

The Midweek

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

My Old Testament professor in seminary refused to wear shoes to chapel. She, along with the others who taught anything related to the prophets, psalms or proverbs, felt that it was sacred ground and therefore, nobody should wear shoes when worshipping before the Lord. We only saw her at chapel, but the word was that she did this at any church she attended.

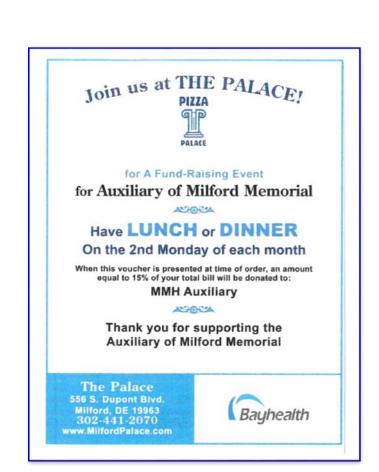
She cited Joshua 5:15 which tells of the commander of God's Army ordering Joshua to remove his sandals when standing on holy ground and Exodus 3:5 that says how God told Moses to, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

She also reminded us that similar words can be found in Acts 7:33 when Stephen is speaking to the council and reiterates the story of God telling Moses to take off his shoes as Moses is standing on holy ground. The bottom line – no shoes for her in church.

This past Sunday, we had someone come into the church without shoes. When I first saw her I immediately jumped to the very wrong conclusion that she didn't have any and would be asking for help after the service. However, when I greeted her, and she didn't say anything, I took it upon myself to ask if she needed help. She just smiled and said no, she was on holy ground.

Even when I knew there could be another reason for why this woman was not wearing shoes, I immediately jumped to the wrong conclusion. I felt horrible. Here was a woman coming to worship God and do what she thought was right to bring the Lord honor and glory and I thought the worst. When she got to the foyer, she actually put on a very lovely pair of designer heels that probably cost a small fortune but rather than show them off, she took them off and humbled herself before the Lord.

I never got her name, but I did get a lesson. Perhaps this week, we can all look for those ways to be humble and obedient to God in out of the box ways and by doing that, we can bring honor and glory to the Lord forever and ever.



Effective: July 1, 2018

LEADERSHIP TEAM 2018-2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

Required Positions Elected by the Charge Conference

CHAIRPERSON: Judy Struck LAY LEADER: Vaughn Webb LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Barbara Rutt LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Beth Parker LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Vaughn Webb LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESERVE MEMBER: Ed Steiner CHAIRPERSON, STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS: Grea Abbott CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: **Bob Berglund** CHURCH TREASURER: Ed Steiner YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: Bethany Pasmore Tom Pasmore PASTOR: ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Wendy Owen YOUTH PASTOR: Cliff McCall Kevin Chamberlain MINISTER OF MUSIC: CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:+ Jim Clendaniel PRESIDENT OF UNITED METHODIST MEN:+ Rob Craig PRESIDENT OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:+ Beth Parker

Other Church Leaders; Ex-Officio with vote.

ALTAR GUILD Pat Fisher **ARCHIVES** Russell French BARRATT'S CHAPEL LIAISON: Carolyn Humes Sarah Pasmore & SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS: Patti Shockley

Joe Lear

Greg Abbott

COLLEGE OUTREACH:

EVANGELISM: FCA MINISTRIES: FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Harriet Davies

HEALTH MINISTRIES: Peggy Hughes LIBRARIAN: Kaye Majoch MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Pat Crabb

MISSIONS:

Paula Yeich PRE SCHOOL DIRECTOR: RECORDING SECRETARY: Bev Bullock SAFE TEAM CHAIRPERSON: Sarah Pasmore SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Sherry McKee SCOUTING CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE: Wendy Owen VISITATION MINISTRY: Tita Lewis

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION: Larry Hughes MEMBERS AT LARGE

Term Expires 2019 Term Expires 2020 Term Expires 2021

Dan Nelson Mike Swain Joyce Voshell

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – Bob Berglund, Chairperson

Term Expires 2019 Term Expires 2020 Term Expires 2021
Bob Berglund Derrick Dickerson Beverly Reynolds

Peggy Hughes Chantel Helmick Tita Lewis

Ex officio members with vote:

Church Council Chair, Judy Struck Financial Secretary, Harriet Davies

Assistant Financial Secretaries: Marty Brereton, June McNamara

Lay Leader, Vaughn Webb Lead Pastor, Tom Pasmore

Treasurer, Ed Steiner

Assistant Treasurer, Elaine Willey Trustees Chair, Jim Clendaniel SPRC Chair, Greg Abbott

AUDIT COMMITTEE -Carolyn Humes, Gerald Burbage

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & LAY LEADERSHIP - Tom Pasmore, Chairperson

Term Expires 2019Term Expires 2020Term Expires 2021Pat CraigLise MastenElaine DevitaPat FisherTom ChiltonJoEllen KimmeyToni ZeveneyJohn Van TineKaren Williams

Ex officio members with vote: Lay Leader: Vaughn Webb

COMMITTEE ON STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS - Greg Abbott, Chairperson

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Bonnie CarmineHarry HumesKaye MajochGreg AbbottBonnie GlennLance WyattMatt FrenchPam CannonLloyd Webb

Ex officio members with vote: Lay Leader: Vaughn Webb

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Jim Clendaniel, Chairperson

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Jim Clendaniel Jack McDuff Glen Stevenson

John Elliott Jack Dickerson Eugene Helmick

Dawn Rothermel Randy Ennis Judy Grier

Ex-officio members without vote: Associate Pastor, Wendy Owen

Pastor, Tom Pasmore

LEADERSHIP TEAM – Judy Struck, Chairperson

Lay Leader, Vaughn Webb; Lead Pastor, Tom Pasmore; Associate Pastor, Wendy Owen; Trustee Chair, Jim Clendaniel; SPRC Chair, Greg Abbott; Finance Chair, Bob Berglund; UMW President, Beth Parker; UMM President, Rob Craig. Ex-officio members without vote: Treasurer, Ed Steiner

OTHER COMMITTEES

SAFE TEAM – Sarah Pasmore, Chairperson Rob Masten, Laurie Mullen, Nicole Wilkins, Preschool Director: Paula Yeich

CAMP PECOMETH REP – Gary Powers

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES - Tom Pasmore

UMYF COORDINATOR - Cliff McCall

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – Sherry McKee, Chairperson Church Council Chair; Pastor; UMM President; UMW President, Lay Leader; Trustee President; and Youth Pastor

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS – Pat Crabb, Chairperson Joan Emory, Fran Johnson, Leon Tschantre, and Shelby McKenzie Ex-officio member with vote – Tom Pasmore, Pastor

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ARCHIVES – Russell French, Chairperson Peggy Jones, Bob Voshell, Pam Wilkerson, Josh and Elaine Willey, David Sockrider, and Joan Emory.

PRESCHOOL BOARD+ – Louise O'Bier, Chairperson; TBD, Vice-Chair Kristin Conway, Janelle Layton, Lara Lee, Laurie Moorman, Dan Rothermel, Christy Stevenson, Garrett Grier

Ex officio members with vote: Director, Paula Yeich

Business Director, Andrea Prettyman Curriculum Coordinator, Cindy Mackesey

Pastor, Tom Pasmore

+ Elected by Organization





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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

2018 Yard Sale at Avenue United Methodist Church

Donations for Yard Sale will be accepted Monday, July 23rd—Monday, July 30th (9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.)

Large item pick up by appointment only! Larry (302) 745-4331 Sonny (302) 690-4953

Thursday, August 2nd 2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. "Early Bird Special" (\$1 admission this day only)

Friday, August 3rd 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m Saturday, August 4th 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Lancaster Amish cheese available in 1 lb blocks

All proceeds go to missions of the church both locally and country wide

Avenue United Methodist Church 20 N. Church Street Milford, DE 19963 (302) 422-8111



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 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: Brenda Beissel, Savannah and daughter Vanessa, Colleen Dunham, Luisa Combs, Joyce Cavanaugh, family and friends of Alexander Comegys, Bill and Jill Gustin, Linda Breedlove, Leslee, Kirsten Pearce, Jean Layton, family and friends of Lillie Brittingham, Ruth Callaway, Jack and Helen Heinbach, John Siegrist, Roger, Poncho Jonson, the Hughes family and children, the Pasmore family, Kevin, Christopher, Karen Rimmer Clayton, all refugee families across the world, children and families separated by the immigration policies, Beth Marvel, Vicki's mom and step-dad, everyone with job and financial issues, the Firebird baseball team, John and Ginny Van Tine, Craig, all parents who have lost a child, Frank Bilger, Penny Gillespie, Marian Hood, Shelia Turner, baby Ben, Dean Johnson.

Rejoice with: The Pasmore family, Curtis, Dave and Judy Passwaters, Judy and Glenn Struck, Anne Spicer, Colby Johnson, Don Fisher and family.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

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

Bob and Ann Wilson who will celebrate their 63rd anniversary on July 2nd.

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

Handbells

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

IMomentUM 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

ISanctuary Choir

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

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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_n-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_rand 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: The Adult Summer Sunday Class will be studying "Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy" during the month of July. July 1st the lesson will be "Parable of the Unforgiving Servant" based on Matthew 18:21-35; July 8th, "Jesus Criticizes Unjust Leaders" based on Matthew 23:1-4, 23-26; July 15, "The Widow and the Unjust Judge" based on Luke 18:1-8; July 22nd, "Entering God's Kingdom" based on Luke 13:22-30; and July 29th "Parable of the Great Dinner" based on Luke 14:15-24. The Adult Summer Sunday Class meets on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Grier Room. All are welcome.

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.

CALENDAR

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

MONDAY 7/2

11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room

7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers,

Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206

TUESDAY 7/3

6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room

6:00 p.m. AA Big Book Study,

Heritage Room

7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,

Room 206

7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal,

Wesley Room

WEDNESDAY 7/4

Church Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class, Holzmueller Room

THURSDAY 7/5

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 7/6

7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SATURDAY 7/7

7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 7/8

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class,

Grier Room

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Summer Choir,

Music Room

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2017	2018
8:00	56	58
9:30	129	143
Sunday School	22	29
11:00	56	52
FUSION	0	0
Total	263	282