



AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

I was going to use this space over the next few weeks to talk about my trip to Korea. As I have said when people asked me, it was both a wonderful trip and a horrible experience. More about that at another time.

On Sunday evening, there were 59 people killed in a mass shooting during a concert in Las Vegas. While the investigation continues and people search for a motive, our thoughts and prayers need to be with the victims and their families. Just trying to imagine myself getting a call that my son had been killed while he was at a concert was incredibly difficult. I can't begin to know what it would feel like in reality.

Psalm 116: 1-2 says, "I love the Lord because He hears my prayers and answers them, because He bends down to listen. I will pray as long as I breathe." We can be assured that God hears our prayers on behalf of everyone affected by the mass murder. We can also have faith that God is with every person dealing with the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual wounds inflicted by the shooting. That does not mean that "all will be better" quickly or that life will get "back to normal" for anyone affected. It does mean that God will carry His children as they grieve, lament, and eventually begin to heal.

It is in these times when we need to just be with God. We need to be still and know the Creator who made each of us is with us always. We need to lean into the Almighty and trust that God will be with us in these times of personal, community and national tragedy. John 16:33 reminds us that God said, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Let us pray that this is the last mass killing ever to take place in the world. Let us also pray that the will of the God of love and peace be done. No matter what we do in terms of gun control, venue security, mental health services and all the other pieces that are part of the national debate of these all-too-often horrific incidents, we must keep the commandments and guidance of the Lord on our hearts and minds as the most important aspect of how we approach the discussion.

To God be the glory forever and ever.

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



From the desk of our Bishop.....

Always Present--Wind, Rain, Earthquake, Fire



It seems like a week has not passed lately without a catastrophic disaster of nature. There have always been such things since the dawn of time, but scientists are confirming that the force and breadth of these events have been more severe than usual.



Humanitarian crises result, and it all leaves us unsettled, sad and finding ways

to alleviate suffering through the collection of flood buckets, health kits and donations to the UM Committee on Relief. There is hardly a person who does not know someone who has been displaced or adversely affected by hurricanes, floods and fires in our region.

Yet, the devastation from hurricanes, mudslides and earthquakes in countries around the world has left even more peoples' lives destroyed due to their fragile infrastructures and the poverty many of our global friends must suffer and struggle through.



As we prepare for **World Communion Sunday** on Sunday, October 1, let us remember all people around the world who are suffering and the rescuers who rush in to aid those in need with great sacrifice and love. May we continue to collect offerings to offer them our help.

But may we also remember to support the efforts of many diverse United Methodists who, through higher education and training for leadership, are preparing their hearts and minds to relieve suffering and improve the lives of their churches and communities. Our United Methodist World Communion Sunday offering supports many of them with scholarships and grants, thus helping to prepare the next generation of leaders among us.



As we give to this Special Sunday offering, may we plant seeds for a brighter future of principled leaders. Leaders who will be able to guide the church into the days ahead, when we will likely see more storms but also more heroic Christian acts to rescue victims and aid survivors.

The love of God in Jesus Christ is passed on into the future through Christ's devoted disciples and servant-leaders, as we help prepare those leaders with quality education today.

Please feel free to use this suggested ["Great Thanksgiving" Communion liturgy](#), prepared by the Rev. Michael Johnson, on this World Communion Sunday or any appropriate Sunday during these trying times. May God bless you and your faithful ministries.

In remembrance of Christ,



Peggy A. Johnson



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.

Matthew 25: 35-40 Project – A few 2017 Summer Stories

A previously homeless family of 3 adults has been assisted to housing

One adult is working and the other two have medical conditions. Coming together as a community, were: Corrine of the Division of Aging and Valerie of Milford High School who referred them to Laura of Delaware Social Services who provided initial housing funding. An electric stove from the Price family, with storage by Bernice and transport by Larry and Sonny filled a gap of cooking in the home. A refrigerator delivered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who also supplied a handicapped ramp, replaced a chest of ice and rickety steps. Because the Brennan family has contributed for families so many times, they are always looking for people to donate and they contacted the Parsons family who gave a house full of furniture, kitchen and household items. The Milford Community Food Pantry, of course, supported. Other individuals, volunteers Norman and Maddison and a variety of families of Avenue Church provided opportunities, encouragement, food, bedding, other household supplies to bridge other gaps. The family has expressed their gratitude many times. As a Church congregation, we are reminded by **Apostle Paul - I Corinthians, Chapter 12** that it takes a community of people, with God-given different personalities, acting intentionally and being truly committed to make a difference for their fellowman, for such a miracle to occur.

United Methodist Women provided funding

A family of 2 working adults and 2 children were assisted with partial rent. He was hospitalized; her early shift, part time job, for UPS couldn't cover the rent. Working separate day-night shifts, the young children are covered by parental care. She continues night school at Del Tech to finish a nursing degree.

Grandparents had good reasons to seek temporary custody of a granddaughter. The costs strained their finances and they needed some help with electric, which UMW provided.

The husband and wife moved into housing with just their Summer clothes and a few personal items

Kitchen cooking items, table and chairs, and food were supplied. They had no clock. They had no radio. They had no television and couldn't afford the cable. At the perfect moment, a family donating a TV with built-in DVD-VCR and a box of tapes, provided wonderful free entertainment. Donating a new clock, another lady had no idea it was destined to be so important. After rent and utility, little is left over. When two sisters heard this, they filled the pantry with food, paper needs,

beautiful bedding, and a chair – a recliner so now the wife, who has cancer, finds comfort. Necessary Fall-Winter clothing was given. The husband stroked the hooded, warm coat knowing he will not be cold this winter.

Two young children were carried from North Carolina to live with a local relative with the clothes on their backs

With one simple request to the Avenue congregation, the children received: shoes, coats, pants and tops, underwear, socks.

Donating a queen bed, the two sisters gave and received a blessing

With many past years of giving for families, they called, once again, to donate a bed. A request had been made by another Methodist Church for a bed for a husband and wife new to Milford. Our sister church made arrangements and picked up the bed and carried to the family after personally praying for the giving sisters from the top of their heads to their feet.

18 Children received filled backpacks to begin School

Because a member of Avenue shops sales, uses coupons, and intentionally prepares for the next mission opportunity.

One Church member downsizing

Donated a daybed, matching wardrobe and recliner and had them transported directly to the grateful family. Milford Social Services had just referred this working family who needed a clothes dryer, beds and dresser. The dryer was given the first day of the annual Avenue Yard Sale, carried by volunteers to their residence and this furniture a few days later.

A wife donated her deceased husband's wardrobe

She brought clothing, shoes, jackets, helpfully marked with sizes, on hangers. The recipient, who attends Church, has a total wardrobe.

An air conditioner was a true blessing

This husband and wife have a travel trailer residence that is now comfortable. The donor went out-of-her way to accommodate the timing needs of the family.

A \$20.00 cash donation

This church member was volunteering at the church office this particular day and handed this donation saying: "Use this for someone who needs it". She was unaware that two volunteers were standing in the Church office ready to pick up food orders to deliver for two single, individual men, in different housing but in close proximity – a few miles apart. Both men have suffered losses and are financially challenged and need every bit of encouragement possible. Ten dollars each was a special gift.

Upon hearing of the need for home insulating materials, an employee of Supplies Unlimited Delmarva/MS Hollow Metal, a Greenwood Company, informed corporate headquarters

Verifying was, as easy as, a call to Avenue Church to learn that the husband and wife had obtained a condemned mobile home, gutted it and began restoring walls, floors, plumbing, electrical, wood stove, etc. while working and living in it. Avenue annual yard sales, for the past 2 – perhaps 3 years, have contributed parts, supplies, and together with other donations stove, freezer, furniture and so forth or purchases made possible by your monetary donations. Wood cut from fallen trees on church property, by men of the Church, helped fuel their stove. The donation of a chain saw gave the family an opportunity to cut more wood. Because of this employee and this company's sizeable donation, this family's home will truly be warm.



A Day To Give Thanks
(Outdoor communion service)
Seating available - Lawn chairs welcomed)

Communion will be served by Pastor Tom Passmore, Avenue United Methodist Church.

Where: 10287 Memory Rd.
When: October 29, 2017
Time: 3:00 pm

PRAISE – WORSHIP - MUSIC
RSVP Welcome
flagstoneproduce@gmail.com
Donny Hopkins
302-349-5252 – 302-381-1083 (cell)



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 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Cindy Caneveri, the family and friends of Vince Killeen, Dawn Smith, Dave and Sharon Dawson, Christopher, Charlie Harding, Howard Haverkamp, Sue Winkler, Karen, all sinners, Kirsten Pearce, a friend's 2-1/2 year-old grandson, Joanne McKay, Bill Gaskill and family, Kris Lawson, Maureen English, Evelyn Taylor, Sonya Roberts, April McIntyre, Colleen Dunham, Joanne, the people and leaders of South Korea, the people of North Korea, all the political leaders associated with the issues on the Korean peninsula, the victims and their families of the Las Vegas shooting and family and friends of Ruth Donovan.

Rejoice with: Jean Murphy, Carmela and Joseph Baldwin, Bill Gaskill and family

BIRTHDAY GREETING TO:

Bob Currie who will celebrate his **97th** birthday on **October 13th**.

Joe Lear, Sr. who will celebrate his **93rd** birthday on **October 17th**

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Larry and Peggy Hughes who will celebrate their **54th** anniversary on **October 12th**.

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS: The 2017-2018 confirmation class will begin on **October 22nd** at **5:30 p.m.** in the Grier room. Confirmation is for students 8th grade or above who wish to deepen their faith and join the church as full members. Parents and students are both invited to this open session on October 22nd. Any questions please contact pastor tom or the church office. We look forward to seeing your student in the class.

THE REMINDERS CONCERT: The Reminders will be at Avenue Church on Friday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken to help support this concert and the new concert series at Avenue Church.

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD / SHOEBOX MINISTRY IS HERE. If you or a group you are part of would like to pack a shoebox, please pick up information on How to Pack a Shoebox on the Fellowship Foyer table. We have some shoeboxes for you to use or you can use your own standard size one. Pack one nice small toy, such as a doll or stuffed animal or ball and add other small school supplies, hygiene items and toys. NO toothpaste or candy allowed anymore and no liquids or lotions. Decide on a girl or boy, age group and enjoy packing. If you want to support this ministry but no time to shop or pack, then let Brenda Beissel do it for you. Brenda will pack a box for you and will be in Fellowship Foyer on Sunday, **October 15th and 22nd** to take your order. She buys items, pays for shipping and donates to Relay for Life. **Every single box must have \$9.00** enclosed (or paid online) to pay for shipping. If you are packing individually, the last day for bringing your shoebox to church is **Sunday, November 12th**.

UMW IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: The next UMW General Meeting is on **Sunday, November 12th**. We will welcome Craig Warrington who will speak on the needs of the

Homeless Children and youth in the Milford school system. Come be informed and learn what you can do to help. A basket is located in Fellowship Foyer to place items that are needed for the kids. The “yellow” list is available to help you remember as you shop. You might want to pick up shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, school supplies like book bags, scissors, markers, highlighters and folder. Thank you in advance.

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS’ BIBLE STUDY: We will continue our study of MOSES—In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet on **October 10th** 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.

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 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 newbie 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 **November 1st** 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 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Avenue Preschool is hiring for a part-time Pre-K teacher, 20 hours per week during the school year, to begin work ASAP. Deadline to apply is:10/6/2017. Interviews will be scheduled. Avenue Preschool is

a Delaware Stars Level 5 early childhood program that has been providing high quality early education since 1967. Candidates should have DE Department of Ed qualification as an Early Childhood Teacher, or certain approved training and experience. For details about the core requirements please visit our website at:

www.avenuepreschool.org or see the flyer in the lobby of Avenue United Methodist Church, 20 N. Church Ave., Milford, DE 19963. For more information contact Paula Yeich at the preschool office via email (office@avenuepreschool.org) or phone at 422-8775. Please send resume and cover letter via email or mail (details above).

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.

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.

COMMUNITY

CUB SCOUT PACK 186 is having a fundraiser on **Thursday, October 26th** 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	49	51
9:30	159	130
Sunday School	57	59
11:00	65	101
FUSION	0	46
Total	330	387

CALENDAR

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

MONDAY 10/9

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 4:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group, Grier 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 10/10

- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room
- 2:00 p.m. 4H, Wesley Room
- 6:00 p.m. Brownie Troop, Nursery
- 6:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol, Heritage 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. Finance Team Meeting, Grier Room

WEDNESDAY 10/11

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Laity—Dover, Grier Room
- 6:30 p.m. Arrow of Light Den, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. A Healthier You, Heritage Room

THURSDAY 10/12

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. DCOM, Heritage & Holzmueller Room
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 2:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion, Room 202
- 6:00 p.m. DD Board of Church Location & Building, Holzmueller Room

FRIDAY 10/13

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

SATURDAY 10/14

- 9:00 a.m. The Well
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 10/15 ~ Pancake Breakfast

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Exploring Faith Book Club, Grier Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room and Fellowship Hall