



AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

There is a joke among the staff that if I have a lot of work to do that I should get on a plane. I work like crazy when flying. When I was doing my writing for the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOOM), Pastor Tom suggested that I get on a plane and fly to Alaska and then turn around and fly right back. My work would be completed by then. It didn't come to that, but he was probably right.

I suspect many people would think it's because of the long periods of uninterrupted work time that flying gives me. There is something to be said for that. But the truth is – I hate to fly. The work I do is to keep me from worrying that I am 35,000 feet in a metal machine with thousands of parts that could break down or fall apart at any time. Plus, I'm afraid of heights which is only made worse by a window seat.

Our minds can only focus on one thing at a time. By working on the Midweek, a sermon or my BOOM paperwork, I can ignore the distance of the plane to the ground and I stop worrying.

Likewise, when we focus only on our blessings and the grace of God, we can be diverted from the worry and stress we face in our daily lives. Author and theologian Francis Chan wrote that “worry implies that we don't trust that God is big enough, powerful enough, or loving enough to take care of what's happening in our lives.”

Philippians 4: 6-8 says it even better. These verses say, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worth of praise, think about these things.”

It is always more enjoyable and peaceful to think about God than any other thought we can have – even in times of joy. God also appreciates the trust we have in the Lord when we turn to Him in our anxious times and instead focus on the peace and calm that God provides. By placing our burdens and worries on the Lord, and in essence saying, “here it is God, I trust you,” we bring God glory and honor 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 'P'.

from the producers of Celtic to Classical



Baroque to Bluegrass

Experience the energy of dueling fiddles and more in two different styles, each characterized by bright, spirited playing. Arcangelo Corelli just may have been the Bill Monroe of his day! Sheridan Seyfried's virtuoso group returns for a third summer to southern Delaware, featuring pianist Sean Kennard and violinist Dennis Kim.



Tuesday, 8/7 – Georgetown Presbyterian
Wednesday, 8/8 – Epworth UMC (Rehoboth)
Thursday, 8/9 – St. Martha's Episcopal (Bethany)
Friday, 8/10 – Avenue UMC (Milford)

***all concerts at 7:30 PM (both programs)
no charge—a free will offering will be taken***

Songs and Dances

International sensation Jonah Kim, a cello soloist dubbed “the next Yo-Yo Ma” leads a program that finds the threads of song and dance that run through a wide variety of styles, from Bach to Celtic, and including music composed specifically for Jonah. No one will forget hearing this incredible musician live. He's joined by violin, flute and piano: Alexis Meschter, Ya-Jhu Yang and Sheridan Seyfried.



Tuesday, 8/14 – The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist (Milton)
Wednesday, 8/15 – Epworth United Methodist Church (Rehoboth)
Thursday, 8/16 – St. Martha's Episcopal Church (Bethany)

for more details visit

www.celtictoclassical.com

from July 27th by phone: (267) 808-7704



Be part of a
GREETER TEAM!!

Sign up sheet on the table
in the Foyer

Help us welcome visitors and guests

A person is shown from behind, with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. They are silhouetted against a bright, golden sunset sky with scattered clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong glow and lens flare effect.

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

*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: 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The Trinidad family, Nancy Richardson, Penny Gillespie, Maureen Mayer, Rob MacDonald, Fran "Sis" DeFrank, The Thai soccer team stuck in the caves and all those who are trying to save them, Jonny, Amy and Rowan Howard, Everyone affected by weather calamities and natural disasters such as wildfires, floods, volcanoes, heat waves and droughts, Shirl, Dave Rumery, Anne Adams, Brenda Beissel, Savannah and daughter, Colleen Dunham, Luisa Combs, Bill and Jill Gustin, Linda Breedlove, Leslee, Kirsten Pearce, Jean Layton, Ruth Callaway, Jack and Helen Heinbach, John Siegrist, Everyone traveling, Christopher, Ainsley and Katie, Charlie Fleetwood, Louise O'Bier, Mary Kate, Katie H., Elizabeth, Theresa, Boy Scout Troop 186 traveling to West Virginia for a week of summer camp and Craig.

Recently hospitalized: Bella, Jim Quillen, Frank Bilger, Loretta Wooten, Joyce Arthurs and Dean Johnson.

Rejoice with: Adam Wall's birthday, Christina and Adam's anniversary and Christina and Adam, expecting their first child in December.

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

AVENUE UNITED METHODIST MEN: The Annual Yard Sale is right around the corner. **We need your help on Sunday, July 22nd at 12:15 p.m.** to set up tables, move sale items out of the trailer and storage shed for the yard sale. Any and all members of the Church Family that can help will be most welcomed. **THANK YOU**, Rob Craig.

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, working 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 **August 13th** at 4:00 p.m. in the Grier Room.

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: We will be meeting on **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 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 7/15

- 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

MONDAY 7/16

- 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 7/17

- 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

WEDNESDAY 7/18

- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Task Force Meeting,
Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Group , Grier Room
- 5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion,
Room 202
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class,
Holzmueller Room

THURSDAY 7/19

- 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 7/20

- 12:00 p.m. Mental Health Assoc. in DE,
Heritage Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SATURDAY 7/21

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

SUNDAY 7/22

- 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	51	47
9:30	159	145
Sunday School	32	28
11:00	74	63
FUSION	0	0
Total	316	283