



The Midweek

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

We are home from our honeymoon and settling into the regular routine of being a married couple. Although it was great to be gone, it is always lovely to come home.

I adored the adventure of being on a cruise and stopping at various ports to get a taste of what each new locale has to offer. Surprisingly, I also loved our full day at sea. Just sitting on our balcony looking at nothing but the incredible expanse of the Mediterranean Sea was very relaxing.

There was limited internet, cell service, and television so we pulled out the books we had brought along. We had agreed that we would not bring any reading material that was work related. That meant no dental association journals or research studies for Michael. I did not bring any books that I was reviewing as possible small group study options. We were only going to do some “light reading” on our vacation.

Michael brought a biography of Isaac Newton. I was thinking “sea adventure” so I brought along a historical account of the whaling ship Essex. The story of this ship was the real-life basis for *Moby Dick*. My book included shipwrecks, family turning on family, general disaster, and death.

Needless to say, neither of us did well when it came to light reading for

pleasure. Oops. Our bad.

Yet the Bible contains all those same themes that were in my book. Paul is just one person we know from biblical accounts who was shipwrecked. Cain and Abel are one example of brother turning on brother but there is plenty of other family upheaval in both the Old and New Testaments. Death is a common biblical theme, as are general disasters of every type imaginable for the times in which it was written.

Scripture tells us that the Bible is the living Word and the Word is what gives us the ability to live life to the fullest with joy, hope and love. John 6:63 says, “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The Word that I have spoken to you is Spirit and life.”

The book I read had just one shipwreck and it’s ensuing aftermath was chilling and depressing. The Bible however, while full of calamity after calamity and certainly not light reading, is a source of hope, encouragement, promise and guidance. And we read it over and over.

Michael and I safely docked in all our ports and made it home without incident. Our trip was full of relaxation and enjoyment which was a far cry from the voyage of the Essex. It was also much different from the journey that left Paul marooned on shore and did not include any of the trials that the Bible includes. But I also know that Jesus was with us every step of the way and we give Him thanks for being with us, not only in the bad times but in the happy moments as well.

We should also give God all the glory, power and honor forever and ever.

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

A Day To Give Thanks

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

Where: Avenue United Methodist Church

When: October 28, 2018

Time: 3:00 pm

PRAISE – WORSHIP - MUSIC

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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

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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

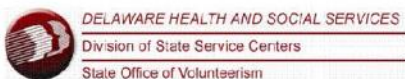
(Include return address/email, you might hear back from a soldier. Limit: 100 cards per person)

\$\$\$ 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: 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 Zaimes, Carrie, Trent Fry, Don, upcoming boys' chrysalis weekend and Norman Remick.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Arthur Mosher, Jeanette Mosher, Joyce Bononni, Ashley Bononni, For all those affected by Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael, The family and friends of Jim Campbell, Richard Hughes, Children and families of the Hughes's, Bill and Jill Gustin, Craig, Richard Jester, Mike Sharp, Patsy Mitchell, Bob, Nicki and David, Clifford Joseph, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Flossie Attinger, Charlie Fleetwood, Jeanie Zaimes, Carrie, Trent Fry, Don, Sandy Reynolds whose father passed away, Michelle & Joe Schlink, Sam, Tom Breitweiser, Jr. Family members with trust issues, Russell Winebrenner and Elwood.

Rejoice with: Avenue church as we celebrate the renaming of Pastor Wendy's old office to "The Jo Wood Lounge", Bobby & Mary Bergez, who are expecting a little girl and Patrick & Chantel Helmick who are expecting in May.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

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

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Bob and Joyce Voshell will celebrate their **60th** anniversary on **October 25th**.

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



PASTOR TOM RAISING FUNDS FOR CAMP PECOMETH: Pastor Tom is again running the Seaside 10-miler on **Saturday, October 27th at 9am** on the Ocean City Boardwalk. He is geared up to do the full 10 miles but needs your help to raise funds for summer camp scholarships at Camp Pecometh. Help him hit his goal of \$500 to send one camper to camp next summer. Pastor Tom will be out in the Fellowship Foyer in between services this Sunday to invite you to join him in this endeavor. Let's shine the light of Christ into a young person's life this summer through Camp Pecometh.

UMW HANDS ON MISSION DAY will be Saturday, November 17th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be focusing on making and putting together the tags for the Chrismon Tree. We will also have a Card Making table. We need lots of help with these projects and look forward to wonderful fellowship with resulting Chrismon Tree tags giving everyone an opportunity to help some folks in need have a merry Christmas. Let's spread the love of Christ by working together to help others.

Instead of a specific **Harvest Sale date**, **UMW** will be providing an ongoing display of handmade knitted and crocheted afghans and smaller items for sale. Many items took a great deal of time to make and have lovely detail. Think Christmas tree or gifts. All money made from these items will go to Mission projects at home and away. Please check out the display case and/or display table to see all that is available for Christmas gifts or something to spoil yourself. Please give funds to Kelly in the office or put in envelope in Health Ministries mail box (Peggy Hughes).

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.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: On **November 4th** we will be giving out flower buds during services for **All Saints' Sunday**.

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 23rd** we will be starting our new study: The Joy Stealers by Rob Renfroe 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 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. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 23rd** 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: Boxes and literature are being handed out in the Foyer on **Sunday, October 21st, 28th and November 4th**. This is one of Avenue’s favorite outreach programs. 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**. If you have any questions, please call Carole Brennan at (302) 503-3823.

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.

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	73	61
9:30	119	142
Sunday School	64	53
11:00	65	63
FUSION	46	45
Total	367	364

CALENDAR

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

MONDAY 10/22

11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley 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 10/23

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. MomentUM, Wesley Room
 6:30 p.m. Pack Meeting, Fellowship Hall
 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. Study 7 Meeting, Carpenter Room

WEDNESDAY 10/24

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. Tiger Den Meeting, Wesley Room
 7:00 p.m. Theological Reflections,
 Carpenter Room

THURSDAY 10/25

8:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group
 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
 11:00 a.m. Study 7 Meeting, Grier Room
 2:15 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion
 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting, Sanctuary

FRIDAY 10/26

7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SATURDAY 10/27

8:30 a.m. SLT Workshop ,Sanctuary &
 Grier Room
 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 10/28

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. A Day to Give Thanks, Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Fellowship Hall and
 Wesley Room