



The Midweek

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

As a former crisis communicator, I used to dread the sound of my cell phone going off. 90% of the time it meant that something was wrong or there had been some type of accident or an issue was brewing for one of my clients. Granted, it was what I did but it was still enough to make my stomach tighten up and my head begin to pound.

That all changed when I went to seminary and I started to get a daily text that included a piece of scripture and an inspirational reminder. It went to a distribution of about 20 people so when people responded, it would go to all of us. Suddenly I was getting all kinds of wonderful things on my phone about God and His awesome power and love. I never dreaded my cell phone again.

It is amazing how God can change everything. Just knowing that when my cell phone goes off now it could mean that there is someone on the other end of that text who sends me reminders of Jesus' love and grace. That is a something to look forward to and not fear! Now I look at my phone in a joyful way because it brings me closer to the Lord. GOD CHANGES EVERYTHING FOR GOOD. By transforming our minds to focus on the Lord, we can change any perspective.

Romans 12:2 reminds us, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good and pleasing and perfect will."

Yes, I still get calls that I wish didn't have to happen – especially when people have died or are in the hospital because my heart hurts for everyone involved. But I also know those calls mean that I am being asked to do work on behalf of God and I am never sorry to serve the Lord.

To God be the glory forever and ever.

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

September/October Meeting Reminders

- * **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 First State Harmonizers, 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 Pride of DelMarVa, 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 [Delaware Division of the Arts](#), a state agency, in partnership with the [National Endowment for the Arts](#). The Division promotes Delaware arts events on [DelawareScene.com](#).

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

Saturday, October 13, 2018

@ 3:00 p.m.

Calvary Church, 1141 East Lebanon Road, Dover

BAROQUE & BEYOND

Selections include

Handel
"Water Music"

Bach
Violin Concerto,
Stefan Xhori Soloist

Mozart
Symphony No. 40 in G Minor

Dover
Symphony
Orchestra



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Prices are:

Adults - \$20

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

Tuesdays 6-8PM

*Ages
13-99*

**AVENUE CHURCH,
HERITAGE ROOM**

20 N Church St, Milford, DE 19963

*For More Info Contact Seth
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:

themispillionchildrengorus@gmail.com

Sharon Starling (302) 422-2785

Kevin B. Chamberlain (302) 422-8111



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

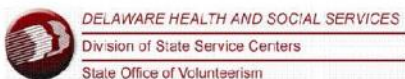
(Include return address/email, you might hear back from a soldier. Limit: 100 cards per person)

\$\$\$ 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>



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, Janice Abbott, Colleen Dunham, Kirsten Pearce, Brooke Lute, Charlie Fleetwood, Dave Rumery, Jeanie Zaines, 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: Janice Abbott, someone with a hip condition, Gary, for all those affected by Hurricane Florence, Vicki Schultes, Richard Hughes, Bill and Jill Gustin, Craig, the family and friends of Jay & Michele Schlink, Denise Webster, Colleen Dunham, the family and friends of Emmanuel Collazo, Pastor Wendy and Michael Butterworth, Jonathan Sturgis, Kitty Bullock, Mason Lockhart, Brenda Robinson, Bobby Walls, Betty Graham, Shelby Swain, Kirsten Pearce, Alma Brittingham, Mrs. Evans, Brad Dennehy, Sharon's family, Bernie, Jean Hutchman, Nicki and David, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Brooke Lute, Charlie Fleetwood, Dave Rumery, and Jeanie Zaines.

Rejoice with: The Johnson family, the family and friends of Hunter Jacob Emory, Jr., all those whose prayers have been answered.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Jean Murphy who will celebrate his **91st** birthday on **October 1st**.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Hank and Birgit Haefeli will celebrate their **63rd** anniversary on **October 1st**.

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

♪ **Handbells**

Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

♪ **MomentUM Praise Team**

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
♫ **Misphillion 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

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 DOVER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING is being held on **October 6, 2018** at 9:00 a.m. at Long Neck UMC, 32051 Long Neck Road, Millsboro, DE. The program is "Home Insecurity, Food Insecurity – How do we Help?" by Kaytra MacDonald, from Love, Inc. We will be collecting items for the Love, Inc. Reading program awards given and Mission Today awards.

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.

FLU VACCINES AT AUMC: On Sunday, **October 14th** 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.

UMW GENERAL MEETING: "**Empowering of Women and Children in Democratic Republic of Congo**" is the title of the presentation being given by Donna and Jonathan Baker at the UMW General Meeting and covered dish lunch on **October 14, 2018**. As usual, we will gather following worship at approximately 12:15 in Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish and be updated on the happenings in the Congo. The Bakers will be sharing during Worship but will be able to give us more details about women and children at this gathering. We are in Covenant partnership with the DRC and continue to learn and support this mission across the world. This event is open for everyone.

PENINSULA DELAWARE CONFERENCE UMW ANNUAL MEETING will be held on **October 27, 2018** at 9:30 a.m. at Union UMC, 201 Railroad Ave, St. Michaels, MD 21663. Climate Justice is the topic presentation.

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 **October 2nd** 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 30th, "God Creates; Humans Sin" based on Genesis 3:8-17, 20-24. Please come.

UNITED METHODIST STUDY: Have you ever wondered what United Methodists Believe? If you have, the this course is for you. For six weeks beginning on **Tuesday, October 16, 2018**, from 7:00—8:00 p.m. in the Grier Room. Rev. Van Tine will lead a discussion on our United Methodist Beliefs.

EXPLORING YOUR FAITH BOOK CLUB will start a new study on **Sunday, October 21, 2018** at 12:15 p.m. in the Grier Room. Our new book will be Unafraid by Adam Hamilton. It is subtitled "Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times." 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.

CODE PURPLE: Thank you for all the monetary and physical donations. Right now we are very well stocked up. Since we don't know how much room we will have in the Wesley Room, we are going to put the physical donations on hold for now. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tom or Dan Nelson. **Thank You!**

LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2017	2018
8:00	78	55
9:30	153	180
Sunday School	58	85
11:00	73	71
<u>FUSION</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>43</u>
Total	418	434



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 |  

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/30

- 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

MONDAY 10/1

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 3:00 p.m. UMW Board Meeting, Room 207
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Meet the Teacher,
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 10/2

- 9:30 a.m. Archives Meeting, Archives Room
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Lion's Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Arrow of Light Den Meeting,
Carpenter Room
- 7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,
Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal,
Wesley Room

WEDNESDAY 10/3

- 1:30 p.m. Knitting /Crocheting 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
- 6:30 p.m. Tiger Den Meeting, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. Theological Reflection,
Carpenter Room

THURSDAY 10/4

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group,
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 2:15 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion
- 6:30 p.m. Webeleos Den, Wesley Room

FRIDAY 10/5

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

SATURDAY 10/6

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

SUNDAY 10/7 ~ Communion

UMM Pancake Breakfast

- 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. Girl Scout Troop 272 Meeting,
Heritage Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Fellowship Hall and
Wesley Room