

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

OCTOBER 2025

SIP AND SHARE SUNDAYS - If you have enjoyed morning snacks and sharing time with friends between worship services in the past, here is a wonderful opportunity for you to engage and volunteer. Please sign up at the coffee station to bring in treats and do the cleanup one Sunday. Treats can be anything you like to eat with your morning beverage. Cleanup is simply taking your leftover treats with you (or leave in the Welcome Center for others to enjoy during the week) and wipe the island top where the food was placed. Tom Sterling and Roberta Berger co-chair this committee. If you would like to join the team, that would be awesome. Just let Roberta Berger know – RARLBerger@gmail.com. Thank you in advance. We look forward to sipping and sharing with you. PS - Let Roberta know if you would like to see a luncheon after the second service considered. Things to ponder are what types of foods and how often.



3RD QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Good morning Church Family. My name is Walter Erbenich and I am the finance chairperson and authorized person on all banking accounts for our church. I gave a report on our finances after the first quarter and planned to give one on the following quarters. I missed the second quarter due to an operation and want to thank my church family for the many get well prayers. So here we are after the 3rd quarter and the news is not good. Our 2025 budget is \$246,541 and so far our giving is \$118,271. This is where we should of been half way through the year not three quarters through the year. Next month in October we will be discussing the 2026 budget and the news is we will have to make significant cuts to our plans for all areas of our budget. We help many organizations in Claymont and surrounding areas and, unfortunately, we will have to curtail some of this support. Some of the programs at our church wii have to be curtailed if we can not reach our financial goals. This is a topic that I don't like to shout about but this needs to be discussed. We need more help this year. Thank you for your concern with this matter. This is our church and we want it to continue to do well. Walter Erbenich

S.U.R.G.E. WILL BE HAVING ANOTHER YARD SALE, BAKE SALE AND CAR WASH ON OCTOBER 4TH.

If anyone would like to donate anything they no longer need, we would be happy to take it off your hands. Surge group can pick up, too. Any questions please contact Amanda Lang at 610-930-6747.

PASTOR BRANDON is in the planning stages of starting a midweek church service on Wednesdays. The worship times would be noon and 6:30 pm in the chapel. More details will follow. If you have any interest please contact Pastor Brandon at 302-229-9292.

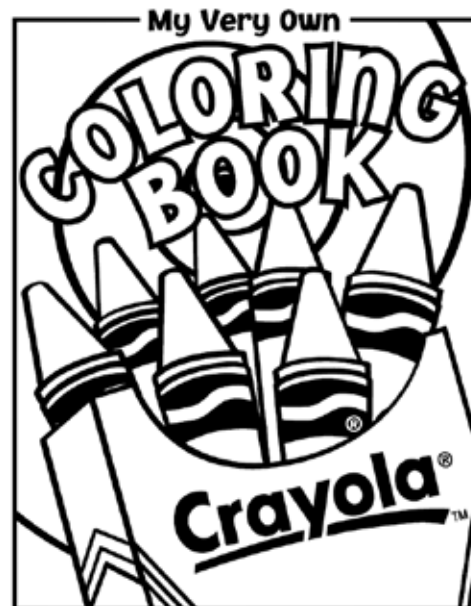
REBECCA CIRCLE - is meeting on Wednesday, October 8 at 10:00 am at Debbie Clark's home. The address is 2 Bell Hill Road, Wilmington, DE 19809. They will be starting a new study called "12 Women of the Bible". Books are available for \$10. Any questions please call Debbie at 302-650-7926.

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 October!

3 - Valerie West
8 - Cathy Knutson
10 - Sue Boggs
10 - Renee Bennett
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



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you for your donations. Beginning in October we are collecting 2 to 4 year old coloring books, 5 to 9 year old coloring books/sticker books and 2 to 4 year old wind up toys. Please put your donations in the box labeled Operation Christmas Child in the Welcome Center.

"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 OCTOBER 2025

OCTOBER 5

Traditional Pastor Brandon

The Branch Pastor Brandon

OCTOBER 12

Traditional Ellie Kwick

The Branch Pat DeFeo

OCTOBER 19

Traditional Linda Cobourn

The Branch Laura Calzone

OCTOBER 26

Traditional Arlene Skotnicki

The Branch Laura Calzone

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. Please contact the church office at 302-798-8472. And thank you to Betty Pinchin for volunteering to head this up.



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.

ATONEMENT'S NEW FACEBOOK

PAGE has been created. Please follow us at **AtonementGMC** for daily scripture and prayers.

ATONEMENT'S WEBSITE we have a new web address: **atonementgmc.com**

COUNTERS NEEDED We are in need of individuals that might have an interest in learning how to be a church counter for our weekly tithes and offerings. Please contact the church office 302-798-8472.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2025 altar flower chart is hung up outside of the nursery. If interested, please add your name and phone number to the chart or call the Church office and provide your name, the date requested and whether a side or center arrangement is requested. You will be contacted regarding the bulletin write-up closer to your sign-up date. Prices: \$20/vase; \$40/center.

WALKING WITH JESUS BLOG is in need of creative writers. The blog is on the church's website (atonementgmc.com) 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)

COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 5th

Atonement's Communion offering is now solely dedicated to the Missions Team. Donations can be made using a church envelope, cash donation, and checks made out to Atonement Church with "Communion Fund" on the memo line. This money will be used for outreach in the community, as well as globally.



*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

Pastor Brandon Harris
302-229-9292



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 SURGE 7 - 9pm	4 SURGE YARD SALE, CAR WASH & BAKE SALE Prayer Group - 9am Pat DeFeo's Bible Study 10:15am AA Meeting - 8:30pm
5 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	6	7 WORSHIP MEETING 7am AA Meeting 7pm	8 REBECCA CIRCLE 10am	9	10 SURGE 7 - 9pm	11 Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Bible Study 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm
12 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	13	14 FINANCE MEETING 7am AA Meeting 7pm	15	16	17 SURGE 7 - 9pm	18 Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Bible Study 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm
19 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	20	21 LEADERSHIP MEETING 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	22	23	24 SURGE 7 - 9pm	25 Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Bible Study 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm
26 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	27	28 TRUSTEES MEETING 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	29	30	31 SURGE 7 - 9pm	