



The Midweek

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

Sometimes the perfect words just land in your lap and that was my experience this week. For this edition of the Midweek, I would like to share with you what my friend Pastor Heidi from Kansas sent. She writes a devotion once a month and this is what she sent for October. To God be the glory forever and ever.

Two of my friends and I were walking one early morning. As we walked along, one friend shared her concern regarding a grave illness now facing a close relative. After listening, the other friend turned, and said, "This may sound trite, but what I pray in times like this is for "God's will to be done." The first friend considered that for a moment, and then said, "I have never heard of that before." At this point, I chimed in and said, "Perhaps not like that, but remember, each time we say the Lord's Prayer, we pray, 'Thy will be done.' That is what we mean." We started to talk about other things, but the conversation continued to repeat itself in my mind for weeks.

For me, this was no trite matter, but rather the most powerful, loving, and caring thing that my first friend could have offered to comfort our struggling friend. The theologian, Karl Barth, wrote "In God alone there is faithfulness, and faith in the trust that we may hold to Him, to His promise and to His guidance. To hold to God is to rely on the fact that God is there for me, and to live in this certainty." My first friend offered hope, and love and

faith in place of pity. To me, pity does not uplift the sorrow-laden; pity creates a hierarchy where the offeror is superior to the person suffering, and thereby, pushes the sufferer down further. Pity should be reserved to creatures that have no control of their circumstances. What a gift my first friend offered!

Jesus asks us to offer our sincere prayers in private, so that we are not distracted, or pretending something to impress others. We should offer our private prayers of confession freely and fully; and feel blessed with gratitude for God's mercy; and find strength and courage in God's will and divine providence (Matthew 6: 5-8). The Lord's Prayer is a series of requests (petitions). Here are some thoughts about the first three. The first petition: "Hallowed be thy name" (Matthew 6: 9) serves to raise up the essential, eternal quality of God's holy name as revealed in Christ, and rightly comes first. The first petition gives infinite power to the prayer. The second petition: "Thy kingdom come" (Matthew 6:10) means "The kingdom of God is...righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14:17). It acknowledges our responsibility to welcome God's kingdom, and to accept responsibility to bring forth the kingdom by our trust and faith in God. My first friend invoked the third petition: "Thy will be done." The third is nothing without the first two petitions. It is not our whimsical wills that will be done; but God's will. No matter our trials and challenges, we can at all times, and in all ways trust the love of our Father in his divine will.

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



From the desk of

Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry (CBHECM)

Hello Friends,

My name is Bradley Schutt and I am the chairperson of our Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, or CBHECM for short. Our mission can be described with the words connecting, advocating, and supporting. The first word, connecting, is very important because it describes our board's place in the mission statement of the Peninsula Delaware Annual Conference which is cultivating communities through our CALL: Connecting, Acting, Leading, and Loving. This connecting happens with college students to campus ministries and local churches, churches to campus ministries, and campus ministries to the annual conference. Campus ministry is our shared ministry because it continues the work of discipleship that begins early in a young person's life in the church and helps bring spiritual growth to college students as they find a new church or religious community for themselves.

Between late August and September countless new and returning students have moved into college dormitories or nearby housing to start or continue their journey through higher education. They will be presented with opportunities to learn and grow intellectually in the classroom and through their studies. Outside of the classroom they will be challenged to grow as a person as they are presented with new ideas, new freedoms, and an introduction to the world beyond wherever they grew up. This is certainly a wonderful and exciting time, but it can also be confusing and overwhelming. It is so incredibly necessary to provide these students with a means to stay grounded in faith. Campus ministry can provide them with a community of peers and mentors to help navigate through all of this, regardless of their faith upbringing.

From early on in life through high school, church was a given for me because we went as a family and did many things in church as a family. It wasn't mandatory, but I never saw it as optional because of how much a part of our lives it was. As you may imagine, that all changed in college. All of a sudden there's no one waking you up for church or making sure you get

there on time. You're on your own and going to a new church full of new people that don't know anything about you. That can be a very scary and intimidating thing. The only thing that saw me through that transition and all its inherent struggles was a campus ministry. It provided students who were in a similar place in life to me and going through the same struggles. I was discipled by mentors, upperclassmen and pastors, who could provide me with wisdom learned from their own lives.

If you have any young people in your church, or that you know in any capacity, who are starting or going back to college please do everything you can do get them connected with a local Wesley Foundation, the United Methodist Campus Ministry, and a local congregation. If you have any questions or need help with these please e-mail me or anyone on our board and we will help you make those connections. Within our conference we have a Wesley Foundation or United Methodist campus ministry at the University of Delaware, Delaware State University, Salisbury University, and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. A person doesn't have to be going to one of these schools for us to help get them connected, they're just the closest ones.

A home congregation's work doesn't end with making sure a student has a spiritual community wherever they are going to college. You are certainly sending these college students away with God's blessings and entrusting their spiritual care to others, but that connection to home always remains. Do everything you can to regularly remind these young people that their home church is thinking about them and praying for them. Send them messages via e-mail, telephone, Facebook, or even a card to their new address. Care packages and food of any kind is always welcome! To be reminded that although they are out on their own, but that they are NOT alone is a profoundly comforting message.

One of the bigger tasks that the Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry has is the funding, administrating of, and awarding of three conference scholarships. We also review applications and designate winners for two financial awards through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Our conference scholarships include a merit based award, a need based award, and a scholarship for members of a Wesley Foundation. Last year the CBHECM awarded three \$500 scholarships, but we are looking to do more for our students as attaining a degree keeps getting more expensive.

Our hope is to begin awarding \$1000 scholarships as soon as possible, but that requires the help of all the churches and members of our conference. I would ask you all to prayerfully consider giving to our Pen-Del Scholarship Fund so that we can grow in our ability to support those who are answering God's call to serve in a variety of careers. In all of this I am reminded of a familiar passage from Isaiah, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland" (43:19, NIV). This is truly a season of new things, and by us working together in our connected ministry we can help provide a way through for our college students facing so much temptation and anxiety and provide them with the joy and peace of Jesus. May we serve and share as Christ's one church working together!

Blessings,

Pastor Bradley Schutt

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 Sussex County training week is right around the corner. The training sessions are meant to be general training that can be applied to any Code Purple Sussex County shelter, so choose a location and date that suits you best. The locations are as follows:

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

Tuesday, Oct. 17th - Milford Avenue UMC, 20 N. Church Street, Milford, DE 19963

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

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

I am praying for highly motivated, passionate people to step into this ministry with us in order to stand in the gap for an ever increasing number of community members experiencing homelessness. All of us are called to be part of Kingdom work and if your spirit is feeling led to jump into this ministry, then you are needed. There are many roles to be filled, many directly working with our guests, others working behind the scenes. All roles, whether it's cooking meals, helping with intake, showing up for fellowship, staying overnight, being on the morning crew, helping with Saturday morning breakfasts, or assisting with donations...each individual part of the body of Christ is valuable and important to the working of the full body. I believe God has a Kingdom Dream Team forming in this ministry and I believe those who are called to get involved will come with a burning desire to please God and pour into the broken hearts that cross our threshold.

As the coordinator of the Milford shelter, God has taken me on such a journey of growth, both in faith and in understanding. I believe we should always be in a state of seeking what God is trying to teach us...so although I have learned much this past year...He has much more to grow in me. I stepped into this coordinator role fearful God chose the wrong girl...I could never be enough for what this ministry would require, I was not equipped, and he must have overestimated my abilities...BUT...He planted in me such a passion for helping people who felt invisible and lost in their circumstances or bogged down with despair from past mistakes...a "Holy Discontentment" as Bill Hybels calls it...pleasing God became more important than any of the lies the enemy was feeding my insecurities...but it wasn't until I realized that no great dream of love has ever been built on the fear of what might go wrong that pleasing God became a far easier priority than any other.

If fear is providing any hesitation to your getting involved with this ministry, please note...fear is not of God and this ministry is absolutely GOD'S. We are a ministry of FAITH...we believe nothing is impossible through Christ, and no one is beyond redemption. We believe God's word IS truth and that every one of us has a calling...a purpose...that God has placed on our lives...including on the lives of our guests. We don't "have to" BUT we "get to" serve God by shining the light of his redeeming and transformational love into the darkness in the lives of our guests. It is an honor. We can love them where they are at, mutually respecting each other within an environment that incorporates boundaries for safety, but LOVE and GRACE form the foundation.

To those of you who volunteered with us last season...YOU ARE A GIFT! You are cherished and your service to our guests is appreciated far more than any words can

express. What God has been able to do through YOUR hard work and commitment last season truly does matter and it matters for all eternity. We had several guests that were able to see a vision for their life that was different from what they had been living and the love YOU all poured into them, the truth of their potential and worth, resonated deeply and contributed to the change in their walk. As Marcus Lemonis said, "When you can unlock someone's heart and earn their trust, you can navigate through anything together."

Code Purple Sussex County is a relational ministry. Not all of our guests will be open to transformation, but every drop of love you share, every smile, every word of God's truth, every ounce of hope, every moment volunteered, every meal provided, every prayer said matters...for eternity.

I am excited to see the awesome power of God's transformational love at work again as we throw open our doors to friends old and new, growing a supportive family out of the darkness that invades so much of their lives. As volunteers, WE are as much a part of that family as the guests are. When you sit down with another human being and you hear their story...no matter what their story is...you can't help but fall in love with their humanity.

Let us remember the instructions from Hebrews 12:1-2
Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Please pray about the burning desire, the holy discontentment, the passion behind your calling to assist us. Pray about how you can bring your talents to the table and be part of God's Kingdom work through Code Purple. Pray about how you can help to make our Kingdom Dream Team the most fruitful, spirit led, life breathing, hope giving, transformation promoting band of servant hearts possible. **(And don't forget to mark the training dates on your calendar.)**

Blessings,

Joyce Bonnoni

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!

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*Just a commitment from parents and
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QUESTIONS

themispillionchildrenschorus@gmail.com

Kevin B. Chamberlain (302) 422-8111

Sharon Starling (302) 422-2785

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

presents

The Reminders

Friday, October 20, 2017

7:00 p.m.

All are Welcome



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

AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS



AUTUMN LEAVES

OCTOBER 17
7:30PM

*Avenue United Methodist Church
20 N Church Street, Milford*

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(Yeonjune Suh soprano, J. Andrew Dickenson guitar)

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Eliezer Gutman violin

Liliya Maslov piano

Dr. Oleg Maslov piano

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(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 23, 2016

(rain date October 30th)

Time: 3:00 pm

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITAL VISITS: Please help the pastors by calling the church office at (302) 422-8111 when someone from the church is hospitalized.

ELECTRONIC GIVING is being offered at Avenue Church. An *Information Sheet with Authorization Agreement* is available on the table in Fellowship Foyer. Simply fill out the authorization agreement and return it to the church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you want to reserve a Sunday please call the church office then call Milford Plant, Flower and Garden Shop at (302) 422-4961. Flowers are placed in the altar vases up by the cross.

PRAYER CONCERNS PAST WEEK: The family 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

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: Kathy and Lynn Morris and daughters Jessy and Gwen, a niece, Linda Marvel, the family and friends of Beatrice, Bill and Jill Gustin, Manny, the boys Chrysalis weekend, Bill Gaskill and family, Carmean, Bill's father, Craig, Arthur and Mary Swank, the Wolf family, the Moffett family, the Hanna family, Mary Jane Willis, Brenna's family, Julia, Jack and family, Kalle's family and aunt, Janice Abbott, Katie and Brandon, Brittney and Gage, family and friends of Thelma Miller, the victims of the Las Vegas shooting, the victims of the California wildfires, victims of the London car incident, Dave and Sharon Dawson, Kirsten Pearce, Charlie Harding, Howard Haverkamp, Karen, Chris, Colton, Joanne McKay, Christopher, Colleen Dunham, April McIntyre, the people on the Korean peninsula, Neil Parker, the nation and its leaders.

Rejoice with: The awesome choir, Joe Lear, Mary Jo Lear, Bob Currie, Peggy and Larry Hughes, Gertrude Hendrick, Pastor Wendy and Michael Butterworth.

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.

WEDNESDAY DISCIPLE CLASS meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Holzmüller Room. Over the next 34 weeks the class will be exploring the Bible. To register, please call Josh Willey at (302) 422-8952.

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.

OCTOBER 31ST SPECIAL EVENT: Avenue United Methodist Church has been invited to receive and host a once in a lifetime event, an exciting event. Our Bishop Peggy Johnson invited Bishop Daniel Lunge and Dr. Adolphe Yamba Yamba from the Central Congo, along with Jonathan and Donna Baker, of our missionary partnership, to share and speak to our congregation and friends. This is a great honor. Bishop Lunge is the newly elected Bishop of the Central Congo where all the projects are happening that Bakers support. They will be at Avenue in the late afternoon and will be served a dinner by UMW and UMM. They will present to us **from 7:00 – 9:00 pm that evening.** It will be an evening full of stories and blessings from these distinguished men of God, our Bishop and missionaries. Be sure to mark your calendar now and plan to attend this event on Tuesday, October 31st evening.

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 **November 13th,** 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 meets on the 2nd Wednesday 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 17th** 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 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 **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 **November 13th** 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.

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.

DOVER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FALL CLASSICAL CONCERT “IF IT AIN'T BAROQUE”:

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. 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.

LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2016	2017
8:00	56	58
9:30	178	170
Sunday School	79	81
11:00	68	60
FUSION	0	56
Total	381	425

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 10/15 ~Pancake Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship,
 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room and Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 10/16

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, Holzmueller 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 10/17

9:45 a.m. Sarah Circle Meeting at Joyce Voshell's residence
 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room
 1:30 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle Meeting, Room 207
 5:00 p.m. Concert—Music Masters 1, Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol, Heritage Room
 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
 6:30 p.m. Webelos Den, Grier Room
 7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club, Room 206
 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Code Purple Training, Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Nominations Meeting, Carpenter Room

WEDNESDAY 10/18

10:30 a.m. Diabetes Prev. Program, Heritage Room
 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry Meeting, Conference 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. A Healthier You, Heritage Room
 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class, Holzmueller Room

THURSDAY 10/19

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
 6:30 p.m. Bear Den Meeting, Wesley Room
 7:00 p.m. SPRC, Holzmueller Room

FRIDAY 10/20

7:00 p.m. Concert Series: The Reminders, Sanctuary
 8:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SATURDAY 10/21

7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 10/22

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:00 a.m. Flu Shots, Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 12:15 p.m. Exploring Faith Book Club, Grier Room
 4:00 p.m. McAleer School of Irish Dance, Fellowship Hall
 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Grier Room
 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room and Fellowship Hall