

AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

As you read this, I expect that I am in South Korea. Once I get back I'll have lots of stories but for this week and next I'll be taking a hiatus from my weekly column in the midweek. I ask that you pray for me and my fellow pilgrims. Please also pray for all the people of the Korean Peninsula and the leaders of the nations involved with issues that are disturbing the region. Be assured I will be praying for all of you as well.

I'll see you soon! And to God be the glory forever and ever.

Peace and love,

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

The prayers are for our precious and courageous team of pilgrims that their hearts will not be troubled, that peace will cover them. Please pray faithfully each day, with the full assurance that our Father in Heaven hears every word and brings favor upon the faithful. Let us give thanks and praise to our God. Amen

The Canticle of Prayer:

***We do not know how to pray as we ought,
But the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.
Ask and it will be given you;
Seek and you will find;
Knock and it will be opened to you.
For all who ask receive,
And all who seek find;
And to those who knock, it will be opened.***

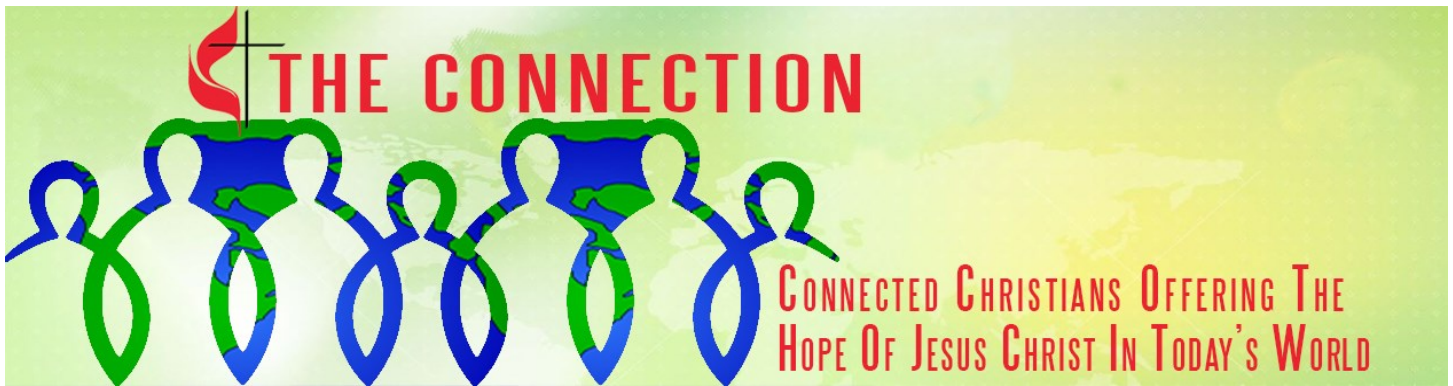
***Let us KNOCK upon the door of Heaven and with full assurance that
the door is open,
Let us pray:***

***Almighty God, Come! Come! Come!
Pour your love over us as we bring our District Superintendent, our
Pastors, and Pilgrims before you.
Place your mighty Hand of Protection upon them.
Place your Peace upon their hearts.
Lead them forth with NO fear.
Fill them with boldness and let not the world claim their JOY or steal
their HOPE,
Let your Peace overflow in their hearts. Amen***

Sent on behalf of the Dover District Prayer Team

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- * SPRC Meeting—**Sept. 21st** at 7:00 p.m. in Holzmüller Room
- * Church/Charge Conference—**Sept. 22nd** at 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary



From the desk of our Conference Director Vicki

Cultural Sharing

This past weekend, I had the joy of attending the Nanticoke Powwow. A Powwow involves inviting other tribes (over 40 tribes this year) to join with the Nanticoke to “preserve traditions, to sing to the Creator, and to dance to the heartbeat of the drum.” (Quoted from the Nanticoke Indian Association Website: <http://www.nanticokeindians.org/page/what-powwow>.) From the parking attendants to the dancers to the artisans selling their crafts, I loved the pride of heritage that everyone exuded. Hospitality mixed with their cultural pride, as people invited all in attendance to understand and appreciate the native heritage. The native people from many different tribes did not ask others to disrespect their own heritage, but simply to appreciate the various native customs and traditions.



During the dance sessions, everyone gathered around the dance arena. The singers and drummers began to play the beat and the dancers moved to the circle. An emcee explained the dances, their history and tribal affiliation, and the regalia the dancers wore. He explained the significance of the circle in native culture and the respect people give by not cutting across the circle. He also explained how the drumbeat symbolizes the heartbeat, which represents life.

At one point, the emcee told a story of a western US tribe whose members encountered members of the US Cavalry. The Cavalry members “conquered” the tribe and took all of their regalia (which is very intricate, hand-made, symbolic, and beautiful) and burned it in front of the tribe, and forbade them to dance, all in order to discourage the continuation of the native heritage and culture. The emcee said, “That act really hurt and felt very disrespectful, but native people are resourceful and kept the dances and the crafting alive in secret.” He went on to explain that Powwows give them the opportunity to remember their heritage, to teach their culture to their children, and to share their traditions with non-natives. And, he continued to introduce each dance, each tribe, and each type of regalia. I really appreciated how he could explain the past hurts done to the native people, while not putting them in a position of victims. Instead, he praised their resilience and continued to explain the beauty and depth and meaning of their cultural symbols.

As I drove home, I reflected on the difference of the approach of native people in sharing their cultural heritage and the approach of white-supremacists, who feel threatened by any other culture than their own. Some of the alt-right protesters in Charlottesville, Virginia chanted, “You will not replace us.” They fear diversity and view any acceptance of other cultural heritages as threatening to their own heritage, privilege, and power. Although a bit delayed, both houses of Congress unanimously passed a resolution calling on President Trump to condemn white supremacists, neo-Nazi’s, the KKK, white nationalists, and other such groups, labeling them domestic terrorists. (You can read the language of the joint resolution here: <https://www.scribd.com/document/358169799/Charlottesville-Resolution-09-06-2017-pdf>.)

I find this comparison between the Powwow and the Charlottesville protests ironic. The dominant culture in the U.S. (the European or white culture) has done its best to eradicate other cultures, particularly native cultures, as the nation expanded westward. Although many people now respect and value the native traditions, groups of white supremacists still threaten all who do not look like them. Yet, here, the native culture which has been so threatened, offers a warm, genuine welcome to all, including descendants of the culture which threatened to destroy them, and people who still benefit from that destruction. We have much to learn from their hospitality.

The book of Hebrews, among others, teaches us about the importance of hospitality. Hebrews 12:1-3 reads: “Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.” This passage calls us to welcome others, and especially strangers. The words invite us to practice empathy as a means of mutual love and to be intentional about hospitality.

Think about the culture of your church. Every church has a culture which is unique to them. Call to mind your traditions and rituals. Do you kneel for communion or receive through intinction? Do you leave your pews for the passing of the peace or simply turn to those seated near you? Do you allow coffee and other drinks in the sanctuary? Is the dress code casual or more formal? Do people have conversation in the sanctuary before worship or do you expect that time to be silent? Think of these and many more examples of your church's culture.

If a stranger comes in to worship, how will they understand your culture? How do you intentionally explain your traditions? In what ways do you help people feel welcome? What if someone makes a mistake and breaks one of your traditions? How do you treat them? What happens when a new pastor or leadership team brings a change to your culture? How do you receive it?

I invite you to reflect on how we show mutual love to one another through our hospitality. Can we imitate the native emcee, demonstrating pride in our heritage while welcoming others into our body? What practices can help us feel less threatened by new traditions and cultures? How is God calling us to show empathy to one another and to strangers? As we become more aware of our own cultural traditions, I pray that we will not feel threatened by diversity, but discover the beauty in all of God's creation. Then, we can pray in hope to realize one day our vision: "Connected Christians offering the hope of Jesus Christ to today's world."

Blessings on the journey,

Vicki

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith
Director of Connectional Ministries

Prayer Request

Please keep in prayer those who are participating in the Pilgrimage to South Korea. A group of 28 clergy and laity from the Dover District, plus a pastor and spouse from the Virginia Conference who will assist the group with translation, will be on the pilgrimage (not everyone is in the photo). The group is departing on Tuesday, September 19th and return on Wednesday, September 27th.

It has been more than 130 years since the protestant faith was brought to Korea, and this spiritual pilgrimage offers the unique opportunity to see how Methodism helped to define a distinctly Korean-Christian spirituality out of Korea's painful history of subjugation. The purpose of this spiritual pilgrimage is to understand and learn from the missionary spirit, evangelical zeal, radical hospitality, and deep prayer lives of the Korean church. Participants will fly to South Korea, stay at a mission-centered church, participate in daily spiritual practices, attend lectures, visit churches and museums, hear testimonials, and sightsee.

Also, please keep Kyung Hee and Jung Moon in prayer as they extend their stay in South Korea to visit family they have not seen in 20 years. Our DS will return to the office on October 4th.



**The Love INC mission is to mobilize the local Church
and transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.**

**Our vision is to see Christian churches united in purpose and fully engaged in
actively living out their faith by lovingly serving people in need in their commu-
nities**

What is your body part?

Just as the human body cannot function properly unless the eyes, ears, and hands each do their part, so the Body of Christ—the Church—cannot function as God intended without each person doing his or her part.

We are all the Body of Christ and by working together through Love In the Name of Christ, we can each do our part to help people in need see and experience God's love.

Will you be an eye to see neighbors in need and connect them to Love INC?

Or how about an ear to listen with compassion? Maybe gentle hands to serve?

Our neighbors need arms to deliver food, elbows to do household repairs, knees for praying, and even foreheads to wrinkle thoughtfully in planning. Whatever your skills, gifts, or interests, you can help meet the needs of those who are struggling. You are part of His Body and His work. **YOU** are Love In the Name of Christ.

Yes, I would like to do my part to help people in need see and experience God's love! (Check all that apply)

Talents and skills I would like to share:

- ☐ Help with transportation to job interviews, work, food closets, medical apt., CODE PURPLE SHELTER, etc.
- ☐ Visitation or phone outreach to shut-ins
- ☐ Pray for the Love INC ministry and clients
- ☐ Be a mentor to a person in our community
- ☐ Transport furniture or help with the furniture ministry
- ☐ Help struggling neighbors with their budget (learn a budget technique called Faith and Finance)
- ☐ Volunteer at a CODE PURPLE w/ intake, overnight, fellowship, set/up cleanup or meal preparation
- ☐ Become a B.R.I.D.G.E.S. Community Navigator and help with the Addiction Epidemic
- ☐ Help with Holiday time projects such as Thanksgiving food boxes and Christmas gift programs for the children
- ☐ Other talent or skill: _____

**Love INC Clearinghouse volunteer opportunities:
(Needed Monday – Friday between 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)**

“ Conduct *telephone* interviews with people in need

Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____

Email or mail these Talent tithes back to our office [302-629-7050](tel:302-629-7050). Mail to P.O. Box 542 Seaford, DE 19973.

Code Purple Info & Upcoming Training

We need your help serving our guests this year! Please join us to learn more about Code Purple and how you can get involved. We cannot keep this ministry going without your support.

PICK WHICH TIME AND PLACE WORKS BEST FOR YOUR SCHEDULE AND WE WILL SEE YOU THERE! **(All training events take place from 7pm-9pm.)**

Monday Oct.16th- St. Luke's Episcopal Church Parish Hall located at 202 N. Street, Seaford, DE 19973

Tuesday Oct.17th- Milford Avenue United Methodist Church located at 20 N. Church Street, Milford, DE 19963

Thursday Oct. 19th – Laurel Church of the Nazarene located at 100 Walnut Street Laurel, DE 19956

Friday Oct. 20th – Gateway Fellowship located at 8011 Cannon RD, Bridgeville, DE 19933

For More Information or questions, please call the Code Purple Hotline 302-519-0024 or email codepurplesussexcounty@gmail.com.

THIS SEPTEMBER AT AVENUE
The Mispillion Children's Chorus

All students AGES 6-12 years old
are invited to begin attending
rehearsals here at Avenue Church

SEPTEMBER 5th
Tuesday evenings 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Also available at the original rehearsal location:
The Milford Boys & Girls Club
Tuesday afternoons 4:30-5:30 p.m.

NO AUDITIONS!

NO FEES!

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

*Just a commitment from parents and
guardians that students attend regularly
and participate in performances.*



QUESTIONS

themispillionchildrenschorus@gmail.com

Kevin B. Chamberlain (302) 422-8111

Sharon Starling (302) 422-2785

**DOVER SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES 50TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON-OPENING
CONCERT**

Dover Symphony Orchestra

Fall Classical Concert

“If It Ain't Baroque”

Saturday, October 14, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m.

Calvary Church

1141 East Lebanon Road (Route 10), Dover

The Dover Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Donald Buxton will open its 50th season on Saturday, October 14, 2017. The concert will begin at 4:00 p.m. at Calvary Church on East Lebanon Road in Dover.

“If It Ain't Baroque” features works of three baroque era composers: “Autumn” from Vivaldi's “Four Seasons,” Bach's “Orchestral Suite No. 3” and Handel's “Music for the Royal Fireworks.” The program will conclude with a performance of “Symphony No. 104” by Haydn, transitioning into the early classical period.

Again this season, sweet treats will be sold at our Bake Sale.

Season tickets are available: Adults--\$75, Seniors/Students/Military/First Responders--\$55. Single tickets are also available for all concerts. Prices are Adults--\$20, Seniors (62+)/Students/Military/First Responders--\$15. First responders include all police, fire, EMT, ambulance, corrections, and animal rescue personnel in the area. Young people under 18 are free with a paying adult. For ticket sales log on to www.doversymphony.org or call [302-270-1903](tel:302-270-1903). Tickets will also be sold at the door.

The Reminders

Friday, October 20, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Avenue United Methodist Church
20 N. Church Street | Milford, DE



A freewill offering will be taken to help support this concert and the new concert series at Avenue Church.

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 and friends of Dennis Hazzard, family and friends of Kathryn Barnes, family and friends of Tom Draper, family and friends of Doris Semans, all the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma and all the natural disasters taking place in the world, all the first responders and volunteers working to protect and care for victims and evacuees, Dave and Sharon Dawson, Laura, Howard Haverkamp, Justin Shaulis, Bill Salvin, Christopher, Kirsten Pearce, April McIntyre, Charlie Harding, Colleen Dunham, Bill Gaskill and family, all preparing to attend the Korean pilgrimage, Naomi Drumheller, Karen, everyone taking the next step on their faith journey, those dealing with issues at work, and Cheryl and Marilyn Bowe.

Rejoice with: All celebrating the new church year.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: Family and friends of Dennis Hazzard, Family and friends of Kathryn Barnes, Family and friends of Tom Draper, Family and friends of Doris Seamans, Family and friends of Amy Hanna, All the victims of Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Harvey and all the natural disasters taking place in the world including the earthquake in Mexico, All the first responders and volunteers working to protect and care for victims and evacuees, Dave and Sharon Dawson, Laura, Howard Haverkamp, Justin Shaulis, Bill Salvin, Christopher, Kirsten Pearce, April McIntyre, Charlie Harding, Colleen Dunham, Bill Gaskill and family, All preparing to attend the Korea spiritual pilgrimage, Pastor Wendy, for healing and safe travels, Kevin Proud and his wife, Carol, and their newborn, Kevin, Jr., Anna Zeveny, Job opportunities and financial provision, For all fighting cancer, Leah Faber, Linda Moffet, For all those with alcohol and drugs, may God help them get sober and clean, Donald Killen, A 7-year old grandson, Naomi Drumheller, Karen, Everyone taking the next step on their faith journey and Cheryl and Marilyn Bowe.

Rejoice with: All who are taking the next step

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

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM) are proud to serve the first Pancake Breakfast of the year on **October 15, 2017**. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee and tea will be **served immediately after all three services. A free-will offering will be accepted.** Funds from this meal will help provide a Boy Scout college scholarship to a high school graduate from Troop #186. Other mission projects will also be funded. Join us for a most excellent breakfast and fellowship.

FLU VACCINES AT AUMC: On Sunday, **October 22nd** from **9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m** in Fellowship Hall. All you need to do is bring your pharmacy benefit insurance card, Medicare, Medicaid or VA card. **No co-pay**. If you have any questions, please call Walgreens at (302) 424-6300, option 2 and the option 3.

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 3rd (10:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.)** and **Sunday, November 5th.(after all 3 services)**

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

UMW BOARD will meet on the **2nd Monday of each month**, The next meeting will be **October 9th**, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 207 upstairs. Please plan to attend this meeting to get all the latest information to take back to your Circle.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Want You: The United Methodist Women (UMW) are gearing up to begin meeting and doing. Mission work takes place all year long and UMW meet once a month in Circles (small groups) to do hands on mission, Bible Study, book and magazine reviews and other programs to help each person grow in their relationship to God. We snack, we talk, we pray, we learn and enjoy the fellowship and company of other women growing in their faith. Circles usually meet the third Tuesday of the month at Avenue or in homes, next meetings would be **October 17th**. Sarah Circle meets at 9:45 am, Mary/Martha Circle at 1:30

p.m., Esther Circle at 7:00 p.m and electronically E-circle. Places, times and dates are listed in the Worship Folder and Midweek in advance of the meetings. Please check that to note changes. Please consider coming to a Circle meeting this fall. For more information, contact Beth Parker at bparke42@comcast.net or (302) 382-5581.

Reminder: Ester Circle meets on Sept. 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

UMW IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: There will be **no UMW General Meeting this Sunday, September 24th** after 11:00 worship. It will be rescheduled in November. Please watch for the announcement.

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: We will continue our study of MOSES—In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet on **September 26th** at 10:00 a.m. in the Grier Room. 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.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: This 9 week **LIFE CHANGING CLASS** will continue on **Tuesday, September 26th 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.

SUNSHINE ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Sunshine Bible Class, our only Adult Sunday School class, will meet on **September 24th** in the Grier Room at 9:30 AM. Our studies for September are Signs of God's Covenants, and September 24th study is "Spirit-Filled Heart." Come and join the Class in these exciting studies.

EXPLORING FAITH BOOK CLUB meets on the third Sunday of the Month at 12:15 p.m. in the Grier Room. Our next study is **October 15th**. We continue our study of the Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis. Screwtape is a member of the Devil's organization and he is writing to his nephew Wormwood, who is a newbe in the Devil's service. Screwtape and Wormwood have been assigned a man who is a new Christian. Their job is to keep him from taking his faith seriously. We shall be studying the first four letters in the book. Come and see what the Devil through his servants thinks about God and the Christian faith.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS/LOST AND FOUND GROUP our next meeting on **October 4th** at 11:00 a.m. in the **Grier 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 **October 9th** at 4:00 p.m. in the Grier Room.

OUTREACH

MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY: On the first Tuesday of each month at 1p.m. you will see a Food Bank truck in our parking lot. This is a Food Bank initiative; our only involvement is to give them permission to use our parking lot. This is the monthly Senior Feeding Program. If you are interested or know of someone who could benefit from this program contact the Food Bank or call 211.

As far as the inventory of the Milford Community Pantry; we are low on **cereal** again...all donations are appreciated.

AVENUE PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR. Registration is ongoing for a limited number of spots for the 2017-18 school year, which is the preschool's **50th** year providing early education services in the community. To be eligible, a child must be at least 36-months old on or before August 31st, unless entering our new "Young Beginners" program--see next section for those details. Registration must be done in person. Contact the Preschool Director, Paula Yeich, and 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 after August 31st but 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. For further information please see the contact details in the Avenue Preschool section above.

CODE PURPLE: With the Fall chill in the air, we can't help but be reminded that Code Purple will be back in full swing before we know it. We need to begin filling the calendar with meal sign ups now, so that there will be less to worry about when the season begins. Joyce Bonnoni is seeking assistance from the community by reaching out to other churches, business, organizations, and local families. Please consider joining with coworkers, other families, or having an organization that your family is involved in sign up to prepare a meal once, or once each month during our open season, November through March. Meals can be prepared and brought hot to serve, prepared and frozen, or purchased, but should feed 20-25 people.

We are also needing a meal coordinator, and a donation coordinator at this time. If you are interested in sponsoring a meal or filling one of the coordinator positions, please contact Joyce Bonnoni at jbonnonicp@gmail.com or 302-242-8968.

MATTHEW PROJECT: "Thank you for your generous response for the girl and boy who arrived from North Carolina. They are clothed top to bottom. Matthew 25:35-40 Project"

UMCOR ERT TRAINING: KIUMC is hosting the UMCOR ERT training on **Oct 7th** from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 for material (check or cash on site). Registration can be done from this link: <http://www.kiumc.org/umcor-ert-training.html>. Any questions please contact Rev. Amor Woolsey (amor@kiumc.org) or Elizabeth Schilling (els1027@me.com).

STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS: *Avenue Church is partnering with Volunteer Delaware 50+* September 11th has been designated as a National Day of Service. Sussex Volunteer Delaware 50+ is partnering with Stocking for Soldiers as a project for 9/11. We are collecting requested items to fill the “stockings”, which are personalized for soldiers. We are partnering with other organizations who have agreed to collect. Then we will deliver the collected items to Stockings for Soldiers. Last year they sent 10,000 stockings filled with goodies. The Official collection dates will be from Monday, September 11th thru Wednesday, November 2nd. (A list of items the table in the Fellowship Foyer)

Thank you for your participation in collecting donated items for The Stocking for Soldiers Program. What a wonderful way for us to give back to those that are sacrificing their lives for us! We sincerely appreciate your dedication to this, and look forward to seeing how many items we can collect. Interested in making stockings, please contact Linda Rogers at (302) 381-2571 or at work (302) 515-3020.

VIM FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY RACE WEEKEND: On **Sunday, Oct 1st** there are 12 opening for volunteers to help with the race at Dover Downs. Volunteers would be scanning tickets for people entering the race. Mike Williams (424-1294) and George Zang (236-8824) are coordinating the efforts. Funds raised would go to support the next mission trip that VIM takes. Every little bit helps. If you are available let Mike or George know.

COMMUNITY

HOMELESS SCHOOL CHILDREN are in need of personal care items and school supplies at this time of year. Please consider donating soap – any types, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and blankets, School supplies needed are bookbags, scissors, markers, highlighters and folders. A donation box is available in Fellowship Foyer. Let us all reach out and make a child’s day better.

LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2016	2017
8:00	82	46
9:30	161	157
Sunday School	75	69
11:00	73	72
<u>FUSION</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43</u>
Total	391	387

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/24

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 2:00 p.m. 2nd Street Players Rehearsal,
Grier Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room and
Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 9/25

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Tiger Den Meeting, Nursery
- 7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers,
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206

TUESDAY 9/26

- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room
- 6:00 p.m. Brownie Troop, Nursery
- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 6:15 p.m. Mispillion Children's Chorus,
Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Pack Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 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 9/27

- 11:00 a.m. Writing Group, Grier Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Group, Grier Room
- 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Music Room
- 5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion,
Room 202
- 6:00 p.m. AveNotes, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Ester Circle Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 9/28

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group,
Conference Room
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 2:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion,
Room 202
- 6:30 p.m. Committee Meeting, Grier Room

FRIDAY 9/29

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

SATURDAY 9/30

- 12:00 p.m. Eagle Ceremony—Cameron Maull,
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 10/1

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room and
Fellowship Hall