

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTIONS

JANUARY 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:  
Debbie Clark (302) 764-2309*

## 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.

**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. Please invite your friends and relatives to come visit and praise the lord at Atonement Global Methodist Church. We are looking forward to meeting your spiritual needs and are here to serve you. Thank you all. Walter Erbenich



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 18th, time TBD. 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.



**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!

## **"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.

**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)

**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.

## 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 January!

- 7 - Ellen Knapp
- 7 - Linda Cobourn
- 10 - Owen Bush
- 10 - Brian Powell
- 14 - Deone Daniel
- 17 - Alan Tryens
- 22 - Faith Yanovitch
- 23 - Shirley Hornyak
- 31 - Brenden Friday

## 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](http://atonementgmc.com)

## LITURGIST/SCRIPTURE READING

*JANUARY 2026*

### JANUARY 4

Traditional Ellie Kwick  
The Branch Pat DeFeo

### JANUARY 11

Traditional Linda Cobourn  
The Branch Laura Calzone

### JANUARY 18

Traditional Arlene Skotnicki  
The Branch Laura Calzone

### JANUARY 25

Traditional Ellie Kwick  
The Branch Pat DeFeo



*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 Brandon Harris  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>3</b> Prayer Group 9am AA Meeting 8:30pm
<b>4</b> WORSHIP SERVICE 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> WORSHIP MEETING 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	<b>7</b> MIDWEEK WORSHIP 12pm & 6:30pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>10</b> Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Bible Study 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm
<b>11</b> WORSHIP SERVICE 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	<b>12</b> MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	<b>13</b> FINANCE MEETING 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	<b>14</b> REBECCA CIRCLE 10am MIDWEEK WORSHIP 12pm & 6:30pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>17</b> Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Bible Study 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm
<b>18</b> WORSHIP SERVICE 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> AA Meeting 7pm	<b>21</b> MIDWEEK WORSHIP 12pm & 6:30pm	<b>22</b> LEADERSHIP MEETING 7pm	<b>23</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>24</b> Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Bible Study 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm
<b>25</b> WORSHIP SERVICE 9am & 11am Sunday School 10:10am AA Meeting 7pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> TRUSTEE'S MEETING 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	<b>28</b> MIDWEEK WORSHIP 12pm & 6:30pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> SURGE 7 - 9pm	<b>31</b> Prayer Group 9am Pat DeFeo's Bible Study 10:15am AA Meeting 8:30pm