



The Midweek

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

I have very good friends who live outside of Austin, Texas in a small town called Dripping Springs. I have only been there once for a few hours when I flew into Austin on my way to San Antonio, but I was there long enough to have the best BBQ I have ever had in my life. The brisket was tender, the BBQ sauce perfectly seasoned, and the beans were authentic. Even the potato salad had a tang that was unique.

The restaurant owner said it was a family recipe complete with special ingredient. I asked if the secret spice was love and she said it was “ornery.” Looking back on the flavors of that meal I can understand what she was saying.

After we got done eating, I pulled out my phone to do my usual review on Trip Advisor, but my friends asked me not to. Their concern was if the news of this BBQ place got out, that it would be too crowded and they would never be able to get a seat.

That made me think about how wonderful it would be if our church was so crowded that people were worried about getting a seat. Our secret ingredient for getting people there would be love and once they were there, we could watch the Holy Spirit work. How amazing would that be? But in order to do that, we need to be welcoming to everyone we meet and not worry about

whether we will have a place in “our church.” Trying to keep Avenue a secret so that it stays as it once was is not the way to make disciples for Christ.

Scripture reminds us to be open to all and welcome everyone with love. The Bible is clear that we should be in fellowship with others and the New Testament exhorts us to be hospitable to all. Romans 12:13 is very direct with Paul telling us to “share with the Lord’s people. Practice hospitality.”

Very often we think that only means when we are in worship, but it means at all times. With the yard sale coming up, there will be opportunities to show hospitality to people who may never have come to Avenue before. What a wonderful time this will be to let the secret of Avenue come out and become known to those who have yet to discover how amazing and full of love we are.

For to Him belongs the glory and honor forever and ever.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Henry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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



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50 years

Volunteers In Service To America

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

AmeriCorps Volunteer in Service to America Grant

Volunteers will assess the needs of individuals who are blind, deaf, and otherwise disabled and record progress on the access of services available. Volunteers will also work to prevent and remove barriers to transportation and general mobility, employment, education, and personal growth to address current and future poverty alleviation for this vulnerable population.

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**Student and Adult
volunteers are
welcome!**

**A Chance to impact
and learn about a
diverse community!**

**Volunteers needed
Monday through
Friday!**

**Learn about
removing barriers to
greater success in
your community!**

DELAWARE DIVISION FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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Delaware Health and Social Services, Division for the Visually Impaired, in collaboration with the Delaware School for the Deaf, are seeking Volunteers to serve the transition and the disabled student and adult populations to address barriers to training, education, and employment with the goal of alleviating poverty. We need your skills, experiences, and expertise to make this a success beginning this summer and beyond!! Please consider joining us for this exciting volunteer opportunity! With your knowledge, you can help the disabled population in areas such as access to services within the Department of Labor, Department of Education, and non-profit entities in areas such as job coaching, employment skills, training, education, and mobility venues to name a few.

Our goal is to break down the barriers facing the disabled student and adult populations to alleviate both current and future poverty levels. Addressing these issues are VITAL to combatting poverty in our state. This is a unique opportunity for those who want to give back and make a positive difference in and impact on someone else's life by joining and becoming a part of the solution.

Please contact us for more information and any questions at:

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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

*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: Nancy Richardson and family, the family and friends of Bob Campbell, the family and friends of Calvin Baker, the Hartley-Nagel families, Dave Rumery, John Siegrist, Jonny, Amy, Rowan, Ainsley, Katie, Marian Hood, Vickie, Bella, Irene Falco, all bereaved parents, Craig, Lanny Price, Dan H., Jean Hutchman, Christopher, everyone affected by natural disasters, Anne Adams, Fay Farissier, Brenda Beissel, Judy, Colleen Dunham, Jonathan, Charlie Fleetwood, Ray, Penny, Savannah, Vanessa, Bill and Jill Gustin, Linda Breedlove, Ruth Callaway, John and Helen Heinbach, Debbie Smith, everyone traveling, and Tom Pasmore.

Recently hospitalized: Dean Johnson and Frank Bilger.

Rejoice with: The people of Thailand and the rescued soccer team, Boy Scout Troop 186, the Cornerstone UMC mission trip participants, and all whose prayers have been answered.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: Jon Zaimes, the family and friends of Don Kwiatkowski, the family and friends of Barbara Horsman, Judy, Dave Rumery, John Siegrist, Dawn Stone, Judy, the family and friends of Tommy Clarke, Ainsley and Katie, Marian Hood, Craig, Dan H., Katie May, Jean Hutchman, family of Bill Prettyman and Harbesan Dela, Christopher, Dawn Willis, everyone affected by natural disasters, Fay Farissier, Brenda Beissel, Colleen Dunham, Charlie Fleetwood, Bill and Jill Gustin, Linda Breedlove, Julia, Jean Layton, Ruth Callaway, for all who were betrayed, John and Helen Heinbach, for the 17 victims and their families of the Duck Boat disaster in Missouri, all those who are traveling including the Pasmore boys, and Betty Ziesel.

Recently hospitalized: Dean Johnson, and Frank Bilger

Rejoice with: Everyone who has answered prayers, Boy Scout Troop 186, and rain.

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

UMW EVENT: Peninsula Delaware Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat. “Embracing Wholeness” An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living. Join us Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m at Wesley UMC. Forms are located on the foyer table.

2018 YARD SALE: The Yard Sale is getting closer. This is the time to take all those things you have cleaned out and load them into your car. You can bring them to Avenue on **Monday, July 23rd through Friday, July 27th. Also, on Monday, July 30th. No weekends.** There will be help unloading your car but we need your help too. Please consider coming in to help sort, price, label, measure, and clean items that are coming in. **We need YOUR help** - men and women, young and old. If you have 1 hour, 2 hours or a whole day, please come help out. **New hours for workers July 23rd – July 30th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm weekdays.** Only Clean – Like New Shoes will be accepted this year. Thanks, and please **SPREAD the word to friends and neighbors.**

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.

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 **August 7th** 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 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

TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITION: Avenue Preschool will be hiring a new teacher assistant for our Pre-K program. If you would like to apply please send in your resume by **July 25th** the job will close at this time. Must have a teacher assistant certification from DOE. Please send all information to office@avenuepreschool.org. If you have any questions call Paula Yeich at 422-8775.

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.

LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2017	2018
8:00	63	45
9:30	136	169
Sunday School	22	19
11:00	78	44
<u>FUSION</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	299	277

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 7/29

- 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
- 3:00 p.m. Cubs Pack Comm. Planning Meeting, Heritage Room

MONDAY 7/30

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206

TUESDAY 7/31

- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Interview Meeting, Carpenter Room
- 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 8/1

- 5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion, Room 202
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class, Holzmueller Room

THURSDAY 8/2 ~ Yard Sale

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group, Conference Room
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room

FRIDAY 8/3 ~ Yard Sale

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

SATURDAY 8/4 ~ Yard Sale

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

SUNDAY 8/5 ~ 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
- 1:00 p.m. Discipleship Pathway, Grier Room