



The Midweek

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

If you were in worship this past Sunday, you may have heard that I was back in State College, PA for the weekend. That is the location of Penn State's main campus and my home for four years back when I was in college.

It is always wonderful to go back and relive some of the experiences I had when I was a student. But I am always surprised, and a bit saddened, when I see how much has changed. On this trip I was sorry to see the Old College Diner had closed. That was THE place to go in the middle of the night during finals for a cup of coffee and a grilled stickie. The stickies are still available, but the vinyl-covered stools and laminated menus are a thing of the past. It seems as if nothing lasts forever.

Except of course, God. God is eternal. That means that God has no beginning and no end. Psalm 90: 2 tells us that "Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God."

All of humanity measures everything in time. That makes it hard for us to think about or imagine anything that has no beginning, has always been, and will continue forever. All of us who believe in Christ will share in that eternity at our appointed time and nothing will ever change for us again.

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 style with a large, sweeping initial 'H'.

- ♦ If you know of anyone who is graduating, please get that information to the church office as soon as possible.



From the desk of our Bishop

Native American Ministry Sunday

By Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

Sunday, April 15th is “Native American Ministry Sunday” in the United Methodist Church. I hope that every church will take a special offering to support the many wonderful ministries that are happening in our Committees on Native American Ministries (CONAM’s) but more importantly that on that Sunday people will learn something about this vitally important work.

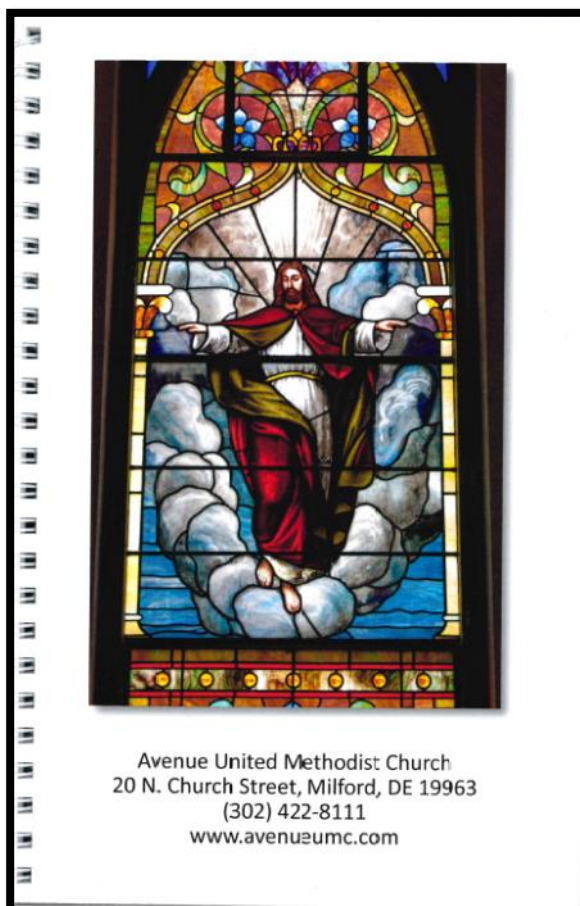
Two years ago at our sessions of Annual Conference we engaged in an “Act of Repentance” for the sins against the indigenous peoples of the world. In our country indigenous people for the most part were treated shamefully and to this day the wounds of discrimination and genocide live on as a part of the historical trauma. The good news is that as we repent and partner with our Native American brothers and sisters much healing and good can come. We need each other to survive. We as a church are not whole unless all are included and empowered for ministry and mission. Healing comes as we repent and then do the works of repentance. Let’s keep this before us!

The first weekend of May there will be a “Peg Leg” empowerment youth camp for young people who have Native American heritage. It will be held at the West River Camping and Retreat Center in the BW Conference. Many of the leaders of our conference and conferences around the country will be a part of this movement to strengthen young people for leadership. I will be a part of the closing worship and in preparation for this event I spoke to Rev. Dr. Carol Lakota Eastin, a

Native American District Superintendent from the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference. She and Ragghi Rain Calentine from the Peninsula-Delaware Conference are working together to make this a deeply spiritual experience for the participants. Dr. Lakota Estin said to me that they are emphasizing two things: Prayer and activism. As we pray we are called to go out and “do” the work of God. That is a good word for all of us. Pray and do! I look forward to the world that our young Native American people will bring to us as they engage in this work of God. May we find ways to partner and open doors for their giftedness to shine.

Avenue Church Directories are available at the church office.

Cost: \$10





Saturday, April 21 from 8:30 AM - 2 PM
Wesley UMC, 209 S State Street, Dover DE

FEATURING Speakers from UMC Global Board of Missions, Missionaries, How-To's from our Pen-Del Churches, Displays, Workshops, Hands-on Opportunities, Mission Trip Sign-Ups, Prizes & More!

THIS EVENT IS FREE!

(Lunch will be available for a freewill offering)

REGISTER BY APRIL 16th at <https://pendel-reg.brtapp.com/MISSIONPALOOZA2018>



Rev. Patrick Friday, Keynote Speaker, Best Practices in Missional Engagement



Isaac Dunn, Keynote Speaker, General Board of Global Ministries

Workshops will include these Dynamic Presenters & Others:



Rev. Tom Lank, Coordinator for United Methodist Volunteers in Mission for the Northeastern Jurisdiction of the UMC



Becky Parsons, UMC Church & Community Worker serving as Mission Advocate with the Northeastern Jurisdiction.



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



Jeanne Earnshaw Mission Central as Regional Coordinator for the 7 HUBs in the Eastern PA UMC Conference and the Pen-Del Conference



Rev. Pearl Scott Johnson, Pastor at Simpson UMC Wilmington



Rev. Provey Powell from Mt. Joy UMC



Debbie Donaway, Executive Director, Salisbury Urban Ministries



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Be a good ecological servant--Bring your own refillable water bottle.

The Delaware Choral Society
Dr. James Wilson, Director

Presents

CURTAIN UP!
A Concert of Show Tunes

Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 7:00pm
Dover High School, Dover, DE



Featuring

The Delaware Youth Chorale
Heather Swartzentruber, Director

and

The Dover High School Vocal Arts Academy
Brad Whitenight, Director

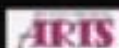
Advance Tickets \$20 and under
Tickets available online (processing fees will apply)
Group Rates Available – Prices higher at the door
*For more information Visit us on Facebook,
or email info@DelawareChoralSociety.org*

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Celebrating our 50th Anniversary!

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF **DONALD BUXTON**, we proudly present our...

SPRING POPS CONCERT

A Western Theme featuring the phenomenal
1812 Overture Finale

Sunday, April 29, 2018 @ 3:00 p.m.

Dover Downs Rollins Center

Route 13, Dover

Prices are:

Adults - \$20

Seniors/Students/Military/

First Responders - \$15

Young people under 18 free with a paying adult

Tickets can now be purchased online at

www.doversymphony.org,

At the door,

Or Call 302-270-1903



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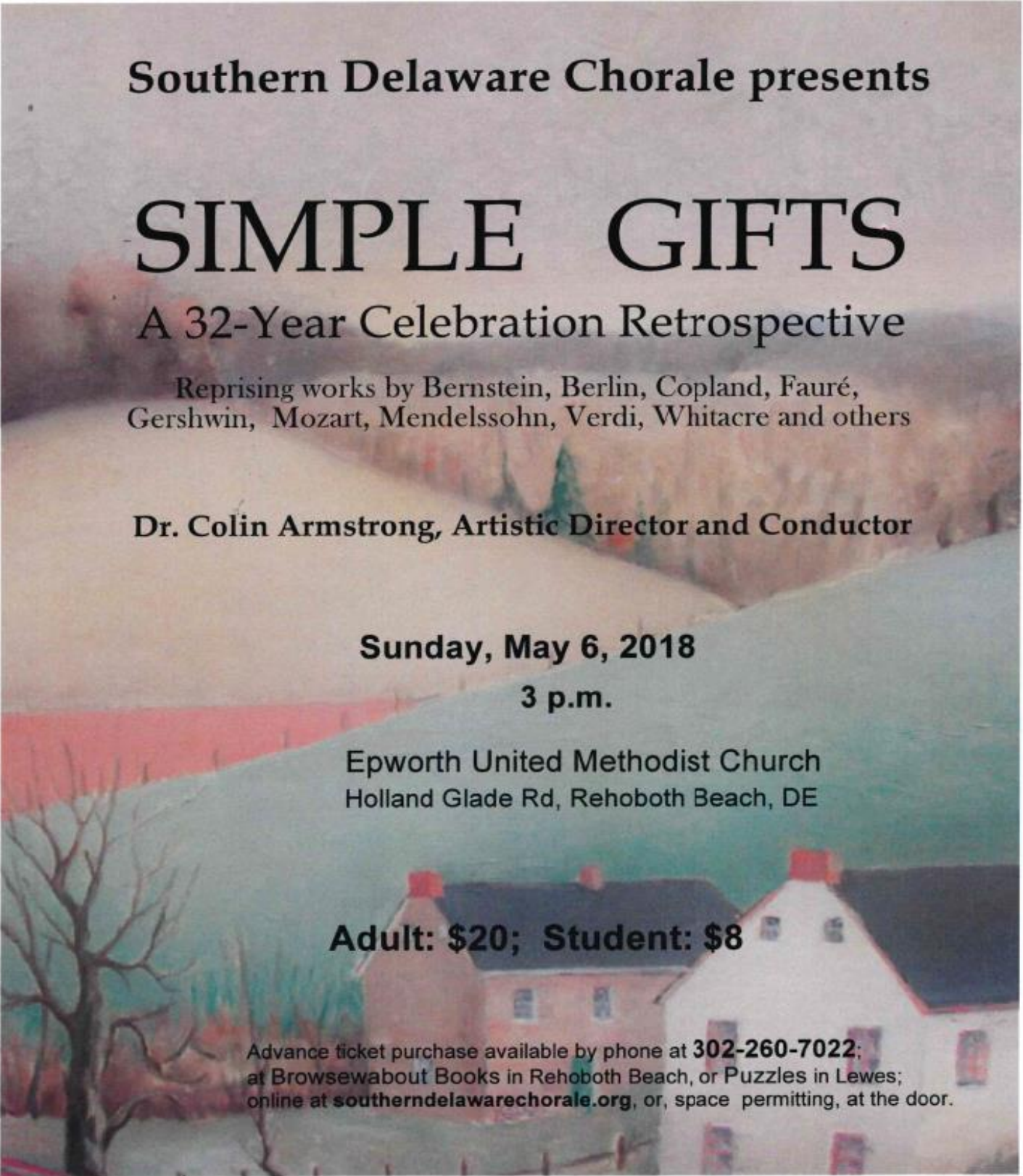


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Southern Delaware Chorale presents

SIMPLE GIFTS

A 32-Year Celebration Retrospective

Reprising works by Bernstein, Berlin, Copland, Fauré,
Gershwin, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Verdi, Whitacre and others

Dr. Colin Armstrong, Artistic Director and Conductor

Sunday, May 6, 2018

3 p.m.

Epworth United Methodist Church
Holland Glade Rd, Rehoboth Beach, DE

Adult: \$20; Student: \$8

Advance ticket purchase available by phone at **302-260-7022**;
at Browseabout Books in Rehoboth Beach, or Puzzles in Lewes;
online at southerndelawarechorale.org, or, space permitting, at the door.



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1982 *35th Anniversary* 2017

Volunteers Needed

- Patient Care Volunteers
- Vet to Vet Volunteers
- Fundraising Volunteers
- Office Volunteers
- Memory Bear Seamstresses

As the only nonprofit hospice agency in the state of Delaware, we are always looking for special volunteers. If you are able to donate just a few hours a week, month, or year, please call Maxine for more information. 302-856-7717 or visit www.delawarehospice.org

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: 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: Paul Burton, Bill and Jill Gustin, The family and friends of Lillie Brittingham, Jean Layton's mother who passed away on Friday, Jean Layton, Merry Hutchman, Craig, 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 Bergez, Dave Reynolds, Brandon and the Gladish family, Brandon, Katie and the baby, Jack and Zelda McDuff, Greg Brennan, Jack Fitzgerald, The family and friends of Gary Logan, Mary Bergez's father, who passed away last week, Beth Judy, The staff and ministries of Avenue UMC, Aubrie, Walt, Jessica and Dave's unborn baby girl, John and Sandy Sigrist, Bill Gaskill and Rebecca Robinson.

Rejoice with: The confirmation class of Londonderry UMC in Londonderry, NH as they travel home.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

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

Anita Van Horn will celebrate her **95th** birthday on **April 20th**.

ANNIVERSARY GREETING TO:

Bill and Joan Dudley will celebrate their **67th** anniversary on **April 20th**.

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

♪Handbells

Mondays, at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

♪MomentUM Praise Team

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♪Misplion 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

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 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 27th**, 3:00 p.m. deadline to return all Avenue Scholarship applications to the office.
- ♦ **May 13th**, 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 13st at the 8:00 a.m. worship service.

The scholarship is awarded to a student who is:

- 1) currently in 7th – 11th 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 **Thursday, May 3rd** 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 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 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Grier Room.**

SPAIN GRANT PROGRAM—CAMP PECOMETH on **Sunday, May 6th**, during each of our worship services, we will remembering the life of Ralph Spain. As part of his legacy, we will be taking a special offering to support the Spain Grant program at Camp Pecometh. Please help us by contributing to this special offering.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group will meet the **2nd Monday of each month**. The next meeting will be **May 14th** 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 24th in the Grier Room at 10:00 a.m.**

WEDNESDAY DISCIPLE CLASS meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Holzmuehler Room. On **April 18th** we will continue exploring the Bible. To register, please call Josh Willey at (302) 422-8952.

EXPLORING FAITH BOOK will continue our study on Sunday, **May 20, 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 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.

KNIT/CROCHET GROUP: All the scarf kits have been picked up. As the scarves are finished, please turn them into the office for placement where needed. The current project is making 6"x 9" rectangles, either crocheted or knitted, using worsted yarn, to be used in laprobes for the Veterans Home. Any questions, please call Mary Lou Sheaffer or Carolyn Humes.

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 **51st** 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. **SPACE IS LIMITED.**

COMMUNITY

MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY: The Lions Club is having a food drive for the Milford Community Pantry on May 5th (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) at the church. We need helpers to sort and box donations. If you can help please contact Tita Lewis or Diane Dolan.

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 5th** for the **18th 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 28th and \$30.00 after. Come support this wonderful cause.

LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2017	2018
6:30	75	
8:00	102	71
9:30	290	167
Sunday School	86	74
11:00	149	94
<u>FUSION</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>38</u>
Total	702	444

Save the Date



CALENDAR

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, Baptism
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Fellowship Hall
and Wesley Room

MONDAY 4/23

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Tiger 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

TUESDAY 4/24

- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room
- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Mispillion Children's Chorus,
Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Pack Meeting, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,
Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal, Wesley
Room
- 7:00 p.m. Nominations Meeting, Grier Room

WEDNESDAY 4/25

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class, HolzmueLLer Room

THURSDAY 4/26

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group,
Conference Room
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 2:15 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion,
Room 202

FRIDAY 4/27

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

SATURDAY 4/28

- 7:30 a.m. Civil Air Patrol, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY 4/29

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday School Appreciation Brunch,
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
- 3:00 p.m. Pat Fisher Organ Recital, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Fellowship Hall
and Wesley Room