



The Midweek

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

Another year of Vacation Bible School (VBS) has come and gone. My traditional assignment for the week is to work at the registration desk so I can welcome everyone to Avenue and answer any questions. I love doing that. First it lets me see all of the children when they come in each evening. It also gives me the opportunity to meet the adults associated with the kids which is especially important to our visitors. But more selfishly, it gives me a way to see what is happening every evening as the groups travel from activity to activity and I get to hear the music in the sanctuary.

Usually there is one song that gets stuck in my head and I am singing it constantly for weeks after VBS is over. This year however was different. This time, I could hear the kids over and over in my head shouting one important phrase. "Jesus rescues!"

Through the program entitled "Shipwrecked" the kids learned that Jesus carries them through every storm in life and that they can hold on to the promises of God. Even when they are lonely, worried, struggling, doing wrong or powerless, Jesus saves. We can never hear that enough – Jesus saves.

The students were given a different Bible verse each night to remind them of this important fact. My favorite piece of scripture that speaks to God's saving power is Ephesians 2: 8-9 which says, "For by grace you have been saved by

faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

The lessons of VBS are not just for kids because as adults we also need to remember that Jesus does indeed save. When you are having days of doubt, fear, loneliness, worry, stress or whatever it is that is upsetting you, just remember you can anchor yourself to the promises of God and that Jesus will indeed save.

Thanks be to God that Jesus rescues. And to God be all the glory and honor forever and ever.

Pastor Henry





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, with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. They are standing in front of a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon and clouds illuminated in shades of orange, yellow, and green. The person is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt.

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

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

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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: 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: : Mark Givens, Laura Cardinal, Dave Rumery, Brenda Beissel, Savannah and Vanessa, Ainsley, Katie, Colleen Dunham, Luisa Combs, Bill and Jill Gustin, Linda Breedlove, Leslee, Kirsten Pearce, Jean Layton, Ruth Callaway, Jack and Helen Heinbach, Poncho Johnson, John Siegrist, everyone traveling, Christopher, Vicki, Ben, Charlie Fleetwood, Lorraine Donovan, Kevin Mitchell, upcoming Chrysalis and Emmaus weekends, Autumn, Michael, Michael, Tommy and Devon, the victims and families of the Annapolis shooting, Louise O'Bier, Maria, Mary Kate, Katie H., Boy Scout Troop 186, Frank Bilger, family and friends of Mary Ann Day, John McNemar, Larry and Pat Lilly, Craig, the Sweet-Farrows family.

Recently hospitalized: Dean Johnson, Tonya Combs .

Rejoice with: Bob and Ann Wilson, all experiencing new life, Stephen and Alex Hearn and baby Max, Allison Parker.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Robert and Marie Bradley who will celebrate their **59th** anniversary on **July 11th**.

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! 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. 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.** ☺ 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 8th, "Jesus Criticizes Unjust Leaders" based on Matthew 23:1-4, 23-26; July 15th, "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: We are in need of bar soap and cereal (not pre-sweetened please). Thank You.

CALENDAR

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

MONDAY 7/9

11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
 4:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group,
 Grier Room
 7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers,
 Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206

TUESDAY 7/10

10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room
 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
 7:00 p.m. Finance Comm. & Leadership
 Team Meetings, Grier Room

WEDNESDAY 7/11

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

THURSDAY 7/12

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
 7:30 p.m. SPRC, Carpenter Room

FRIDAY 7/13

7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SATURDAY 7/14

7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 7/15

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

LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2017	2018
8:00	50	53
9:30	169	131
Sunday School	17	18
11:00	57	42
FUSION	0	0
Total	293	244