

The Midweek

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

Recently I came across a greeting card that said, "why did I ever give someone so much power to mess me up this bad?" It was in a rack of cards that all appeared to be related to broken hearts, forgiveness, and moving on.

It really got to me because I have allowed people over the years to do just that – mess me up. Family and friends have done things through the years that had devastated me but in the long-run, none of them turned into anything that affected my long-term happiness, success, or health. I was lucky in that regard. They were however, a waste of my mental energy, emotional wellbeing and personal time.

My biggest regret is how long I let them "mess me up." I often wonder what I could have accomplished if I had taken the time and energy associated with the worry, stress and anxiety of those situations and used it for something positive.

It also makes me wonder why I am so capable of giving someone the power to hurt me, but I struggle with giving God the power to love and guide me. I'm guessing I am not the only one who feels that way.

In Isaiah 41: 13-14, we hear from God who tells us, "For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you. Do not be afraid for I myself will help you declares the Lord your

Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel."

God promises to help and yet we too often say no. People seek to "mess us up" and we let them. That has to change and it has to change now. Can we all work to rebuke those who seek to harm us and instead let God love us? How wonderful would it be to give God all the power to pick us up? (I know it will feel so much better.)

Let us strive now to give God the honor, the glory and submit to <u>His almighty</u> <u>power</u> forever and ever.

Pastor hey

September/October Meeting Reminders

- * **SPRC Meeting**, September 20th at 7:00 pm in Carpenter Room
- * **Church Council**, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
- * **UMW Board Meeting**, October 1st at 3:00 p.m. in Room 207
- * **Charge Conference**, October 1st at 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

The First State Harmonizers Presents: "A Cappella Extravaganza VI"



The <u>First State Harmonizers</u>, directed by Sharon Ehrisman will start the afternoon's show performing some of their most requested songs and debut a number of new songs in their repertoire.

After door prizes are awarded at Intermission, the First State Harmonizers welcome the **<u>Pride of DelMarVa</u>**, a 30 man chorus, made up of the best barbershop harmony singers in the Delmarva Peninsula, directed by Glenn Phillips.

Quartets will also give featured performances as part of the show.



SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Modern Maturity Center 1121 Forrest Ave Dover, Delaware

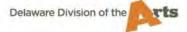
Time - 2:30 p.m. General Admission: \$15.00

ORDER TICKETS ONLINE at: www.firststateharmonizers.com

Or Call: (302) 422-8620

Tickets will be available at the door.

This organization is supported, in part, by a grant from the <u>Delaware Division of the Arts</u>, a state agency, in partnership with the <u>National Endowment for the Arts</u>. The Division promotes Delaware arts events on <u>DelawareScene.com</u>.



UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DONALD BUXTON we proudly present ...

Saturday, October 13, 2018

@ 3:00 p.m.

Calvary Church, 1141 East Lebanon Road, Dover

Selections include

Handel "Water Music"

Bach Violin Concerto, Stefan Xhori Soloist

Mozart Symphony No. 40 in G Minor



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Seniors/Students/Military/

First Responders - \$15 Young people 18 & under free with a paying adult *Tickets can now be purchased online at*

www.doversymphony.org Or Call 302-270-1903

Improv Theatre SEP 11, 6-8PM

+GAMES +FELLOWSHIP +AGES 13+



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PosterMyWall.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 <u>https://www.facebook.com/codepurplesussexcounty/</u>

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 <u>if</u> 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

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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: <u>themispillionchildrenschorus@gmail.com</u> 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:

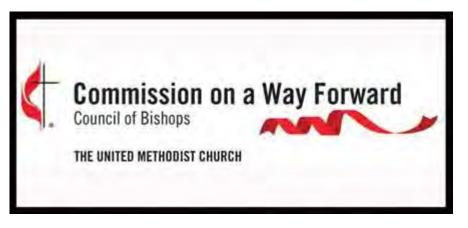
- Does your lifestyle influence your food choices or do your food choices influence your lifestyle? Why?
- How could food become an idol in our lives that distracts us from God's kingdom?
- What are some of the practical ways you can live out the words of Jesus found in Matthew 25: 35-40.

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



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

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.



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
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 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

- <u>Small</u> Individually Packages Meals

 Tuna/Lasagna/Beefaroni/Fruit.
 - Smaller package (8 oz or less) preferred
- **Toothbrushes & Small Toothpastes**
- <u>BLACK or WHITE Crew Socks</u>, 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.

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

UMW GENERAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER

COVERED DISH LUNCH

WHEN: September 23rd
TIME: 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall Bring your favorite dish to share.

Mary Baldridge will be speaking on one of the UMW 2018 studies - **Climate Justice.** This is 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.





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: 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 rededicated their lives to Jesus for the first time.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Catina Issacs, Janice Abbott, Colleen Dunham, Kirsten Pearce, Brooke Lute, Charlie Fleetwood, Dave Rumery, Jeanie Zaimes, Jill and Bill Gustin, Billy, Donald, Jean Hutchman, Linda Breedlove, Lida Wells, Frank Bilger, Dot Sophos, Catherine's mom, Craig, Bob Mentusky, Taylor Bash, L. Thomas, Gene Bedgood, everyone affected by the wildfires on the West Coast, everyone affected by Hurricane Florence, Carrie Shockley, everyone seeking a job, all those with financial issues, Dylan Lloyd, David and Kim Jenkins.

Rejoice with: Brenda Beissel, Bill Gaskill, everyone whose prayers have been answered.

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

 JHandbells Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
 JMomentUM Praise Team Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
 JMispillion Children's Chorus Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m., Music Room
 JPraise Team Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
 JSanctuary Choir Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m., Music Room
 JAveNotes 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

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 on **September 23rd** 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**. <u>A free-will offering will be accepted</u>. 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.

FLU VACCINES AT AUMC: On Sunday, **October 14t**^h from **9:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m** in Fellowship Hall. All you need to do is bring your pharmacy benefit insurance card, Medicare, Medicaid or VA card. **No co-pay**. If you have any questions, please call Walgreens at (302) 424-6300, option 2 and the option 3.

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 25**th 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 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.

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 AVE	NUE
Attendance:	2017	2018
8:00	46	54
9:30	157	143
Sunday School	69	78
11:00	72	65
FUSION	43	44
Total	387	384

CALENDAR

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

MONDAY 9/24

- 10:00 a.m. Discipleship Pathway, Grier Room
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 2:00 p.m. Preschool CPR Class, Grier Room
- 6:30 p.m. Wolf Den Meeting, Nursery
- 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, Wesley Room

TUESDAY 9/25

10:00 a.m.	Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room
5:00 p.m.	Mispillion Children's Chorus,
	Music Room
6;00 p.m.	Improv Group, Heritage Room
6:30 p.m.	Pack Meeting, Fellowship Hall
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 9/26

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, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting, Sanctuary

THURSDAY 9/27

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

2:15 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion

FRIDAY 9/28

5:00 p.m.	Owen/Butterworth Wedding
Rehearsal,	

Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SATURDAY 9/29

3:00 p.m.	Owen/Butterworth Wedding,
	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	AA, Wesley Room

<u>SUNDAY</u> 9/30

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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
3:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Committee Meeting
	Grier Room
5:00 p.m.	Fall Kickoff, Outside
6:00 p.m.	FUSION, Fellowship Hall and
	Wesley Room