

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

APRIL 2025

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART....THE FAMILY OF GOD, continues...

A great German statesman Konrad Adenauer, chancellor of Germany from 1949-1963, said, "The most important thing in the world is the resurrection of Jesus. If Jesus is alive, then there is hope for the world. If He is still in the grave, then there isn't the slightest glimmer of hope on the horizon." For three days Jesus lay dead. Jesus had been brutally tortured and left to die on Calvary's cross. BUT GOD fulfilled what was foretold! On the third day, Jesus arose from the grave- proving He was truly the Son of God, as He had said. John 14: 19 Jesus told His disciples, "Because I live, you also will live." The message of Easter continues throughout eternity:

GOD IS! GOD LOVES! AND GOD RULES AND REIGNS OVER ALL!

Receive our Risen Savior into your life by faith in Jesus, the Lamb of God.

"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His Name,
He gave the right to become 'children of God...children born of God.'"

Easter is the day that forever changed the world!

Let this Easter to come 2025 forever change your heart, your life and your destiny! Another prophetic word is yet, any day now Jesus will return in all His glory in the Easter sky! Join with all of your Atonement Church family in worship, fellowship, discipleship, missions and evangelism. Receive this reminder from First Peter, chapter 3, verse 8, from the Living Bible Version:

"And now this word to all of you: "You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds." As John Wesley taught, let us take care of one another in love; staying in love with God and doing good. Finally, just to sum things up: let all you do be done in love, unity, and returning good for evil as Jesus has shown us mercy. Prepare for the best is yet to come! All glory to God! Amen.

Happy and blessed Resurrection Day to all!

Your devoted pastor,

Amy

HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY!

*Atonement Methodist Church, Pastor Amy, the staff, its congregation and its friends
prays that you have a blessed, happy, and spiritually prosperous Resurrection Sunday!
It is a day to rejoice and be glad that Jesus is alive! Jesus has risen from the dead!
Let all the world rejoice and be glad!*

APRIL 2025 LENT CONTINUES

SUNDAY April 6

Holy Communion

Donations to Communion Fund for Missions

Message: "GOOD FRIDAY"

Speaker: Mark Peters

Scripture Reading: Mark 15: 1-15

Sermon Title: The King's Trial

SUNDAY April 13 Palm Sunday

Traditional Service: Easter Cantata

Video: "Hosanna"

The Branch: Palm Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11

Speaker: Pastor Amy

Sermon Title: "King of Peace"

Sermon Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus #189

THURSDAY April 17 Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm

Scripture Reading: Luke 22: 7-20

Sermon Title: "REMEMBER"

Speaker: Pastor Amy

FRIDAY April 18 Good Friday

Special Music: Michael Card's- "Why?"

Speaker: Mark Peters

Scripture: Matthew 27: 11-54

Sermon Title: "The King's Trial"

Recruit 4 Bible readers:

Jesus before Pilate verses 11-26;

The Soldiers Mock Jesus verses 27-31;

The Crucifixion verses 32-44;

The Death of Jesus verses 45-54

SUNDAY April 20 EASTER SUNDAY

Video: Welcome To Our Church, Easter!

Scripture Reading: John 20: 1-18

Title: "We Have Seen the Lord!"

Special Event: Poetry Readings with the Sunday School students

SUNDAY APRIL 27 HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

"Jesus loves a Good Party!"

M.C. (Master of Ceremonies): Mark Peters

Scripture Reading: John 15:11

(100 verses about humor and laughter: openible.info)

DON'T LOSE HEART

God's PURPOSE is greater than your pain, and He has a GREATER purpose than your problems. Your crises are not going to slow down the purpose of God - have CONFIDENCE in that. Max Lucado

Advice for Christian Living

"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."

John Wesley

P.S. "Earn all you can, give all you can, save all you can."

Happy Birthday APRIL!

5 - Crystal Eckenroad

6 - Joan Northwood

11 - Jeff Knoettner

14 - Anna Mangini

20 - Tom Sterling

24 - Earl Pullman

24 - Philip Komorny

25 - Jane Anne Weist

29 - Gail Basson



To walk with Him is to walk in light. The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? Psalm 27: 1

SPECIAL EASTER SUNDAY EVENTS!!

Coffee and donuts between worship services on Sunday morning: 10am to 11am. P.S. Don't be late for Contemporary Worship... the Worship Team is roaring to praise our Risen Savior!!!

POETRY READINGS: HEY MOM AND DADS, GRANDPARENTS, AND FRIENDS- STUDENTS from our Sunday School will be blessing our congregation with selections of poetry for our special day.

ALSO, on Resurrection Sunday morning, be sure to bring in some Spring flowers from your yard, from a florist, or silk flowers- to decorate the cross in Atonement's front yard. It is one of our beautiful traditions and it always blesses our community and our church! Thanks to all who donate flowers!

REBECCA'S CIRCLE-

Coming This Wednesday
Meeting on Wednesday, April 9th at the home of Jane Anne Weist.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2025 also known as Sports Camp at the Knollwood Community Center needs a team to organize for this summer. Please pray for leaders and helpers! Contact Pastor Amy to join the team. Let's get an early start this year and make it the best one ever.

CLASS MEETINGS LIFE GROUPS have been a wonderful experience. There were three groups meeting these past weeks in discussion of how God is moving in their lives. Class Meetings will resume in January 2026.

*HOPE Be STRONG and courageous, all you who put your HOPE in the LORD.
Psalm 31: 24*

"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 APRIL 2025

April 6

Traditional Amy Peters
The Branch Amy Peters

April 13 PALM SUNDAY

Traditional Linda Cobourn
The Branch Pat DeFeo

April 20 EASTER SUNDAY

Traditional Linda Cobourn
The Branch Laura Calzone

April 27 HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

Traditional Arlene Skotnicki
The Branch Mark & Amy Peters

And now this word to all of you: You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds. 1 Peter 3:8



*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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APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Prayer Group 9am Worship Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	2	3	4	5 Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Class Meeting 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm
6 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am	7	8 Prayer Group 9am Finance Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	9 The Explorers 11am Amy's Last Class Meeting 6:30pm	10	11 SURGE 7 - 9pm	12 Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Class Meeting 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm
13 PSALM SUNDAY Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am	14	15 Prayer Group 9am Leadership Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	16 Rebecca's Circle 10am	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30pm	18 GOOD FRIDAY 12noon	19 Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Class Meeting 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm
20 EASTER WORSHIP 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am	21	22 Prayer Group 9am Trustees Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	23	24	25 SURGE 7 - 9pm	26 Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Class Meeting 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm
27 HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am	28	29 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 7pm	30			