



AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

As you read this I am hoping to be on a plane heading back to the States. As I write this I am sitting at the gate at Incheon International Airport waiting to board my flight in about an hour. It is 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27th which means it's 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26th back home in Milford.

It's been an amazing trip and it would take days to write about what happened and hours for you to read it all. I'll just say for now that I have an appreciation for the Korean culture that I never expected to have. Their fervor for Jesus is humbling. Churches with several thousand members and costing tens of millions of dollars are common. I'm sure I'll be sharing stories throughout the year but suffice it to say now that I'm looking forward to getting home and sleeping in my own bed. I suspect with such a major time difference (and I did get my body reset to the Korean time zone), that jet lag will be lengthy and intense but I'm okay with that.

When I left I was feeling pretty lousy (still getting over pneumonia) and dreading a 14 hour flight in cramped quarters. Now I would not

have changed this experience in any way. God is indeed good all the time.

See you on Sunday if not before!

Peace and love,

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

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 communities.

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.

The Mispillion Children's Chorus

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

**Tuesday evenings 6:15-7:15 p.m.
in the Music Room here at Avenue**

*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 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: Family and friends of Hanna's daughter Amy, Family and friends of Naomi Drumheller, Family and friends of Donald Killen, Nancy Dickerson's brother, Family and friends of Ellen, including her son, Douglas and step-sister Mary Lou Sheaffer, Dave and Sharon Dawson, Lydia Castro's family in Puerto Rico, Healing for the wife and daughter of the Lilly family, Craig, Gina whose husband passed away, and needs help selling his business, Doris Warren's son, Steve, Mary Beth who lost her husband, John Klock who is deployed to Afghanistan, Rhonda and James Mercer, Ashley Fritz, Sonya Roberts, Beth Judy who is going for surgery on Friday, Laura, Howard Haverkamp, Bill Salvin, Christopher, Kirsten Pearce, April McIntyre, Charlie Harding, Colleen Dunham, All preparing to attend the Korea spiritual pilgrimage, Pastor Wendy, for healing and safe travels, Kevin Proud, Donny Hopkin's son, and his wife, Carol, and their newborn, Kevin, Jr., 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, A 7-year old grandson, help with school, Karen, Everyone taking the next step on their faith journey, Cheryl and Marilyn Bowe, Kris Lawson and Maureen English.

Rejoice with: All who are taking the next step, Bill Gaskill and family who found a new home, and Someone who received God's provision in response to an issue at work.

SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of **Naomi Drumheller** who passed away on **September 21st**. Naomi joined Avenue on March 23, 1975.

BIRTHDAY GREETING TO:

Jean Murphy who will celebrate her **90th** birthday on **October 1st**.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Hank and Birgit Haefeli who will celebrate their **62nd** anniversary on **October 1st**.

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

A HEALTHIER YOU CLASS: In this class you will learn a) weight loss through Christ, b) detoxification—cancer and c) spiritual fasting. Class will be taught by Bonnie Glenn on **October 11th and 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room.**

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 tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

UMW IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: The next UMW General Meeting is on **Sunday, November 12th**.

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: We will continue our study of MOSES—In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet on **October 3rd** 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, October 3rd 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 meets at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday in the Grier Room. For October the lessons center on "Called Into Covenant with God." October 1st is "God's Covenant with Abram;" October 8th, "God's Covenant with Israel;" October 15th, "God's Written Covenant;" October 22nd, "God's Covenant with David;" and October 29th, "God's Covenant with the Returned Exiles." Come and be part of the exciting discussions on these topics.

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	65	78
9:30	182	153
Sunday School	86	58
11:00	91	73
FUSION	0	56
Total	424	418

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 10/1 ~ Communion

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

MONDAY 10/2

- 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. Wolf Den Meeting, Holzmuehler Room
- 7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206

TUESDAY 10/3

- 9:30 a.m. Archives Comm. Meeting, Archives Room
- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room
- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 6:15 p.m. Mispillion Children's Chorus, Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Webelos Den, 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
- 7:00 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting, Carpenter Room
- 7:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY 10/4

- 10:30 a.m. Diabetes Prev. Program, Heritage 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
- 6:30 p.m. Arrow of Light Den, Wesley Room

THURSDAY 10/5

- 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. Bear's Den Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY 10/6

- 8:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SATURDAY 10/7

- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 10/8

- 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