



The Midweek

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

March 15th is usually recognized as the “Ides of March.” Based on a complicated system of calculation, Julius Caesar developed the Julian calendar, a precursor of our own, and established the ides (the middle of the month) in every month. In January, the ides is identified on the 13th March, May, July and October all recognize the 15th as the ides in those months.

The ides of March however is better known as the day that Caesar was assassinated in 44 BC. At a meeting of the Senate, Caesar was stabbed to death by as many as 60 conspirators, including his so called “friend” Marcus Brutus, which led to the well-known line in Shakespeare’s play, “Et tu Brute?” (You too Brutus?)

Although the line itself was likely a literary creation, Shakespeare wrote his play “Julius Caesar” in 1599 and based it on historical accounts of the murder. Caesar, who had been named “dictator in perpetuity” was warned by a soothsayer to beware the ides of March, cornered by members of the Senate, and killed before he could become more of a tyrant. His death was the end of the Roman Republic and the beginning of a civil war. His failure to heed the warning he had been given led to his death.

Likewise, we are given fair warning in the Bible about what we are to do to overcome death. John 11:25 tell us that Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live.” To be victorious over death, we need to trust in Jesus as savior. It does not get any

more direct than that. Because of the birth, death and resurrection of Christ, death for believers is overcome for good.

To God be the glory forever and ever.

(P.S. For all you grammarians out there who still like to spar with me over the Oxford comma...there is often a question of whether “ides” are singular or plural. The answer is both. Coming from the Latin word “idus” meaning middle, the word is plural when referring to the ides in every month but singular when speaking of the middle of a single month.)

Pastor Henry





From the desk of the Director of Connectional Ministries

The Stories that Shape Us

By Rev. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Our family has had many adventures camping. From getting the camper stuck in a campsite, to hiking seven miles up a mountain only to find out that the bus stop was at the bottom of the mountain, to having the park rangers chase away a bear, to rising at 4:00 a.m. to travel to the top of a mountain to “watch” a sunrise in complete fog—we have some stories to tell. When our kids were about nine and 12, we camped in West Virginia and rented a pontoon boat only to have it start raining as soon as we got into the middle of the lake. We covered up in towels and waited out the rain. Eventually the sun came out again and we enjoyed swimming and jumping off of cliffs into the lake.

But, while we waited out the rain, Eli wrote a song. Because we were in West Virginia, the song had a bluegrass feel to it, and Eli “accompanied” it with toe tapping and air-banjo. The refrain went like this:

“The Gordy-Stiths...the Gordy-Stiths..., the Gordy-Stiths will always find a way. (Find a way!)

The Gordy-Stiths...the Gordy-Stiths..., the Gordy-Stiths will always find a way!”

Eli would then add verses depending on our current circumstances, such as:

“Even when a black bear chases them in Maine, the Gordy-Stiths will always find a way.
Even when it downpours on their rented boat, the Gordy-Stiths will always find a way.”

The song became a way to memorialize our adventures, as we continue to add verses from our on-going adventures.

In addition to helping us remember our adventures, singing the song reinforces the character of our family—we always find a way, and many times, we find a playful way, and we use songs for healing and resiliency. Last June, when our other son, Elijah, died, leaving us adrift in grief, we reminded ourselves that “the Gordy-Stiths will always find a way.” Although we did not have the heart to sing the song, we knew the truth of it, and reminded ourselves that we have the faith and strength and persistence and courage to always find a way, even in the face of death.

Our family stories serve in this way to shape us and remind us who we are. These family stories also include our Bible stories and worship offers us an opportunity to rehearse these stories. In Deuteronomy 26, the Israelites learned to rehearse their story once they entered the Promised Land. The law told them to present their first fruits to the priest and recite the story that their ancestors were immigrants and then slaves and that God’s mighty hand saved them. Other parts of

the law remind us: “[God] enacts justice for orphans and widows, and he loves immigrants, giving them food and clothing. That means you must also love immigrants because you were immigrants in Egypt.” (Deuteronomy 10:18-19.) These stories shape who we are by reminding us that we, too, were once immigrants.

Scripture also demonstrates that we can tell the same story in different ways. Numbers 13 reports of men sent to explore the Promised Land. They returned with grapes and pomegranates and stories of a land flowing with milk and honey. However, ten of the explorers claimed that the occupants of the land could not be defeated, while Caleb and Joshua encouraged Moses and the leaders to enter the land. All of the explorers experienced the same land, but they returned with different interpretations. The way we interpret the details of the story impacts the outcome. And, those outcomes impact how the stories shape our lives.

Many of you know about the Special General Conference last week. But how do we tell that story? The delegates voted 53%-47% to maintain the current language in the Book of Discipline regarding ordination and marriage of LGBTQ persons and to tighten some of the consequences for breaking it. Do those who preferred the “Traditional Plan” claim victory? Do those who preferred the “One Church Plan” protest defeat? Or do we recognize that we are not united on this issue and have a lot more listening to do? Do we continue to celebrate that we are better together? Or do we make our plans to leave? Our answers to these and other questions can impact the outcome of the story.

Jesus can also impact the outcome of the story. Sometimes, God calls us to remember that the story is not over yet. It may feel like Holy Saturday, where nothing seems clear, but Easter comes on the third day. I invite you to consider treating Lent like Holy Saturday, waiting patiently for God to finish the story of our United Methodist Church. How might God tell the story of our General Conference and our divisions regarding how we are to live together in the face of our differences? Where might the Spirit be working to bring a resurrection out of this story of seeming death, where half the body fights the other? What stories does your congregation tell about itself? What do those stories teach you? What story might God tell about your congregation? I invite you to pray that God will keep us “Connected Christians offering the hope of Jesus Christ to today’s world.”

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 Adams family, the family and friends of Kyle Moore, the family and friends of Sally Arbaugh, the Kersey and Abbott families, Betty Ziesel, Frances Rothermel Huey and family, the Fisher family, the victims of the Alabama tornadoes, Brenda Beissel, Marti Seal, Linda Rogers, Joan Eisenbrey, Ferd Nelson, Lida Wells, Craig, Buzz Gildea, Stella Markel, Kay Green, Frank Mentusky, all those who are seriously ill, Charlene Sandifer, Carlton Goodhand, the people of Venezuela, Christopher, the Pasmoe family, Carolyn, Linda Breedlove, Kirsten Pearce, Alma Brittingham, Jean Hutchman, Charlie Fleetwood, Charlie Harding, Kathleen Friedline, everyone with job and/or financial issues, all those with marital or relationship concerns, Bill and Jill Gustin, the Hughes family, the husband of Yvonne's friend, Vicki Shultes, Brittini Gustafson, those hurt by the General Conference vote and family and friends of John B. Caldwell.

Recently hospitalized: Kelly's father.

Rejoice with: All those whose lives were changed on the boy's chrysalis weekend.

Praise for: Yvonne and Tori Nelson, going to Rome to visit Addie (prayers also for traveling mercies).

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The Adams family, The family and friends of Kyle Moore, The family and friends of Ronald Rust, The Kersey and Abbott families, Family of Tommy Newhart, Victoria Downes nephew Merry, Andy Riggi, Betty Ziesel, The Fisher family, Janet Dill, Sandy Cullotta, The victims of the tornadoes in Alabama, Barbara, God's children to feel loved, Brenda Beissel, Marti Seal, Linda Rogers, Joan Eisenbrey, Ferd Nelson, Lida Wells, Denis Watson III, Craig, Kay Green, Charlene Sandifer, Carlton Goodhand, The people of Venezuela, Christopher, The Pasmoe Family, Carolyn, Linda Breedlove, Kirsten Pearce, Alma Brittingham, Jean Hutchman, Charlie Fleetwood, Charlie Harding, Kathleen Friedline, Everyone with job and/or financial issues, All those with marital, relationship or family issues, Bill and Jill Gustin, The Hughes family, including children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, For those who have been hurt by the vote at General Conference and Kenneth.

Recently hospitalized: Kelly (who works in Dr. Michael Butterworth's office) her dad and Arvin Noel.

Rejoice with: Teresa Jarrell, The Pasmoe children who are moving on to the Odyssey of the

Mind state finals and Chloe who is praying for her sister to have a good birthday.

Praise for: Yvonne and Tori Nelson, visiting Addie in Rome, Prayers also for traveling mercies, Vicki Schultes's stepdad, an unexpected salary increase and opportunity for promotion and God loving us unconditionally.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Don and Pat Fisher who will celebrate their **52nd** anniversary on **March 18th**.

Norm and Millie Remick who will celebrate their **68th** anniversary on **March 24th**.

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

♫**Handbells**

Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Music Room

♫**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 CIRCLE MEETINGS. New members are welcome to join us on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 for Esther Circle. Locations will be announced in midweek the week before for Esther and Sarah Circles. Sarah Circle meets the third Tuesday each month at 9:45 am and Mary Martha Circle also meets on the third Tuesday at 1:30 pm at Avenue. A book report will be given each meeting by our own Helen Holleger. YOU won't want to miss these informative and fun reports.

UMW Reading program books and Response magazines are available to borrow on UMW shelf in Foyer library. If you prefer an electronic circle so you can stay aware of the UMW events happening, contact Beth Parker at bparke42@comcast.net. What about a Reading Program Circle? Everyone reads the same book each month and comes together to discuss and share?

LENT: Until Easter the Church is in a season of self-denial and self-examination called Lent. During Lent we recommend these special services.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES are held each Wednesday at noon followed by a soup luncheon at various churches. The schedule is:

March 13th, St Paul UMC
March 20th, Mt. Enon Baptist
March 27th, Milford Church of the Nazarene
April 3rd, Avenue UMC
April 10th, First Presbyterian Church
April 17th, Avenue UMC (Snow Date)

MILFORD INTERDENOMINATIONAL LENTEN SERVICES are held each Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. at various churches. The schedule is:

March 13th, Bethel A.M.E.
March 20th, New Beginnings.
March 27th, My Father's House
April 3rd, Faith, Hope & Love
April 10th, Word of Life Comm.
April 17th, Upper Room
April 18th, Mt. Enon

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

CHRISTIAN BELIEVER CLASS: Our next class is on **March 17th** at 2:00 p.m. in the Holzmueeller Room. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Willey at (302) 422-8952.

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: On **March 19th** we will continue our study: A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place by Beth Moore 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: A large amount of yarns were donated to the church to be used for Prayer Shawls, as well as cold weather articles for homeless, Code Purple, school children and any other community needs. Knitters and crocheters, please come to the Grier Room any Wednesday afternoon (1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.) to pick up yarn and patterns for any of these articles.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS: The Sunshine Bible Class for adults meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Grier Room. Our study for March is "Discipleship and Mission." The lessons are: March 17th "Calling the Lost" based on Luke 15:11-24; and March 24th "Calling to Salvation" based on Luke 19:1-10. Please plan to attend for these exciting lessons.

A new class **started on Sunday, January 20th at 8:00 a.m.** for people who want to attend Sunday School and 9:30 a.m. worship service. The class is being led by Dan Nelson and Tom Chilton. They started a study of the book of Ephesians. If you have questions contact Dan Nelson at (302) 349-4842 or Tom Chilton at (302) 725-1333.

WEDNESDAY DISCIPLE CLASS will meet on **March 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Grier Room.** The class will be exploring the Bible. To register, please call Dave Reynolds at (302) 503-3933.

EXPLORING YOUR FAITH BOOK CLUB will meet on **Sunday March 17th at 12:15 p.m.** in the Grier Room. We shall conclude our study of Adam Hamilton's Book Unafraid, studying section five, Chapters 17-20. We are also looking for new books to study. If you have any recommendations, bring them with you at our next meeting. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY

MATTHEW PROJECT: A family is in need of a small table and 3-4 chairs, any size bed linens and blankets. Thank You!

MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY: The Diaper Pantry is opened WEEKLY on Wednesday morning from **10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** We need 8 people to commit to one day a month and we will have it covered. Would you like to see young mothers smile?? See how happy they are that people care?? Contact Tita or Diane so we can establish a calendar. We need 2 people each week.

Milford Community Pantry always needs cereal and bar soap. Thank You for all your support!

Avenue United Methodist Church

Lenten Organ Recitals

March 7, 2019 – 12:05-12:35 PM

Taylor Harvey,
Salisbury, Maryland

March 14, 2019 – 12:05-12:35 PM

Jackson Borges,
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Rehoboth Beach

March 21, 2019 – 12:05-12:35 PM

Herb Parkes,
Christ Episcopal Church, Milford

March 28, 2019 – 12:05-12:35 PM

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April 4, 2019 – 12:05-12:35 PM

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April 11, 2019 – 12:05-12:35 PM

Kevin B. Chamberlain,
Avenue United Methodist Church, Milford

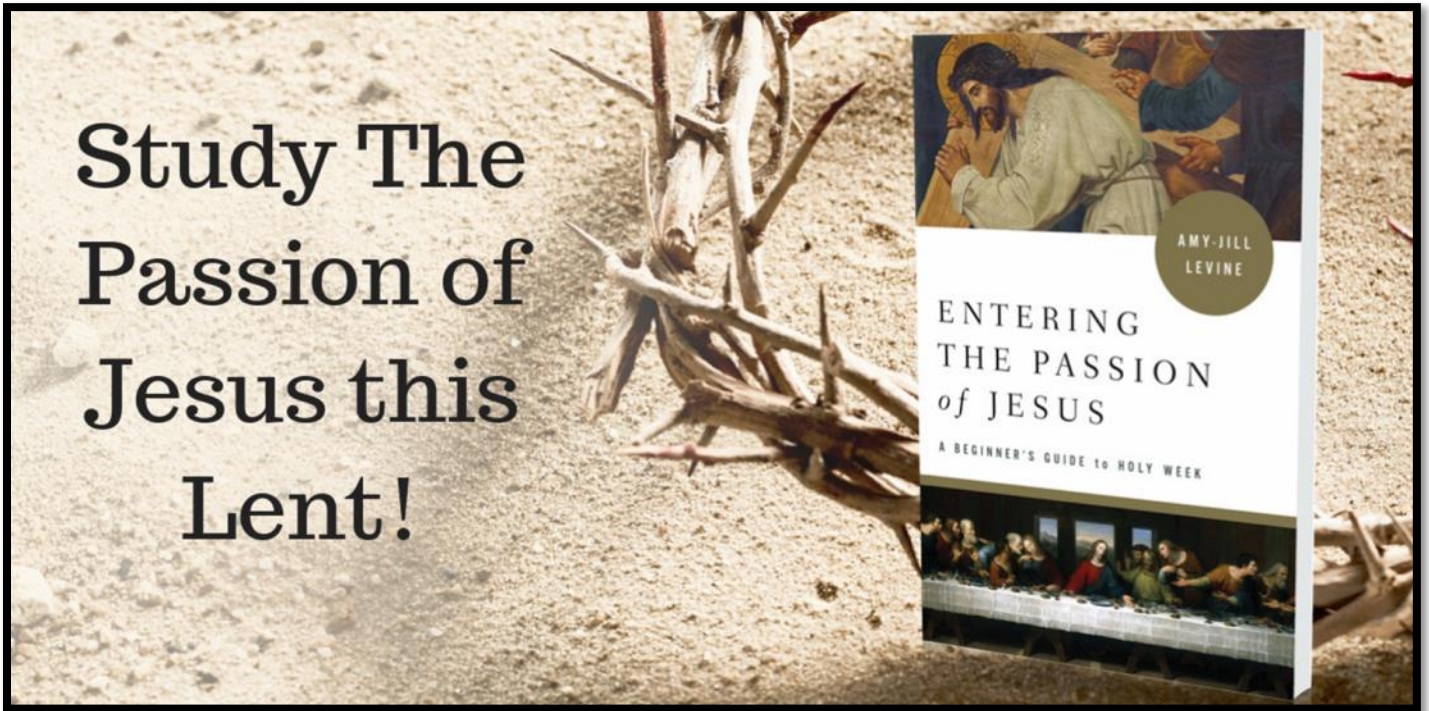
All recitals are held at Avenue Church.

A luncheon of homemade soup and bread will be served in the
Fellowship Hall immediately following the recitals.

All are invited.

Lenten Organ Recitals are part of the Concert Series of Avenue Church.

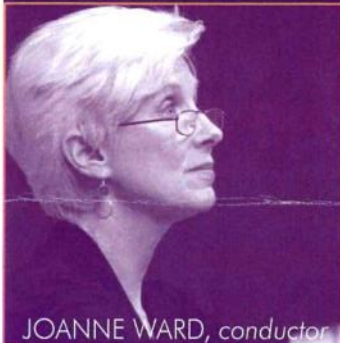
**Wednesdays at 7pm
During Lent
Starting March 13th
Heritage Room**



Although the Bible gives us insights into what Jesus was thinking between the time he entered into Jerusalem and the night he spent in the Garden of Gethsemane, we can't totally relate. But what if we look at the "ordinary" people who witnessed the Passion events...the women around Jesus and his disciples? Or the "bad" guys... Judas, Pilate, and Caiaphas? If we look closely at the people who were part of Jesus' life during the last days before the crucifixion—their relationships and roles in the story—how might that deepen our understanding of what happened? In *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story to help us fill in the blanks.

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JOANNE WARD, conductor



Finding Our Voice

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IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLE'S PLACE, MILFORD

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30486 Lewes Georgetown Hwy
Lewes, Delaware

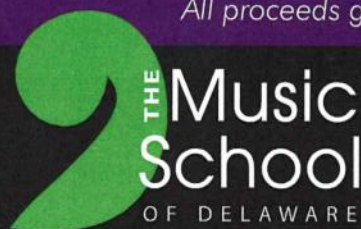
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March 11, 2019

Dear High School Senior,

Congratulations on making it to the end of your senior year! As you come to the home stretch of your high school education, the Avenue Church family celebrates all your accomplishments as you approach this important milestone.

As you probably know Avenue awards several scholarships each year. **If you are receiving this letter you are eligible to apply.** The enclosed letter describes the scholarships we award, as well as the specific qualifications for each one. **You may apply for as many scholarships as you qualify for.**

This year, we are **not** mailing the scholarship applications. Please e-mail Mrs. Kelly Hudson, Church Secretary, at churchoffice@avenueumc.com and let her know which applications you want. They can also be downloaded from the webpage. Then complete the applications on your computer and return them to Mrs. Hudson. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

Please keep these two important dates in mind:

- ♦ **April 26th** at 3:00 p.m. is the deadline to return your applications to the Church Office.
- ♦ **May 12th** at 9:30 a.m. is when scholarships will be awarded, along with gifts and recognitions for all the Class of 2019. **Please plan to join us.**

Again, congratulations on all your achievements! We are very proud of you! If there is anything else we can do for you, or if you need letters of reference, please let any of the Pastors know. Please take a moment to let us know your plans for next year. We would like to stay in touch.

Wishing you God's peace,

Tom Pasmore
Pastor

Friends,

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has been working diligently to fill the role created by Pastor Cliff's departure. We have been very fortunate to have a talented individual in Pastor Cliff who is able to fill both of the Pastor of Student Ministries and Praise Team Leader roles simultaneously. This may not be the case moving forward. To maximize the opportunity to find the right people for each these, we have elected to break the current role into the two jobs that you see listed in the next few pages. If you know of someone that you think would be a good fit for either job, please pass this information on to them and encourage them to apply. Resumes and cover letters can be sent to the SPRC care of the church office. If you have any questions, Greg Abbott, chair of SPRC, or I would be happy to answer them. Please pray for Avenue Church as we continue to transition, and God bless us all.

Peace,
Pastor Tom

Position: Pastor of Student Ministries

Avenue United Methodist Church in Milford Delaware serves a dynamic congregation of 375 each week. Avenue has an incredible opportunity for a passionate, spirit filled Pastor of Student Ministries to provide Christ-centered, Biblically-based, loving environment for the Student Ministries Program(s). The current student ministry program is thriving and we're looking for the right leader to expand it even further.

Avenue Church is located minutes from the beautiful Delaware beaches in central Delaware.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Spiritually mature Christian with an active faith life and genuine passion for being a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- College graduate preferred and/or equivalent work experience in youth ministry.
- Knowledge of this generation's culture and ability to utilize this understanding in ministry.
- Must be physically able to participate in youth activities.

[Must have a valid driver's license.](#)

Must successfully complete a criminal background check.

The full job description is available on the Avenue United Methodist Church website: <https://avenueumc.com/>

Hours per week: 30

Compensation Package: \$30,000 annually

Housing available upon request.

Submit cover letter and resume to: churchoffice@avenueumc.com OR vial mail

Avenue United Methodist Church
20 North Church Street
Milford, DE 19963
Attn: Greg J. Abbott, SPRC Chair

Accepting applications until the position is filled.

AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Job Title: Pastor of Student Ministries

Reports to: Sr. Pastor (Primary)
SPRC (Secondary)

Supervisory Responsibilities:

Direct: None

Indirect: Volunteer leaders for student ministries

Status: Part-time (approximately 30 hours/week)

Job Summary: [The Pastor of Student Ministries will provide an energetic, Christ-centered, Biblically-based, loving environment for the Student Ministries Program\(s\) for Avenue United Methodist Church.](#)

Essential Functions:

Develop, implement and effectively administer student ministries activities (Fusion), events and worship for students in grades 6 thru 12.

Develop and equip leadership team who faithfully can point students to Jesus through relationships, studies and groups.

Create and inviting ministry culture where students are known, cared for and invited into a relationship with Jesus.

Develop, implement and effectively administer small group Bible studies.

Develop, implement and effectively administer the attendance and active participation of Avenue's student ministries at the Peninsula Conference Annual Youth Rally, summer camp events, and mission trips.

Assist the Senior and/or Associate Pastors in the administration of the Confirmation Class for Avenue UMC and provide on-going support for the confirmands.

Core Competencies:

- Be available. Create an inviting culture where students want to bring their friends to worship and build community. Invest in relationships with students in the community, and go where they are through outreach activities. Be well organized and an effective strategic planner. Be able to provide lessons that are Biblically based and relevant to today's youth.
- Build relationships with students, student ministry volunteers, and parents in an effort to help students grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Recruit, train, coordinate, and supervise all hands-on adult volunteers involved with the student ministry.
- Prepare for and lead the weekly Fusion ministry and help it grow in participation, enthusiasm, and excellence.
- Help the students engage with the larger church through worship, fellowship, and service opportunities.
- Champion the need for and connection to **small groups**.

Other Responsibilities:

Participate with the entire ministry team in promoting the vision and mission of Avenue UMC.

Network in the community and with other churches to build partnerships in youth ministry.

Join the Avenue UMC preaching team when requested to do so by the Senior Pastor.

Develop, implement and effectively administer a budget for the Student Ministries Programs.

Create sharp, contemporary, attention-getting graphics and videos.

Perpetuate an engaging, positive online presence for Avenue UMC youth ministry (website, Facebook, Instagram, etc.).

Develop relationships with area schools and officials to develop ministry opportunities (i.e. Fellowship of Christian Athletes).

Performs other duties as assigned by the Senior Pastor.

Position: Praise Team and Worship Leader

Avenue United Methodist Church in Milford Delaware serves a dynamic congregation at three services (two traditional and one contemporary). Avenue has an incredible opportunity for a spiritual leader to serve as Praise Team and Worship Leader for the contemporary service which welcomes 200 people weekly.

The position will provide musical leadership that is Christ centered and Biblically based, with the highest priority on the spiritual growth of all participants.

Avenue Church is located minutes from the beautiful Delaware beaches in central Delaware.

Minimum Qualifications:

- The Worship Leader must have and demonstrate a personal relationship with Jesus. Christ, have a desire for ongoing spiritual maturity, and exemplify moral behavior.
- One year of experience leading or performing with contemporary worship team preferred.
- Experienced guitar or keyboard player and vocally proficient in modern worship style of music
- Knowledge of modern worship music such as Chris Tomlin, Bethel Worship, Jesus Culture, Hillsong United, Crowder, Matt Redman, etc.
- Skilled in choral, vocal, and instrumental direction.
- Have knowledge to set up, test, as well as be responsible for, microphones, speakers, amplifiers, and other sound and visual equipment.
- Must possess highly effective written, verbal and public-speaking skills.

Must have a valid driver's license.

Must successfully complete a criminal background check.

The full job description is available on the Avenue United Methodist Church website: <https://avenueumc.com/>

Hours per week: 10

Compensation Package: \$10,000 annually

Submit cover letter and resume to: churchoffice@avenueumc.com OR vial mail

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AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Job Title: Praise Team and Worship Leader

Reports to: Senior Pastor (Primary)
SPRC (Secondary)

Supervisory Responsibilities:

Direct: None

Indirect: Praise Band volunteers

Status: Part-time (approximately 10 hours/week)

Job Summary: The Praise Team and Worship Leader will provide musical leadership for the Contemporary Worship Service(s) for Avenue United Methodist Church that is Christ centered and Biblically based, with the highest priority on the spiritual growth of all participants.

Essential Functions:

Provide spiritual leadership to all participants of the Praise Team.

Possess superior music skills to provide vocal and instrumental leadership for the Contemporary Worship Service(s).

Recruit and retain Praise Team musicians and vocalist in sufficient numbers to provide enthusiastic leadership during the Contemporary Worship Service.

Coordinate musical selections with the Senior and/or Associate Pastor to insure the music selections support the sermon and worship service theme.

Lead the Praise Team in weekly rehearsals.

Obtain substitute leader for worship services as needed

Work cooperatively with other music ministries in the church to complement each other.

Prepare for and hold rehearsals in conjunction with the Worship Team.

Core Competencies:

Is a self-starter with a positive enthusiastic presence, a team player.

Has demonstrated excellence as a Worship Leader of praise and worship in past positions.

Demonstrates organization in all administrative aspects of the position to ensure timely preparation and orderly rehearsals and worship services.

Is an effective evaluator of the musical skills and talents of adult/student volunteers.

Maintains a variety of modern worship music and materials, incorporating traditional hymns into contemporary worship format as appropriate.

Is able to relate well to others and build relationships with the staff and the congregation

Is proficient in music and multi-media presentations. Embraces the use of technology in worship and skilled in the use of sound, lighting, computers, Projection software and video projection.

Understands the depth and challenge required to blend the vocalists, microphones, speakers, and all other aspects to deliver a balanced sound experience.

Other Responsibilities:

Participate with the entire ministry team in promoting the vision and mission of Avenue UMC.
Assist with the worship responsibilities as needed with the Traditional Worship Services.
Network in the community and with other churches to build support for the ministry.
Provide for the care and maintenance of church-owned Praise Team instruments/materials.
Develop, implement and effectively administer a budget for the Praise Team.
Incorporate special worship services (*such as Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Fellowship of Christian Athlete events*) as needed.
Provide musical leadership for the youth praise team “Momentum”.
Perform other duties as assigned by the Senior Pastor.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 3/17

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 8:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class, Grier Room
- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Christian Believer's Class, Holzmueller Room
- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 272, Heritage Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room & Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 3/18

- 10:00 a.m. Dover District—Facilitators Meeting, Heritage Room
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Bear Den Meeting, Nursery
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Music Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Wesley Room

TUESDAY 3/19

- 9:45 a.m. Sarah Circle Meeting at Joyce Voshell's residence
- 10:00 a.m. Sisters' Bible Study, Grier Room
- 1:30 p.m. Mary/Martha Circles, Grier Room
- 5:00 p.m. Mispillion Children's Chorus, Music Room
- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 6:00 p.m. Improv Group, Heritage Room
- 6:30 p.m. Lion's Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Central DE Chess Club, Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee's Meeting, Grier Room

WEDNESDAY 3/20

- 1:30 p.m. Knitting/Crocheting Group, Grier Room
- 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Music Room
- 5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Group
- 6:00 p.m. AveNotes, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Pride of Delmarva, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Tiger Den Meeting, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class, Grier Room
- 7:00 p.m. Explore the Bible Study, Holzmueller Room
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Heritage Room

THURSDAY 3/21

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 12:05 p.m. Lenten Organ Recitals, Sanctuary
- 2:15 p.m. Women's Emmaus Group
- 6:30 p.m. Experiencing God, Grier Room
- 6:30 p.m. District Building & Location Comm, Holzmueller Room
- 6:30 p.m. Webelos Den, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 2, Heritage Room
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC, Carpenter Room

FRIDAY 3/22

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

SATURDAY 3/23

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

SUNDAY 3/24

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 8:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class, Grier Room
- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Christian Believer's Class, Holzmueller Room
- 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Grier Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room & Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Pack Comm. Meeting, Heritage Room