

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

DECEMBER 2025

ATTENTION COMMITTEE HEADS

Starting January 20th (3rd Tuesday) we will be meeting for leadership meetings 7pm in conference room. Worship, SPRC, Trustee's, Children's Ministry, S.U.R.G.E., Finance, Treasurer, Outreach and Women's Ministry. If any committee has been left out please contact the church office. Please have someone from your committee attend if the committee head is unavailable. It is important to have everyone represented.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 21st at 9am during the Traditional Worship Service our Sanctuary Choir will present this year's *Christmas Cantata*, "Christmas Carol Celebration." There will be opportunities for the congregation to sing Christmas Carols with the choir. Come join us in song!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT

SERVICE Pastor Brandon will be preaching a Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service at 7:30 on Wednesday, December 24.

ALTAR FLOWERS The Leadership and Worship Committees have decided to do away with all live flowers for the altar, Christmas and Easter due to the overall decline in interest and expense to the church.

FREE BOOKS IN LIBRARY Pastor Brandon is sizing down his personal library and is offering some books to the members of Atonement. The free books are on the table in the library in the Welcome Center.

FINANCIAL UPDATE October numbers were better than the previous nine months. Our percentage of where we should be after 10 months is 83%, we are at 60%. Our year end cash by our 2025 budget should be \$246,541, we are at \$148,119. We really did a great job of watching our expenses in 2025. We are hopeful the last two months of the year will be as good or better than October. The church would like everyone to have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday and a fantastic Christmas holiday. While enjoying the great times with family and friends please invite your friends and relatives to come visit and praise the lord at Atonement Global Methodist Church for the holidays. We are looking forward to meeting your spiritual needs and are here to serve you. Thank you all. Walter Erbenich

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

WATER PROJECT continues as Atonement collects coins and donations to fund the Clean Water Wells projects. Samaritan's Purse tells us on their web site that 748 million people live without access to clean water. Atonement's coin collection (in the blue water jug in the Welcome Center and in the mason jar up front at The Branch) have accumulated thousands of dollars for the Clean Well water project. Pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters (as well as cash or checks) are most welcome!

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Pastor Brandon is leading midweek church service's on Wednesdays. The worship times are 12 noon and 6:30 pm in the Welcome Center Library. For more information please contact Pastor Brandon at 302-229-9292.



“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.

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 left-over 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. 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.



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.

NATIVITY DISPLAY December 13 from noon to 6pm and December 14th from 10am to 4pm at the Church of the Ascension on Philadelphia Plke.

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

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.

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.

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.



Happy Birthday December!

- 9 - Kyle Kinch
- 10 - Ed and Jane Fisher
- 11 - Steve Prendergast
- 25 - Betty Wilbur
- 28 - Karen De Jong
- 29 - Maria Bezilla

ATONEMENT'S NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

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

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

LITURGIST/SCRIPTURE READING DECEMBER 2025

DECEMBER 7

Traditional Pastor Brandon
The Branch Pastor Brandon

DECEMBER 14

Traditional Ellie Kwick
The Branch Pat DeFeo

DECEMBER 21

Traditional Linda Cobourn
The Branch Laura Calzone

DECEMBER 28

Traditional Arlene Skotnicki
The Branch Laura Calzone



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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 WORSHIP MEETING 7am AA Meeting 7pm	3	4	5 SURGE 7 - 9pm	6 CLAYMONT CHRISTMAS PARADE Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
7 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	8	9 FINANCE MEETING 7am AA Meeting 7pm	10 LEADERSHIP/ FINANCE CLOSED MEETING 5:30 REBECCA CIRCLE 10am MIDWEEK WORSHIP 12pm & 6:30pm	11	12 SURGE 7 - 9pm	13 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
14 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	15	16 LEADERSHIP MEETING 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	17 MIDWEEK WORSHIP 12pm & 6:30pm	18	19 SURGE 7 - 9pm	20 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
21 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	22	23 AA Meeting 7pm	24 CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE 7:30pm	25 CHRISTMAS	26 SURGE 7 - 9pm	27 Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
28 Worship Service 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	29	30 AA Meeting 7pm	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE MIDWEEK WORSHIP 12pm Only			