

ATONEMENT METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTIONS

APRIL 2026

**EASTER SUNDAY** bring your flowers to place on the cross out in front of the church to help decorate and celebrate what Jesus did for us.

**BAKE SALE** Rebecca Circle is having a Bake Sale on April 12th. Please sign up to bake some goodies at the Welcome Center desk. Contact Arlene Skotnicki if you have any questions.

**S.U.R.G.E. FUNDRAISER** Saturday, May 16th - 8 am to 2 pm. **YARD SALE, BAKE SALE, CAR WASH** If anyone would like to donate, please call Amanda Lang at 610-930-6747 if anything needs to be picked up. We would like for all donations to be in by Sunday, May 10th.

**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.

**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.

**FROM OUR TREASURER** Giving is up this week! Thank you for giving a little bit more. We appreciate it.

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

**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.

**NEW FINANCIAL NEWS** We will be putting the van up for sale to ease our financial burden. We need to invite new parishioners to church.

**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.

**OUR 160TH ANNIVERSARY 2026** is Atonement's 160th anniversary; let's celebrate! Use the suggestion box if you have ideas for what type of event we could have - simple, fancy, with tickets or without - anything goes. Let your voice be heard. Also, a planning team is being formed. Let Roberta Berger know if you are interested in being on this planning team.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL!**

- 1- Crystal Eckenroad
- 6 - Joan Northwood
- 11 - Jeff Knoettner
- 14 - Anna Mangini
- 22 - Tom Sterling
- 24 - Philip Komorny
- 25 - Jane Anne Weist
- 29 - Gail Basson



*A card or phone call to our home-bound 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

# APRIL 2026

| Sunday   | Monday    | Tuesday  | Wednesday                          | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|  |           |  | <b>1</b>                           | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>GOOD FRIDAY<br>SERVICE<br>12 noon<br>SURGE<br>7 - 9pm | <b>4</b><br>PRAYER GROUP<br>9am<br>PAT DEFFEO'S BIBLE<br>STUDY 10:15am<br>AA MEETING<br>8:30pm  |
| <b>5</b><br>EASTER<br>WORSHIP SERVICE<br>9am & 11am<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>10:10am<br>AA MEETING<br>7pm     | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>WORSHIP MEETING<br>7pm<br>AA Meeting<br>7pm        | <b>8</b><br>REBECCA CIRCLE<br>10am | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>SURGE<br>7 - 9pm                                     | <b>11</b><br>PRAYER GROUP<br>9am<br>PAT DEFFEO'S BIBLE<br>STUDY 10:15am<br>AA MEETING<br>8:30pm |
| <b>12</b><br>BAKE SALE<br>WORSHIP SERVICE<br>9am & 11am<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>10:10am<br>AA Meeting<br>7pm | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>FINANCE MEETING<br>7pm<br>AA Meeting<br>7pm       | <b>15</b>                          | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>SURGE<br>7 - 9pm                                     | <b>18</b><br>PRAYER GROUP<br>9am<br>PAT DEFFEO'S BIBLE<br>STUDY 10:15am<br>AA MEETING<br>8:30pm |
| <b>19</b><br>WORSHIP SERVICE<br>9am & 11am<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>10:10am<br>AA Meeting<br>7pm              | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>LEADERSHIP<br>MEETING<br>7pm<br>AA Meeting<br>7pm | <b>22</b>                          | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br>SURGE<br>7 - 9pm                                     | <b>25</b><br>PRAYER GROUP<br>9am<br>PAT DEFFEO'S BIBLE<br>STUDY 10:15am<br>AA MEETING<br>8:30pm |
| <b>26</b><br>WORSHIP SERVICE<br>9am & 11am<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>10:10am<br>AA MEETING<br>7pm              | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>TRUSTEE'S<br>MEETING<br>7pm<br>AA Meeting<br>7pm  | <b>29</b>                          | <b>30</b> |   |   |