

AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

The yard sale is over for another year and once again it was a major success. Thank you and congratulations to everyone who was involved in making it happen. It takes huge amounts of time and energy for things to work.

One of the things that I love best is to sit in my office and just listen to the conversations and other dialogue that is occurring, especially during the set-up. For example, I overheard someone say, "Let me mark that paid or the Methodist police will get you." There was also that ongoing question of "Are there men down there?" My personal favorite from this year however was, "That is between you and God...and Peggy." I could go on and on but suffice it to say that it was very entertaining.


What is more satisfying however is to hear the banter and genuine affection that is being shared among the volunteers. Not that everyone always agrees or even gets along every minute but the common goal keeps everyone moving forward like a family. God loves to see His children working together as a team for the good of the church.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 tells us that, "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help."

There were dozens of individuals who worked on the yard sale but together they are the body of Christ. It's amazing how the Lord used their efforts to advance God's kingdom by not only raising money for missions but also by providing products to people who needed what was being sold.



In the words of Charles Thomas Studd, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last." To everyone who works on the yard sale, and the myriad of other ministries and missions in this church please know that what you do for the sake of Avenue UMC and the communities we serve, YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

To God be the glory forever and ever.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Henry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pastor" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Henry".

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

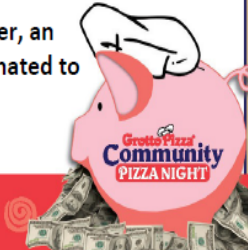



Vouchers cannot be handed out on premises. Disregard to this policy will result in termination of the event.

Please Join Us for a Fundraising Event!

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.



This offer valid for dine-in and takeout only | GrottoPizza.com |  



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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Living Proof Simulcast 2017 with BETH MOORE



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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: 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: Family of Mary Tatman, Ginny Clendaniel and family, Lorraine Donovan, Dave and Sharon Dawson, April McIntyre, Colleen Dunham, Charlie Harding, Howard Haverkamp, Christopher, Bill Salvin, Allison, Bonnie Carmine, family and friends of Marcy Eppers, Elizabeth, Brittany, Kass, Paige Hauck, everyone dealing with new jobs and relocation, Tita Lewis, Ronda Ramsburg, Pastor Wendy, Larry Brittingham, Larry Eisenhower, Bill Gaskill and family and members having eye surgery

Rejoice with: Someone whose cancer scans and tests went well this week, Carson West's pop pop, Lillie Brittingham and Kirsten Pearce.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Walt and Ruth Peters who will celebrate their **60th** anniversary on **August 10th**.

Larry and Joan Wadman wo will celebrate their **67th** anniversary on **August 12th**.

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

♪Mispillion 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.

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 22nd** at 10:00 a.m. in the Grier Room.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: This 9 week LIFE CHANGING CLASS will continue on **Tuesday, August 15th 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)

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 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.** **We will not be meeting on August 13th.**

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.

UMW YARD SALE THANK YOU

Echoing Pastor Tom's words on Sunday, a **huge thank you** to the many, many folks who made the 2017 Yard Sale possible. Starting with our amazing, chairperson, **Peggy Hughes** and her able assistant, husband Larry, who was most often her feet and legs, the sale was an overwhelming success. Peggy's face beamed most bright when past co-chair **Clareann Phipps** surprised her by driving from her home in Ohio to assist in the sale week. As one person observed, a weight was visibly lifted from Peggy's shoulders. The 2017 Yard Sale, as usual, was a whole **church team effort**, from the fabulous support of the men who were irreplaceable with all their loading, unloading, heavy lifting, carrying, and friendly greetings, to the **Avenue staff** who endured extra work and extra people throughout the two weeks of set up and sale. Thank you to those in each area/room who gave of their time and physical Labor Day after day to transform an area into an individual shop. Thanks to every person who donated an item, helped sort, price, organize and thanks to those who purchased items. The **Hot Dog Sale** was appreciated by customers and workers alike as was the fabulous **Bake Sale** – organized by Bonnie Carmine from her hospital bed. What wonderful bakers we have at Avenue and the goodies just kept coming in day after day. Oh, I forgot the cheese people too - the cheese always brings a profit but requires lots of work ahead of time - cutting, weighting, packaging and selling. Thanks to the Sunday morning bake sale volunteers, money counters, cashiers each day, volunteers who take things to SPCA and Joanne's organizing of items to help many in need. We gave items to **Code Purple**, to **Peoples Place**, **Matthew Project** and to others who are less fortunate at this time in their lives. The Yard Sale reached out to the community and shared a friendly face to those who shopped and provided many with an opportunity to buy items at a very, very affordable cost. The Yard Sale is **outreach, evangelism, community and fellowship**. It is exhausting and challenging and many backs had to be pampered for the next couple days but so, so worth it. **Thank you to everyone**. All funds raised, approximately \$8000, go to a variety of mission projects. To paraphrase Micah 6:8, many had a chance to love with kindness, do justice and walk humbly and joyfully with God, for two blessed weeks.

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.

LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2016	2017
8:00	63	50
9:30	149	131
Sunday School	29	31
11:00	59	55
FUSION	0	0
Total	297	267

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8/13

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

MONDAY 8/14

11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
4:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group,
Grier Room
7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers,
Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206

TUESDAY 8/15

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 8/16

10:30 a.m. Diabetes Prevention Program,
Heritage Room
1:30 p.m. Knitting Group, Grier Room
6:30 p.m. Pride of Delmarva,
Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 8/17

8:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group,
Conference Room
11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
7:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting,
Conference Room

FRIDAY 8/18

11:00 a.m. Wrap Around DE,
Holzmueller Room
8:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SATURDAY 8/19

9:00 a.m. Pride of Delmarva,
Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 8/20

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
12:15 p.m. Scoutmaster Corps, Grier Room
1:00 p.m. Boy Scout Comm. Meeting,
Grier Room