



The Midweek

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

I love being married to Michael, but our marriage has meant that I have to move from my little house near the church. There are so many happy memories there and I could not have asked for a shorter commute or more cozy residence. I want to give a special thank you to the trustees and to everyone who has been involved over the past 2-1/2 years with repairs and upkeep as they have been required in a 200+ year old home.

As much as I dislike not living there any more, I really hate the moving part. The packing, lugging, storing, unpacking, and disorganization associated with all my stuff being moved is horrible. If I was not the pastor, I would probably be using more “colorful” language to describe how much I sincerely abhor moving. Did I mention how much I loathe moving?

It makes me wonder how the Israelites could have been moving for 40 years in the wilderness. I can't imagine moving for 40 days. But the Israelites were following the direction of God, and as He was in charge for the duration, they were cared for and blessed.

Deuteronomy 2:7 says, “For the Lord your God has blessed you in all you have done; He has known your wanderings through this great wilderness. These forty years, the Lord your God has been with you; you have not lacked a thing.”

When I think about what the diaspora meant to the those who were forced from

their homes and didn't know a permanent residence for 40 years, I feel bad whining about my boxes in the garage. I am however, appreciative and comforted by knowing that the same God who walked with every one of the Israelites for those 40 years is watching out for me as I move 22 miles down the road. Our God protects all of His children whether we stick close to home or wander this world.

It's particularly important to remember that the Lord is with us as we pray for the victims and their families of the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh. The story of the Jewish community goes back to the beginning of the Old Testament and its disheartening and sad to think that in this day and age the Jews are still facing hatred.

As we pray for all those who are impacted by hate-generated violence, let us keep praying to God for His will to be done, praise Him for his constant presence and love, and give Him all the glory, power and honor forever and ever.



Pastor Henry



Mountaire boxes are due back on Sunday, November 4th. Thank You!





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

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Mike Williams in Concert
November 10th , 7:00 pm in the
Sanctuary

RSVP is required

**[https://887thebridge.ticketspice.com/
mike-williams-comedy-event](https://887thebridge.ticketspice.com/mike-williams-comedy-event)**



Sunday
November 25, 2018
3:00 p.m.

Dover
Symphony
Orchestra 

"Ring in the Holiday Season"

The Dover Symphony Orchestra

Dover Downs Rollins Center, Route 13, Dover

Join the DSO, under the direction of Donald Buxton, as we perform a wide array of popular and seasonal music. Visit the displays of our Central Delaware Artists and Artisans. Munch on festive baked goods & start your holiday shopping early! Sing along, clap your hands, tap your toes. Join us for this special treat for your entire family! Artisan displays open at 1:30 PM. Concert at 3:00 PM. Tickets available at the door or online. Valet parking available. Free parking lot shuttle service.



Come Play!
DOVER DOWNS
HOTEL & CASINO

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 under 18 free with a paying adult

Tickets can now be purchased online at

www.doversymphony.org



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

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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 Chet Dickerson, The family and friends of Pat Vennett, The family and friends of Leighda Schultz, Jeanette Mosher, Joyce Bononni, and Ashley Bononni, For all those affected by Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael, Children and families of the Hughes's, Bill and Jill Gustin, Craig, For families with brothers and sisters who are at odds and do not speak with each other, Families to get through the holiday season, McKinsey Betts, Nancy Peters, Family of SSgt Matthew Dahl, Alan Jester, Patsy Mitchell, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Charlie Fleetwood, Jeanie Zaimes, Tom Wolfe, Sue Hawkins, Vicki Schultes and family, Donald, Carol and Jeanne M. Sutton.

Rejoice with: Avenue church as we celebrate the renaming of Pastor Wendy's old office to "The Jo Wood Lounge", Beau & Jenna Warrington, Brenya Gaskill, Bobby & Mary Bergez, Patrick & Chantel Helmick, For all prayers that have been answered, Adriana Nelson, Praise God for each new day and for His love and grace and Praising God for all the improvements with Rowan Howard's health and for her parents.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: Ken and Julia Bock and their family and friends in the passing of Pearl Bock, the family and friends of Chet Dickerson, Joyce Bononni and family in the passing of her father, Rita Bennett, Craig, Matt Dougherty, all brothers and sisters not speaking to each other, Alan Jester, Linda Breedlove, Lida Wells, the health and well being of all seniors and children during this cold and flu season, Ferd Nelson, Charlie Fleetwood, family and friends of Larry Davis, good decision making concerning a career change, Christopher, Bill and Jill Gustin, the pilgrims and team members of the upcoming Emmaus weekends, Peter Brockstedt, Vicki Schultes and family, the delegates to General Conference in February, Dale Brandon, Isabella, Chuck Moses, Brad Larson, the victims of the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh, the community of Squirrel Hill and the City of Pittsburgh, change of heart for all perpetrators of violence and crime, all law enforcement and their families who worry, peace, God's will to lead us in a new direction.

Rejoice with: All students beginning confirmation class, Frank Bilger, all whose prayers have been answered, Avenue Church who is blessed to have had members of the Lutheran Church be part of the Handbell Choir.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Leon Tschantre who will celebrate his **89th** birthday **October 31st**.

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

♪Handbells

Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

♪MomentUM Praise Team

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♪Misplion 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 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 Crismon 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).

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 **November 6th** we will continue 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. Please come.

UNITED METHODIST STUDY: Have you ever wondered what United Methodists Believe? If you have, then this course is for you. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 6th** 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 continue our study of Adam Hamilton's book Unafraid. We will meet **Sunday, November 18th** at 12:15 p.m. in the Grier Room and discuss Section 2, Chapters 5-8. Please join us.

WEDNESDAY DISCIPLE CLASS will meet on **October 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Grier Room**. Over the next 34 weeks the class will be exploring the Bible. To register, please call Dave Reynolds at (302) 503-3933.

COMMUNITY

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD / SHOEBOX MINISTRY: Boxes and literature are being handed out in the Foyer on **Sunday, 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.

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. Money for turkeys are due by **Sunday, November 18th**. **Thank You!**

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be on **Sunday, November 18th** at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Milford.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER: If you know individuals without family or friends to spend Thanksgiving with please pass this message along to them for a free Thanksgiving lunch. The Milford Church of the Nazarene will be hosting their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, on Thanksgiving Day...service will be 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. or as long as food lasts.

Milford Church of the Nazarene
11 Salevan Place
Milford, DE 19963

COLLEGE AGE LEVEL OUTREACH CHRISTMAS LETTER: Please sign the Christmas greeting for the College Age Level Outreach. It is located in the Foyer **Sunday, November 4th , 11th, 18th and 25th**.

MESSIAH TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE: The Southern Delaware Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Colin Armstrong, will present a concert performance of G.F. Handel’s “Messiah”, with the Mid Atlantic Symphony and 4 professional soloists, on **Sunday, December 2, 2018** at 3:00 p.m. at Cape Henlopen High School, 1250 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958. For tickets please go to www.southerndelawarechorale.org, Puzzles in Lewes, Browseabout Books in Rehoboth Beach, or Ginny Van Tine Chorale member.

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!**

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 11/4 ~ All Saint's Sunday/ ~ Communion

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

MONDAY 11/5

11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
 3:00 p.m. UMW Board Meeting, Room 207
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Choir Room
 6:30 p.m. Bear Den Meeting, Room 207
 6:30 p.m. District Superintendent Comm.
 Meeting, Grier 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 11/6

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, Room 207
 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

WEDNESDAY 11/7

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
 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class, Grier Room

THURSDAY 11/8

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

FRIDAY 11/9

7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SATURDAY 11/10

7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room
 7:00 p.m. Mike William's Missionary Comedy
 Night, Sanctuary

SUNDAY 11/11

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
 1:00 p.m. Study 7 Meeting, Grier Room
 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Grier Room
 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Fellowship Hall and
 Wesley Room

LAST WEEK AT AVENUE

Attendance:	2017	2018
8:00	66	68
9:30	183	160
Sunday School	44	80
11:00	70	56
<u>FUSION</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>35</u>
Total	405	399