



AVENUE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Thursday, November 10, 2016

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

Friends, it's again my turn to take over the Midweek. Pastor Wendy has been gracious enough to share space with me because I, in turn, wanted to share about a couple of things that are on my heart. Unfortunately, I am a much slower writer than Pastor Wendy, and so we have a special Thursday edition this week, my apologies for the delay.

Without further ado, enjoy the Midweek

The Election:

I don't know about you, but I am so relieved that the election is finally over. Whether you are elated with the results or disturbed by them, one thing is crystal clear. Our country is very divided and it will take intentionality and mercy and compassion for us to all come together. We will not all agree on the direction that our country should head but I hope that we can work together at the local, state, and national level. I pray that God uses the leaders that were elected to help the people of our great nation be the best that they can be. Jesus would expect no less.

Church Council Meeting:

Church Council met on October 26 to review and approve several items. The meeting included reviews by me, Finance, Trustees, and SPRC, but primarily focused on two items next year's budget and the tentative Code Purple shelter here at Avenue.

2017 Church Budget:

The bulk of the Council meeting focused on the 2017 church budget. We reviewed the numbers recommended by SPRC, Finance, and the Leadership team. These were discussed and approved. I have attached a copy of the budget and a list of leaders here at Avenue to the back of the Midweek.

The budget was constructed by the Finance and Leadership teams over the course of two months after extensive consultation with the Trustees and SPRC. We started the process by examining the tithes and offerings for the last two years. For the program years, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, we saw approximately \$612,000 come in for both years, including all Sundays and other income streams. We then applied this to the 2017 projections for cost and sought to create something balanced. The process gave us a budget that is slightly in the red, but we are praying that through the Eternal Gifts sermon series and the growth that we have seen in people who have been coming to Avenue over the last few years, we expect to close this small shortfall by the end of next year.

I do want to highlight the changes that have impacted our new budget and will affect things around the church in the next year.

First, SPRC has redone the job description of the minister of music role. This role is moving to part-time, 30 hours per week, and will be focused strictly on the music and musical groups within the church. This was done for both financial and missional reasons. As good stewards, we take the responsibility of spending church funds very seriously. Missionally, based on the survey that was done in 2014, the congregation wants us to primarily focus on the following, in this order:

- 1) Pastoral Excellence (including 2 full-time appointed pastors)
- 2) Youth
- 3) Local Outreach and Evangelism
- 4) Worship & Music
- 5) Missions

I believe these priorities align with Wesley's vision for the church, and are supported by Biblical and theological principles. The leadership of the church, the invitation to salvation to our youth, and local outreach and evangelism, worship, and missions are all clearly supported by the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), the growing faith of the believers in the book of Acts (Acts 2-8), and the various letters that make up the New Testament (1 & 2 Corinthians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Timothy, and James). The congregation desires nothing more than a vibrant and thriving church, and these

priorities will help us do what we need to in order to reach the people of Milford and beyond. Music, while absolutely vital to the worship experience, is only a part of what Avenue offers. We are committed to investing our limited resources in a way that aligns with the church's priorities.

There are also financial considerations that we need to take into account. With Pastor Wendy's position becoming an appointed one, as she pursues ordination, there are allowances and benefits that we are obligated to provide. In addition to this increase, there are serious problems with the new HVAC system that were discovered just recently. Changing the scope and hours of our music minister was a way to accommodate both the financial and missional considerations that we were facing. The decision to make the change to the music minister role was undertaken with much prayer and discussion. We all know that change is difficult and demanding. I ask that you continue to pray for and support Kevin as his role transitions in January of 2017.

Second, some line items have been added to the budget to help us invest in the priorities of the church. These include *confirmation* (to help our youth take ownership of their faith and participation in the church body), *special events* (to help us create space for new people to interact with the church body) and *missions* (to allow us to invest something in the work in the mission field). All of these enhance the work that we see God and Avenue Church doing in the world.

Third, we are investing in the facility. We have an amazing building that is utilized in so many different ways. I view the facility as a tool to help people know Christ and grow in Christ. Maintaining a 31,000 square foot building requires investment. The significant problems that we have encountered with the HVAC system will probably require \$10 to \$15 thousand in order to fix. This will have to be done if we want to be able to heat and cool the building, and we certainly will need that if we are to do ministry here.

Please review the material at the end of the Midweek and feel free to ask me about anything you see. We want our ministries to be as transparent as possible, and for you all to clearly understand what's happening at Avenue United Methodist Church.

Code Purple:

The Code Purple cold weather shelter was also approved by church council. Joyce Bonnoni and John and Kristin Elliott will be leading a group of volunteers who seek to give the homeless an alternative to sleeping on the streets in the cold weather. Currently, Avenue will be used to house only men. Women and children will be housed at the Multicultural Church at 105 NE Front Street in the Fisher Building

just a few blocks from church.

In-take will be from 7pm to 9pm. Intake will be done in the Fellowship Foyer with the guests then escorted to the Heritage Room where dinner will be served at 7:30pm. Dinners will be prepared off site and reheated in the church kitchen. Once dinner has been concluded, the furniture in the room will be removed and cots and blankets will be brought in for sleeping. The residents will have until 10pm to relax and prepare for bed Lights out will occur at 10. The guests will be awakened at 6am and feed a light breakfast. Then, the Heritage room will be reset for the day's activities, and the guests will depart by 7am. Much of the materials that we need for the shelter have been provided by Sussex County Code Purple.

Volunteers will be critical to the success of the shelter. We need people to stay overnight, help with dinner, do intake, and serve breakfast. We are actively recruiting individuals to help in all of these areas. We are inviting folks from within the congregation and community to come in and help us out. Joyce, John, Kristin, and I will be visiting other churches to invite them to partner with us on this project. We hope to make a significant impact for homelessness here in Milford.

Church Council approved support for a missionary coordinator, Kirby Schuler, who grew up here in Milford. We will be contributing \$25 per month to her work in the mission fields. She will be traveling in both the US and Central America over the next two years recruiting and training missionaries for service in Central and South America. We pray God's blessings upon Kirby and wish her well on her new adventure for Christ!

If you ever have questions about what's going on here at Avenue, please reach out to me anytime. The Kingdom of God is coming through the prayers and work of Avenue Church and I want to share the Good News with you and the rest of the world.

Pastor
Joy



From the desk of our Bishop. . .

Much Work is Needed!

As we begin Native American Heritage month it is clear that there is much work needed in this nation of ours with regards to justice and healing with our Native American citizens. On the backdrop of the Standing Rock stand-off with federal officials over an oil pipe line we ponder once again the sad discrimination that is happening there. Native American people deserve to have the assurance that they have access to clean water and respect for their tribal burial grounds. These issues and many more broken treaties and injustices have created a lingering historical trauma in the lives of our First Nation people.

This is part of the reason that the teen suicide rate among Native Americans between the ages of 15 and 24 is more than double the national average. According to the Christian Science Monitor April 2015 edition there is a sense of hopelessness among young people because of alcohol and drug abuse, bullying, violence, high unemployment, poverty. The deep-seated issues that cause this include this history of trauma and genocide of native peoples, chronic government underfunding and the lack of equal access to opportunities for advancement.

Part of our Act of Repentance that we engaged in during our annual conference sessions included the acknowledgement of the inequities and the discrimination. But its main purpose was to call us to more work as the People Called Methodists to help, especially assisting the 1.2 million American Indian and Alaska Native young people in our country.

There is hope! Native American youth are resilient in many ways. They especially find support through the study and celebration of their traditions and cultural identities. Many such programs are springing up around the country and some include the learning of almost extinct tribal languages. We can be

supporting these efforts.

I encourage you all to study these complex issues locally in your churches, donate to the Native American UM Special offering, visit a reservation, find out where the Native American people live in your midst and hear their heart and their stories. Each one of us can do at least one thing. It is my hope and prayer that someday in the future the UMC will have its first Native American bishop. Until then there is much work that is needed!



Peggy A. Johnson

CONFIRMATION

Starts November 13th

For 8th Graders and Older

Learn about the faith and the church!!

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Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in the Grier Room



GriefShare is a network of 12,000+ churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups.

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GriefShare

has begun and runs thru December 8th
(barring any cancellation due to inclement weather)

Classes run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Meets in the Grier Room

Avenue United Methodist Church

20 N. Church Street

Milford, DE 19963

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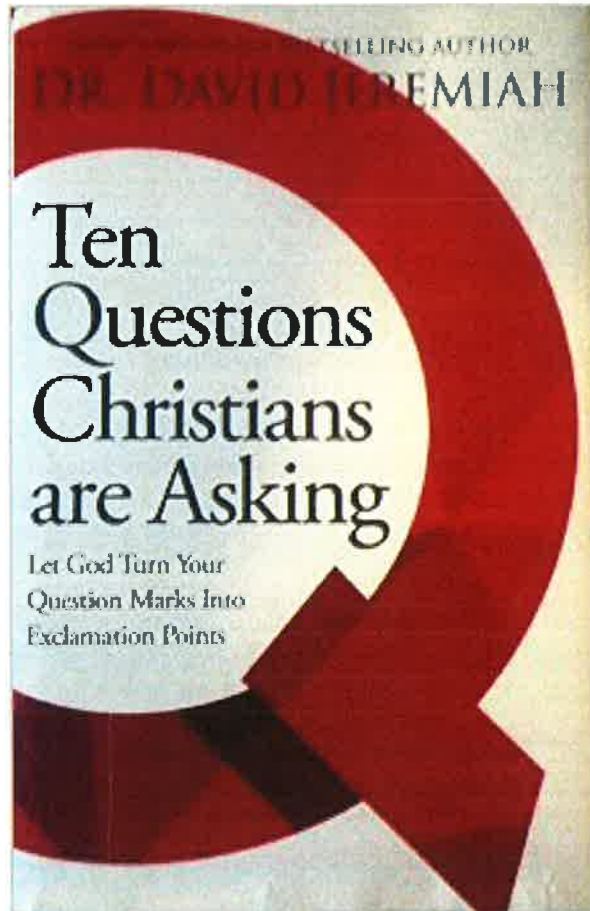
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NEW BIBLE STUDY: On Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., a new small group study led by Gary Powers will focus on the book by David Jeremiah entitled “Ten Questions Christians are Asking.” Along the way the group will discuss answers to:

- Is there a sin God cannot forgive?
- Is there only one way to God?
- How can I be sure of my salvation?
- How can I find forgiveness?
- Why don't my prayers get answered?
- What is faith?
- How can I overcome temptation?
- How can I get victory over worry?
- What is the greatest commandment?
- Why do Christians have so many problems?

If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, call Gary at (302) 422-8821. The group will be meeting in the Holzmueller Room.





“Made by Hand Showcase”

Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 18th

10:30 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 20th

9:00 a.m. thru 12:30 p.m.

Drop-off Date:

Thursday, November 17th

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Proceeds benefit:

Avenue United Methodist Women Missions

Barratt's Chapel & Museum

1780

The Independence Hall of American Methodism

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October 2016



Barratt's Celebrates Francis Asbury's 200th

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the death of the man who probably did more to shape American Methodism than any other individual. Francis Asbury was born in England in 1745, but his career played out in America. From 1771, when John Wesley sent him as a missionary to the colonies, until his death in 1816, Asbury traveled well over 250,000 miles on horseback, formed connections with all sorts and classes of people, and took the lead in transforming a small religious movement into a fast growing church which would help shape popular religion in the new United States. More Americans had met Asbury than had met the President.

Although the world has changed greatly in the last 200 years, it is likely that Barratt's is one place where Asbury would still feel at home, because the building today appears much as it did in his day. Appropriately then, Barratt's Chapel is involved in the 2016 celebration of Asbury's life.

On November 13, the premier modern biographer of Asbury, Dr. John Wigger of the University of Missouri, will be speaking at the annual anniversary service. Dr. Wigger's recent book *American Saint: Francis Asbury & the Methodists* has received widespread acclaim. The service begins at 4:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! 

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Coombes House Designated Historic Site No. 512

A few miles west of Barratt's Chapel, along State Route 12, sits the Benjamin Coombes house, which was built in 1778. Although the Coombes family were Quakers, they befriended Francis Asbury, inviting him to



stay with them and to use their house as a preaching place. Asbury would sometimes stop there when he was traveling toward Barratt's.

The house is located on a working farm. The present owner, Joe Hughes, welcomes visitors by appointment. This site also includes a portion of the original 18th century road.

At its meeting in June, the Peninsula-Delaware Conference voted to designate the Coombes house as a Conference Historic Site. The house is now included as Site #512 in a national listing of Methodist historic sites. A bronze plaque will be presented to the owner at a brief ceremony at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 13**. The public is invited to attend and tour the house. The Coombes house is located at 7320 Burnite Mill Road, Felton, Delaware. 

Sunday, November 13th Tour Historic House and Barratt's Chapel

2:00 p.m. —The Coombes House will be dedicated #512 on the National Listing of Methodist Historic Sites because Francis Asbury sometimes lodged there on his way to Barratt's Chapel. It is the residence of Joe Hughes at 7320 Burnite Mill Road, Felton, DE. (Turn West onto Burnite Mill Road (Rt 12) at Felton. The house is less than 5 miles from Rt. 13), a working farm, with a portion of the original 18th Century Road. You are invited to tour the house, meet and greet various people serving in various historical capacities and the author and keynote speaker for the 4:00 p.m. Barratt's Chapel service. Light refreshments will be served. It's about 15 minutes to Barratt's Chapel.

4:00 p.m. —Barratt's Chapel will celebrate 232 years of Methodism and Francis Asbury, sent by John Wesley, a missionary, to the colonies, serving from 1771 to his death in 1816. Dr. John Wigger, of the University of Missouri, acclaimed biographer of Francis Asbury, will be the featured speaker at Barratt's Chapel. Avenue's Sanctuary Choir will be present. Dr. Wigger's most recent book is "American Saint: Francis Asbury and the Methodists".



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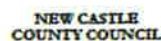


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Delaware Division of the **Arts**



Sunday
November 27, 2016
3:00 p.m.

Dover
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Orchestra 

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The Dover Symphony Orchestra
Dover Downs Rollins Center, Route 13, Dover

Join the DSO, under the direction of Donald Buxton, as we perform a wide array of seasonal music & a special feature: "Peter & the Wolf", a symphonic tale for children narrated by Betty May Hamilton. Visit the displays of our Central Delaware Artists and Artisans. Munch on festive baked goods & start your holiday shopping early! Sing along, clap your hands, tap your toes. Join us for this special treat for your entire family! Artisan displays open at 1:30 PM. Concert at 3:00 PM. Tickets available at the door or online. Valet parking available—\$5.00. Free parking lot shuttle service.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITAL VISITS: Please help the pastors by calling the church office at (302) 422-8111 when someone from the church is hospitalized.

ELECTRONIC GIVING is being offered at Avenue Church. An *Information Sheet with Authorization Agreement* is available on the table in Fellowship Foyer. Simply fill out the authorization agreement and return it to the church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you want to reserve a Sunday please call the church office then call Country Flowers. Flowers are placed in the altar vases up by the cross.

PRAYER CONCERNS PAST WEEK: Mike and Kim, Becki, all sinners, everyone associated with Code Purple, Kathryn Barnes, Barbara Vederose, the nation, Tom Price, Kathy Sullivan, Patsy Sullivan, Elizabeth "Libby" Frampton, Jim Greenly, April McIntyre, Colleen Dunham, all who are traveling, Bill Salvin and family, Kirsten Pearce, Stephen Parsons, Clareann Phipps and family, John Horsman, Barbara Horsman, Savannah, Atwood Tucker, Gary and Brenda Powers, Rowan, Charles and Geff.

Recently hospitalized: Gary Downes, Gary and Carolyn Wright.

Rejoice with: Seth Reynolds, All Sunday School helpers and Morgan Roberts.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: Merry Hutchman, Barbara Vederose, Jim Greenly, Colleen Dunham, April McIntyre, Kirsten Pearce, Nick, the family and friends of Bobbi Lauer, Rowan Howard, Lilly McBroom, Kathy Sullivan, Patsy Sullivan, Jayne Frank, all involved with Code Purple, Avenue Church, the Bullock family, Chick Donovan, all those going through divorce, Anita Fischer, family and friends of Gloria Coverdale, a brother-in-law, all those remembering the death of loved ones, the family and friends of James H. Cromer, the Peterson family, David Chipman, Bobby Walls, family and friends of Gerald Reynolds, Charles, Kathleen Shockley, Christopher, Diana Schuler, Gary Downes, John Horsman, Edie Smith, Dino and family, Amy and Johnny Howard, Jeff Carmine, Marian Dickerson, Richard Green and Katie Meadows.

Rejoice with: All who attended the Men's Emmaus meeting and served on the team, Bill and Jill Gustin and Leone Lenart,

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

♪Handbells

Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

♪MomentUM Praise Team

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♪Mispillion Children's Chorus

Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m., Music Room

♪Praise Team

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♪Sanctuary Choir

Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m., Music Room

♪AveNotes

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? If you are interested in using your musical gifts here at Avenue Church please contact Kevin Chamberlain, kbchamberlain@avenueumc.com or (302) 236-1276.

UPCOMING

AUTUMN HARVEST SALE: The United Methodist Women Autumn Harvest Sale is coming soon. You can expect to see handmade and home-made items from craft items to wreaths to knitted and hand sew items and CHEESE. Baked goods are welcome too. It is not too late to start making crafts or handmade garments to donate. Small plants, paintings, boutique type things and jewelry all are welcome. Please contact the church office, Peggy Hughes or Linda Keller to donate. Mark your calendar to come pick up some wonderful Christmas gifts at this year's Autumn Harvest Sale in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, November 18th** and **Sunday, November 20th**.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: We will continue our 5-week study "**A Call to Action**" until November 9th. Pastor Tom will lead this study in the home of Poncho and Lisa Johnson. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. with the bible study at 7:00 p.m.

GRIEFSHARE: Regardless of the circumstances, grief recovery is a difficult and painful process. If you are hurting from the loss of a loved one, please prayerfully consider attending GriefShare—a Christ-centered, biblically based support group for people grieving the loss of a loved one. This 13-week cycle continues on **Thursday, November 10th** from 6:30–8:30 p.m., in the Grier Room. Please call the church office for additional information or to register.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY will resume its study of God's Word on **November 14th** at 6:30 p.m. with *The Patriarchs – Encountering the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob*, by Beth Moore. We welcome and encourage anyone interested to join our group. Please call Cheryl Pusey (302) 381-2474 or the church office.

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: New Study: The Forgotten God will continue **November 15th** with Pastor Wendy. Please call Ginny Van Tine (302) 422-4282, Brenda Powers (302) 422-8821 or leave a message in the church office if you would like to join us. We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Grier Room.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) CIRCLES If you would like to be a part of a mission minded group of women who share, read, laugh, and grow in their faith, please come to one of the circle meetings on **Tuesday, November 15th** at 9:45 am, 1:30 pm, or 7:00 pm. If meetings don't work for you, then consider the Electronic (E) circle to stay informed about meetings, service projects and the activities of UMW. If you have questions, please contact Beth Parker at (302) 382-5581.

BOOK CLUB: We will be meeting on **November 20th** at 12:15 p.m. in the Grier Room. Bring your lunch. We will read the last chapter of "Finding My Way Home" by Henri Nouwen. All are welcome.

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY—BAPTISM: Have you ever wondered why Baptism is such a major part of Christianity? And if it's "such a big deal" than why do some denominations consider it a sacrament and others call it an ordinance? What does the Bible say about Baptism and where does the Methodist doctrine fit into the picture? All those questions and more will be addressed in a new small group study being led by Pastor Wendy on Monday mornings, continuing weekly through **November 28th** at 10:00 a.m. in the Grier Room. All who wish to understand more about this important sacrament are invited to attend.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS/LOST AND FOUND GROUP will meet Wednesday, **December 7th** at 2:00 p.m. in the **Heritage Room**. Come join us. Contact Janice Abbott at (302) 422-1863.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group will meet the **2nd Monday of each month**. The next meeting will be **December 12th** at 4:00 p.m. in the Grier Room.

OUTREACH

THE MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY: The Milford Community Pantry is so thankful for the folks at Avenue who support us with gifts of food, gifts of time and gifts of money. The need has grown over the years and currently we feed over 100 families every month. We are okay *right now with our volunteer help but I will put the call out if that changes.*

AVENUE PRESCHOOL has a limited number of openings for the 2016-17 school year. To be eligible, a child must be at least 36-months old on or before August 31st. We are a Star Level 5, Delaware Stars rated program offering a high quality early education experience. For more information contact office@avenuepreschool.org or (302) 422-8111. Be sure to visit our Facebook page and website at: www.avenuepreschool.org.

2017 CHICK-FIL-A CALENDARS FOR SALE: Each calendar comes with a Chick-Fil-A card to use for free food every month for a year! Cost \$8 each and the proceeds go to Avenue Preschool. Available in the Preschool Office. Treat yourself and buy a few for stocking stuffers or hostess gifts!

MATTHEW PROJECT is in need of a sofa and chair. Beds are always needed!. Please call Joanne at (302) 422-6152 or Norman Remick at (302) 424-7921.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE/ OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD/ SHOEBOX MINISTRY: Plan to fill a shoebox with specific items designated to bring joy to a child. The brochures telling you how to pack a shoebox are located on the Fellowship Foyer table. There are some official shoeboxes available for you if requested. Each shoebox must also include \$7.00 to cover shipping and the

discipleship course book. Each shoebox needs to be labeled with the official label designating age range and whether for boy or girl. All boxes must be at church no later than **November 13th** and earlier if possible.

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST AT THANKSGIVING: Avenue Church will have baskets available on Sunday mornings during worship with pumpkins and leaves listing the items needed to fill Thanksgiving baskets for needy families in our community. Paper turkeys have a \$20.00 donation on them to cover the cost of the turkeys which have been ordered this year. You are encouraged to take one or more shapes and return the specific item(s) on or before **November 20th**. The food will then be combined into the family Thanksgiving Dinner baskets by our FUSION youth group and distributed by the Milford Police Dept. and the Matthew Project. Our 2016 goal is 80 families, last year we were able to serve 75 families. Join Avenue in being a blessing to our community like we have been blessed by our Father and Savior.

CALY CHRISTMAS LETTER: The CALY Christmas letter will be in the Foyer for church members to sign on **Sunday, November 13th, 20th and 27th**.

PETAL PALS MINISTRY: Remember the wonderful Petal Pals ministry that has been going on at Avenue for many, many years. We want to show our appreciation to Carolyn Horwath - Williams for her wonderful ministry. A journal is available for you to sign, thank and share with her your feelings about this powerful ministry. More information on **Sunday, November 13th**.

CHRISMON TREE: For many years the Avenue family has given Christmas items to families who needs/wishes are contained on a Tag/Ornament hanging on the Sanctuary Christmas Tree. Our "Christ-centered tree" will be decorated with need tag/ornaments in the Sanctuary **Sunday, November 27th and Sunday, December 4th**. **If you take a tag/ornament, please affix the tag onto the wrapped or bagged gift. All tags/gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 11th**.

COMMUNITY

BAKER'S CONGO PARTNERSHIP - GLASSES MINISTRY: On **December 4th** we will be packing hard backed suitcases with the glasses that were sent to us from the Bakers. Please buy a cloth drawstring glasses case (\$1.00 at Dollar Store) and stuff it with \$1.00. Bring it on **Sunday, December 4th**. More details to follow this **Sunday, November 13th**. Everyone is invited to participate.

LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2015	2016
8:00	67	74
9:30	223	207
Sunday School	93	83
11:00	76	66
Thursday Service	0	20
<u>FUSION</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>38</u>
Total	459	518



The **MILFORD MUSEUM** is recognizing the men and women from the Milford area who saw military service from the Revolutionary War to the present.

Please join us for a special exhibit opening and our salute to Veteran's Day on **November 13 from **2 – 4 pm****

Contact us at 424-1080 or info@milfordDEmuseum.org
 Museum hours: Tuesday thru Saturday 10 – 3:30

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 11/13

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class, Grier Room
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

MONDAY 11/14

- 10:00 a.m. Baptism Study, Grier Room
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts—Tigers, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts—Webelos 2, Room 206
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Grier Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Pack Comm. Meeting, Heritage Room
- 7:00 p.m. First State Harmonizers, Music Room
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study, Holzmuller Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 p.m. AA, Room 206

TUESDAY 11/15

- 9:45 a.m. Sarah Circle, Jean Layton's residence
- 10:00 a.m. Archives Comm. Meeting, Archives Room
- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Carpenter Room
- 1:30 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle, Grier Room
- 5:00 p.m. DE Music School Concert, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM Praise Team Rehearsal, Wesley Room
- 6:00 p.m. Covenant Discipleship Group, Wendy's Office
- 6:00 p.m. Lay Academy Meeting, Carpenter Room, Holzmuller Room and Grier Room
- 6:00 p.m. Pre Diabetes Meeting, Heritage Room
- 6:15 p.m. Mispillion Children's Chorus, Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts—Bears, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club, Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Esther Circle, Joanne Burbage's residence

WEDNESDAY 11/16

- 10:30 a.m. Writing Group, Grier Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Group, Grier Room
- 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Music Room
- 5:00 p.m. Instrumental Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion, Room 202
- 6:00 p.m. AveNotes, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts—Webelos 1, Wesley Room
- 6:45 p.m. Pride of Delmarva, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 11/17

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 2:30 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion, Room 202
- 6:00 p.m. Lay Academy, Heritage Room, Carpenter Room and Room 206
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts—Wolves, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Grier Room
- 6:30 p.m. New Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC, Holzmuller Room

FRIDAY 11/18

- 10:30 a.m. UMW Autumn Harvest, Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Best Buddies, Wesley Room
- 8:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SATURDAY 11/9

- 9:00 a.m. Lay Academy, Sanctuary, Heritage Room and Grier Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 11/20

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:00 a.m. UMW Autumn Harvest, Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class, Grier Room
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Book Club, Grier Room
- 1:00 p.m. Troop 186 Comm. Meeting, Heritage Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room

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**LEADERSHIP TEAM 2016-2019
CHURCH COUNCIL**

Required Positions Elected by the Charge Conference

CHAIRPERSON:	Danny Vezmar, 2017
LAY LEADER:	Barbara Rutt
LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE:	Barbara Rutt
LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE:	Beth Parker
LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE:	Jennifer Antonik
LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESERVE MEMBER:	Vaughn Webb
LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESERVE MEMBER:	June McNamara
CHAIRPERSON, STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS:	Jack Sheaffer
CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:	Bob Berglund
CHURCH TREASURER	Ed Steiner
YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE	Dylan Lloyd
PASTOR:	Tom Pasmore
ASSOCIATE PASTOR	Wendy Owen
YOUTH PASTOR	Cliff McCall
MINISTER OF MUSIC	Kevin Chamberlain
CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:+	Jim Clendaniel
PRESIDENT OF UNITED METHODIST MEN:+	Rob Craig
PRESIDENT OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:+	Beth Parker

Other Church Leaders; Ex-Officio with vote.

ARCHIVES	Russell French
BARRATT'S CHAPEL LIAISON:	Carolyn Humes
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:	Sarah Pasmore
COLLEGE OUTREACH:	Joe Lear
EVANGELISM:	TBD
FAMILY MINISTRIES:	TBD
FINANCIAL SECRETARY:	Harriet Davies
HEALTH MINISTRIES:	Peggy Hughes
LIBRARIAN:	Kaye Majoch
MATTHEW PROJECT:	TBD
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:	Don Fisher
MISSIONS:	TBD
PETALS PROJECT:	TBD
PRE SCHOOL DIRECTOR:	Paula Yeich
RECORDING SECRETARY:	Lee Tyrrell
SAFE TEAM CHAIRPERSON:	Sarah Pasmore
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:	Sherry McKee
SCOUTING CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE:	Rick Bennett
VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION:	Larry Hughes
WORSHIP:	TBD

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Term Expires 2017

Bill Byer

Term Expires 2018

Holly Helmick

Term Expires 2019

Joan King

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – Bob Berglund, Chairperson

Term Expires 2017

Everett Bennett

Elaine Price

Term Expires 2018

Garry Grier

Vaughn Webb

Term Expires 2019

Bob Berglund

Al Lauckner

Ex officio members with vote:

Church Council Chair, Danny Vezmar

Financial Secretary, Harriet Davies

Assistant Financial Secretaries: Marty Brereton, Jo Wood

Lay Leader, Barbara Rutt

Lead Pastor, Tom Pasmore

Treasurer, Ed Steiner

Assistant Treasurer, Elaine Willey

Trustees Chair, Jim Clendaniel

SPRC Chair, Jack Sheaffer

AUDIT COMMITTEE – Al Lauckner, Carolyn Humes, Elaine Price**COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP – Tom Pasmore, Chairperson**

Term Expires 2017

Peggy Hughes

Stephanie Prouse

Linda Rogers

Term Expires 2018

Joyce Voshell

Toni Zeveny

Mary Lou Sheaffer

Term Expires 2019

Pat Craig

Pat Fisher

Laurel Pastor

Ex officio members with vote: Lay Leader: Barbara Rutt

COMMITTEE ON STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS – Jack Sheaffer, Chairperson

Term Expires 2017

Beth Parker

David Sockrider

Jo Wood

Term Expires 2018

Crystal Webb

Jack Sheaffer

Heather Evans

Term Expires 2019

Bonnie Carmine

Greg Abbott

Matt French

Ex officio members with vote: Lay Leader: Barbara Rutt

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Jim Clendaniel, Chairperson

Term Expires 2017

Jack McDuff

Jack Dickerson

Randy Ennis

Term Expires 2018

Judy Grier

Lloyd Webb

Rick Bennett

Term Expires 2019

Jim Clendaniel

John Elliott

Dawn Rothermel

Ex-officio members without vote: Associate Pastor, Wendy Owen

LEADERSHIP TEAM – Danny Vezmar, Chairperson
Lay Leader, Barbara Rutt; Lead Pastor, Tom Pasmore; Trustees Chair, Jim Clendaniel,
SPRC Chair, Jack Sheaffer; Finance Chair, Bob Berglund
Ex-officio members without vote: Treasurer, Ed Steiner

OTHER COMMITTEES

SAFE TEAM – Sarah Pasmore, Chairperson
Rob Masten, Laurie Mullen, Nicole Wilkins, Preschool Director

CAMP PECOMETH REP – Tom Pasmore

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES – TBD

UMYF COORDINATOR – Cliff McCall

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – Sherry McKee, Chairperson
Church Council Chair; Pastor; UMM President; UMW President, Lay Leader; Trustees
President; and Youth Pastor

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS - Don Fisher, Chairperson
Joan Emory, Fran Johnson, Leon Tschantre, Dick and Pat Crabb
Ex-officio member with vote – Tom Pasmore, Pastor

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ARCHIVES – Russell French, Chairperson
Peggy Jones, Bob Voshell, Pam Wilkerson, Josh and Elaine Willey

PRESCHOOL BOARD+ – Louise O'Bier, Chairperson; Kristina Vezmar, Vice-Chair
Janelle Layton, Lara Lee, Laurie Moorman, Dan Rothermel, Christy Stevenson, David
Vezmar

Ex officio members with vote: Director, Paula Yeich
Business Director, Andrea Prettyman
Curriculum Coordinator, Cindy Mackesey
Pastor, Tom Pasmore

+ Elected by Organization

Avenue United Methodist Church Budget vs. Actuals: Budget - 2017 - FY17 P&L

January - December 2017

	Total	
	Actual	Budget
Income		
3000 Revenue/Receipts		
3010 Contributions for General Fund		
3010-10 Envelopes		500,000.00
3010-15 Plate Donations		20,000.00
3010-20 Youth Ministry		0.00
3010-25 Initial for envelopes		750.00
3010-30 Stock Contributions		3,000.00
3010-35 Christmas		6,000.00
3010-45 Easter/Lent		4,000.00
3010-50 Electronic deposits		53,000.00
3010-55 Thanksgiving		2,700.00
3010-90 Music		0.00
3010-96 VBS		500.00
Total 3010 Contributions for General Fund	0.00	589,950.00
3015 Designated Ministries Income		
3015-10 Adult ed		0.00
3015-30 Family ministries		0.00
3015-40 Fellowship		0.00
3015-50 Flowers		1,000.00
3015-70 Youth/Fusion		3,400.00
Total 3015 Designated Ministries Income	0.00	4,400.00
3030 Sunday School		1,500.00
3040 Other Income		0.00
3040-10 Building Use		3,000.00
3040-60 Pre-school		0.00
3040-99 Miscellaneous		4,000.00
Total 3040 Other Income	0.00	7,000.00
3050 Transfers To Church GF		0.00
3055 Bequests		0.00
3060 Investment balance changes		0.00
3070 Interest		9,200.00
3090 Journey of Faith		0.00
3090.5 Debt repayment		0.00
Total 3090 Journey of Faith	0.00	0.00
Total 3000 Revenue/Receipts	0.00	612,050.00
3090		0.00
Total Income	\$0.00	\$612,050.00

	Total	
	Actual	Budget
Gross Profit	\$0.00	\$612,050.00
Expenses		
5100 Sr Pastor		
5110 Salary		44,075.00
5120 S S Allowance		4,940.00
5130 Housing Allowance		20,500.00
5140 Health Insurance		16,846.00
5150 Pension & Disability		11,341.00
5160 Expense Allowance		3,000.00
5170 Continuing Education		1,500.00
Total 5100 Sr Pastor	0.00	102,202.00
5200 Associate Pastor		
5210 Salary		38,000.00
5220 S S Expense		4,055.00
5230 Housing Allowance		15,000.00
5240 Health Insurance		15,120.00
5250 Pension & Disability		4,371.00
5260 Expense Allowance		2,600.00
5270 Continuing Education		1,500.00
Total 5200 Associate Pastor	0.00	80,646.00
5300 Youth Pastor		
5310 Salary		43,000.00
5320 S S Expense		3,290.00
5340 Health Insurance		0.00
5350 Pension		2,580.00
5360 Expense Allowance		2,600.00
5370 Continuing Education		1,500.00
Total 5300 Youth Pastor	0.00	52,970.00
5400 Adminstrative Staff		
5410 Secretary		
5410.1 Secretary Salary		16,413.00
5410.2 S S Expense		1,256.00
5410.3 Pension		985.00
5410.4 Life Insurance		0.00
Total 5410 Secretary	0.00	18,654.00
5430 Custodian		
5430.1 Salary		12,000.00
5430.2 S S expense		918.00
5430.3 Adminitstrative Staff Custodian Pension		720.00
Total 5430 Custodian	0.00	13,638.00
5440 Nursery Caretaker		0.00
5440.1 Salary		5,000.00
5440.2 S S Expense		383.00
Total 5440 Nursery Caretaker	0.00	5,383.00

	Total	
	Actual	Budget
Total 5400 Administrative Staff	0.00	37,675.00
5500 Ministry of Music		
5510 Salary - Director		50,800.00
5520 S S Expense		3,886.00
5540 Insurance		0.00
5550 MUSIC DIRECTOR'S PENSION		3,048.00
5560 Music Director's expense allowance		2,600.00
5570 Music Dir Continuing Ed		1,500.00
Total 5500 Ministry of Music	0.00	61,834.00
5600 Church Programs		
5601 Youth Minister		0.00
5610 Salary		0.00
5620 S S Expense		0.00
5640 Health Insurance		0.00
5650 Expense Allowance		0.00
Total 5601 Youth Minister	0.00	0.00
5675 Nursery Caretakers Salary		
5676 Nursery Helpers		0.00
Total 5675 Nursery Caretakers Salary	0.00	0.00
5678 Custodian Salary		0.00
5678.1 Custodian Social Security		0.00
Total 5678 Custodian Salary	0.00	0.00
5680 Programs & Ministry		
5681 Adult Education		2,500.00
5681.5 Reimbursement-adult ed		-500.00
Total 5681 Adult Education	0.00	2,000.00
5682 Contemporary Worship		2,000.00
5683 Education - Sunday School		500.00
5684 Evangelism		2,000.00
5685 Family Ministries		1,000.00
5685.5 Reimbursement - Family ministries		0.00
Total 5685 Family Ministries	0.00	1,000.00
5686 Fellowship		2,000.00
5686.5 Entertainment		0.00
Total 5686 Fellowship	0.00	2,000.00
5688 Connections		2,000.00
5688.1 Confirmation		500.00
Total 5688 Connections	0.00	2,500.00
5689 Communications		4,000.00
5690 Missions		4,000.00
5690.5 Garden		0.00
Total 5690 Missions	0.00	4,000.00
5691 Music		4,000.00

	Total	
	Actual	Budget
5691.5 Praise Team		0.00
5692 Scholarships		2,000.00
5694 Vacation Bible School		2,000.00
5695 Worship		2,000.00
5695.2 Upper Room		1,000.00
5695.25 Reimbursement - Upper Room		-50.00
5695.5 Flowers		1,500.00
5695.6 Events		2,000.00
Total 5695 Worship	0.00	6,450.00
5697 Youth		10,000.00
5697.5 Reimbursement - Youth		0.00
5697.6 KICS		200.00
5697.7 Intern		2,500.00
Total 5697 Youth	0.00	12,700.00
Total 5680 Programs & Ministry	0.00	47,150.00
Total 5600 Church Programs	0.00	47,150.00
5800 Buildings & Grounds - Everyday expenses		
5881 Cleaning Service		0.00
5881-A Restroom supplies Contractor		5,000.00
5881-B Contract Labor Floors		6,500.00
5881-C Contract Labor		0.00
Total 5881 Cleaning Service	0.00	11,500.00
5883 Electric, Sewer & Water		
5883-A Electric		25,000.00
5883-B Sewer & Water		2,700.00
5883-C Trash Pick-up		2,500.00
5883-D Utility tax		1,000.00
Total 5883 Electric, Sewer & Water	0.00	31,200.00
5885 Fuel		17,500.00
5887 Church - Maintenance		0.00
5887-10 Electrical Repair & Maintenance		750.00
5887-20 Fire & safety - repair & maint		2,500.00
5887-30 Heater service		0.00
5887-40 Elevator maintenance		3,000.00
5887-50 HVAC Maintenance		15,000.00
5887-60 Auto-Van		1,000.00
5887-70 Building Maintenance		10,000.00
5887-80 Archives		500.00
5887-90 Plumbing		2,000.00
Total 5887 Church - Maintenance	0.00	34,750.00
5888 Grounds Maintenance		0.00
5888.4 Clendaniel House		3,000.00
5888.5 Repair & Maint		6,000.00

	Total	
	Actual	Budget
Total 5888 Grounds Maintenance	0.00	9,000.00
5891 Insurance		
5891-1 Property & Liability Ins		17,000.00
5891-2 Workmans Comp		4,000.00
5891-3 Van insurance		1,500.00
5891-4 Flood Insurance		0.00
Total 5891 Insurance	0.00	22,500.00
5895 Technology		4,000.00
5896 Kitchen Supplies		750.00
5899 Cemetery		4,000.00
Total 5800 Buildings & Grounds - Everyday expenses	0.00	135,200.00
5900 General & Administrative		
5910 Administrative		1,000.00
5920 Office Supplies & Expense		4,000.00
5920.5 Office reimbursement		-1,000.00
Total 5920 Office Supplies & Expense	0.00	3,000.00
5922 Copier Lease		6,000.00
5923 Copier use and supplies		5,000.00
5925 Postage		3,500.00
5930 Telephone		6,000.00
5935 Staff Development		500.00
5940 Christmas Gift		700.00
5950 Secretarial		
5952 Salary - Secretary		0.00
5956 S S Expense		0.00
5958 Health Insurance		0.00
5959 Pension Lurwick		1,800.00
Total 5950 Secretarial	0.00	1,800.00
Total 5900 General & Administrative	0.00	27,500.00
5911 Bank Charges		900.00
5915 Ministry Works Payroll Charges		750.00
5960 Finance		1,000.00
5960-10 Interest		0.00
Total 5960 Finance	0.00	1,000.00
5980 Consultant		0.00
6000 Apportionments & District Office		68,978.00
Payroll Expenses		0.00
Taxes		0.00
Wages		
Allowance		0.00
Clergy Housing Cash		0.00
Commission		0.00
Salary		0.00

	Total	
	Actual	Budget
Total Wages	0.00	0.00
Total Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$616,805.00
Net Operating Income	\$0.00	\$ -4,755.00
Net Income	\$0.00	\$ -4,755.00

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