



# *The Midweek*

*Wednesday, August 16, 2017*

*From the desk of our Pastors . . .*

Matthew 25:34-40 says, “Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”

Visiting the sick and shut-ins is one of the most meaningful and special parts of my pastoral experience. I have seen the glory of God at its most epic in some of the most horrible times of a person’s life. Hospice and ICU for example are places where I have had some of the deepest conversations about the kingdom of God and the Lord’s power and sovereignty. I have also been honored and blessed to have been there when people have been carried to heaven.

Then there are other times when I have simply had a wonderful debate on whether NCIS, NCIS-LA or NCIS-New Orleans is the best or if it was possible

to smuggle a whole pizza into the hospital without anyone knowing it. (You can get it in but it does not take long for the smell to make its way down the halls.)

The hardest part of pastoral visits however is to figure out what people want when it comes to pastoral visits. Some folks don't want anyone to visit due to privacy concerns or simply because they want to focus on healing without outside intervention. Others want to be visited in the hospital but not at home, or vice versa. And yet others want to wait a few days into a hospital stay before anyone comes so they can begin recovering, go through testing, or simply get into a rhythm of the hospital routine. I have also been tossed out of hospital rooms as a result of the fear that "when the pastor shows up it must mean I am dying and I don't want to die." Some patients don't want to be seen without makeup or being fully dressed but others have shared incisions, locations of injuries and the results of medical procedures without concern.

Sometimes I have been told that someone is in the hospital only to show up without them being there at all or already released from the ER. And I have gotten notes, calls, emails and texts from a well-meaning friend about a person who is ill and wants me to visit only to find out that the "patient" was just fine. Without mentioning names or what church it was, the very worst was when I got a phone call from the neighbor of a couple where the gentleman had been in assisted living and this helpful person called to tell me the man had died overnight. When I placed the call to set up a visit with the supposed widow, she was shocked to hear her husband had died. She thought that perhaps the facility where he was staying had called us first so we could tell her the sad news. He was still very much alive. That was horrible.

To make matters worse however, when he did finally die and the funeral home called to make arrangements, the first thing out of my mouth when I was told he had passed was "are you sure?" I'm sure they thought I was incredibly insensitive until I explained why I had asked.

I mention all of this in recognition that there is no one formula for pastoral visits. So here is my request! If you are in a position where it's likely a pastoral visit is in your future, just let me know what YOU want in terms of visits and when (and if) you want me to come see you. I do my very best to figure it out but I know on several occasions I have gotten it wrong. The biggest concern is when someone wants a visit but I don't even know they are in the hospital or recovering at home. We have so many people who take vacations that are weeks and months long that we don't always recognize if someone is on holiday

or recovering from a procedure.

When in doubt, we will always err on the side of privacy and confidentiality. And we will always respect a request to stay away if that is what we hear from the patient, no matter what the family or friends thinks the patient needs.

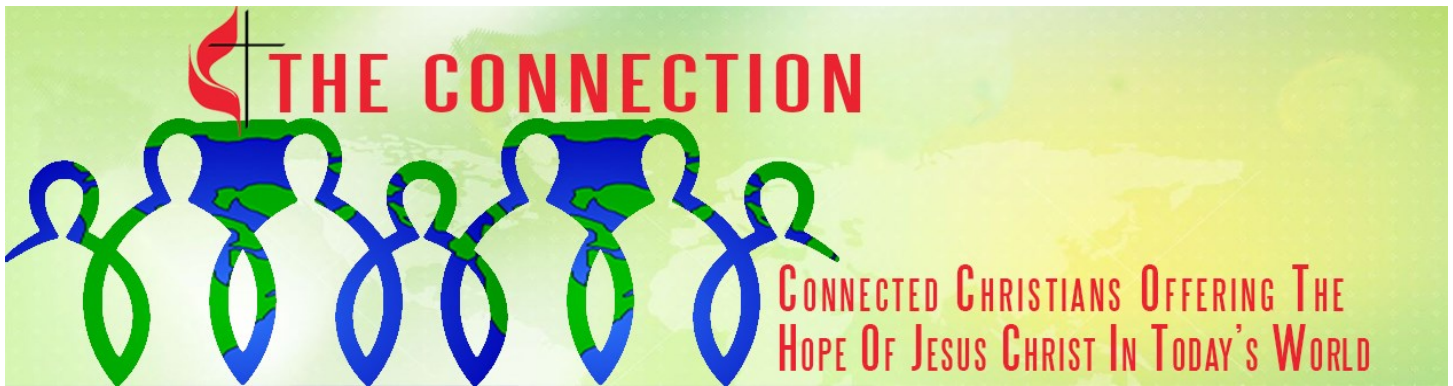
One last thing...rest assured that we will not share medical diagnosis or even add you to the prayer list without your consent. We are here for you and always want to make you comfortable as you deal with your medical concerns and needs.

And always, we want to bring glory and honor to God forever.

*Pastor King*

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## A Call to Prayer for a Just Peace

Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe August 9, 2017

Amid tensions with North Korea, and joining with the World Council of Churches, the general secretary issues a call to prayer for peace.

On this day, 72 years ago, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Nagasaki – just three days after dropping one on the city of Hiroshima. It is estimated that over 150,000 people were killed over those three days.

Fast forward to present day, the last few months have been met with anxiety and tension around threats of nuclear weapons and warfare. Leaders in North Korea continue to isolate their country as they threaten Creation with nuclear missiles. Leaders in the United States agitate and provoke with threats of destruction. **It is during times like these when we must join together in a call for the exhaustion of all diplomatic efforts before turning to military action.**

The United Methodist Church believes war to be “incompatible with the teachings and example of Christ.” The Church “insists that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them” ([2016 Book of Discipline, Social Principles ¶165.C](#)). The United Methodist Church also “supports the abolition of nuclear weapons...We call all nations that possess nuclear weapons to renounce these vile instruments of mass destruction and to move expeditiously to dismantle all nuclear warheads and delivery vehicles” ([2016 Book of Resolutions, #6129](#)).

In the Council of Bishops’ 1985 foundation document “In Defense of Creation: the Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace,” the bishops assert that one of the “most important purposes of Christian peacemaking is the exercise of their God-given power in the political arena.” They affirm two essential means of fulfilling this purpose:

1. personal involvement of United Methodist leaders, lay and clergy, at every level in nurturing political action as an imperative of shalom, and
2. direct and regular personal engagement of our church members with policy makers

in foreign and defense policy.

The bishops also make clear that peacemaking is “ultimately a spiritual issue,” and “without conversion of minds and hearts, the political systems of this world will remain estranged from shalom.”

Because of this need for spiritual and political peace, the World Council of Churches has designated this Sunday, August 13th 2017, as the Sunday of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula. The National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCCK) and the Korean Christian Federation (KCF) have [prepared a prayer](#) for churches to use on Sunday.

**So I call upon all United Methodists to join in prayer this Sunday: for peace on the Korean Peninsula, for peace in the hearts of our leaders, and for peace among all peoples.**

May we continue to faithfully follow the Prince of Peace, and find comfort in the words of the Apostle Paul:

*“For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.” (Ephesians 2:14)*



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ♦ **SPRC Meeting**—August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Carpenter 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

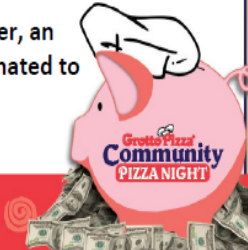




Vouchers cannot be handed out on premises. Disregard to this policy will result in termination of the event.

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](http://GrottoPizza.com) |  

## **United Methodist Women Mission Distributions for 2016**

So where do all the funds go that are raised at the Yard Sale, the Harvest Bake and Craft Sale, the Palm Sunday weekend Candy Sale and other UMW money raising events? Each year there are different needs but last year, in 2016, the funds were distributed as follows:

### **To Avenue UM Church:**

- Alaska Mission Trip
- Card Making
- Cards for Shut-ins
- Avenue UMC Parish Purse
- Avenue UMC Fusion
- Vacation Bible School (one meal)

### **To mission projects that support the greater Milford Community:**

- Code Purple
- Bay Health Foundation (chapel)
- Milford Community Food pantry
- St. Paul's UMC Pecometh campership
- Ralph Spain Pecometh campership
- Ken Crest Group Homes -Milford
- Sleeping Bag Mission
- Matthew Crismon Tree
- Matthew Projects

### **To mission projects serving beyond Milford but Delaware:**

- Pacem de Terris
- The Way Home Ministry
- Neighborhood House
- Camp New Hope
- Arc of Delaware (food)

### **To International Projects**

- Baker Congo Partnership
- UMW Conference for national and international mission projects.

**2016 Mission Giving Total: \$15,373.02**

Individual UMW Circles also collect and raise money to support other missions such as Operation Christmas Child, local family needs, and others.



**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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**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:** 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.

**PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK:** Those affected by the violence we witnessed in Charlottesville, Lorraine Donovan, Dave and Sharon Dawson, April McIntyre, Colleen Dunham, Charlie Harding, Christopher, Brittany, Debra, Jason, Pastor Wendy, Bill Gaskill and family, Those affected by the flooding in Milford yesterday, Sage, Jolene, Kris's grandparents, Meg, Bill and Jill Gustin, Upcoming Chrysalis weekend in September and Students preparing for school.

**Rejoice with:** Bonnie Carmine, Arlene Seiz, and Blessings in disguise

### **ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:**

**Everett and Sue Bennett** who will celebrate their **50<sup>th</sup>** anniversary on **August 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**Harry and Carolyn Humes** wo will celebrate their **57<sup>th</sup>** anniversary on **August 27<sup>th</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

#### **♪Mispillion 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

**MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY:** Representatives from the **Food Bank of Delaware's WIC** division will be here **Tuesday night August 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30 p.m.** If you know of a mother with young children or one who is pregnant this program's focus is on that population. The health of babies is their goal.

There will be a mobile food distribution at that as well. Prior registration is required for that and the forms needed to be submitted by **August 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you are in need of that service call Tita Lewis TODAY (8/10) 664-1321

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. in the Grier Room.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY:** This 9 week LIFE CHANGING CLASS will continue on **Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</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)

**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 20<sup>th</sup> "Called to Preach;" and August 27<sup>th</sup> "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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.** The next meeting will be **September 11<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 11:00 a.m. in the **Grier Room.** Come join us. Contact Janice Abbott at (302) 422-1863.

## **OUTREACH**

**MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY :** The Milford Community Pantry **needs condensed vegetable soup**. We thank you for your support and donations; if you are looking for suggestions the need right now is for vegetable soup; Diane says it becomes scarce in the summer.

**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).

**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 16<sup>th</sup>** 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	54	64
9:30	113	153
Sunday School	30	26
11:00	71	46
<u>FUSION</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>289</b>



## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY 8/20

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Scoutmaster Corps, Grier Room
- 1:00 p.m. Boy Scout Comm. Meeting,  
Grier Room

### MONDAY 8/21

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

### TUESDAY 8/22

- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study,  
Grier 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 8/23

- 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. Church Council Meeting,  
Grier Room

### THURSDAY 8/24

- 8:00 a.m. District Task Force Retreat,  
Fellowship Hall
- 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 8/25

- 8:00 a.m. District Task Force Retreat,  
Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

### SATURDAY 8/26

- 8:00 a.m. DE Music School, Sanctuary,  
Music Room and Foyer
- 8:00 a.m. District Task Force Retreat,  
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

### SUNDAY 8/27

- 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