

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

MARCH 2026

CLEAN TEAM Volunteers needed to clean our church. Sign up in the Welcome Center for an area that you would be willing to clean on a regular basis.

ATONEMENT VAN We would like for eight people to commit to paying \$25 a month for insurance and expenses for the van. If you would like to pledge, please submit a note to Debbie Clark.

REMINDER Leaders of all committees should attend the Leadership meeting which falls on the third Tuesday of the month. If you cannot attend please send a representative from your team.

STATISTICS Here are some approximate numbers from our Treasurer - \$6,000 coming in for February and \$10,000 going out.

VAN MINISTRY We are starting a Van Ministry at Atonement! If you know of anyone needing a ride to church on Sunday, please let Pastor Brandon or the Langs know.

THE FINANCE TEAM would like to ask you to consider making a donation to our Music Program, Memorial Fund, Building Fund or Discretionary Fund.

LEADERSHIP NEEDED Please give prayerful consideration to be becoming chairperson for the Leadership or SPRC Committees. Please notify Laura Calzone at 302-353-2761 or Pastor Brandon if you are interested.

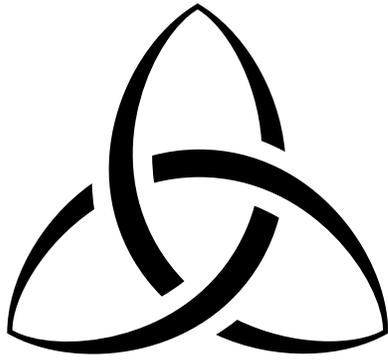
FINANCIAL UPDATE from our Chairman of Finance Committee, Walter Erbenich. We ended 2025 behind on our budget by \$55,620. Our budget was \$246,541 but we had an operating income of \$190,921. We transferred money from our savings to make ends meet and pay bills. Regarding 2026, our budget is BARE BONES \$200,500 but our projected expenses are \$226,091. So, from the beginning we will be struggling just to keep the lights on. We will need all hands on deck to keep this church afloat. As for 2026, we already know that we have roofing problems. We have two layers of shingles on our roof and they are in bad shape. Repairs will involve removing all layers and replacing with a new layer. Bids are coming in from contractors, but since we already see rain stains on the interior ceilings, we need to have this done sooner rather than later. We'll keep you updated on this important project. Everyone be safe and have a blessed New Year. Thank you.

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!

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

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



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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**

"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 March!

- 1 - Mary Anne Komorny
- 3 - Caidence Bishop
- 5 - Jen Pretzler
- 7 - Debbie Clark
- 15 - Doris Kerr
- 16 - Amanda Lang
- 19 - Andrew Joubert
- 24 - Gretchen Ellixson
- 26 - Jeanne Beachler
- 30 - Pat DeFeo
- 31 - Steve Calzone

LITURGIST/SCRIPTURE READING

MARCH 2026

MARCH 1

Traditional Arlene Skotnicki
The Branch Laura Calzone

MARCH 8

Traditional Ellie Kwick
The Branch Pat DeFeo

MARCH 15

Traditional Linda Cobourn
The Branch Laura Calzone

MARCH 22

Traditional Arlene Skotnicki
The Branch Laura Calzone

MARCH 29 - 5TH SUNDAY

Traditional Pastor Brandon



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

MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 WORSHIP SERVICE 9am & 11am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10am AA MEETING 7pm	2	3 WORSHIP MEETING 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	4	5	6 SURGE 7 - 9pm	7 PRAYER GROUP 9am PAT DEFEO'S BIBLE STUDY 10:15am AA MEETING 8:30pm
8 WORSHIP SERVICE 9am & 11am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10am AA MEETING 7pm	9	10 FINANCE MEETING 7pm AA Meeting 7pm	11 REBECCA CIRCLE 10am	12	13 SURGE 7 - 9pm	14 PRAYER GROUP 9am PAT DEFEO'S BIBLE STUDY 10:15am AA MEETING 8:30pm
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