



The Midweek

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

Exodus 33: 7-11 talks about the “Tent of Meeting.” It says this: “Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tent. Thus, the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then he would return to the camp; but his young assistant, Joshua son of Nun, would not leave the tent.”

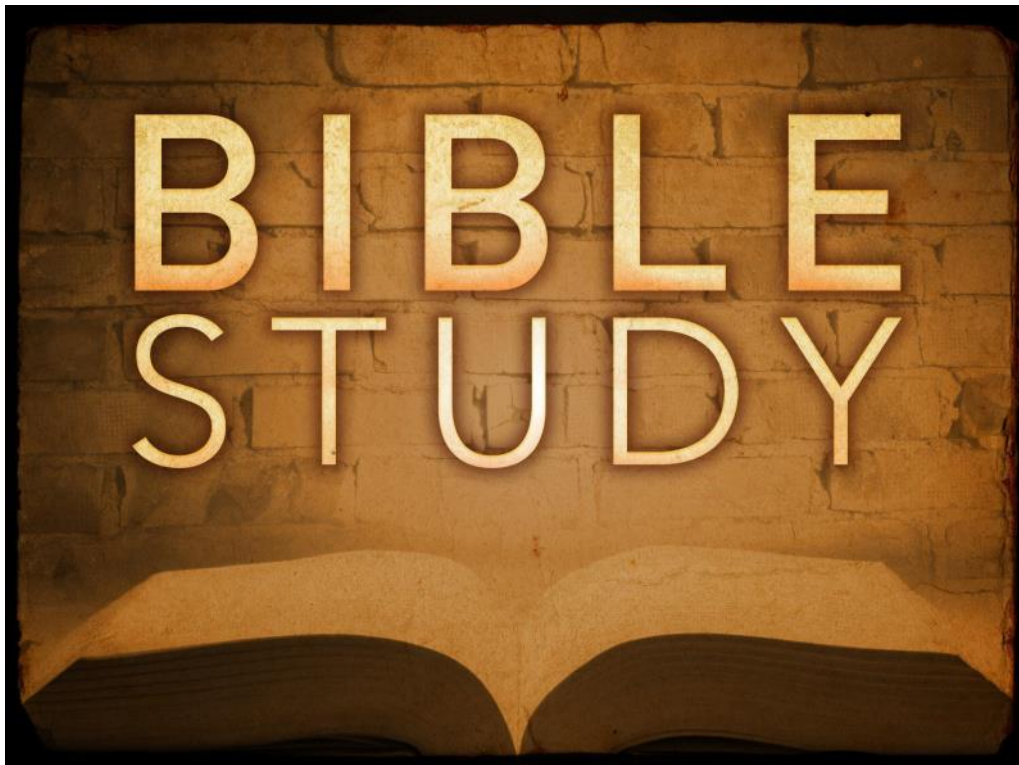
Moses basically had an appointment with God. It was a time when the two of them would get together and talk as friends. They would meet in the tent and chat.

Where do we meet the Lord and have our chats with Him? Do we set aside time to be in conversation with our Friend? Do we make sacred time to pitch our tent and invite God to be in conversation with us? Jesus wants us to be in relationship with Him but more than talk, He wants us to listen. God has something to tell us.

When we listen, we bring honor and glory to God forever and ever.

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

During worship on September 2nd
Bible Study Sunday





St. Paul United Methodist Church

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Rev. C. Claudia Waters, Pastor
"The Church of Outreach and Love"

We're having a Church & Community Cookout



*on
Sunday, September 2, 2018 at 10AM*

Joint Communion service with Wesley Chapel UMC and the community. All are invited to join us to nourish your soul and your body. We will also have various booths for health, housing, & other information.

***Come One & Come All
And Be Blessed!***

For more information, please call the church at (302) 422-0709.

"I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me." Philippians 4:13NTV

The Mispillion Children's Chorus

Open to All students AGES 6-12

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 4th

Two Rehearsal locations and times:
Select the one that works best for your child's schedule.

The Milford Boys & Girls Club
Tuesday from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Avenue United Methodist Church
Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

NO AUDITIONS!

NO FEES!

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!



*No member affiliation necessary with
either B&G Club or with Avenue United
Methodist Church.*

A commitment from parents/guardians that
students attend regularly and participate in
the choral performances.

QUESTIONS:

themispillionchildrencorus@gmail.com

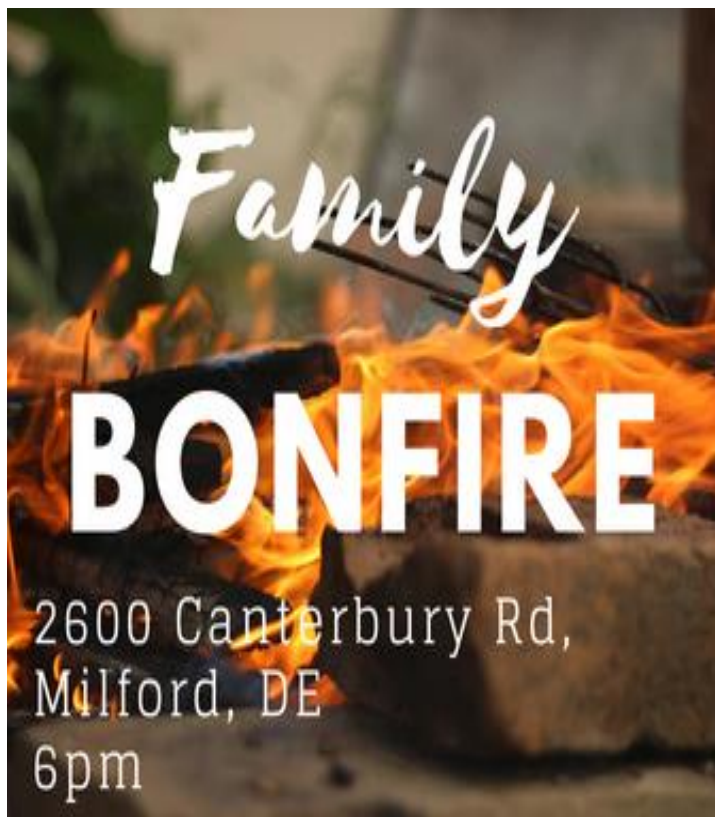
Sharon Starling (302) 422-2785

Kevin B. Chamberlain (302) 422-8111

Code Purple Update

On Thursday, August 2, 2018, the Sussex County Code Purple Board met to start planning out this year's activities and sites. The board discussed multiple issues and wanted to keep the congregation at Avenue UMC up to date. More will be communicated as the autumn progresses.

- ♦ **Training**-Like last year, there will be training for the existing Code Purple volunteers, as changes are coming, and any new volunteers whom may want to join in this wonderful ministry. Dan Nelson has stepped forward to do the training at the **Milford Nazarene Church on Thursday, October 24, 2018 at 7 pm**. If a perspective volunteer cannot make that date, there will be another date where Dan will train volunteers at The Cross location in Seaford. A date should be available for this event in the near future.
- ♦ **Check in/ Dinner Location**-Nikki Gonzalez is working diligently at getting the Intake/ Dinner location set for guests who will be staying at Avenue UMC. It was decided jointly by the Sussex County Code Purple Board and the Avenue UMC trustees at the end of last season that the men will now only be entering into the Wesley Room to rest and sleep. The Heritage Room will not be used this year. Nikki is speaking to the Milford Church of God, located on Walnut Street to be the Intake/Dinner location for the men. Please pray on this. While the Church of God wants to partner with Code Purple Sussex County, this Intake/Dinner location may strain their church funds.
- ♦ **Church Donations**-The Sussex County Code Purple Board wanted to ensure that going forward any donations that came to Avenue UMC for Code Purple be distributed where the need is greatest. This is a community program and all donations should support that effort. Hopefully, a volunteer coordinator will step forward to keep this process flowing as smoothly as possible. In addition, any monetary donations should be made directly to Sussex County Code Purple. Checks can be written directly to Love, Inc. with the Code Purple designation listed on the memo line. Please send any checks to Susan Kent's attention at: Love INC P.O. Box 542, Seaford, DE 19973
- ♦ **Funds at Avenue UMC**-Love, Inc. is also working on fundraising ideas and other possible activities to increase revenue to ensure we can operate throughout this and future Code Purple seasons. Avenue does have some church based funds that we will utilize to operate the Men's shelter here in Milford until they are exhausted.
- ♦ **New Women & Children's Shelter**- Praise God! The Milford Church of the Nazarene is going to become a women and children Code Purple shelter. Nikki Gonzalez and Joyce Bonnoni from the Sussex County Code Purple Board met with Pastor Art Roxby to begin the process of preparing for the upcoming season. The Board will keep you informed of their progress and is looking forward to more volunteers joining together at Church of Nazarene at the October 24, 2018, for training.



September 2nd

@ 6pm

WE WILL HAVE...

SNACKS, S'MORES, &
HORSEBACK RIDES!



Fall
Kick-Off

September 9th from 5-7pm

*Join us for an afternoon of
food, inflatables, music, and
fun!*

*The event will be held on the
front lawn of the church*

20 N. Church St, Milford, DE

Fall
Kick-Off

*Sept. 9th
5-7pm*

*If you're able, we'd
love for you to bring
a covered side dish
to share!*



VISTA

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.

Corporation for
**NATIONAL &
COMMUNITY
SERVICE** 

**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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New Castle, DE 19720

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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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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: Dave Reynold's mother, Wayne, Craig, Charlie Fleetwood, Kim, Wright Parker, Children and families of Peggy and Larry Hughes, Betty Ziesel, Ruth Callaway, Jean Hutchman, Lida Wells, Jill and Bill Gustin, Linda Breedlove, Dawn Willis and family, Dave McCarthy, Brenda Faulk Robinson, Andrea Breitwieser, Catrina, Senior Airman Alix, Those who lost a loved one, Dot McCain, The family and friends of James Baxter, Allen Messick, Joan, The family and friends of Anne Payne,, Gary, People traveling, Nik, Dylan Lloyd, Christine's brother Ben and his family Those who are rallying in DC, The family of Elias who passed away in Haiti last week, Arvin Noel, Brenda Beissel, Anita Layfield, Frank Calio, Friends of Jean, Jean Layton, Kirsten Pearce, Cheryl, Merry, and Donald, Bill, Taren Murphy, Bill Gaskill and family, John Siegrist and family, the upcoming Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends, teams and caterpillars, Bundy Simms, Leslee, Alma Brittingham and Bernie Brittingham.

Rejoice with: Dean Johnson, Thanks for all the prayers from Jon and Cindy Horsman for their family and Praise for God's blessing and love.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: Dave and Beverly Reynolds and family, family and friends of Donnie Gray Sr., family and friends of Amy Hanna-Hagepian, Charlie Fleetwood, Dylan, Rosemary McGarry, Olga Stanton, Ruth Callaway, Mary Ellen, Jean Hutchman, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Jill and Bill Gustin, children and families of Larry and Peggy Hughes, Leslee, Craig, Gary Price, Taylor Bush, Dan Hagopian, Alma Brittingham, Bernie Brittingham, Jean Layton, Russ French, Shelby Swain, Katie, R.J., Cheryl, Donald, Merry, Dawn Willis and family, the pastor under arrest in Turkey, the victims and their families and friends of the bridge collapse in Italy, Mark and Annika, Colleen Dunham and husband Barry, Joslyn Snyder, Cindy Horsman's mom.

Recently hospitalized: Brenda Beissel and Jerry Jackson.

Rejoice with: Katie, all those leaving for college and grad schools and the families who will miss them, Caterpillars and team of the Girls Chrysalis Weekend, and all involved with the boys weekend to come.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Ferd Nelson who will celebrate his **97th** birthday on **September 6th**.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Harry and Carolyn Humes who will celebrate their **58th** anniversary on **August 27th**.

THE BIRTHDAY GIRLS!

Shhh. It's a secret but both Lida Wells and Dot Sophos are turning 95-years-young in early September. Dot celebrates on **September 1st** and Lida's special day is **September 8th**. To mark these big occasions, we are hoping to have 95 cards sent to each of them by people in our church. Both women have played extraordinary roles in helping Avenue grow into the amazing church that it is so we hope you will reach out with "happy birthday" sentiments.

Their addresses are:

Mrs. Dot Sophos
Milford Place
500 South DuPont Blvd
Milford, DE 19963

Mrs. Lida Wells
503 Point Drive
Milford, DE 19963

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

♪Mispiration 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.

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 **September 10th** at 4:00 p.m. in the Grier Room.

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: On **September 11th** we will be starting a new study: Short Stories by Jesus 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 continues to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Grier Room. Our studies on Justice in the New Testament will center on "Paul Teaches About New Life in Christ." August 26th, "Practicing Justice" based on Colossians 3:5-17. All are welcome and feel free to come on any Sunday that suits your schedule.

OUTREACH

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: **August 26th and September 2nd** at **all 3 services** we will be blessing backpacks. We want to support all of our students by surrounding them with prayer prior to the first day of the new school year. May the Holy Spirit's guidance and protection be with all of our students as they begin a new adventure later this month.

COMMUNITY

MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY: The Milford Community Pantry is beginning a new outreach to young families. We will be offering diapers. This is a ministry that was done by the Multi-Cultural church but since they have moved it is no longer available. We are seeking your support, your comments and your help. The Diaper Closet will be open the first Wednesday morning of each month beginning in September. (Families will need a referral from church or social services.) We will need volunteers and diapers. If you are able to provide either, please contact Tita Lewis or Diane Dolan.

Also, we are in need of cereal (not pre-sweetened please). Thank You.

LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2017	2018
8:00	52	47
9:30	100	173
Sunday School	44	29
11:00	65	56
<u>FUSION</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	261	305

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8/26 ~ Blessing of Backpacks

- 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 8/27

- 8:00 a.m. Preschool Meeting—Teachers,
Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers,
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206

TUESDAY 8/28

- 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 8/29

- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Group, Grier Room
- 5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion,
Room 202
- 6:30 p.m. Pride of Delmarva,
Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 8/30

- 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 8/31

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

SATURDAY 9/1

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

SUNDAY 9/2 ~ Blessing of Backpacks

- 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