colossians, chapter 3, verse 17: *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."*

For your New Year, receive this counsel from the wise man, Job: "Although your former state was ordinary, your future will be extraordinary." (Job 8:7)

And from the Great Prophet, Isaiah: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Remember, God is a PROMISE KEEPER! The best is yet to come!

SERMON SERIES FOR JANUARY:

"Who Am I In Christ?" Other questions to be considered for this topic:

"This is your life. Are you who you want to **be**?"

"What am I to be doing with my life?"

"What is it that God wants me to do?"

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

is still working on the Operation Christmas Child boxes. According to their recent newsletter, it "looks like we will have enough boxes to reach 12 MILLION children in over 100 countries around the world. Praise God for His almighty works! To learn more about Samaritans Purse, go to their website: samaritanspurse.org. Atonement will continue to support Samaritan's Purse with our Clean Well Water Project. Monetary donations can be put in the big blue jug labeled Clean Well Water Project, found in the Welcome Center.

A WORD FROM THE LAY LEADER

We have certainly had our share of trials and tribulations in 2024. Tomorrow is not promised and we have no idea what 2025 will bring. However, we need to go boldly forward with the power of Jesus. Trust and "obey His guidance and word., knowing that Emmanuel means 'God is with us'". The light of the world will always shine through any darkness we may go through. No matter what shakings or suffering we may endure. Remember nothing can separate us from the love of God. We just finished celebrating Jesus's birth. Let us remember without his birth, there would of been no death. In his death is where all the power is. As we go forward in the new year, let us use the power of our gifts, (prayer, faith, knowledge, wisdom, joy, grace, mercy, love) to help us grow deeper in our relationship with Christ. Let us run the race together. Let us give all the praise and glory to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Shalom

Laura Calzone

Lay Leader

THANK YOU TO KNITTERS

For Christmas Atonement Church delivered to Door of Hope Pregnancy Center four large containers filled with knitted and crocheted blankets, scarves, hats, slippers, mittens and wraps! The Door of Hope is extremely thankful for all the gifts that benefit families during a great time of need. Free yarn is still available. And God bless all those in this ministry. To learn more, contact the Church Office. (302-798-8472)

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2025 TITHES AND OFFERINGS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. 302-798-8472

“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.

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

January 5:	Traditional - Pastor Amy The Branch - Pastor Amy
January 12:	Traditional - Ellie Kwick The Branch - Pat DeFeo
January 19:	Traditional - Arlene Skotnicki The Branch - Laura Calzone
January 26:	Traditional - Linda Cobourn The Branch - Kathy Bailey

Happy Birthday JANUARY!

2 - LYNN BORREGGINE
7 - ELLEN KNAPP
7 - LINDA COBOURN
10 - OWEN BUSH
14 - CINDY REINHARDT
17 - ALAN TRYENS
18 - WILLIAM HOFFERTH
18 - DREW WANSTALL
22 - FAITH YANOVITCH
31 - BRENDEN FRIDAY



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.

WINTER DISCIPLESHIP

OPPORTUNITIES begin with Class Meetings on February 2nd and run four to six weeks. Class Meetings are a life group experience for up to 10 people per group. Male and female will gather together for fellowship and a time to put our faith into practice. The most important ingredient of a successful Class Meeting is a group of people who are willing to take an interest in each other’s lives, and who are interested in growing their relationship with Jesus. Sign up at the Welcome Center desk.

MARK CALENDARS for Lenten Study Groups beginning Sunday, March 2nd through April 6th. More details to follow. If interested in helping with a Lenten Study Group, contact Church Office.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS FOR 2025

Sign up begins and continue throughout the month of January for anyone interested in learning more about becoming a member of this awesome Atonement Methodist Church. The class is scheduled tentatively for Sunday afternoon, February 16th from 3-6pm. New members will be received into the church on the Fifth Sunday of March- March 30th. This includes a time of instruction, a tour of our building, and dinner together in the Welcome Center. Sign up at the Welcome Center desk. Questions: Text or contact Pastor Amy for answers.

2025 COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

*Revised 12/31/2024 - *May be subject to change*

LEADERSHIP TEAM (LAY LEADERSHIP TEAM):

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amy Peters (chair, Pro Temp)

Assistant Pastor: Cliff Werline

Lay Director: Laura Calzone

Ex-Officio Lay Delegate: Tom Bailey

Secretary: Brenda Stephens

Ed Hearn

Pat DeFeo

Laura Calzone

Sandy Vidro

Cliff Werline

Mark Peters

PASTOR STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Class of 2025

Karen Dejong

Debbie Clark

Cliff Werline

Class of 2026

Nancy Furman-Hargis

Roberta Berger

Class of 2027

Pat DeFeo

Mike Jones

EX-OFFICIO (with vote):

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Chair: Walter Erbenich

Ex-officio: (with vote): Tom Bailey

Pastor: Amy Peters

Treasurer: Ed Hearn

Treasurer's Assistant: Walter Erbenich

Financial Secretary: Tom Sterling

Lay Director: Laura Calzone

Chair of Trustees: Mark Peters

SPRC: Tom Bailey/Karen DeJong

Recording Secretary: Brenda Stephens

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Class of 2025

Cliff Werline

Tom Bailey

Class of 2026

Mike Jones

Class of 2027

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Chairperson: Mark Peters

Secretary: Brenda Stephens

Lay Delegate: Tom Bailey

Class of 2025

Donna Harden

Ron Schmidt

Walter Erbenich

Class of 2026

Randy Kinch

John "Randy" Keim

David Lang, Jr.

Tom Bailey

Class of 2027

Walter Erbenich

Mark Peters

Tom Sterling

EDUCATION TEAM:

Pastor Amy Peters

Valerie West

Cliff Werline

Ellie Kwick

David Lang

Pat DeFeo

Amanda Lang

Sandy Vidro

Bonny Jones (Sub)

MUSIC

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Maria Bezilla

OUTREACH TEAM/MISSIONS: Cliff Werline

WORSHIP TEAM:

Chairperson: Steve Calzone
Altar Guild: Fran Hershberger
Chief Usher (Traditional): Arlene Skotnicki
Chief Usher (The Branch): Laura Calzone
Communion Stewards: Arlene Skotnicki, Cindy Pascuzzo

Music Director: Maria Bezilla
Worship Team Leader: Jeff Knoettner
Flower Coordinator: Lynn Armstrong
Pastor Amy Peters
Linda Keim

EMPOWERMENT TEAM: NOT ACTIVE

No Leadership as of 2024 (Praying for Leadership)

EVANGELISM TEAM

Tom Bailey
Pat Defeo
Pastor Amy Peters
Cliff Werline

Patty Bailey
Gretchen Elixon
Mark Peters

Laura Calzone
Sandy Vidro
Ann Meddings

AUDIO/VISUAL/LIVESTREAM COORDINATOR

Joseph Pukatsch

HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR

Kathy Bailey

NURSERY VOLUNTEER

Tori Bezilla

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Brenda Stephens

YOUTH DIRECTOR

David Lang, Sr.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Amanda Lang
James Lang
Valerie West
Tom Bailey
Patty Bailey
Corrine Coates
Beth Friday
Laura Calzone
Amy Peters



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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Church office hours are Tuesday – Thursday 9-3 pm
Worship hours are Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am
5th Sunday One Service time 10:00 am

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302-218-5896
Cliff Werline, Assistant Pastor
302-588-7823

JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study 1:00pm	2	3 SURGE 7 - 9pm	4 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
5 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am Class Meeting 3:00pm	6	7 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 7pm	8 Rebecca's Circle 10am Bible Study 1:00pm ALPHA 7pm	9	10 SURGE 7 - 9pm	11 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
12 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am	13	14 Prayer Group 9am Finance Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	15 Bible Study 1:00pm ALPHA 7pm	16	17 SURGE 7 - 9pm	18 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
19 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am	20	21 Prayer Group 9am Leadership Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	22 Bible Study 1:00pm ALPHA 7pm	23	24 SURGE 7 - 9pm	25 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
26 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am	27	28 Prayer Group 9am Trustees Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	29 Bible Study 1:00pm ALPHA 7pm	30	31 SURGE 7 - 9pm	