

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTIONS

FEBRUARY 2026



## It's "SOUPer Bowl" SUNDAY SOUP SALE

**February 8, 2026**

*After 9am & 11am worship services*

Volunteer to make/donate your favorite  
SOUP / STEW / CHILI!...\$8.00 per quart  
Volunteers: Pick up soup containers  
behind the Welcome Center desk.

**Please, support this  
"Rebecca Circle" Fundraiser**

*Sign up at the Welcome Center if you would  
like to volunteer to make soup/stew/chili*

*Questions contact:  
Arlene Skotnicki 302-764-4384 or Roberta Berger*

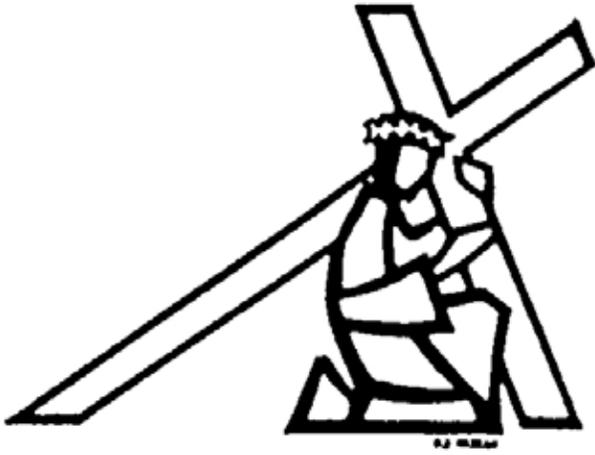
## **SAMARITAN'S PURSE**

**WATER PROJECT** continues as  
Atonement collects coins and donations to  
fund the Clean Water Wells projects. Pennies,  
nickels, dimes and quarters (as well as cash or  
checks) are most welcome!

**FINANCIAL UPDATE** Good Day  
Church Of Atonement. My name is Walter  
Erbenich and I would like to give you a  
financial update on 2025 and some informa-  
tion on the coming 2026 year. Let's discuss  
2025. We finished the year behind on our  
budget by \$55,620 dollars. Our 2025 bud-  
get was \$246,541 and we had an operating  
income of \$190,921. We did transfer money  
from our savings to make ends meet and pay  
bills in 2025. Our budget for 2026 IS BARE  
BONES, \$200,500. Our projected expenses  
are \$226,091. So from the beginning we will  
be struggling just to keep the lights on. We  
need all hands on deck to keep this church  
afloat. New business; the shingled roofs of  
our church. We repaired some shingle dam-  
age from wind. The bad news is the shingle  
roofs are already consisting of two roofs and  
any further work will require a total remov-  
al and the roofs. We are presently getting  
estimates for this work. Our first estimate is  
a staggering amount of money and we are  
awaiting more estimates. Looking up around  
the church I noticed many stains from roof  
leaking throughout. I like to consider roof  
leaks like a stitch in time saves nine. More  
news to come on the roof needs. Everyone  
be safe and have a blessed new year. Thank  
You.

## **MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE**

For the time being there is no mid week  
service until further notice.



## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

February 18th, at 6:30pm. A time of preparing for Lent by receiving Holy Communion &/or the receiving of ashes. Since Council of Nicea in AD 325, Lent is a 40 day communal focus on Jesus - time to open eyes and set straight the suffering and reality of the love of God through Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Surrender your soul; simplify your life for 40 days in order to enrich your communion with God the Father, Son, and Spirit.

## **"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.

## **SERVANT KEEPER VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for volunteers who would like to learn the our Servant Keeper Software. Currently there is only one person here who knows the computer program and we need to train others in this church management tool. Please contact the church office if you are interested. 302-798-8472

**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.

**ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEES & LEADERS** For the year of 2025, meeting nights will be Tuesday's for Worship (First Tuesday), Finance (Second Tuesday), Leadership (Third Tuesday) and Trustees (Fourth Tuesday). Be sure to mark your calendar.



**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.

**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.

**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.

### **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 February!**

- 3 - Samantha Blevins
- 5 - Miatta Ashiara
- 6 - Lyn Needs
- 8 - Tim Armstrong
- 9 - Ron Schmidt
- 19 - Nancy Furman-Hargis
- 20 - Sharyn Ford
- 24 - Joel Ugorek
- 25 - Russel Schmidt
- 26 - Timmy Armstrong

### **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**

*FEBRUARY 2026*

#### **FEBRUARY 1**

Traditional Linda Cobourn  
The Branch Laura Calzone

#### **FEBRUARY 8**

Traditional Arlene Skotnicki  
The Branch Laura Calzone

#### **FEBRUARY 15**

Traditional Ellie Kwick  
The Branch Pat DeFeo

#### **FEBRUARY 22**

Traditional Linda Cobourn  
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.



### **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

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# FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> WORSHIP SERVICE 9am & 11am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10am AA MEETING 7pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> WORSHIP MEETING 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>7</b> PRAYER GROUP 9am PAT DEFEO'S BIBLE STUDY 10:15am AA MEETING 8:30pm
<b>8</b> SOUPER BOWL SALE WORSHIP SERVICE 9am & 11am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10am AA MEETING 7pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> FINANCE MEETING 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	<b>11</b> REBECCA CIRCLE 10am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>14</b> PRAYER GROUP 9am PAT DEFEO'S BIBLE STUDY 10:15am AA MEETING 8:30pm
<b>15</b> WORSHIP SERVICE 9am & 11am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> LEADERSHIP MEETING 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	<b>18</b> ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6:30pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>21</b> PRAYER GROUP 9am PAT DEFEO'S BIBLE STUDY 10:15am AA MEETING 8:30pm
<b>22</b> WORSHIP SERVICE 9am & 11am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> TRUSTEE'S MEETING 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>28</b> PRAYER GROUP 9am PAT DEFEO'S BIBLE STUDY 10:15am AA MEETING 8:30pm