

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTIONS

MAY 2025

## **WELCOME** TO ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH'S 56TH PASTOR, BRANDON HARRIS

Pastor Brandon is from Wilmington, Delaware. He attended Concord High School where he swam for four years. He also rowed for Wilmington Youth Rowing Association. He attended Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania where he obtained his Associates of the Arts Degree. After graduating he enlisted in the United States Army. He is single with three sons, Harlan, Finnigan and Lucas.

Growing up he attended Shiloh Baptist Church with his family. While in college he attended Park United Methodist Church. In 2018 he attended the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Licensed Local Pastor School. He has experience in Behavioral Health Safety, Associate Youth Pastor, Congregational Care, and being a Pastor. He is currently working toward becoming an ordained pastor with the Global Methodist Church and he is currently attending Wesley Biblical Seminary.

Thanks be to God for this amazing and awesome new pastor! Brandon is an answer to our prayers and we are looking forward to getting to know him and his family. His official start date is on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Brandon's gifts of the Holy Spirit begin most importantly with Evangelism, followed by Teacher, Shepherd, Apostle, and a Prophet. These gifts will help Brandon to "Connect the Claymont Community and Beyond to Jesus Christ our Savior!" Please cover Brandon in prayer and support him in any way you can! God has truly sent us one of His finest to be Atonement's shepherd! Together we will worship, fellowship, study, serve, and evangelize to build the Kingdom of God here on earth - and to the glory of GOD! AMEN.

**In Christ, *Amy***



# Happy & Blessed Mother's Day





**S.U.R.G.E SPRING FUNDRAISER** coming May 10th – 9 to 3pm. We are having a Yard Sale, Bake Sale & Car Wash!! Prices for food are as follows: Soft Pretzels & Hot Dogs \$2, Root Beer Floats \$5, Water, Chips, Brownies, Cup Cakes and Cookies \$1. Donations for Yard Sale & Bake Sale are appreciated. Contact Amanda Lang at 610-930-6747. Come out, have a good time and support the youth of Atonement.



**KNEEL FOR ISRAEL** is one of Atonement's ministries of prayer that is critically important at this time. We need praying persons to sign up! With the Middle East engulfed in wars for over 500 days, now is the time the Jewish nation needs prayer coverage. Pray for God to provide for their dire situations including threats of annihilation. Israeli's need protection and help from loss of life, homes, and everyday necessities. Visit the display in the "red sofa area" to learn more. Ask at the Welcome Center, if you need help.

**GIVE UNTO THE LORD.** "BRING THE WHOLE TITHE INTO THE STOREHOUSE... AND I WILL POUR OUT FOR YOU A BLESSING UNTIL IT OVERFLOWS!" MALACHI 3:10

## ATONEMENT'S FINANCIAL

**CAMPAIGN** began Sunday, April 13 with the Financial Chairperson, Walter Erbenich's announcement. Atonement's finances have been in decline. It is understandable with the present economy and inflation, money is tight for many in our congregation. Yet, by faith and standing on the Word of God, the Finance Team is asking for the 151 "giving units" of Atonement Church to give an additional \$5.00 per week to their regular offering. Also, we will restart the use of Passing the Offering plates during worship, hoping to generate additional giving. In taking these steps, we will generate approximately \$40,000.00 within a year. Walter will be giving updates in the coming months.



## Happy Birthday MAY!

5 - Noah Lang  
8 - Tom Bailey  
8 - Todd Bezilla  
11 - Voni McMinn  
16 - Diane Hill  
17 - Walter Mitchell  
19 - Daniel Yoder  
26 - Nathan Yoder  
29 - Ewnetu Gebremariam  
31 - Valerie Pilkington

*She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Proverbs 31:26*



### *A Mother's Prayer*

*Thank you, Lord,  
for bringing my children  
into my life.*

*Help me guide them and  
teach them through example  
to lead lives of wisdom  
and strong, loving faith.*

*Please let them learn  
to serve you always  
in thought and deed.  
And remind me, Lord,  
to always be there  
for my family  
as you are always  
there for me.*

*Amen*

## **"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.

### **REBECCA CIRCLE MEETING**

2nd Wednesday of the month. May's meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, at 10:00 am.

### **REBECCA CIRCLE BAKE SALE**

May 18th we will be selling baked goods before and after both services. Please bring donations of baked goods to the church. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center. Thank you.

### **REBECCA CIRCLE ANNUAL PICNIC**

Attention Women of Atonement Methodist Church! - We will be having our Annual Picnic at Debbie Clark's House - Wednesday, June 11 at 5pm. The address is 2 Bell Road, Wilmington, DE 19809. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center. For questions please contact Debbie at 302-650-7920.

## 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

The Global Methodist Church, now two years old, is experiencing remarkable growth worldwide. In the Northeast United States, the church comprises 187 congregations spanning 13 states, from Maine to West Virginia. Officially launched in January 2024, the Northeast region held its inaugural Convening Annual Conference in April. The Conference is now fully operational and preparing for its 2025 Annual Conference, where members and leaders will come together to worship, celebrate ministry growth, and recommit to the mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe." The Reverend Steven Taylor, Conference Superintendent of the Northeast Global Methodist Church, has announced that the 2025 Annual Conference will take place at Grace Christian Fellowship in Cortland, NY. This annual gathering is a cornerstone event for the church, bringing together leaders and volunteers for prayer, worship, strategic planning, and administrative actions.

The Annual Conference is an important time in the life of the church as leaders and volunteers come together for prayer, worship, administrative actions and planning for priorities. Reverend Taylor shared, "After many years of work, we are now able to focus on further refining our systems and strengthening our systems to support continued growth throughout the Northeast."

The theme for the 2025 Conference is "Fanning the Flame", inspired by 2 Timothy 1:6-8: "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God."

More information about the 2025 Annual Conference agenda, keynote speakers, leaders, and arrangements, are available below.

Questions about our 2025 Conference can be directed to: [sessions@northeastgmc.org](mailto:sessions@northeastgmc.org)

## DOOR OF HOPE SPRING FUNDRAISER:

Baby Bottle Benefit May 4 - June 1 Learn more at their website, [nicole@adoorofhope.org](mailto:nicole@adoorofhope.org). Monetary donations can be put in the large water bottle in the Welcome Center or in the collection jar at The Branch. Checks are welcome to the Door of Hope. Free bracelets and stickers. Learn more at their website [adoorofhope.org](http://adoorofhope.org)

**LIBRARY BOX** - Archmere Academy and Atonement Church are responsible for the little library by the bus stop. We need donations of books for all ages. We need to someone to fill the library and take care of it when empty. Please contact the church office if you are interested. 302-798-8472



**RETIREMENT TEA** - Please join us for Pastor Amy and Mark's Retirement Tea. Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 2:00pm in room 102. Come thank Amy and Mark and get a hug!

## LITURGIST MAY 2025

### May 4

Traditional Amy Peters

The Branch Amy Peters

### May 11

Traditional Ellie Kwick

The Branch Pat DeFeo

### May 18

Traditional Linda Cobourn

The Branch Laura Calzone

### May 25

Traditional Arlene Skotnicki

The Branch 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.



### **Atonement Methodist Church**

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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

Pastor Amy Peters, Lead Pastor

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# MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 SURGE 7 - 9pm	3 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
4 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am	5	6 Prayer Group 9am Worship Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	7	8	9 SURGE 7 - 9pm	10 S.U.R.G.E. Fundraiser 9am to 3pm Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Bible Study 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm
11 MOTHERS DAY Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am	12	13 Prayer Group 9am Finance Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	14 Rebecca's Circle 10am	15	16 SURGE 7 - 9pm	17 TEA PARTY 2pm Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Bible Study 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm
18 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am	19	20 Prayer Group 9am Leadership Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	21	22	23 SURGE 7 - 9pm	24 Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Bible Study 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm
25 "REMBERENCE SUNDAY" Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27 Prayer Group 9am Trustees Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	28	29	30 SURGE 7 - 9pm	31 Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Bible Study 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm