



The Midweek

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

Her name is Debbie and her story sounds like a movie. She is 19 years old with a four-month-old son. Her husband, who promised to love her forever and be with her into old age as they raised their children together, left them when he realized he could not handle being a father. She fully admits there are times when she does not think she can be much of a mother either. It was okay when she had someone to share the responsibility with but now that she is on her own, she has no idea how she will get by. She resents other mothers who get to enjoy the magic of their newborns without wondering how to feed them.

She also knows that things could be much worse. She has a family who is willing to help, and she relies on them for support, but this is not the way she expected her life to go. She says the hardest part however is the way people look down on her as she does her best to be a good mom. Debbie gave me the example of an older woman who snidely suggested to her that if she could not afford a baby that she should have kept her legs crossed. This was in the checkout at Walmart as Debbie worked to get coins out of her purse to pay for diapers.

It's why I am so excited about the potential for a diaper ministry to come to Avenue. Diane Dolan has felt it upon her heart to add this ministry to the church. More information will be coming soon as she is hoping to get it up and operating in August. What a blessing and joy it will be to parents like Debbie.

But just as importantly, Debbie and other moms and dads need our prayers and love. They also need our respect and courtesy as they struggle to get through the day. They definitely do not need our judgment. Luke 6: 37 says, "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and

do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon and you will be pardoned.”

Debbie’s story also reminds me of one of my favorite quotes: “God says, Do Not Judge. You don’t know the storm I’ve asked her to walk through.”


We have all had the experience of being falsely and wrongly judged by others. The harm that can do is incredible. This week let us make a concentrated effort to not judge others – no exceptions. We don’t know the stories of those we see but we do know that Jesus wants us to build up the Kingdom of God and not condemn.

In this way, we bring honor and glory to God.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Henry".

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PIZZA



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Local Artist to release Nashville recording

The Clifford Keith Band will be celebrating the release of their first full length Nashville recording, “Coastal Hwy”, on June 22nd at the Crooked Hammock in Lewes, DE. The full band will be performing the album live and available afterwards to chat with friends, fans, and family about what the future holds for the group that calls Delaware home.

“Coastal Hwy” was recorded and produced in Nashville at Beaird Music Group. The group started working with Larry Beaird following their first trip to Music City after playing some showcases featuring singer-songwriters.

“This is our first studio album and we could not be more excited,” says Clifford Keith, “We’ve been humbled by the support and positive reactions we’ve received from Nashville to Milton and everywhere in between!”

The album is endearingly called “Coastal Hwy” as an homage to the stretch of road the group travels the most in between shows. “Delmarva has really been great to us. The exposure and opportunity we’ve been given over the past few years has really taken this dream further than I thought was possible,” adds Keith.

The band will be hosting an album release party on June 22nd at the Crooked Hammock Brewery starting at 8:00pm where fans can buy the album before the official release date of Tuesday, June 25th.

“Coastal Hwy” will be available in local record stores and iTunes on June 25th.





Be part of a
GREETER TEAM!!

Sign up sheet on the table
in the Foyer

Help us welcome visitors and guests

A person is seen from behind, standing with their arms raised high in a gesture of praise or worship. They are silhouetted against a bright, golden sunset sky filled with soft, wispy clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong backlight effect. The overall mood is one of spiritual joy and connection with nature.

Barratt's Chapel

THURSDAY'S 7-8 PM

Summer Series

JUNE 7 — BISHOP PEGGY A. JOHNSON
JUNE 14 — REV. JAMES WHITTAKER, WAUGH CHAPEL
JUNE 21 — REV. EARLE BAKER, BETHEL UMC
JUNE 28 — REV. ED KUHLING, GRACE UMC
JULY 12 — SINGING AND PRAYING BAND OF MARYLAND & DELAWARE
JULY 19 — PASTOR JANICE HERMAN, FRIENDSHIP UMC
JULY 26 — REV. KARIN TUNNEL, ST. PAUL'S UMC

REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE

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: Everyone impacted by the volcano activity in Hawaii, The victims of the volcano in Guatemala, The family and friends of Tom Smith, The family and friends of Ruth Webb, The family and friends of George Day, The family and friends of Elijah Gordy-Stith, Colby John and Anne Spicer, Dave Reynolds, Dave Rumery, Carlton Goodhand, The family and friends of Cyrus Cox, Yury Nadolny, Maxim Novoselyev, Teresa Jerrell and Ed Berwick, Bette Schember, Bob Holston, Dean Johnson, Dot Sophos, Don, Pat and the entire Fisher family, Brian Reph, Craig, Lanny Price, Tommy and Devon Lawhorn, Colleen Dunham, Christopher, Nick, Kirsten Pearce, The Hughes family and children, Sandy Wooliford, Jean Layton, Bill and Jill Gustin, Linda Breedlove, Leslee, Alan Jester, Ruth Callaway, Peter Muise, Carolyn Evans, Dan H., Judy Colonna, Mary Kate, Emily, Katie H., Ben, and Poncho Johnson.

Rejoice with: Larry Hughes and Sonny Meck, those experiencing God's blessings, Chrysalis and Emmaus teams, and Sharon Rothermel Dawson and Alvin Jarrell.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Tom Smith, the family and friends of Ruth Webb, the family and friends of Elijah Gordy-Stith, Charles Clendaniel, lady in Texas, Katie and baby-to-be-born, Curtis, all fathers who have lost a child, for parents and children separated at the borders, Savannah, all affected by the volcanoes, the Fisher family, Brian Reph, Betty Ann Collins, Colleen Dunham, Luisa Combs, Christopher, Nick, Joyce Cavanaugh, Mary Kate, Katie H., Paul Akana, Bill and Jill Gustin, Linda Breedlove, Katie May and family, Craig, Kirsten Pearce, Leslee, Fay Farassier, Pastor Tom, Frank Bilger, Alan Jester, Ruth Callaway, Poncho Johnson, Portia, Roger, Sheila, Jean Layton, the Hughes family and children, Colby Johnson, Anne Spicer, all traveling home from Firefly, the dead and injured in the Saturday night New Jersey shooting, Jack and Ellen Heinbach, John Siegrist, Victoria Weller, Victoria's mother-in-law and father-in-law.

Rejoice with: Rob and Pat Craig, everyone involved with VBS

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Rob and Pat Craig who will celebrate their **50th** anniversary on **June 22nd**.

Dave and Judy Passwaters who will celebrate their **60th** anniversary on **June 28th**.

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

♫Handbells

Resume on Monday, Sept. 10th at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

♫MomentUM Praise Team

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♫Mispillion Children's Chorus

Resume on Tuesday, September 4th at 6:15 p.m., Music Room

♫Praise Team

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♫Sanctuary Choir

Resume on Wednesday, September 5th at 3:00 p.m., Music Room

♫AveNotes

Resume on Wednesday, September 5th, 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

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.

2018 YARD SALE: The Yard Sale is coming soon! Be sure to save your treasures! We will be serving neighbors and folks recommended to us. **New hours for workers July 23rd – July 30th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. weekdays. No weekends except for Sunday, July 22nd after 11:00 a.m. church service to setup. *Only" Clean—Like New Shoes will be accepted this year. ☺**

THE YARD SALE IS COMING, THE YARD SALE IS COMING. Remember to be **cleaning out** your closets, basements, cupboards, dresser drawers, attics and all those places you put things that you don't use anymore. We want all those outgrown clothes, linens that don't match your décor, children's clothes, toys, children's books, jewelry, glassware, furniture, housewares, appliances, electronics **(except TVs or Computers- we can't take those)** Christmas and other holiday decorations, pictures, and all those items that may be a treasure for someone else. Please gather and set aside until July 22nd-27th when you can bring them to Avenue. After the items arrive we will begin sorting, pricing, organizing and displaying all for the big sale on August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Thanks, and spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AND SAFETY

Our greeter teams wanted to remind everyone that on Sunday mornings during worship all the doors, except for the main entrance facing the Milford Women's Club, will be locked from

10 minutes after the service starts until 10 minutes before the service ends. This is being done for all of our safety, and to limit ingress from anyone wishing to cause our parishioners harm. If you have any questions about this policy or want more information, please contact the trustees, the safety team, or the church office. We will try to get you an answer as quickly as we can.

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 **July 9th** at 4:00 p.m. in the Grier Room.

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: We will be meeting on **July 10th & July 17th** in the **Grier Room at 10:00 a.m.** 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.

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 lap robes for the Veterans Home. Any questions, please call Mary Lou Sheaffer or Carolyn Humes.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS will meet each Sunday during the summer at 9:30 a.m. in the Grier Room. The summer lessons will focus on justice as presented in the New Testament. June's lessons will be "God is Just and Merciful." June 24th, "Reaping God's Justice" based on Luke 16:19-31. Plan to attend as many of these lessons as you can.

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. 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: Let's make the 3rd Sunday of this month boxed macaroni and cheese for Food Pantry Sunday.

LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2017	2018
8:00	64	42
9:30	183	139
Sunday School	27	29
11:00	71	60
FUSION	0	0
Total	345	270

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 6/24

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class,
Grier Room
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

MONDAY 6/25

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley 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 6/26

- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,
Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal,
Wesley Room

WEDNESDAY 6/27

- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Group, Grier Room
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class,
Holzmueller Room

THURSDAY 6/28

- 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 6/29

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

SATURDAY 6/30

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

SUNDAY 7/1 ~ Communion

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class,
Grier Room
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship