



The Midweek

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

I was all excited about the new book I had picked up to read. It was a mystery set in a lighthouse that was being turned into a B&B. For me, it encompassed three of my favorite things – mysteries, lighthouses and anything to do with renovating old places. On top of that, the heroine liked to binge watch home improvement programs while eating potato chips, which is (sadly) something I have been known to do. As an added bonus, it took place in San Francisco which is a city I lived in for four years and I knew a lot of the places that were being referenced.

Based on what I read on the cover, and the few pages I had skimmed in the bookstore, I could not imagine a more perfect book for me. It turns out, I hated it and I could not have been more disappointed.

Everyone has disappointments in their lives. Some are small like this book which I wanted to like but didn't. Others are much bigger, like the loss of a relationship or a broken marriage. But the one thing that can never disappoint us is God.

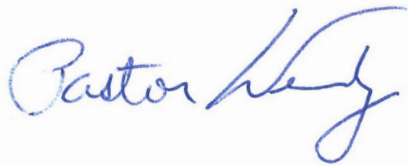
While the old adage of "you can't judge a book by its cover" is certainly appropriate in this situation, I prefer to focus on what we read in Isaiah 55: 8-9. That says, "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

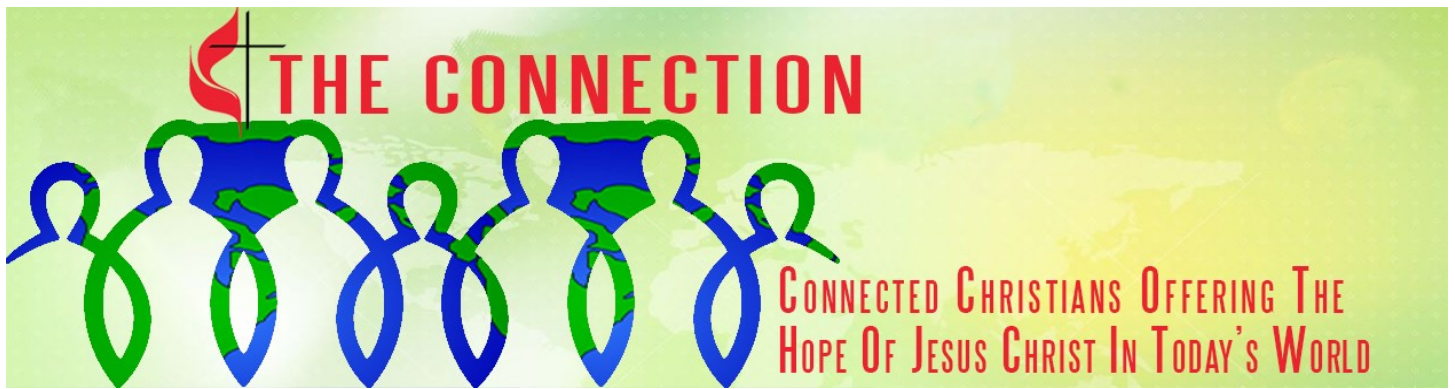
When we deal with disappointments, whether they be big or small, we just need to remember that God really does have a plan that is being worked in all ways for good just as we have heard in the past few weeks in Jeremiah 29:11, Ephesians 3:20 and Romans 8:28. God can take our disappointments and use them to teach us, put us in a place we otherwise would not have gone, and bless us in ways that are beyond our expectations.

It may take time and often it happens when we least expect it but keep waiting and praying and you will know when your prayers are answered. God does not want our disappointments to define us or weigh us down so we need to see joy and be thankful for all the Lord has provided every day, even when we are at our lowest.

You may not feel equipped to handle this on your own but God will give you everything you need to deal with it. God believes in you. We need to trust that God will defeat our disappointments, no matter what they are.

And to God be the glory forever and ever.

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

All I Need to Know About Life

A number of years ago there was a book entitled *All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* by Robert Fulghum. It includes some of the basics of life such as: share everything, play fair, don't hit people, put things back where you found them, be aware of wonder, hold hands and stick together, etc.

I would like to say that all I need to know I learned from Camping and Retreat Ministries in the Philadelphia Area. In the Eastern PA Conference we have Carson-Simpson Farm Christian Center, Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat Center, Innabah Program Center and Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center. In the Peninsula-Delaware Conference we have the Pecometh Camp and Retreat Ministries. All of them teach the lessons that a life of faith can bring. In the Christian community modeled at our camps people learn how to share, how to be respectful of diversity, how to "hold hands" even when people think differently and to care for body of soul. Campers learn about the wonders of creation as they share time in the woods, in a lake, at the river, on a mountain. Campers hear the wonderful words of life in Jesus Christ and are called to accept Christ as Savior and Lord. Some receive their call to ministry and mission at camp. It is all we need to know.



This summer I was privileged to visit three camps. I got to see the wonderful Grand-parent and Grand-children Camp at Innabah, the Day program at Carson Simpson where sign language was taught and Deaf visitors from the Lighthouse Fellowship UMC came to see the young people sign songs. I also took part in a new camp at Pecometh where Deaf children and their parents came for a family retreat, as well as a week-long Deaf Adult Group Home camp. All of these camps were full of joy and activity. The giftedness of campers and staff created a time of personal and community. Worship and the stories of Jesus change lives and reach people who may not otherwise be at our churches on Sunday. This is important work and I urge all of our congregations to support our camps with your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service. It is a place where we teach life and light.



Peggy A. Johnson



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Cub Scout Pack 186
Milford– Silicato Way
August 16, 2017 | 4 to 9pm

When this voucher is presented at time of order, an amount equal to 20% of your total bill will be donated to Cub Scout Pack 186.



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Friends,

The online giving option is now active and you can check it out here.

<https://avenueumc.com/volunteer-give/give-to-aumc/>

Should be a good addition to our mission and ministry.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Jon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the top of the "J".

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ♦ **SPRC Meeting**—August 17th at 7:00 p.m., Holzmueller Room
- ♦ **Trustees Meeting**—August 21st at 7:00 p.m., Grier Room
- ♦ **Church Council Meeting**—August 23rd at 7:00 p.m., Grier Room

2017 Yard Sale at Avenue United Methodist Church

Donations for Yard Sale will be accepted
Monday, July 24th—Monday, July 31st
(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 3rd 2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
“Early Bird Special” (\$1 admission this day only)

Friday, August 4th 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 5th 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 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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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 16th)

Regular Registration - \$30 (August 17th-September 12th)

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.



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: Bonnie Carmine, Carol Evans, the Peters family, Joan Hunter, Colleen Dunham, Aunt Diana, Joyce Bonnoni's dad, Dick, Alexis, our nation and elected leaders, John McCain and his family, all victims of human trafficking, Allison, Bill Salvin, Christopher, Howard Haverkamp, Missy, Charlie Harding, Judy Lerner, Neil Parker, April McIntyre, Dave and Sharon Dawson, Jean Hutchman, the family of Stephen Hornstein.

Rejoice with: Bethany, Pastor Tom, Avenue Church, Lloyd and Nancy Webb.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family of Mary Tatman, Bruce Loony, Sara Russell, Kris Guerin and family, Lorraine Donovan, Dave and Sharon Dawson, April McIntyre, Colleen Dunham, Charlie Harding, Howard Haverkamp, Christopher, Bill Salvin, Allison, Walter Witt, Betty Ziesel, Arlene Seitz, all seeking deliverance, all elected leaders, Freda Kelley, Bill and Jill Gustin, and all who don't know Jesus.

Recently hospitalized: Bonnie Carmine.

Rejoice with: The Pusey family, Pastor Tom, Val and Tyler Washington, all involved with the yard sale, Jean Hutchman, and all who enjoy God's beautiful world.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Mildred Jensen will celebrate her **95th** birthday on **August 7th**.

Congratulations to:

Russell and Beverly French who will celebrate their **52nd** anniversary on **August 7th**.

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

♪ **Handbells**

Resume on Monday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

♪ **MomentUM Praise Team**

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♪ **Misphillion Children's Chorus**

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

♪Praise Team

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♪Sanctuary Choir

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

♪AveNotes

Resume on Wednesday, September 6th 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

2017 YARD SALE will be **August 3rd—5th**. Donations will be accepted Monday, July 24th—Monday, July 31st 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 8th 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 only 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 8th** at 10:00 a.m. in the Grier Room.

SUMMER ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Summer Bible Study continues to study "God's Urgent Call." We have studied the call of Judges and of Prophets. In August the study is "Calls in the New Testament", August 6th is "Called to Witness", August 13th "Called to Break Down Barriers", August 20th "Called to Preach;" and August 27th "Called To Be Inclusive." Please join us any Sunday you can at **9:30 a.m.** in the **Grier Room**.

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

WIDOW/WIDOWERS/LOST AND FOUND GROUP will resume on **September 6th** at 11:00 a.m. in the **Grier Room**. Come join us. Contact Janice Abbott at (302) 422-1863.

UMW: The United Methodist Women send a big thank you to everyone who participated in bringing in eyeglass cases for our Congo neighbors who have sight needs. So many beautiful cloth cases sewn by hand and many purchased. We even had some from the Peacemakers quilt guild and others who received a letter from us. Donna and Jonathan Baker were on a tight schedule but they came to Avenue with their darling granddaughter to pick them up and take them back to the Congo. This is an ongoing need and I just found out that the Lions Club will be bringing in a bag of soft cases to us each month and the Bakers will pick them up. We do need any suitcases on wheels because they always need something to take them home in. Again, a big thanks to all those who contributed. Follow all that the Bakers do to help those in need on Avenues website.

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 31st. You can contact the preschool office at (302) 422-8775 for information or send an email to: office@avenuepreschool.org. Be sure to visit our Facebook page and website at: www.avenuepreschool.org.

AVENUE PRESCHOOL-NEW OFFER: Children who will turn 3 before December 31, 2017 are now able to register for our beginners program. They will be in our 2 day program that is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Children must be potty trained before the first day of school. Children in our preschool program are actively involved in a curriculum that stresses the social, emotional, physical and academic aspects of their development. If you have any questions or would like to enroll you child please contact Paula Yeich at (302) 422-8775.

CUB SCOUT PACK 186 is having a fundraiser on **Wednesday, August 16th** at Grotto Pizza in Milford between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The restaurant will donate 20% of each check (dine in or carryout) to Pack 186. Vouchers must be presented and are available in the Fellowship Foyer or from any Cub Scout.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8/6 ~ Communion

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

MONDAY 8/7

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

TUESDAY 8/8

10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study,
Grier Room
2:00 p.m. 4H, Wesley Room
6:00 p.m. Brownie Troop, Nursery
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
7:00 p.m. Financial Peace University,
Grier Room

WEDNESDAY 8/9

10:30 a.m. Diabetes Prevention Program,
Heritage Room
1:30 p.m. Knitting Group, Grier Room
5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion,
Room 202
6:30 p.m. Pride of Delmarva,
Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Coastal Concerts, Sanctuary

THURSDAY 8/10

8:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group,
Conference Room
11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting,
Grier Room

FRIDAY 8/11

8:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SATURDAY 8/12

7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 8/13

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

LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2016	2017
8:00	63	58
9:30	162	129
Sunday School	23	0
11:00	57	50
<u>FUSION</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	305	237