



AVENUE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## *The Midweek*

*Wednesday, July 19, 2017*

*From the desk of our Pastors . . .*

### **Jeremiah 29:10-14**

For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

If you were in church on Sunday, you recognized the above scripture as the reading from our worship services. While the Holy Spirit always moves in the writing of sermons, we as pastors never know who will be affected by what is said. We understand that every person who hears us will take the message and reconcile it to what is going on in his or her life. Not every sermon will affect every person but as ministers we have faith that the right people will hear the right things at the right time.

Such was the case this week. For numerous reasons, all of which are unique, this scripture and the message that resulted impacted an unusually large

percentage of worshipers as evidenced by the number of people who have come to see me, called, or in other ways reached out to me. As I said in my sermon, write this passage down and keep it with you. I'm sending it to you now so you can print this out and hang it on the refrigerator, carry it in your pocket or purse, or put it somewhere that you can see it on a daily basis.

I'm not going to write much this week because nothing I can say is going to be as strong as this scripture from Jeremiah. I'm also adding the verse from Ephesians that I read. I hope you will keep both Bible verses close, in good and bad days, so that all the glory and honor can belong to God. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20 – God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Henry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



*From the desk of our Bishop .....*

## **“Don’t Worry, Be Happy”**

There was a song a long time ago by Bobby McFerrin that goes like this:

“Here is a little song I wrote  
You might want to sing it note for note  
Don’t worry, be happy  
In every life we have some trouble  
When you worry you make it double  
Don’t worry, be happy.”

This might seem a bit simplistic or naïve or maybe even impossible, but these words are also a message from Jesus. On the “Sermon on the Mount” he says: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink or about your body, what you will wear.” (Matthew 6:25). We do worry because some things in this life are extremely fearful and they challenge our very existence. Looking around this world it does not take long to have concern about the endless wars in the Middle East, North Korean long-range missile testing, senseless mass killings, deaths of people of color by law enforcement officers and deaths of law enforcement officers, global warming, healthcare safety nets up for elimination in the senate, our denomination’s conversations about unity. The list is endless. Did Jesus know all of this when he told us not to worry about our life? Some very bad things happen in life that do not get fixed up with a happy ending like in the movies.

Jesus takes us up on a mountain, above the sorrows and struggles of life, and tells us to “seek first the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness.” (Matthew 6:33) This is the bigger picture that goes beyond our present moment and lives on into eternity. Jesus knows about our sorrows. He was a “man of sorrows, acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53:3) and he promises to be with us in our suffering. As we keep our eyes on the kingdom of God, even our hard times can be used for good. We can help others who are walking our journey of suffering with the empathy and support that only those on the path can give. We can look to the promise of heaven where all things are made right and justice prevails. This is our ultimate answer when the things of life cannot bring restoration and healing. We can work for justice and love while we are still here and will find true meaning and purpose in life as we do.

It all comes down to faith. Faith is that which we cannot see but the substance of which we have full confidence. Faith gives us the patience, peace and hope for the future despite the fearful conditions of this life. Jesus reminds us not to worry like the Gentiles (who don't know God). So, believers: "Don't worry, be happy." God is with you.



*Peggy A. Johnson*

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- ♦ **Leadership Team Meeting**—August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Carpenter Room
- ♦ **SPRC Meeting**—August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Holzmueller Room
- ♦ **Trustees Meeting**—August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Grier Room
- ♦ **Church Council Meeting**—August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Grier Room

# ***2017 Yard Sale at Avenue United Methodist Church***

Donations for Yard Sale will be accepted  
Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>—Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>  
(8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.)

Large item pick up by appointment only!  
Larry (302) 745-4331 Sonny (302) 690-4953

Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.  
**“Early Bird Special” (\$1 admission this day only)**

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

All proceeds go to missions of the church

*Avenue United Methodist Church  
20 N. Church Street  
Milford, DE 19963  
(302) 422-8111*





**We need Summer Go Bags to hand out to the homeless in the community. You, your family, or your organization can put items into individual large (or extra large) zip lock bags for us to distribute to those in need.**

**Great Summer Items for Go Bags:**

**Dental care items, deodorant, bug spray, sunscreen, mini lint rollers for tick removal from clothing, water bottles, band aids, mini container of peanut butter, pop top can of soup or other protein like Vienna sausages, soft granola bars and/or fruit cup, a sleeve of saltine crackers, napkins, plastic spoons, and a note of encouragement with scripture.**

**If you, your family, or your organization would like to donate a meal to feed 20 men one night each month during our Code Purple season (Mid November through Mid March), please contact our coordinator, Joyce Bonnoni, at [Jbonnonicp@gmail.com](mailto:Jbonnonicp@gmail.com) We also need open-hearted volunteers to share the love of Christ as intake and overnight volunteers through the winter months. Please pray about being the hands and feet of Christ to the most needy in our community. You will be blessed by the experience!**

**Contact Joyce Bonnoni for more information!**



# Sweet Summertime

## FUSION SUMMER TOUR 2017

### JUNE

SUMMER SEND-OFF	11TH	5PM
YOUTH WEEK BEGINS	18TH	6PM
BEACH BIBLE STUDY	20TH	10AM
YOUTH WEEK ENDS	22ND	6PM

### JULY

MIDDLE SCHOOL IGNITE		
CAMP DEPARTURE	10TH	3PM
BUBBA DOWLING STRONG MAN SHOW	13TH	8PM
MIDDLE SCHOOL IGNITE		
CAMP RETURN	15TH	1PM
HIGH SCHOOL IGNITE		
CAMP DEPARTURE	17TH	3PM
JARED HALL ILLUSIONIST SHOW	20TH	8PM
HIGH SCHOOL IGNITE		
CAMP RETURN	22ND	1PM
YOUTH SUNDAY	23RD	8AM
STATE FAIR TRIP	25TH	10AM

### AUGUST

BEACH BIBLE STUDY	1ST	10AM
BEACH BIBLE STUDY	8TH	10AM
BEACH BIBLE STUDY	15TH	10AM
PAINT BALL DAY	16TH	11AM
BEACH BIBLE STUDY	22ND	10AM
FALL KICK OFF	SEPTEMBER 10TH	5PM

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## Living Proof Simulcast 2017 with BETH MOORE



# Jesus Rocks!

### REGISTRATION FORM

**September 16, 2017**

**Union United Methodist Church**  
2 North Laws Street, Bridgeville, Delaware

**9:30 AM to 4:15 PM** (doors open at 9:00am)



**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Bird Registration - \$25** (must be received by August 16<sup>th</sup>)

**Regular Registration - \$30** (August 17<sup>th</sup>-September 12<sup>th</sup>)

**SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 125 PAID REGISTRATIONS**

- Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided
- Ladies age 14 and over (*Childcare is not available*)

**Make check payable to:** UUMC (On the memo line: *Simulcast*)

Mail or return to: Union United Methodist Church, 2 North Laws St., Bridgeville, DE 19933

For additional information, contact the church office at: 302-337-7409 or [uumchurch@comcast.net](mailto:uumchurch@comcast.net).



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*For Office Use Only:*

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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 Milford Plant, Flower and Garden Shop at (302) 422-4961. Flowers are placed in the altar vases up by the cross.

**PRAYER CONCERNS PAST WEEK:** Kim's family in the death of her daughter, Jean Hutchman, Dave Dawson, Pat Lane, Bobby Walls, April McIntyre, Bill Gustin, Jill Gustin, Neil Parker, Boy Scout Troop 186, Vonnie Bowe, Michelle Barto Winn, Cheryl C. , Richard and Camella Bergez, and Jim Goodman.

**Rejoice with:** All of our middle school Ignite campers who are in Denton at camp with Fusion, Jake Macklin who is traveling to England for a 10 day Wesleyan pilgrimage and Karen Williams who praises God for the best husband in the world.

**PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK:** William Charles Wyatt Sr., Doris Warren, Steve Warren, Kim and family, Jean Hutchman, Dave and Sharon Dawson, Pat Lane, Bobby Walls, April McIntyre, Bill and Jill Gustin, Neil Parker, Boy Scout Troop 186, Judy Lerner, Carol Saint and family, Brittany, cancer patients, Carol Argo, Cindy Fritz, Cathy Marshall, Mike Barlow, Charlie Harding, Missy, Howard Haverkamp, Christopher, and Bill Salvin.

**Rejoice with:** The High School Ignite Campers, Jake Macklin, Karen Williams, Debbie Campbell and family, Keith Bauer, and Pastor Tom.

### **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:**

**Mary Lee Burch** will celebrate her **93<sup>rd</sup>** birthday on **July 21<sup>st</sup>**.

## WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

### ♪**Handbells**

Resume on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### ♪**MomentUM Praise Team**

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### ♪**Misplillion Children's Chorus**

Resume on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m., Music Room

### ♪**Praise Team**

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### ♪**Sanctuary Choir**

Resume on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., Music Room

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Resume on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 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

**AVENUE UNITED METHODIST MEN:** The Annual Yard Sale is right around the corner. **We need your help on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:15 p.m.** to set up tables, move sale items out of the trailer and storage shed for the yard sale. Any and all members of the Church Family that can help will be most welcomed. **THANK YOU**, Rob Craig.

**2017 YARD SALE** will be **August 3<sup>rd</sup>—5<sup>th</sup>**. Donations will be accepted Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>—Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Any questions, please call Peggy Hughes at (302) 424-3970 or (410) 212-7391.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY:** This 9 week LIFE CHANGING CLASS will begin **Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Grier Room**. Dave Ramsey will be giving us a total money makeover via DVD. He will teach and train us to manage our resources in a godly manner. Following the video, a volunteer will host a small group discussion. This is where true accountability and behavior changes occur. The group takes the “baby steps” needed to walk them to financial peace. If you have any questions, please contact Ken or Melissa Wilcox at (302) 424-4209 or kmbsw@netzero.net. (Flyers and more information is available on the foyer table)

**LIFETOUCH PICTURES HAVE ARRIVED:** If you ordered the “complimentary” 8x10 picture most of them have arrived at the church office. Please contact Kelly for pick up.

## SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

**TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS’ BIBLE STUDY:** We will continue our study -“10 Questions Christians Ask” by David Jeremiah. Please join us at any time. Contact 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 will meet on **August 8<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. in the Grier Room.

**SUMMER ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** The Summer Adult Bible Study will be studying the calling of prophets in the month of July. These prophets are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Amos. All are welcome to join us in the Grier Room at 9:30 a.m.

**ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP:** The Alzheimer’s Caregiver’s Support Group will meet the **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month**. The next meeting will be **August 14<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 p.m. in the Grier Room

**WIDOW/WIDOWERS/LOST AND FOUND GROUP** will resume on **September 6<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 p.m. in the **Heritage Room**. Come join us. Contact Janice Abbott at (302) 422-1863.

## **OUTREACH**

**AVENUE PRESCHOOL: Registration for the 2017-18 school year.** Registration is now taking place for current and former Avenue Preschool families for the 2017-18 school year. Please contact the school as noted below if you are a former family interested in enrolling your child. Registrations must be done in person. Space is very limited. To be eligible, a child must be at least 36-months old on or before August 31<sup>st</sup>. You can contact the preschool office at (302) 422-8775 for information or send an email to: [office@avenuepreschool.org](mailto:office@avenuepreschool.org). Be sure to visit our Facebook page and website at: [www.avenuepreschool.org](http://www.avenuepreschool.org).

**THE MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY** had a slow start to the year with fewer families than last year . That trend seems to be changing and we are back to a more active stream of families so the backlog of food is now almost gone. We need cereal, we prefer the low to no sugar varieties since we are trying to train families in good food choices.

We also need someone with a pick up and daytime availability. We go to the Food Bank ONE DAY A WEEK at the most. We have some drivers with SUVs but there are times when we need a larger cargo area. Is the Lord nudging you to use your time and your pick up???? Call Tita Lewis 664-1321 or Diane Dolan 242-5125.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY 7/23 ~ Youth Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Summer Adult Bible Study,  
Grier Room  
11:00 a.m. Worship

### MONDAY 7/24

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room  
7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers,  
Wesley Room  
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206

### TUESDAY 7/25

- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room  
7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,  
Room 206  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal,  
Sanctuary

### WEDNESDAY 7/26

- 10:30 a.m. Diabetes Prevention Program,  
Heritage Room  
6:30 p.m. Pride of Delmarva,  
Wesley Room

### THURSDAY 7/27

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group,  
Conference Room  
11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room

### FRIDAY 7/28

- 6:00 p.m. Freeman/Washington Wedding  
Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
8:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

### SATURDAY 7/29

- 4:00 p.m. Freeman/Washington Wedding,  
Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

### SUNDAY 7/30

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
1:00 p.m. Troop 186 Leaders Meeting,  
Heritage Room

### LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2016	2017
8:00	68	51
9:30	134	137
Sunday School	0	16
11:00	77	69
FUSION	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>273</b>