



The Midweek

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

There is a small ant problem in my house at the moment. One section of my kitchen counters seems to be attracting them. After doing some investigation it appears as if they are coming up through the dishwasher so I'm guessing they are climbing the pipes.

I have tried everything to get rid of them. I have used ant bait. I tried mixing vinegar and purified water to wipe down the counters hoping to deter them from showing up again. I have become sniper-proficient at using Clorox Beach Gel to zap them whenever I see scurrying across the surface. While I now have the cleanest counters in the neighborhood, it's not stopping them.

It has gotten very frustrating and last Tuesday night as I was standing in my kitchen, cleaner in hand, ready to "take out" any of those little insects who showed up, I (admit I) was whining to my cats. (None of my feline friends cared but I was venting to them anyway.)

I called the ants those "pesky little devils" because they just kept coming back. No matter how many of them I did rid the kitchen of, there were more there to take their place. It's a lot like the spiritual enemy we face every day. No matter how we work to rid our life of that influence and temptation the enemy brings, it's always there to come back in a never-ending assault on us.

1 Peter 5: 8 says, "Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." No matter how many "home remedies" we try thinking we can battle satan on our own, we can't battle the constant barrage on our own. We need to

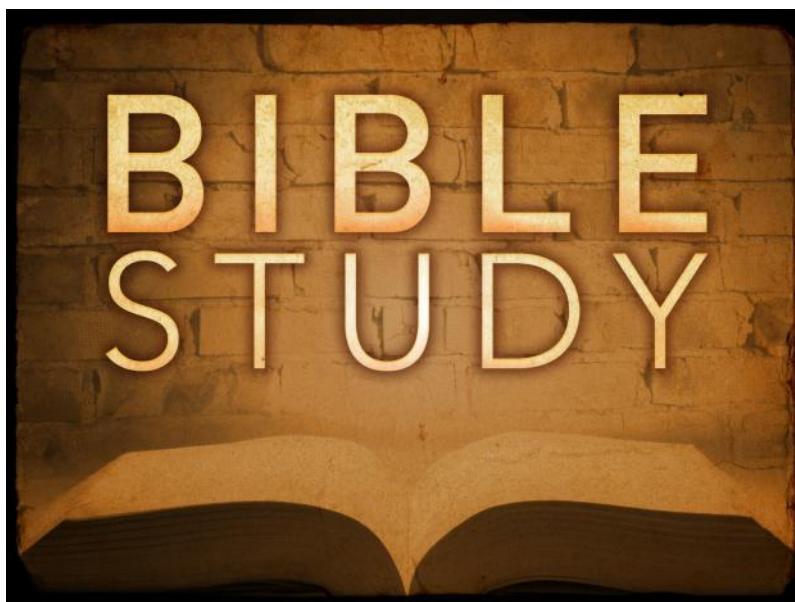
“put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against God’s schemes.” (Ephesians 6:11) The armor of God refers to surrendering our own wills and thoughts to the Lord and being more Christ-like to fend off the attacks of the enemy.

I found this prayer on crossroads.com that I would like to share with you about guarding our hearts from the work of the devil. As we pray it through our days, let it bring honor and glory to God always.

Lord God, Captain of my heart, Satan knows if I follow Your greatest commandment – to love You with all my heart, soul and mind – he is powerless over me. Guard my heart Lord Jesus, so that it beats for you alone. Don’t let me grow complacent toward You or be lured to love anyone or anything more than You. Remove the idols from my heart so that You alone command my allegiance and utmost affections. Help me to love and forgive others as You have forgiven me so that the enemy can get no foothold through hate or bitterness on my part. Cultivate in my heart Your love that “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” Finally, Lord, set my heart on things above, not on earthly things. Help me to remember that You died for me and my life is now in you. Increase my longing for heaven so this world holds no power over me. Amen.

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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We're having a Church & Community Cookout



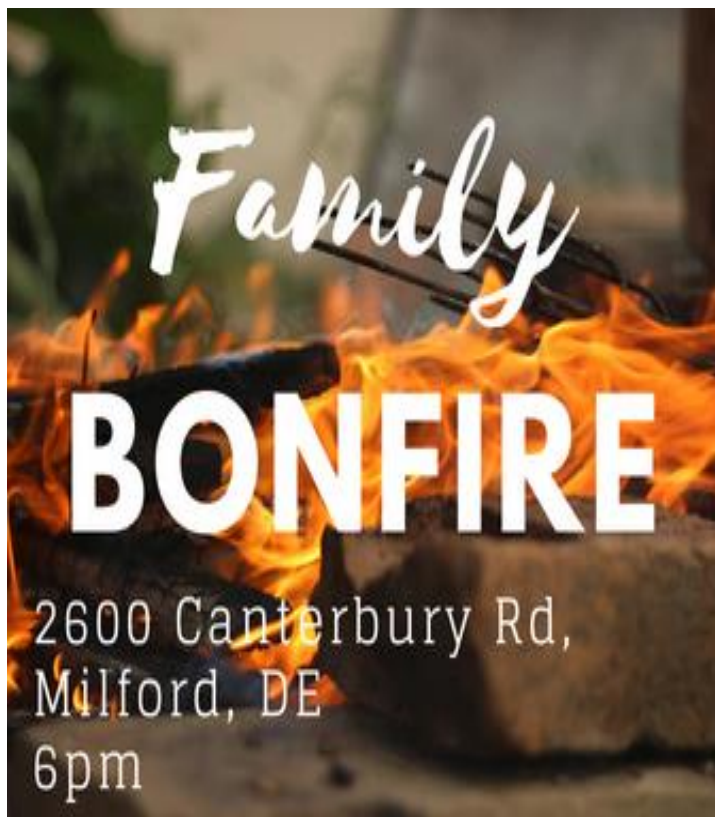
*on
Sunday, September 2, 2018 at 10AM*

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



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!

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.

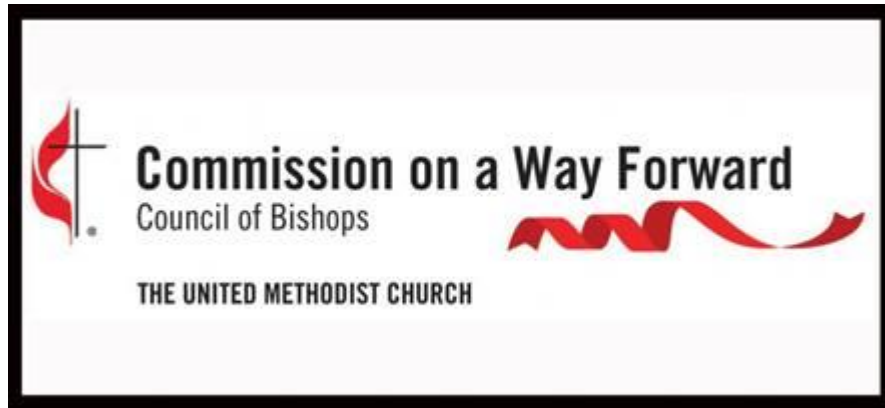
QUESTIONS:

themispillionchildrengorus@gmail.com

Sharon Starling (302) 422-2785

Kevin B. Chamberlain (302) 422-8111

Bishop's District Day - Dover District



Topic: "The Way Forward"

Conversations about the February special session of General Conference that will deal with the issue of homosexuality and the UMC.

Who is invited? Lay and Clergy together!

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**Union UMC
2 N. Laws Street
Bridgeville, DE 19933**



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

no rain date BUT hurricane/nor'easter date

Saturday, September 29, 2018

MILTON GARDEN CLUB

Tickets: Pre-Tour \$10

Day of Tour \$15

Explore 7 hidden gardens on Union Street. Artists in the gardens plus vendors selling garden related items, refreshments for sale, plant sale and more. Pre-tour tickets available at Peppers Nursery, Salon Milton, Milton Historical Society, Hillside Florist in Milton and Lewes Printing in Lewes.

**Milton
GARDEN CLUB**

**P. O. Box 203
Milton, Delaware 19968**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

**MILTON GARDEN CLUB
FALL GARDEN TOUR**

10 am - 3 pm

*FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR
OR FOR TICKETS CALL:
302-684-3804*

**www.themiltongardenclub.org
www.facebook.com/themiltongardenclubinc**

Grotto Pizza® Community PIZZA NIGHT



Vouchers cannot be handed out on premises. Disregard to this policy will result in termination of the event.

Please Join Us for a Fundraising Event!

Cub Scout Pack 186
Milford- Silicato Way
September 26, 2018 | 4 to 9pm

When this voucher is presented at time of order, an amount equal to 20% of your total bill will be donated to Cub Scout Pack 186.



This offer valid for dine-in and takeout only | GrottoPizza.com |

Join us at **THE PALACE!**



for A Fund-Raising Event

for Auxiliary of Milford Memorial



Have **LUNCH** or **DINNER**
On the 2nd Monday of each month

When this voucher is presented at time of order, an amount equal to 15% of your total bill will be donated to:

MMH Auxiliary



Thank you for supporting the
Auxiliary of Milford Memorial

The Palace
556 S. Dupont Blvd.
Milford, DE 19963
302-441-2070
www.MilfordPalace.com



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 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family of Leslee who passed into life eternal yesterday, Dylan Lloyd, Charlie Fleetwood, Dave and Bev Reynold, Ruth Callaway, Jean Hutchman, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Jill and Bill Gustin, Children and families of Peggy and Larry Hughes, Craig, Jean Layton, Russ French, Brenda Beissel, Shelby Swain, Katie, Dawn Willis and family, Colleen Dunham and for her husband Barry, Cindy Horsman's mother, Joan, Peggy Jones, Chris, Charlie Harding, Allister Quinn, Sage, Judy Frank, Haleigh Baker, All those who are starting school, teachers and students, For our Sunday School, may God bless it, Adi Nelson, Kim, Jack Wheeler, Baby Georgia Bowen, Betty Graham, Taylor Bush, Linda Hanna, Missy, Don, Dot, The family and friends of John McCain, Christ Church, a United Methodist Congregation in Fairfax, VA, the family of Maude Smith and Jeanie Zaimes.

Recently hospitalized: Brenda Beissel, Jerry Jackson and Craig Hanna.

Rejoice with: Those voices singing behind Karen Williams yesterday in worship, All those leaving for college and graduate school, The Chrysalis Girls weekend which is full, and continued prayers for the caterpillars, team and upcoming boys weekend.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

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

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

♪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 YARD SALE MEETING: On **September 5th at 1:00 p.m.** we will have a follow up meeting in Fellowship Hall.

UMW BOARD will meet on Tuesday, **September 12th**, at 12:30 pm in Room 207, upstairs. Please plan to attend this meeting to get all the latest information to take back to your Circle.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) are ready to gather in small group Circle meetings and at large quarterly Unit meetings for the fall of 2018. Circles meet on the third Tuesday (Sarah and Mary/Martha) or second Wednesday (Esther) each month. If you would like to be part of a UMW Circle, please just come out to one of the meetings. We meet at 9:45 a.m. (Sarah), 1:30 p.m. (Mary/Martha) and 7:00 p.m. (Esther). More details to follow.

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 sign up 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 Sunshine Bible Class will begin its Fall Schedule on Sunday, September 2 at 9:30 AM in the Grier Room. The September lessons will deal with "God's World and God's People." September 2, the lesson will be "God Created the Heavens and the Earth" based on Genesis 1:1-13; September 9, "God Created Plants and Animals" based on Genesis 1:14-25; September 16, "God Created People" based on Genesis 1:26-31; 2:4-7; September 23, "God Created the Family" based on Genesis 2:18-24; 4:1-2; and September 30, "God Creates; Humans Sin" based on Genesis 3:8-17, 20-24. Please come.

OUTREACH

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: **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	68	54
9:30	164	191
Sunday School	29	32
11:00	49	50
<u>FUSION</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	310	327

REMINDER: FCA Meeting on Thursday, August 30th at 6:30 p.m. in Grier Room



CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/2 ~ Blessing of Backpacks

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 9/3

Church Office Closed

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206

TUESDAY 9/4

- 9:30 a.m. Archives Meeting, Archives Room
- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 6:15 a.m. Mispillion Children's Chorus,
Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Second Street Players Practice,
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,
Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal,
Wesley Room

WEDNESDAY 9/5

- 1:00 p.m. Yard Sale Meeting,
Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Group, Grier Room
- 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Music Room
- 5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion,
Room 202
- 6:00 p.m. AveNotes, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Pride of Delmarva,
Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Tiger Den Meeting, Wesley Room

THURSDAY 9/6

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Second Street Players Practice,
Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Webelos Den, Wesley Room

FRIDAY 9/7

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

SATURDAY 9/8

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

SUNDAY 9/9

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Class,
Grier Room
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 3:30 p.m. Second Street Players Practice,
Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Fall Kickoff, Outside