

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2025

The Bible tells us that we should pray continually without ceasing. During the week of September 1st to September 7th the Global Methodist Church is partnering with a global initiative to connect counties around the globe for a week of unbroken prayer 24/7. Their vision is every continent, every nation and every state participates in this call to prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to work among us for revival and a Great Awakening. You can go to the Global Methodist website to sign up for a particular time and date if you feel moved to do so. Or pick a time to pray every day on your own. Pray throughout the day for a week. Come on Atonement this is a great way to serve the church. There is great power in prayer. Can you imagine how our God will answer the same prayer being said around the world. This is an opportunity to make history in the name of Jesus!

This is a prayer for Revival from Prayers that avail much.

Father, in the name of Jesus, You have revived us again that Your people may rejoice in You. Thank you for showing us Your mercy and loving-kindness, O Lord, and for granting us Your salvation. You have created in us a clean heart, O God, and renewed a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit with us. You have restored unto us the joy of your salvation, and You are upholding us with a willing spirit. Now we will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted and return to You.

We therefore cleanse our ways by taking heed and keeping watch according to Your Word confirming our lives to it. Since Your great promises are ours, we cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles our bodies and spirits and bring consecration to completeness in the fear of God. With our whole hearts we sought You, inquiring for You and of You and yearning for You; O let us not wander or step aside from Your commandments. Your Word have we laid up in our hearts, that we might not sin against You.

Jesus, thank You for cleansing us through the Word - the teachings - which You have given us. We delight ourselves in Your statutes; we will not forget Your word. Deal bountifully with Your servants, that we may live; and we will observe Your Word (hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it).

Father, in the name of Jesus, we are doers of the Word and not merely listeners to it. It is You, O Most High, Who has revived and stimulated us according to Your Word! Thank You for turning away our eyes from beholding vanity (idols and idolatry) and restoring us to vigorous life and health in Your ways. Behold, we long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness, give us renewed life. This is our comfort and consolation in our affliction: that Your Word has revived us and given us life.

We strip ourselves of our former natures - put off and discard our old unrenewed selves -

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which characterized our previous manner of life. We are constantly renewed in the spirit of our minds - having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude; and we put on the new nature, created in God's image, in true righteousness and holiness. Though our outer man is (progressively) decaying and wasting away, our inner self is be (progressively) renewed day after day. Hallelujah! Amen.



Always praying mean keeping our request constantly before God as we live for him day by day, believing he will answer. When we live by faith, we are not to give up. God may delay answering, but his delays always have good reason. As we persist in prayer we grow in character, faith, and hope.



GARDENING GODS WAY

Plant 3 row of peas

Peas of mind

Peas of heart

Peas of soul

Plant 5 rows of squash

Squash of gossip

Squash of indifference

Squash of grumbling

Squash of selfishness

PLANT 4 rows of lettuce

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce really love one another

No garden without turnips

Turnip for meetings

Turnip for service

Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience and cultivate love

There's so much fruit for your garden

Because you reap what you sow

To conclude your garden

You must have Thyme

Thyme for God

Thyme for study

Thyme for prayer

Thyme for each other

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is that time again for donations. Beginning in September we are collecting band aids, travel tissues, Q-tips, and glue sticks. Leave donations in the box at the Welcome Center.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet at 10:00 am on September 10th at the home of Arlene Skotnicki, 311 Lighthouse Rd, 302-268-4262. All women from the church are invited. Come, bring a friend. See what's happening.

COMMUNION SUNDAY'S

September 7th & 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.

Happy Birthday SEPTEMBER!

7 - Perry Blevins
7 - Beth Ann Friday
9 - Victoria Bezilla-Hofferth
11 - Bob Clark
13 - George Billy-Attoh
13 - Mike Jones
14 - Lynn Armstrong
15 - Nathaniel Lang
17 - Connor Atkinson
20 - David Lang, Sr.
22 - Sarah DeBerardinis
23 - Bonnie Jones
25 - Arlene Skotnicki
27 - Paula Knutson



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.

"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.

If you are going to believe in everything you read, then you might start with your bible

LITURGIST SEPTEMBER 2025

SEPTEMBER 7

Traditional Pastor Brandon

The Branch Pastor Brandon

SEPTEMBER 14

Traditional Ellie Kwick

The Branch Pat DeFeo

SEPTEMBER 21

Traditional Linda Cobourn

The Branch Laura Calzone

SEPTEMBER 28

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.

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 (atonementchurch.net) 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)

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.

THANK YOU so much for beautiful cards, prayers, and words of encouragement during my recent illness. The prayer quilt is just beautiful. I look at it everyday. Thank you. Rebecca Daswick



*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
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SEPTEMBER 2025

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