



The Midweek

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

I am at Camp Pecometh this week. It's a different experience for me to be at camp at my current age than it was when I was 10 and attending Camp Tohikanee. Some of the basic characteristics are there. There are lovely wooded areas, a beautiful river and scenic meadows for playing games and gathering together. It is idyllic and relaxing. If I was 10 again, I would love to spend my days canoeing and looking at the stars, enjoying a campfire while singing with my friends.

Instead I find myself frustrated with the lack of reliable internet access, the hours and hours we spend in classes that could be used for other tasks, and a growing to-do list because I'm not accomplishing anything that is currently planned and yet there continues to be other items placed on it. The sub-list of BOOM (Board of Ordained Ministry) related activities is a separate page.

It makes me wonder what happened to that 10-year-old girl who would have been so grateful for the time to be in such a beautiful place. That girl would have taken the time to appreciate the blessings around her and know that the tasks will still be there tomorrow but the chance to walk along the river or sit under the pine tree is fleeting.

Scripture tells us in Matthew 18:3 that Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Christ is telling us to open our hearts to what is really important and to focus with a childlike innocence on our salvation and the grace that we have

been given. God needs to stay, and should be, our priority no matter how crazy our days become or what trials and stresses we face.

As I focus on the Lord and the kingdom of God, I'm going for a walk. It's time to get back in touch with that 10-year-old. And to God be the glory forever and ever.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Henry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H'.

Arrangements for Charlotte Dressler

On May 12th, Charlotte Dressler, longtime member of Avenue Methodist Church where her husband John Dressler served as Minister of Music from 1979 to 2000, peacefully passed away. A memorial service for her will be held on May 20, 2019 , 12PM at Barratt's Chapel , 6362 Bay Road, Frederica DE 19946 .

Her family invite and welcome all who wish to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations in the name of Charlotte Dressler may be made to the 'John Dressler Music Scholarship', Avenue Methodist Church, 20 N Church St, Milford, DE 19963.

How to Do Church Workshop

Have you ever wondered why we light the candles on the altar every week? Do you know what to say when you are handed the bread during communion? Should you stand or sit as the pastor exits after the service?

If you have questions about how theology or traditions affect the life of the church, you are invited to attend a workshop on Sunday, May 19 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM at Avenue Church. Come with your questions and spend an hour with your siblings in Christ learning about your church



Farewell for Cliff McCall

Sunday, May 19th from 8am – 12pm coffee and donuts for farewell for Cliff and family. Farewell dinner at 6pm in Fellowship Hall all are invited. **No covered dish.**

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 Peggy Hughes, the family and friends of Paul Pelen, the family and friends of Martin Jarrell, the family and friends of Janice Rudy, Mikolai Campbell, Charlie Fleetwood, Melissa, Joe, new job opportunities, Joyce, Butch, Joan Eisenbrey, Pat Rust, Sami, Lynette, all mothers who have lost a child, Michele Barto Winn, Jim Clendaniel, Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Holly Maloney, Craig, Vicki, Dee Ann Mason, Brandon, the Schultes family, for a business deal to work out, Mason, Pat Dunn, Beth Judy, Lisa Shaw, Glenn, Merry, Muriel Miller, Doris Rickert, Katie and Ainsley, Ellan Orkin, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Ferd Nelson, Jean Hutchman, Kay McFadden, Brenda Beissel, John Spillane, Janet Dill, the Fisher family, Elle Sheaffer, Jen Nelson, Carlton Goodhand, Dot Sophos, Christopher, Kirsten Pearce, and Alma Brittingham.

Praise God for: answered prayers.

Rejoice with: The family and friends of Wyatt William Morris and Caleb Cook Morris, Jean Layton.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Peggy Hughes, The family and friends of Janet Dill, For the Rudy and Lane families, and friends, The family and friends of John Hunt, The family and friends of Zachery Fanning, The family and friends of Bob Hermann, Mother's everywhere, Students being bullied at school, Alan Jester, Charlie Fleetwood, Melissa, Joe, Joan Eisenbrey, Pat Rust, Michele Barto Winn, Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Holly Maloney, Craig, Vicki, Dee Ann Mason, Brandon, The Schultes family, For a business deal to work out, Mason, Elwood Leary, Pat Dunn, Beth Judy, Lisa Shaw, Merry, Muriel Miller, Doris Rickert, Katie and Ainsley, Ellan Orkin, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Ferd Nelson, Jean Hutchman, Kay McFadden, Brenda Beissel, John Spillane, Glen Stevenson, The Fisher family, Elle Sheaffer, Carlton Goodhand, Dot Sophos, Christopher, Kirsten Pearce, Alma Brittingham, Janice Brittingham, Otto, Amanda, John Siegrist, Cynthia, Good health for all of us, The Wilcox family, Jeanie Zaimas and Millie Remick.

Praise God for: Answered prayers, The birth of Wesley Thomas Chesser on May 8, Avenotes and Choir and Jim Clendaniel.

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:
♫Handbells

Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Music Room
♪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.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Kathryn Webb who will celebrate her **91st** birthday on **May 24th**.

ANNIVERSARY GREETING TO:

Ernest & Lorraine Donovan will celebrate their **59th** anniversary on **May 21st**.

Sonny & Donna Meck will celebrate their **51st** anniversary on **May 23rd**.

UPCOMING

2019 YARD SALE MEETING: We will be having a Yard Sale Meeting on **May 16th at 1:00 p.m.** in the Grier Room. All are welcome to attend.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: On **May 21st**, we will begin a new study of Peter by Adam Hamilton. We will meet 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: Christ Episcopal Church in Milford has asked us to join with them in making Seaman's Scarves for "Christmas at Sea" <https://seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea>. Please join with us, in this endeavor. Stop in the Grier Room any Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., to knit or crochet with us and/or pick up yarn for both this project and our Prayer Shawls. Call Carolyn Humes 422 8620 or e-mail carhum@verizon.net.

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 May is "The Spread of the Gospel." The

lesson for May 19th lesson is “The Call of the Gentiles” based on Romans 11:11-24; and May 26th lesson is “Called to New Life in Christ” based on Romans 12:1-8. Please plan to attend these exciting lessons.

WEDNESDAY DISCIPLE CLASS will meet on **May 15th 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, May 19th** in the Grier Room at 12:15 p.m. What we will study for just that day is to be determined. We will start a new book “When Did God become Christian?” by David Kalas in the Fall.

COMMUNITY

MATTHEW PROJECT: In lieu of the Matthew Project during the remainder of April and May, please consider donations of furniture, household items, clothing, etc. for the Mission Fund Raising Church Yard Sale. Call Beth Parker at (302) 698-6475 or (302) 382-5581. The Church Yard Sale helps many families and missions in multiple ways. A list of “Missions who pick up household or accept donations” is also available from the church office.

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.



May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

THE MISPELLION CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Sharon Starling, *director*

Kevin B. Chamberlain, *assistant director/accompanist*

presents 5th Annual Spring Concert

We Are One

Friday, May 17th

at 7:00 p.m.

Milford Senior High School
1019 N. Walnut Street | Milford, Delaware

For more information (302) 422-2785
themispillionchildrenschorus@gmail.com

Free admission | Handicap accessible
Donations benefit Mispillion Children's Chorus



MISSION u 2019

July 18-20, 2019

Pecometh, The Riverview Retreat Center

401 Jack Elliot Way, Centreville, MD. 21617

The Mission Studies for 2019

Spiritual Growth Study: *Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship*

Study leader: Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Special Study and publication: *United Methodist Women In Mission: 150 Years and Beyond*

Study Leader: Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Registration Forms available on Foyer table

Deadline is June 30, 2019

Price ranges from one day commuter \$75.00 to
Single room for three days at \$425.00.

See Registration form.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

FAITH – HOPE- LOVE IN ACTION

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 5/19 ~ Confirmation

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship,
Confirmation
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class,
Grier Room
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Breakfast,
Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Exploring Faith Book Club,
Grier Room
- 1:00 p.m. How To Do Church,
Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 272,
Heritage Room

MONDAY 5/20

- 11:00 a.m. APS Graduation, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Bear Den Meeting, Heritage Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers,
Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 5/21

- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room
- 11:00 a.m. APS Graduation, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Mispillion Children's Chorus,
Music Room
- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 6:00 p.m. Lions Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Second Street Players, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Central DE Chess Club,
Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team, Wesley Room

WEDNESDAY 5/22

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class, Grier Room

THURSDAY 5/23

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 2:15 p.m. Women's Emmaus Group
- 6:00 p.m. Improv Group, Heritage Room
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Comm. Meeting,
Grier Room
- 6:30 p.m. Experiencing God, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 2, Holzmuller Room

FRIDAY 5/24

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

SATURDAY 5/25

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

SUNDAY 5/26

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Baptism
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class,
Grier Room
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship