



The Midweek

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

Hurricane Florence is still out in the ocean and there seems to be some dissention among weather forecasters about where it will make landfall. No matter where it lands however, there is sure to be wind, rain and quite possibly widespread power outages. People along the path will be stocking up with essentials.

The potential rain event and the need to make a Walmart trip for supplies made me think of the 70-year-old woman who is in a video on YouTube that went viral a month ago. In this video you see her pushing her cart in a Walmart parking lot towards her car in a massive downpour. By the time she gets her items in the back of the vehicle, she is getting wet. But rather than climb in her car and head for home, she takes her cart back to the cart collection location and gets completely soaked. It is not until she secures her cart that she gets into her automobile and heads to the warmth and safety of her residence. I am very sure she was not expecting her actions would be recorded but as the woman who shot the video said, it was just amazing to see someone do the right thing especially under these circumstances.

(You can find the video on YouTube by searching “why West Virginia woman returned cart in torrential rain.” You can also check out the story that CBS news did on the “most considerate shopper in the country.”)

Some of you may be thinking she was nuts not to just get out of the rain as quickly as she could. Others may appreciate her thoughtfulness for thinking of the employees who have to come and gather the carts from the parking lot. And yet others will think it was no big deal either way because she was already wet. What would you have done in a similar situation?

Scripture tells us that we are always to put others before ourselves. In Romans 12:10, we are reminded of what Paul says when he writes, “Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.”

I think the woman in the video outdid a lot of people by showing honor and sisterly love to the Walmart employees she probably didn’t even know. Her small but powerful gesture spoke volumes about her character and the love in her heart for her brothers and sisters.

By doing the right thing, and witnessing to God’s love even when it is uncomfortable or inconvenient, we too can 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.

IF THERE ARE ANY WEATHER RELATED ISSUES ON SUNDAY AND WE NEED TO CANCEL WORSHIP, WE WILL CHANGE THE MESSAGE ON THE PHONE AND POST IT TO OUR WEBSITE. OUR BIGGEST CONCERN IS NOT RAIN BUT FLOODING. SO, EVEN IF THE WEATHER LOOKS OK PLEASE CHECK BEFORE YOU COME BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL FLOODING.

September Meeting Reminders

- * **UMW Board Meeting**, September 12th at 12:30 pm in Room 207
- * **Trustees Meeting**, September 18th at 7:00 pm in Grier Room
- * **SPRC Meeting**, September 20th at 7:00 pm in Holzmueller Room
- * **Charge Conference**, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary



*From the desk of **our Bishop***

Healing Connections

By Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

This summer, I had the opportunity to visit with friends whom I had not seen in over twenty years. When Bo and I were first married, we moved to San Diego, to report for duty on our ships. We lived in Coronado and joined St. Paul's United Methodist Church there. Soon after we joined, the pastor asked us to lead a Young Adult Bible Study (we were only 22 years old!), to be held in the home of Fred and Evy. At the time, Fred and Evy seemed ancient to us. We laughed this summer when we realized that they were the age we are now, which no longer seems so ancient.

Fred and Evy were each in their third marriage. Bo and I had known very few divorced people, so at first we were tempted to judge them. However, as soon as we met in their home, we realized how wrong our judgment had been. They demonstrated such unconditional love for each other, and that love spilled over to us. We felt so welcomed and accepted in their home, that we continued to meet weekly for dinner long after the Bible Study ended. We began to call them, "Mom and Dad-West" for the west coast, and they embraced that role fully.

Bo likes to tell the story of going to their home for dinner one night while I was out to sea. If you know Bo, you know that he has a very "Southern" sense of time, meaning he often shows up late. That day, he left his ship about half an hour late and rushed to their home, apologizing as soon as he walked in the door. He noticed, as he apologized, that Fred and Evy seemed very relaxed and not upset at all with his lateness. He commented on it and they replied, "Oh, we know you always come a little late, so we adjust." They jokingly referred to it as "Stith Standard Time." That story reflects the abundant grace they had for everyone in their lives. They helped us whenever one or the other of us was out to sea. They helped us pack our house and clean it when we moved. They provided us with such faithful friendship.

So, although we kept up with them through letters and email and Facebook, we had not seen them since our daughter was nine months old. This summer, we traveled to see them with wounded spirits. Our son, Elijah, had died unexpectedly, grieving our hearts and wearying our souls. We arrived at their new home uncertain of what to expect. But, we should have known. Fred and Evy welcomed us again with such love and grace, providing a balm to help heal our hearts. We picked up as if we had never been separated, sharing stories and reminiscing, crying and laughing, as we allowed ourselves to just be loved.

And, love us they did. From wonderful homecooked meals to thoughtfully planned outings, from relaxed schedules to the healer of all ills—ice cream, Fred and Evy lived up once again to their role of Mom and Dad-West. Their hospitality and grace opened our eyes once again to the presence of the risen Christ and renewed our hope. After two wonderful days, they sent us off with food and snacks, new clothing and gifts, which reminded us of stories in the Old Testament where people loaded down camels with food and gifts to send people on their way to continue their journey. Even now as I reflect back on that visit, God floods my soul with peace and gratitude for that sense of welcome, of belonging, of healing, and of being renewed and sent back on the journey.

Of course, I think about the connections of this story with our churches. So many people in our communities have broken hearts and wounded souls. They long to have somewhere to belong, where they will not be judged, where they will be accepted and loved for who they are, where they will receive abundant grace and healing. Yet, many people do not think that they will find these gifts in a church. In response, they reject the church before they can be rejected. But, that rejection does not heal their spirits. As followers of Jesus, we believe only the presence of the living Christ can bring that healing.

Yet, Jesus did not sit around waiting for people to come to him. He went to where they were, offering healing and love along the way. As followers of Jesus, we need to follow him out of the churches and into our communities, where the people are. Yes, many of the people have been hurt. And, as Bo and I learned when we adopted Elijah, “Hurt people hurt people.” So, we will be hurt in the process. Yet, we will also experience great joy in being in the presence of Jesus.

We want to help equip you to meet people where they are. This fall, we will offer two workshops (in the place of The Well), designed to empower churches to minister to the wounded in their communities. The first, on October 20 from 9:00-noon at St. Luke’s UMC in Denton, Maryland, we will offer a workshop called, “Churches as First Responders to the Military and Veteran Population.” The training will include recognizing military or Veteran congregant families facing problems, understanding military culture and its impact on families, and roles in ministering to congregants with moral injury. Many of our veterans suffer from PTSD, which negatively impacts their families and often leads to addiction issues. See [the flier](#) for more details and registration.

The second workshop will deal directly with opioid addiction. Rev. Dr. Barry Steiner Ball will offer a workshop on November 17 to empower churches to minister to families, children, and all people impacted by opioid addiction. We cannot sit by idly while this addiction epidemic ravages our communities. Churches CAN make a difference. Save the date and check back on the website as we update the information.

As churches, Jesus invites us to follow him out into our communities to offer radical hospitality, abundant grace, and healing. We will make mistakes. We will get hurt. And, we will experience the amazing presence of Jesus. Andre Trocmé, a priest in a French town which hid Jewish people from the Nazis, when asked about why he took the risk, said: “I could not stand to be apart from Jesus.” I pray that we also may find it hard to be away from Jesus, so that we will take the risk together to become “Connected Christians offering the hope of Jesus Christ in today’s world.”



Improv Theatre

SEP 11, 6-8PM

**+GAMES
+FELLOWSHIP
+AGES 13+**

AVENUE CHURCH

HERITAGE ROOM

CONTACT SETH WILCOX FOR MORE INFO

E-MAIL: SETH.WILCOX37@YAHOO.COM



Code Purple Hot Line: 302-519-0024 – P.O. Box 542 – 703 East King St., Seaford
Love INC Clearinghouse phone line: 302-629-7050 - codepurplesussexcounty.com
Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/codepurplesussexcounty/>

CODE PURPLE INFO & UPCOMING TRAINING!

We are building a team of volunteers to help serve our homeless guests for the 2018/2019 cold weather season! Please join us to learn more about Code Purple and how you can get involved. This vital resource is dependent on volunteerism as Code Purple Sussex County is 100% volunteer run. Most of our emergency winter sanctuaries are open each night from December 15th until March 15th. Volunteer spots include: intake, overnight, morning relief, clean-up crews, transportation, laundry and dinner service. (To **Sign Up** for dinner sponsorship and other volunteer opportunities, please use the link found on our website at codepurplesussexcounty.com **Volunteers/Servants!**). Last year we served 150 literally homeless neighbors at our shelters. We served the elderly, families, the infirm, those recently released from prison, and sometimes persons struggling with addiction or persons with mental health not being treated.

Each guest is uniquely homeless...each vulnerable...each one matters!

Code Purple opens "on call" once the weather dips down below 32°. We call these "bookends" and volunteers will sign up to volunteer **if** Code Purple is called. However, once December 15th arrives, we have 6 sanctuaries **stay open** regardless of the temperature until March 15th. Our Laurel sanctuary opens every night of January & February. It takes an average of 12 people per night at each site to effectively operate a Code Purple Sussex County Site (we have 11 total certified CPSC Sites). The other sites open as overflow.

That means we have a potential of 132 volunteer spots to fill each night just to provide basic coverage during the season!

Come be part of the solution and join our team!

PICK WHICH LOCATION WORKS BEST FOR YOUR SCHEDULE
(All training events take place from 7pm-9pm)



We need you!

Oct. 15th – Gateway Fellowship - 8110 Cannon RD, Bridgeville, DE

Oct. 24th – Milford Nazarene - 11 NW Salevan Pl, Milford, DE

Nov. 1st – St. Luke's Episcopal - 202 N. North Street Seaford, DE (in Parish Hall behind the church)

Oct. 29th & Nov 6th – Laurel Church of the Nazarene -100 Walnut Drive Laurel, DE

TBA – Georgetown Code Purple Sussex County Training
TBA – Bethany Beach Code Purple Sussex County Training
TBA – Delmar Code Purple Sussex County Training

Updated SBRK 9/11/18

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

A Study of the Book

“7: Staging Your Own Mutiny Against Excess”

This study is different from others that Avenue Church has undertaken. How? Because it will meet only once a month but will be seven months in duration. Hmmm...read on to learn more.

This book and workbook focus on seven areas of our lives and helps us give up our excesses in each area: Stress, media, possessions, food, waste, spending and clothes. It is a perfect study for both families and individuals. It is a real eye-opener for kids.

Each month, in whatever order you and/or your family chose, you will look at one category and decide how to “untangle the clutter in your life and discover how temporarily disengaging from excess can allow God’s heart to break through your stuff and open your eyes to the things that really matter.” The book and workbook will give you ideas and suggestions on what can be done in our lives to fight back against overindulgence, materialism, and greed. What a perfect way to get our hearts ready for Christmas and move into Lent. Introductions to the study will be held on:

September 16, 2018 1:00 PM
September 18, 2018 7:00 PM
September 20, 2018 11:00 AM

YOU ONLY NEED TO ATTEND ONE. If you can’t attend any of these and want to participate, call Wendy and she will sit down and go over the study at your convenience.

Pastor Wendy will be leading this study and is available to answer questions. As you ponder whether you will be interested in doing this study, here are some sample questions for two of the categories to consider.

Food:

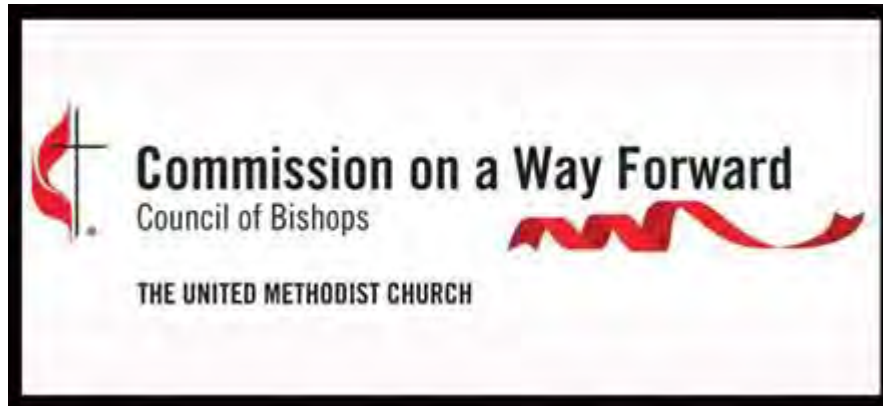
- Does your lifestyle influence your food choices or do your food choices influence your lifestyle? Why?
- How could food become an idol in our lives that distracts us from God’s kingdom?
- What are some of the practical ways you can live out the words of Jesus found in Matthew 25: 35-40.

Clothing:

- Why do you think we spend so much time consumed with our clothes? (What do your children say about this one?)
- How might your clothes reflect your heart?
- Read Matthew 6: 28-30. How can Jesus’ words encourage you when it comes to your closet?

Each category has similar questions. This is not just a study of thought. There are meaningful actions to undertake as both individuals and families. So come find out about it!

Bishop's District Day - Dover District



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ic: "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

Dover District Prayer Day

Date: September 22, 2018

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Where: Asbury UMC, 200 Weiner Ave., Harrington, DE 19952

This daylong celebration will focus on **the Love and Grace of God** who abundantly and faithfully pours out His blessings upon us. We will enter into His courts with praise, worship, prayer and testimony as we are affirmed and strengthened in the *Doctrine of Assurance*. One of the characteristics of a mature Christian disciple and a healthy church is the confidence in the relationship we have with God and with one another because of the witness of the Holy Spirit.

Our morning worship will begin with communion as we lay aside all of the distractions of the world in order to fully enter into the Presence of God. Our message on the *Doctrine of Assurance* will be led by Pastor Larry Jameson, followed by testimonies of the miracles God has graciously bestowed upon our District. Following a delicious lunch, we will then encounter God through a means of prayer selected by each participant dependent upon personal need. The stations will focus on healing prayer needs, corporate community prayer, solitary prayer, anointing stations, and meditations.

Our day will close with the distribution of the ***Book of Psalms***, the prayers of all of our churches in our District and ***The Call to Prayer*** throughout the Dover District.

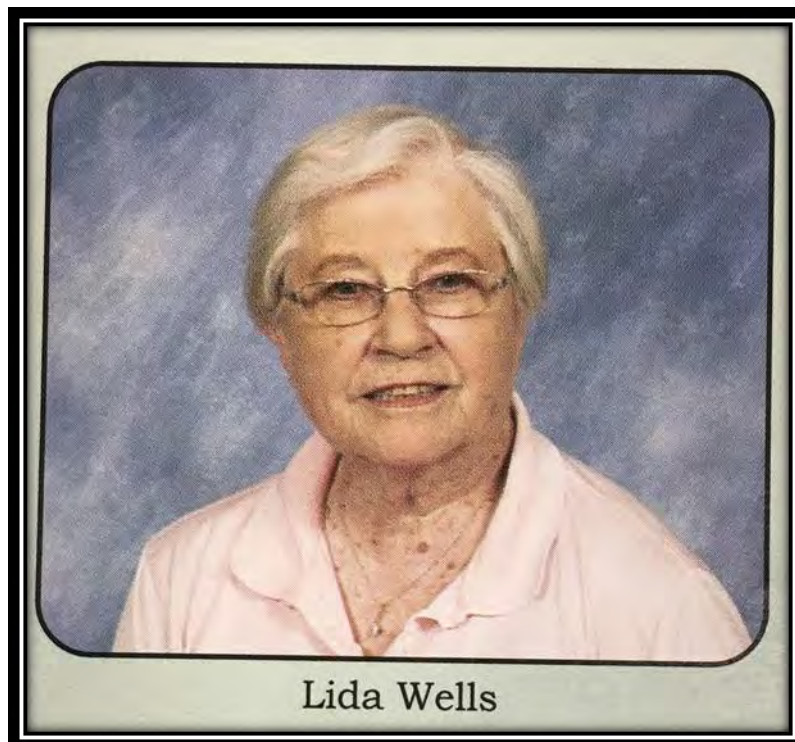
In order that every preparation can be made to make your day of prayer a joyful and blessed experience, complete the registration form and submit to Cathy Myers at the Dover District Office **no later than September 17, 2018**. The cost is \$7.00 and includes lunch.

Lida Wells

We are starting a new celebration!! Each and every month we are going to highlight a missionary and celebrate what he or she has done or is doing to further the kingdom of God. These recipients can come from within the congregation or outside of this church. We want to rejoice in what God is doing through these missionaries.

Bill and Lida Wells joined Avenue Church many years ago and have been active in so many different ways around the church it's hard to list all of it. From serving on committees to helping out with all kinds of UMW activities, Lida has impacted too many lives to count. She is an example of a patient and dedicated follower of Jesus, and has been an example to so many. We give God thanks for the many ways that she has impacted others around the church and around the community of Milford. Let us take time today to remember and reflect on the ways that Lida has impacted our faith journeys.

Our September missionary of the month is Lida Wells.





Please join Sussex County Volunteer Delaware 50+ and the State Office of Volunteerism as we collect donated items for our deployed servicemen and women who are serving during the holidays.

Donations Accepted: September 11, 2018 – October 31, 2018

Stockings for Soldiers Suggested Donation Items

“Bolded” items are most in demand

(No aerosol cans or bars of soap please)

- **Small Candy**
 - Mini-candy bars (send your favorite)
 - Christmas/Halloween candy
- **Granola/Fruit/Breakfast Bars**
- **Cookies/Nuts/Pretzels/Trail Mix**
 - Less than 12 oz. size
- **Flavored drink mixes** (Single Packets)
 - Lemonade, teas, hot cocoa, coffee
- Chewing gum
- Fruit roll-ups/gushers/Cracker Jacks
- **Slim Jims/Beef Jerky**
- **Ramen Noodle Soup**
 - Cup of Noodles are too large to go inside stockings
- DVD Movies
- Music CDs
- Hand/Foot Warmers/Fly Swatters
- **Small Individually Packages Meals**
 - Tuna/Lasagna/Beefaroni/Fruit.
 - Smaller package (8 oz or less) preferred
- **Toothbrushes & Small Toothpastes**
- **BLACK or WHITE Crew Socks, Mole Skin**
- ChapStick & Lip balms
- **Razors** (individual or packs)
- Toiletries & lotions (small package)
- Baby Wipes, Foot powder, sun block
- **Paperback Books** (no romance novels)
- Pocket games & puzzles
- Crossword, Sudoku
- Beanie Babies
- Phone Cards (AT&T)
- Dog/Canine Items for our K9 Heroes

Notes: Smaller, individual sized packaging is preferred to fit into individually packed stockings. We accept all sized packages/containers as donations, larger items are sent to units for snacking.

No aerosol cans or bars of soap please.

Send a Personal Holiday Message of Support & Friendship

(Include return address/email, you might hear back from a soldier. Limit: 100 cards per person)

\$\$\$ Financial Donations to Help with Shipping Costs \$\$\$

Make checks payable to: Stockings for Soldiers

Mail to: Volunteer Delaware 50+
546 S. Bedford Street
Georgetown, DE 19947
302-515-3020

The Stockings for Soldiers web address is: <http://www.stockingsforsoldiers.org>



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Division of State Service Centers
State Office of Volunteerism





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 dinner 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: Family and friends of Rae Short, Ann Wilson, Alieen, Mary Bergez and family, Coleman, Mary Kate, Brenda Beissel, Charlie Fleetwood, Dylan Lloyd, Jeanie Zaimes, Ruth Callaway, Jean Hutchman, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Jill and Bill Gustin, the family and children of Larry and Peggy Hughes, Shelby Swain, Dawn Willis and family, Peggy Jones, Chris, Charlie Harding, and Linda Hanna.

Rejoice with: The Fox family, Sage, Ferd Nelson, Ainsley and family.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Catina Issacs , Nick, Janice Abbott, Kirsten Pearce, Brooke Lute, Charlie Fleetwood, Katie, Dave Rumery, Brenda Beissel, Jeanie Zaimes, Jill and Bill Gustin, Peggy Jones, Jean Hutchman, Linda Breedlove, Lida Wells, Frank Bilger, Dot Sophos, family and friends of mass shooting and personal violence victims, the family and friends of the shooting in the Alabama McDonalds, Shelby Swain, Arielle, Catherine's mom, everyone seeking a job, Dylan Lloyd, Karen Orta, David and Kim Jenkins, all those in the path of Hurricane Florence.

Rejoice with: All those who first the first time gave or who rededicated their lives to Christ.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Jerry and Margie Tucker will celebrate their **50th** anniversary on **September 14th**.

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

♪Handbells

Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

♪MomentUM Praise Team

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♪Mispillion Children's Chorus

Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m., Music Room

♪Praise Team

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♪Sanctuary Choir

Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m., Music Room

♪AveNotes

Wednesdays 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 BOARD will meet **today** 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.

UMW GENERAL MEETING: September General Unit Meeting will be at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall following a covered dish lunch. Mary Baldridge will be speaking on one of the UMW 2018 studies - **Climate Justice**. A very timely topic calling us to Hope and Action. It begins with a biblical theology of creation care. Please plan to attend and bring others. Open to everyone.

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM) are proud to serve the first Pancake Breakfast of the year on **October 7, 2018**. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee and tea will be **served immediately after all three services. A free-will offering will be accepted.** Funds from this meal will help provide a Boy Scout college scholarship to a high school graduate from Troop #186. Other mission projects will also be funded. Join us for a most excellent breakfast and fellowship.

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 **October 8th** at 4:00 p.m. in the Grier Room.

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: On **September 18th** we will continue our 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS: The Sunshine Bible Class will continue to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Grier Room.. The September lessons will deal with "God's World and God's People." September 16th, "God Created People" based on Genesis 1:26-31; 2:4-7; September 23rd, "God Created the Family" based on Genesis 2:18-24; 4:1-2; and September 30th, "God Creates; Humans Sin" based on Genesis 3:8-17, 20-24. Please come.

EXPLORING FAITH BOOK CLUB will meet on **Sunday, September 16, 2018** at 12:15 p.m. in the Grier Room. At that time we will finish our study of the book "If Experience is Such a Good Teacher, Why Do I Keep Repeating the Course?" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. We will also discuss what our next book to study will be. Please join us.

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	51	43
9:30	143	182
Sunday School	77	88
11:00	74	46
<u>FUSION</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/16

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class, Grier Room
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 12:15 p.m. Exploring Faith Book Club,
 Grier Room
 1:00 p.m. Study 7 Meeting , Wendy's Office
 3:30 p.m. Second Street Players Practice,
 Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Fellowship Hall and
 Wesley Room

MONDAY 9/17

10:00 a.m. Discipleship Pathway, Grier Room
 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
 6:00 p.m. Preschool-New Pre-K Class Meeting,
 Grier Room
 6:30 p.m. Bear Den Meeting,
 Holzmuehler Room
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Choir Room
 7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers,
 Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts—Court of Honor, Sanctuary

TUESDAY 9/18

9:45 a.m. Sarah Circle Meeting at Mary Jo Lear's
 residence
 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room
 1:30 p.m. Mary/Mary Circle Meeting, Grier Room
 5:00 p.m. Mispillion Children's Chorus,
 Music Room
 6:00 p.m. Improv Group, Heritage Room
 6:00 p.m. Lion's Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
 6:30 p.m. Arrow of Light Den,
 Holzmuehler Room
 7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,
 Room 206
 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal,
 Wesley Room
 7:00 p.m. Study 7 Meeting, Wendy's Office
 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Grier Room

WEDNESDAY 9/19

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

THURSDAY 9/20

8:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group,
 Conference Room
 9:00 a.m. DCOM, Heritage & Holz. Room
 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
 11:00 a.m. Study 7 Meeting, Wendy's Office
 2:15 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion
 6:30 p.m. Second Street Players Practice,
 Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. SPRC, Holzmuehler Room

FRIDAY 9/21

12:00 p.m. Mental Health Assoc in DE,
 Heritage Room
 6:00 p.m. Guyer/McKenzie Wedding Rehearsal,
 Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SATURDAY 9/22

3:00 p.m. Guyer/McKenzie Wedding, Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 9/23

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Baptism—
 Hunter Emory, Jr.
 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class, Grier Room
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 12:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting/Covered Dish,
 Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Fellowship Hall and
 Wesley Room