



The Midweek

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

For just this week, I hope you will allow me to forego the scripture message and send out a sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our wedding, contributed to the very generous gift, gave presents, and sent their love and support to Michael and me as we married on September 29th. Words are inadequate to express how much it meant to both of us to have the Avenue church family be with us as we “tied the knot” that Saturday. We recognize how truly blessed we are to have such incredible families and friends. I hope you know we love you very much.

The list of people we wish to thank for being part of our wedding is long and I know I would miss someone if I tried. You are all too important to take that chance, but please know that we are truly grateful for every piece of cake that was sliced, all the photos that were taken, the words that were spoken, the music played and sung, the baskets that were decorated, the wedding party that was managed, the guests that were greeted...and EVERYTHING else that was done, said, and handled so beautifully and with so much love. We could not have done this without you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

As you read this, Michael and I are on our honeymoon. We will be back on October 17th. As much as we love you all, we are going to leave Delaware

behind for a few days and enjoy the start of this amazing life together. Once we get back, we jump right into “normal” life immediately. I am officiating a wedding on October 20th and preaching on the 21st and I will look forward to seeing you all.

I pray the Lord bless you all for being the amazing and generous people you are. You are gifts from God to me.

With love,

Pastor Wendy
AKA...Mrs. Butterworth



UMW GENERAL MEETING – OCTOBER

COVERED DISH LUNCH

WHEN: October 14th

TIME: 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite dish to share.

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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



This program 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
www.DelawareScene.com

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





A Day To Give Thanks

(Outdoor communion service)

(Rain Date: October 28th) Seating available

Communion will be served by Pastor Tom Passmore, Avenue United Methodist Church.

Where: 10287 Memory Rd.

When: October 21, 2018

Time: 3:00 pm

PRAISE – WORSHIP - MUSIC

RSVP Welcome

flagstoneproduce@gmail.com

Donny Hopkins

302-349-5252 – 302-381-1083 (cell)





IMPROV THEATRE

Tuesdays 6-8PM

*Ages
13-99*

**AVENUE CHURCH,
HERITAGE ROOM**

20 N Church St, Milford, DE 19963

*For More Info Contact Seth
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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



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

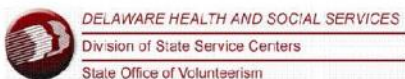
(Include return address/email, you might hear back from a soldier. Limit: 100 cards per person)

\$\$\$ 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>





Thanksgiving for Thousands FOOD DRIVE

Mountaire Farms is asking for your help in securing staple food items for the Thanksgiving for Thousands program. Help us reach our goal of providing a Thanksgiving meal to more than 50,000 less fortunate individuals this year. Purchase any of the items below for a donation to the program and drop them off in the carriages in front of the store when you leave.

DONATION LIST

- **Corn**
- **String Beans**
- **Yams**
- **Cranberry Sauce**
- **Gravy**
- **Stuffing Mix**
- **Brownie Mix**

**For more info visit
www.mountaire.com/thanksgiving**

You can also make donations to the program through the Delaware Community Foundation. Online donation info is available on our website.

For more information contact Colby Johnson at (302) 422-1086

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.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: 3rd Quarter Financial Statements are ready for pickup. They are on the table in the Foyer.

PRAYER CONCERNS PAST WEEK: Clinton McCall, Janice Abbott, Arthur Mosher, Jeanette Mosher, Joyce Bononni, Ashley Bononni, Victims and families of the tsunami in Indonesia, Gary, For all those affected by Hurricane Florence, Vicki Schultes, Richard Hughes, Bill and Jill Gustin, Craig, The family and friends of Colleen Dunham, Mason Lockhart, Bobby Walls, Chuck Moses, Shelby Swain, Kirsten Pearce, Veronica Evans, Brad Dennehy, Sharon's family Bernie, Jean Hutchman, Nicki and David, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Brooke Lute, Charlie Fleetwood, Dave Rumery, Jeanie Zaines, Jim Camprill, Colleagues of Sandy Culotta in North and South Carolina dealing with the aftermath of Florence, Paul Akana, Carrie, Pat Lilly, All who are in need of a job, Upcoming boys' chrysalis weekend, Vladimir & Olga Osipov, Jeanel Starling's granddaughter and Jenika Dietrich.

Rejoice with: Pastor Wendy and Michael Butterworth, The birth of Clinton McCall on Wednesday, September 26th, All the girls who came to Christ on the girls' chrysalis weekend and All those whose prayers have been answered.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Arthur Mosher, Jeanette Mosher, Joyce Bononni, and Ashley Bononni, The family and friends of Shirley Rothermel, Victims and families of the tsunami in Indonesia. Jason Gardels, Sandy Gardels, Brett Melvin, Clifford Joseph, For all those affected by Hurricane Florence, Dot Sophos, The family and friends of Jim Campbell, Richard Hughes, Children and families of the Hughes's, Bill and Jill Gustin, Craig, Mason Lockhart, Bobby Walls, Chuck Moses, Shelby Swain, Kirsten Pearce, Richard Jester, Brad Dennehy, Russell Winebrenner, Frank Kirby, Bernie, Patsy Mitchell, Bob, Nicki and David, Clifford Joseph, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Flossie Attinger, Charlie Fleetwood, Jeanie Zaines, Carrie, Trent Fry, Don, and upcoming boys' chrysalis weekend.

Rejoice with: Pastor Wendy and Michael Butterworth, Clinton McCall, Caitlyn and Daniel Donovan who were married on Saturday and Sarah & Cale McCammon who were married on Saturday.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Joe Lear who will celebrate his **94th** birthday on **October 17th**.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Larry and Peggy Hughes will celebrate their 55th anniversary on **October 12th**.

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

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.

UPDATED—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.

"Knitted and Crocheted afghans along with smaller items for Christmas gifts will be available for sale at the luncheon."

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.

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.

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—UPDATED: Our greeter teams wanted to remind everyone that on Sunday mornings during worship all the doors, 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 **November 12th** at 4:00 p.m. in the Grier Room.

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: On **October 16th** we will finish up 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 meets in the Grier Room at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. The study for October is "God Destroys and Re-creates." The October 14th, "God Is Always Working" based on Genesis 10:2; 11:10, 27, 31-32; 12:1-4; October 21st, "Abraham and Sarah Birth God's People" based on Genesis 18:9-15; 21:1-7; and October 28th, "Isaac and Rebekah Continue the Legacy" based on Genesis 24:12-21, 61-67. 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

BLESS A FAMILY WITH A THANKSGIVING TURKEY: For a donation of **\$20.00**, you can sponsor a turkey for a pre-selected family from our community, whom Avenue knows will be most appreciative. Simply mark a check or an envelope with “Turkey”. Discounted turkeys have been set aside and The United Methodist Men will be the arms and legs to pass on these turkeys to grateful families.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD / SHOEBOX MINISTRY: We are looking for a new leader for the shoebox ministry. We are still accepting shoeboxes if you would like to pack them. Pack one nice small toy, such as a doll or stuffed animal or ball and add other small school supplies, hygiene items and toys. NO toothpaste or candy allowed anymore and no liquids or lotions. Decide on a girl or boy, age group and enjoy packing. **Every single box must have \$9.00** enclosed (or paid online) to pay for shipping. The last day for bringing your shoebox to church is **Sunday, November 11th**.

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	58	40
9:30	170	112
Sunday School	81	82
11:00	60	67
FUSION	56	46
Total	425	347

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 10/14

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Flu Shots, Fellowship Hall
- 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
- 12:30 p.m. UMW General Meeting/Covered
Dish, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Fellowship Hall and
Wesley Room

MONDAY 10/15

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Bear Den Meeting, Heritage 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, Wesley Room

TUESDAY 10/16

- 9:45 a.m. Sarah Circle Meeting at Joyce
Voshell's residence
- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room
- 1:30 p.m. Mary/Martha Circles 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. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 6:00 p.m. Lion's Den Meeting,
Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Arrow of Light Den, Carpenter Room
- 7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,
Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal,
Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Study, Grier Room
- 7:00 p.m. Life Navigation Center, Music Room
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Nursery

WEDNESDAY 10/17

- 1:30 p.m. Knitting /Crocheting Group,
Grier Room
- 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry Task Force Meeting,
Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Music Room
- 5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion

THURSDAY 10/18

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group
- 9:00 a.m. DCOM, Heritage Room &
Archives Room
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 2:15 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion
- 6:30 p.m. Webelos Den, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. Life Navigation Center, Music Room
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC, Carpenter Room

FRIDAY 10/19

- 12:00 p.m. Mental Health Assoc. in DE,
Heritage Room
- 6:00 p.m. Maloney/Warrington Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SATURDAY 10/20

- 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Food Drive,
Music Room
- 3:00 p.m. Maloney/Warrington Wedding,
Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 10/21

- 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, Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 272, Heritage Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Fellowship Hall and
Wesley Room