



## *The Midweek*

*Wednesday, April 11, 2018*

*From the desk of our Pastors . . .*

I received this monthly writing from my friend Heidi and I just had to share it with you this week. It is so eloquent it brought tears to my eyes. She writes this:

Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed! With Easter falling on the first day of April, we celebrate anew our Risen Savior in the days and months ahead. How will we praise his holy name? Will we choose to imitate Jesus' unshaken faith in the face of the difficulties and challenges that surely lie ahead? Will we come to understand God in us, for us, with us, and beyond us, as Paul did when he wrote: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life...will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39 NRSV).

For the past several months, I have been thinking about the significance of the number one. It seems to me, that we really only need the number one and the concept of infinity. In order to make sense of infinity, however, we like to separate things, and divide the number one in various ways throughout the known and unknown of our inner and outer universes.

For example, we each have one life. We can count that one life by a God-given number of breaths, number of heart beats, number of moments or memories, and countless other ways. During those early heart beats, I wonder if we are

aware of anything other than our own existences. Is there really anything separating us from our one God? As our hearts beat more, we start separating, and longing for, almost forgetting, that oneness.

As Christians, we believe that God saved us from our sense of separation by giving us his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. We, in turn, understand God as a triune (one in three) God. With our Risen Savior, we, too, conquer death (what might otherwise be the final separation), and have direct access to God.

So, how do we choose to live our individual moments and celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ and the Resurrection? As we look at the world around us with our scientific eyes, perhaps we lament that we are less than a miniscule dot in the cosmos, but I would argue that there is infinity between each of our heartbeats. With the Resurrection, our lives open up more immensely than we can imagine, and we draw on “purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God” (2 Corinthians 6:6-7 NRSV) to continue our individual journeys Godward.

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 .....*

## Being an April Fool

*By Bishop Peggy A. Johnson*

No one wants to be called a “fool.” In American Sign Language the sign for “fool” looks like a person (represented by a forefinger) being struck with a fist of the other hand. The word “fool” conjurs up images of weakness, gullibility, and stupidity. But like many things about the “counter-cultural” faith that we believe in Jesus Christ, we can gladly proclaim that we are fools.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians: “We are fools for the sake of Christ....When reviled, we bless, when persecuted we endure, when slandered, we speak kindly.” (I Corinthians 4:10 a, 12 b)

Easter this year falls on April Fool’s Day. The origins of this may go back to the time of Pope Gregory XIII who changed the Christian calendar so that the first day of the year was January 1 and not April 1 (which had been the case under the Julian calendar). Some people back then continued to follow the old calendar and those who did were known as “April Fools” and were subject to tricks and ridicule. We who follow Christ’s ways can be rightly called “fools” because we don’t follow the world’s way of dealing with adversity. Christians bless, endure and speak kindly when we face persecution and adversity. Just like Jesus who spoke seven times on the cross words of love, forgiveness, care, assurance, and faith. This kind of attitude is not foolish or weak but extremely powerful. It can change the world. It always has and it always will.

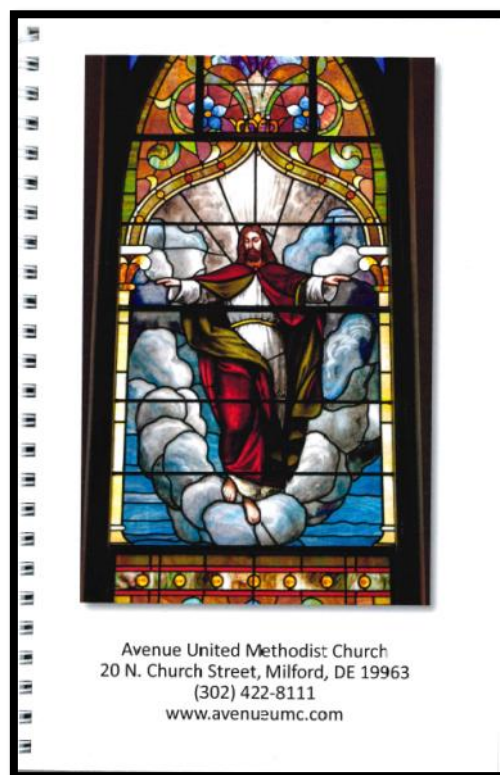
Linda Brown passed away recently at the age of 76. Her legacy of counter-cultural determination will live on forever. Her father, an African Methodist Episcopal clergyman, sued the Board of Education for refusing to admit his daughter into a public white school in Topeka, KS. The case went all the way to the Supreme Court where on May 17, 1954 the Jim Crow laws that forbid children of color from public education in white schools ended. Linda and many other students who began attending white schools were subject to much abuse and rejection, yet they

remained steadfast, teaching the world that racism, hatred and evil is no match for love. Linda was a successful student and never got a grade lower than a “B” in any of her classes. She later became an educator in a Head-start program (Chicago Tribune).

Easter will fall again on April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year 2029. But we can be April Fools every day, all the time as we move through the world with the attitude of our Risen Lord, who got the last laugh on Easter Sunday when death became life, love overcame hate and the foolishness of the cross (I Corinthians 1:18) became the greatest movement in history.

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*Photo by Heather Hahn, United Methodist News Service.*

Bishop Sandra L. Steiner Ball speaks during the April 2018 meeting of the Connectional Table. The meeting addressed the Way Forward Commission's work and the worldwide nature of the church.

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## Bishop urges new mindset for way forward

**By Heather Hahn**

April 9, 2018 | CHICAGO (UMNS)

To find a way forward through its impasse around homosexuality, The United Methodist Church will need a new approach to its top policymaking body — General Conference.

That's what Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball told members of [the Connectional Table](#), a 64-member leadership body that brings together laity and clergy to coordinate the denomination's ministries, mission and resources. The group met April 4-7 at the offices of Wespeth, the denomination's pension and benefits agency.

"Think about what the experience has been for getting ready for coming to General Conference," said Steiner Ball, who leads the West Virginia Conference.

"When I ask that question of people across the globe, they begin to talk about preparing for General Conference like they are preparing for war."

She urged the Connectional Table, whose membership includes some General Conference delegates, to help turn hearts ready for war into hearts at peace.

"Your purpose is to discern and articulate a vision for the church. You have responsibility for the stewardship for the mission, ministry and resources," she told the group. "That puts you in the perfect position to help things go well."





*Members of The Connectional Table talk in a small group after a presentation on the Way Forward Commission. From left facing the table are members Jovito Sermonia of the Philippines, Bishop Ciriaco Francisco of the Philippines and the Rev. Jacob Dharmaraj of New York. Photo by Heather Hahn, United Methodist News Service.*

Steiner Ball is one of three bishops who moderate **the Commission on a Way Forward**, which has the task of advising bishops on possible ways through decades-long divisions around how the church ministers with LGBTQ people. The commission **is developing a final report** for the bishops to use when they meet April 29-May 4. That report is not yet public.

The denomination's Council of Bishops has called **a special 2019 General Conference** in St. Louis to take up legislation based on the Way Forward Commission's recommendations. The delegates will be able to refine whatever the bishops propose or possibly work on substitute legislation.

**Fierce and at-times hurtful debate** about how the church includes LGBTQ individuals has erupted at each General Conference since 1972.

Steiner Ball made clear that the church would not get anywhere if people came to the big meeting girded for spiritual battle.

"When we see other people as objects, we give ourselves permission to horrible-ize them," she said. "We set the stage for war when we exaggerate our difference."

Ultimately, she said, United Methodists have common interests even if they have different positions around homosexuality.

She hopes delegates will come to General Conference recognizing that their fellow United Methodists have "the same love of God, the same love of Christ, the same love of the church, the same passion for making disciples, the same passion for wanting this world to be transformed."

She suggested United Methodists might help build relationships across differing views if **they followed the covenant used by the Way Forward Commission**. Specifically, she pointed to the members' covenant "to treat one another with respect, to assume the best in others, to represent one another in the best possible light, to speak the truth with love, and to practice and expect trustworthiness."

The commission's report to the bishops, she said, will include three sketches for the church's future. In recent meetings, the commission has focused on the last two, but all three remain on the table.

**The three models** are roughly as follows:

The traditional model would affirm the current language in the denomination's Book of Discipline, the denomination's governing document, and seek to strengthen enforcement. The church policy book says the practice of homosexuality "is incompatible with Christian teaching" and lists officiating at a same-gender union or being a "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy member as chargeable offenses under church law.

- The one-church model would remove the Book of Discipline's restrictive language and leave decision-making around LGBTQ ordination closer to the conference and local-church levels. Steiner Ball said the bishops have yet to recommend which level of the church would vote on questions of marriage or ordination. However, the model specifically protects the rights of those whose conscience will not allow them to perform same-gender weddings or ordain LGBTQ people. She called it the most decentralized model because it puts decision-making closest to the ground. It also is similar to [a plan the Connectional Table itself proposed to the 2016 General Conference](#).
- The multi-branch model would replace the five U.S. jurisdictions with three connectional conferences, each covering the whole country, based on theology and perspective on LGBTQ ministry — progressive, contextual and traditional branches. In this case, contextual means allowing churches flexibility in ministry with LGBTQ people as best fits their mission field. Central conferences — church regions in Africa, Asia and Europe — would remain as they are now. This plan would require amending the denomination's constitution.

Under consideration in each of the sketches, Steiner Ball said, are different ways for handling funding matters such as bishops' pay. For example, under the one-church model, bishops' compensation might be funded by their episcopal areas rather than by the whole denomination as part of a shared Episcopal Fund.

"Please be respectful when you discuss these sketches," Steiner Ball cautioned. "They represent the people who are in our churches. They also represent the people God has called us to reach."

Germain Mupasa, a Connectional Table member from the Democratic Republic of Congo, said through an interpreter that he was struck by Steiner Ball urging people to listen without trying to convince others of their perspective.

"In a roundabout way, I think we will fail," he said, "because then how do we convince people?"

Steiner Ball answered that United Methodists likely won't succeed in changing each other's stances but they can find common ground in the shared interests that lie underneath.

"There are ways we can work together even if we have different positions on homosexuality," she said. "Our local churches are working with people who have different positions on human sexuality, and they are still feeding people and clothing people and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ."

After Steiner Ball's presentation, Connectional Table members engaged in small-group discussions. Several spoke of how even during this time of uncertainty, they wanted to help the denomination continue to focus outward on its mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world.

Dave Nuckols, a member of the Connectional Table and Way Forward Commission, told United Methodist News Service that he was doubly proud that the bishop provided an excellent overview and the Connectional Table responded openly and optimistically.

In her presentation, Steiner Ball had another piece of advice for church leaders: Trust God.

"If we trust that God will be the final judge and understand that we don't have to be, if we understand that God gives the healing and we are called to be the caregivers, and if we care for people just as hard and as passionately as we can," she said, "we can trust that God is going to do God's work."



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**Rev. Joe Archie**, Wilmington District Superintendent and Board member of the Methodist Action Program



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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:** Don, Pat and the entire Fisher family, Brian Reph, Kirsten Pearce, Vicki Shultes' dad, Barbara Horsman, Colleen Dunham, Bill and Jill Gustin, Linda Breedlove, Peggy Hughes, Ray, Terry and family, Jennifer, Chris and family, Rick, Kelly and family, The Hughes family, Richard and Carmella Bergez, Joe and Grace Irish, John Horsman, Niki, Craig, Brandon and the Gladish family, Brandon, Katie and the baby, Jack and Zelda McDuff, Cindy Clem, Family and friends of Felix Chichocki, John Shea, Peter Muise, Christopher, Sue and Dave Stratton, Dan Hagopian, The healing of all people, Karen Haug, Sister Mary, Laura Vaughan, The Zimmerman and Gries families, James Gorlich All those who have lost loved ones this year to death, Alan Jester, Lillie Brittingham, Jean Layton, Judy Brown, and Paul Burton.

**Rejoice with:** Charlie Fleetwood, Charles Harding, and All of God's children who are freed through Christ's resurrection.

**PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK:** Sandy Knotts, Paul Burton, Bill and Jill Gustin, The Williams Family in the passing of Mike's uncle, Christopher, Lillie Brittingham, Jean Layton, The healing of all people. Merry Hutchman, James Gorlich, Craig, Sue and Dave Stratton, Brian Reph, Kirsten Pearce, Colleen Dunham, Don, Pat and the entire Fisher family, Barbara Horsman, Linda Breedlove, Peggy Hughes, Ray, Terry and family, Jennifer, Chris and family, Rick, Kelly and family, The Hughes family, Richard and Carmella Bergez, The family and friends of Joe Irish who passed away last week, The family and friends of Ida Corder, Niki, Brandon and the Gladish family, Brandon, Katie and the baby, Jack and Zelda McDuff, Jane Dephilly, Lee Parsons, Niki Gustufson, The family and friends of the Jr Hockey Team from Humbolt, Saskatchewan who were involved in the horrendous accident earlier this week, Joe and Mary Jo Lear's friend, Elizabeth and her family, Walt Peter's sister, Mary, Greg Brennan, The family and friends of Marjorie Patton, Alan Jester, Courtney Russum and her family and friends, Prayers for families that have lost loved ones, Matthew, Brandon, Tammy, Devon, and everyone who needs God in their lives.

**Rejoice with:** Charles Harding, All of God's children who are freed through Christ's resurrection, Charlie Fleetwood, Vicki Shultes's dad who is coming home on Tuesday and Praises for God's love, grace, mercy, and healing.



### **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

Please join Robert Mercer and his family in celebrating his **105<sup>th</sup>** birthday on **April 20<sup>th</sup>** by sending a card to 1175 McKee Road, Room 103, Dover, DE 19904.

Anita Van Horn will celebrate her **95<sup>th</sup>** birthday on **April 20<sup>th</sup>**.

### **ANNIVERSARY GREETING TO:**

**Bill and Joan Dudley** will celebrate their **77<sup>th</sup>** anniversary on **April 20<sup>th</sup>**..

### **SYMPATHY TO:**

† The family and friends of **Joe Irish** who passed away on April 6, 2018. Joe joined Avenue on October 14, 2007.

† The family and friends of **George Logan** who passed on March 28, 2018. George was the father of Andrea LaMotte.

### **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**

**VIM MEETING:** We will have a VIM Meeting - Florida on **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.** in the Carpenter Room.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Avenue offers a number of scholarships each spring. Graduating Seniors can get applications from the church office by emailing Kelly Hudson at [churchoffice@avenueumc.com](mailto:churchoffice@avenueumc.com) or they can be downloaded from the webpage. Then complete the applications on your computer and return them to Mrs. Hudson. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. **Please keep these two dates in mind:**

- ♦ **April 27<sup>th</sup>**, 3:00 p.m. deadline to return all Avenue Scholarship applications to the office.
- ♦ **May 13<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 a.m. is when scholarships will be awarded, along with gifts and recognition for all the Class of 2018. **Please plan to join us.**

### **THE 2018 PAUL RIMMER MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

The Rimmer Scholarship was established at Avenue Church in memory of Paul Rimmer who was an outstanding church musician. This scholarship is designed to assist students in grades 7-11 with musical training. One scholarship is awarded yearly, on Sunday, May 13<sup>st</sup> at the 8:00 a.m. worship service.

The scholarship is awarded to a student who is:

- 1) currently in 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade,
- 2) currently or has recently been involved in the Music Ministries of Avenue Church,
- 3) willing to use his or her musical talents in the ministry of Avenue Church.

The Scholarship is \$500 which will be paid to a music teacher or music school on your behalf.

Applications are available in the church office. Please return completed applications to the church office by **Friday, May 4, 2018**. Please contact Kevin Chamberlain for more information.

**VBS Meeting:** On **Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. we will be meeting in the Grier Room. If you can't make that meeting our next one will be on **Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. in the Grier Room. Any questions, please call Sarah Pasmore at (302) 841-3143.

**HELP WANTED! AVENUE GREETER TEAM:** You've probably noticed over the past few months, there's a friendly greeter to welcome you to church. The Avenue Greeter team needs your help. We're inviting you to join and help serve in this ministry. No experience needed, just a friendly smile and some of your time (a few Sunday mornings throughout the year). If you're interested, we invite you to speak with any of our greeters to better understand our mission. Register today, there's a signup sheet on the lobby table.

**HELP WANTED! AVENUE PROJECTION ASSISTANCE:** We are in need of projection assistance Sunday's at 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services. If you are interested there is a signup sheet on the lobby table.

**HELP WANTED! COMMUNION COORDINATORS:** We are in need of individuals to schedule communion servers for the 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services. If you are interested please talk to Pastor Tom.

**2018 YARD SALE MEETING:** We will be having a **Yard Sale Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Grier Room.**

### **SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES**

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP:** The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group will meet the **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month**. The next meeting will be **May 14<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 p.m. in the Grier Room.

**TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY:** We will continue our study: "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado. Any questions contact Ginny Van Tine (302) 422-4282, Brenda Powers (302) 422-8821 or leave a message in the church office if you would like to join us. We will meet on **April 17<sup>th</sup>** in the **Grier Room at 10:00 a.m.**

**WEDNESDAY DISCIPLE CLASS** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Holzmuehler Room. On **April 11<sup>th</sup>** we will continue exploring the Bible. To register, please call Josh Willey at (302) 422-8952.

**EXPLORING FAITH BOOK** will begin a new study on Sunday, **April 15, 2018** at 12:15 p.m. in the Grier Room. Our new study will be the book "If Experience is Such a Good Teacher, Why Do I Keep Repeating the Course?" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Please join us.

**SUNSHINE BIBLE STUDY:** The Sunshine Bible Class will be studying the following lessons in April. The theme is **All Glory and Honor**. April 15, "Follow Me" based on John 21:15-25; April 22, "The Lord God the Almighty" based on Revelation 4:1-6, 8-11; April 29, "Blessing, Glory, Honor Forever" based on Revelation 5:6-14. The Sunshine Bible Class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Grier Room. All adults are welcome.

**KNITTING GROUP:** We are currently having a reprieve in the weather, but it will change. The Code Purple and the homeless families in our community need scarves to ward off the chill. Some of Avenue's knitters have donated yarn and started several scarves using very basic garter stitch, but knitters are needed to finish each one. Will you volunteer to complete one? The "kits" will be in the Church office for pick up and return the finished product.

**UMW:** Have you been forgetting to come to your **UMW Circle Meeting**? If you have you are missing a wonderful event - the Sticky Note Ministry by Helen Holleger. She has two more months of great stories to share. **Esther Circle** meets for their fun event and sticky Note time on **Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in Choir Room. **Sarah Circle** meets on **Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall/kitchen. New stories to share. **Mary/Martha Circle** meets in the Grier Room also on **Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> but at 1:30 p.m.** Great the Worship Folder for May meeting dates and don't miss these very fun and informative circle meetings!!!

## **OUTREACH**

**AVENUE PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR.** Registration is ongoing for a limited number of spots for the 2018-19 school year, which is the preschool's **51<sup>st</sup>** year providing early education services in the community. To be eligible, a child must be at least 36-months old on or before August 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:office@avenuepreschool.org). Be sure to visit our Facebook page and website at: [www.avenuepreschool.org](http://www.avenuepreschool.org). **SPACE IS LIMITED.**

## COMMUNITY

**MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY:** We are in need of cereal (not pre-sweetened please).  
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**COMMUNITY EVENT:** Like to support **the Arc of Delaware**, a non-profit agency which supports and offers programs to approximately 25,000 Delaware citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families? Then lace up your sneakers and be part of the team or donate to the Avenue U.M.C. team on **May 5<sup>th</sup>** for the **18<sup>th</sup> annual 5K/ 1Mile Run, Walk and Roll** through beautiful Wild Quail Country Club, Wyoming, Delaware. Registration forms and sign up sheet is on Fellowship Foyer table. Pre-register for \$25.00 until April 28 and \$30.00 after. Come support this wonderful cause.

### LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2017	2018
8:00	79	52
9:30	240	153
Sunday School	69	65
11:00	69	65
<u>FUSION</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>35</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>370</b>





# CALENDAR

## SUNDAY 4/15

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, Baptism  
 12:00 p.m. Neeman Baptism Brunch,  
 Fellowship Hall  
 12:15 p.m. Exploring Faith Book Club,  
 Grier Room  
 12:30 p.m. VIM Meeting—Florida,  
 Carpenter Room  
 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Grier Room  
 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Fellowship Hall  
 and Wesley Room

## MONDAY 4/16

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

## TUESDAY 4/17

9:45 a.m. Sarah Circle Meeting,  
 Fellowship Hall  
 10:00 a.m. Hospital Aux. Meeting,  
 Carpenter Room  
 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room  
 1:30 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle Meeting,  
 Grier Room  
 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room  
 6:00 p.m. VBS Meeting, Grier Room  
 6:30 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

## WEDNESDAY 4/18

1:30 p.m. Food Pantry Task Force,  
 Fellowship Hall  
 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, Music Room  
 6:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol, Grier Room  
 6:30 p.m. Pride of Delmarva,  
 Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 p.m. Pack Comm. Meeting,  
 Heritage Room  
 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class, Holzmuehler Room

## THURSDAY 4/19

8:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group,  
 Conference Room  
 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room  
 1:00 p.m. Yard Sale Meeting, Grier Room  
 2:15 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion,  
 Room 202  
 6:30 p.m. Bear Den Meeting, Wesley Room  
 7:00 p.m. SPRC, Carpenter Room

## FRIDAY 4/20

6:00 p.m. Lay Academy, Sanctuary, Heritage  
 Room, Holz. Room, Room 206 and  
 Grier Room  
 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

## SATURDAY 4/21

9:00 a.m. Lay Academy, Sanctuary, Heritage  
 Room, Holz. Room, Room 206 and  
 Grier Room  
 9:00 a.m. Pride of Delmarva, Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 p.m. AA, Fellowship Hall

## SUNDAY 4/22

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, Fellowship Hall  
 and Wesley Room