



The Midweek

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

It's hard to believe we are almost half-way through 2019. What a year of change it has been already, and in a few weeks when Tom leaves and Steve arrives, even more will change. It was the Greek philosopher Heraclitus who is credited with having said "the only constant is change" almost 500 years before Christ. Clearly change has been around for a while.

Scripture says something else about change. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven." In other words, there is always a reason for change and only God knows what it is. But we also know that for God's plans to come to fruition, we can't stand still. I am convinced that those words we hear so often in opposition to change – "that's the way we've always done it" – are the seven words most likely to keep us as God's children and the church stagnant.

So as things continue to evolve and change, let's give thanks to God for all that is to come and the opportunities we as Avenue Church have in front of us. And to God be the glory forever and ever.

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

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 Janet Dill, the family and friends of Lottie Dressler, Dan Smith, Vaughn Webb, Jeanie Zaines, Jill Rauch and family, Alan Jester, Charlie Fleetwood, Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Holly Maloney, Craig, Vicki, Brandon, Brad Dennehy, daughters needing peace, the Schultes family, Merry, Walt Peters, Jim Clendaniel, Muriel Miller, Doris Rickert, Ellan Orkin, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Ferd Nelson, Jean Hutchman, Johnny Meehan, Kay McFadden, Brenda Beissel, the Fisher family, Elle Sheaffer, Carlton Goodhand, Dot Sophos, Gilbert Emory, Pam Wilkerson, Chris, Seth Wilcox, Alma Brittingham, Janice Brittingham, Otto, Amanda, Cynthia, The McCall family, Joe, Jerry, Rich, Marc, Joan Eisenbrey, Pat Rust, Michele Barto Winn, Dee Ann Mason, Elwood Leary, Pat Dunn, Beth Judy, Lisa Shaw, Glen Stevenson, Kirsten Pearce, John Spillane, Debbie Cromer.

Praise God for: Jen Nelson, Bay Rothermel, Rain Vasey, Kenna Webb, a good court decision, the Helmick family, Addie Nelson, Dave and Linda Sockrider, all celebrating anniversaries, all whose prayers have been answered.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Ginger Kollock, The family and friends of James, The family and friends of Joseph W. Boudwin, The family and friends of Charles Fanning, Dan Smith, Brayden Rosebrook, Vaughn Webb, Jeanie Zaines, Jill Rauch, Alan Jester, Charlie Fleetwood, Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Holly Maloney, Craig, Vicki, Brandon, Gilbert Emory, Brad Dennehy, For daughters to find peace in their lives, The Schultes family, Merry, Walt Peters, Muriel Miller, Doris Rickert, Ellan Orkin, Lida Wells, Larry Price, Linda Breedlove, Ferd Nelson, Jean Hutchman, Johnny Meehan, Kay McFadden, Brenda Beissel, The Fisher family, Elle Sheaffer, Carlton Goodhand, Dot Sophos, Chris, Alma Brittingham, Janice Brittingham, Cynthia, Will and Matt, Safety for all those traveling, Karen Hoch, Joe, Jerry, Rich, Marc, Joan Eisenbrey, Pat Rust, Michele Barto Winn, Dee Ann Mason, Elwood Leary, Pat Dunn, Beth Judy, Lisa Shaw, Glen Stevenson, Kirsten Pearce and John Spillane.

Praise God for: Jen Nelson, Sonny Daniel Macklin, All whose prayers have been answered, Odyssey of the Mind team, The 40th anniversary of Greg and Carole Brennan, and Samantha Ciaola

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

♫Handbells

Resume on Monday, Sept. 9th at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

♪**MomentUM Praise Team**

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♪**Misphillion Children's Chorus**

Resume on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:15 p.m., Music Room

♪**Praise Team**

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♪**Sanctuary Choir**

Resume on Wednesday, September 4th at 3:00 p.m., Music Room

♪**AveNotes**

Resume on Wednesday, September 4th, 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.

ANNIVERSARY GREETING TO:

Jeff and Bonnie Carmine will celebrate their **54th** anniversary on **May 29th**.

Dave and Linda Sockrider will celebrate their **50th** anniversary on **June 1st**.

Ted & Edna Newhouse will celebrate their **58th** anniversary on **June 3rd**

UPCOMING

FAREWELL LUNCHEON: Come wish Pastor Tom and family farewell on Sunday, June 9th at 12:00 noon, following 11:00 a.m. worship service. It has been a wonderful six years and we want to celebrate his time with us and wish him well as he goes on to Asbury UMC in Salisbury, MD. Please come enjoy some luncheon refreshments and write some memories or notes to Pastor Tom (pictures great too). The memory book will be available all morning. Please plan to come on Sunday, June 9th at noon.

CARDMAKING CHAIRPERSON NEEDED: The Cardmaking group is in need of a leader. Cards - "Made with Love" from Avenue UMC have been a long time tradition. There are people to help make cards but we need a Chairperson. Please contact Beth Parker if you are interested, in person or at bparke42@comcast.net. Thanks so much.

2019 VBS: Mark your calendars as Roar! Life is Wild, God is good starts on Sunday, June 23rd - Thursday June 27th. Dinner is at 5pm for your family (adult required to stay with child until 5:45), VBS starts at 5:50pm and ends promptly at 8pm each evening.

You can register on-line. Use the link below or pick up a form at church to fill out. If you have any questions, contact the church office (302) 422-8111 or Sarah Pasmore at (302) 841-3143. [Roar! Life is wild, God is good](https://vbspro.events/p/events/avenuevbs2019) (<https://vbspro.events/p/events/avenuevbs2019>)

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: On **June 4th**, we will continue our 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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS: Summer Sunday for adults led by Rev. John Van Tine, retired plus others meets at 9:30AM on Sunday mornings in the Grier Room. The study for June is "A Fulfilled Covenant." The lesson for June 2nd is "Jesus Institutes the New Covenant" based on Mark 14:17-24; Hebrews 8:6-7, 10-12; June 9th lesson is "Jesus Seals the New Covenant" based on Mark 15:6-15, 25-26, 33-39; June 16th lesson is "The New Covenant's Sacrifice" based on Hebrews 9:11-22; and June 23rd lesson is "Hearts United in Love" based on Colossians 2:1-15. Plan to come as often as you can.

WEDNESDAY DISCIPLE CLASS will meet on **May 29th 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.

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.

Need women's clothing size 12 -14 of any type and size 9 shoes. 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.

FATHER'S DAY is just around the corner and we are accepting donations for carnations in loving memory or honor our fathers. Envelopes are in the pews. Carnations are \$5.00 per stem and proceeds will benefit the Parish Purse. All orders need to be placed no later than **June 12th** so they can be added to the bulletin for Father's Day. If you have any questions call Elaine Willey at (302) 422-8952.



PECOMETH VISITS AVENUE CHURCH

From the Camp Pecometh website: "It's been said that a week at Pecometh can have a greater impact on a camper than a whole year of Sunday School. A week of camp is filled with faith, fun and fellowship for children and youth to grow in their spiritual journey." On **Sunday, June 2nd**, Megan Sweeney, the Pecometh summer camp director, will be here to talk about summer camp. Megan will be speaking in each service and will be in the Foyer all morning Sunday to answer questions and register kids. For more information about their life-changing camp opportunities check out the Pecometh summer camp website: <http://www.pecometh.org/summer-camp>.



Come to the Music

ANNUAL SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

Saturday, June 1, 2019 · 4 pm

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Vacation Bible School

June 23rd—27th

5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

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

Effective July 1, 2019

LEADERSHIP ROSTER 2019-2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

Required Positions Elected by the Charge Conference

CHAIRPERSON:	Judy Struck
LAY LEADER:	Vaughn Webb
LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE:	Barbara Rutt
LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE:	Beth Parker
LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESERVE MEMBER:	Ed Steiner
CHAIRPERSON, STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS:	Lloyd Webb
CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:	Bob Berglund
CHURCH TREASURER:	Ed Steiner
YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:	Colby Johnson
PASTOR:	Steve LaMotte
ASSOCIATE PASTOR:	Wendy Butterworth
YOUTH PASTOR:	Will Leister
MINISTER OF MUSIC:	Kevin Chamberlain
CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:+	Jack Dickerson
PRESIDENT OF UNITED METHODIST MEN:+	Rob Craig
PRESIDENT OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:+	Beth Parker

Other Church Leaders; Ex-Officio with vote.

ALTAR GUILD	Pat Fisher
ARCHIVES	Bob Voshell
BARRATT'S CHAPEL LIAISON:	Carolyn Humes
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS:	Miriam Case & Patti Shockley
COLLEGE OUTREACH:	Joe Lear
EVANGELISM:	TBD
FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES:	Greg Abbott
FINANCIAL SECRETARY:	Harriet Davies
HEALTH MINISTRIES:	Cindy Horsman
LIBRARIAN:	Kaye Majoch
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:	Pat Crabb
MISSIONS:	TBD
PRE SCHOOL DIRECTOR:	Paula Yeich
RECORDING SECRETARY:	Bev Bullock
SAFE TEAM CHAIRPERSON:	TBD
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:	Sherry McKee
SCOUTING CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE:	Wendy Butterworth
VISITATION MINISTRY:	Tita Lewis
VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION:	Larry Hughes

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Term Expires 2020
Mike Swain

Term Expires 2021
Joyce Voshell

Term Expires 2022
Larry Price

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – Bob Berglund, Chairperson

Term Expires 2020
Derrick Dickerson
Chantel Helmick

Term Expires 2021
Beverly Reynolds
Tita Lewis

Term Expires 2022
Bob Berglund
Julia Bock

Ex officio members with vote:

Church Council Chair, Judy Struck
Financial Secretary, Harriet Davies
Assistant Financial Secretaries: Marty Brereton, June McNamara
Lay Leader, Vaughn Webb
Pastor, Steve LaMotte
Treasurer, Ed Steiner
Assistant Treasurer, Elaine Willey
Trustees Chair, Jack Dickerson
SPRC Chair, Lloyd Webb

AUDIT COMMITTEE –Carolyn Humes, Gerald Burbage, Elaine Price**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & LAY LEADERSHIP – Steve LaMotte, Chairperson**

Term Expires 2020
Lise Masten
Tom Chilton
John Van Tine

Term Expires 2021
Elaine Devita
JoEllen Kimmey
Karen Williams

Term Expires 2022
Barbara Rutt
Kay Webb
Yvonne Nelson

Ex officio members with vote: Lay Leader: Vaughn Webb

COMMITTEE ON STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS – Lloyd Webb, Chairperson

Term Expires 2020
Harry Humes
Bonnie Glenn
Pam Cannon

Term Expires 2021
Kaye Majoch
Lance Wyatt
Lloyd Webb

Term Expires 2022
Kristi Adams
Ed Steiner
Diane Dolan

Ex officio members with vote: Lay Leader: Vaughn Webb

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Jack Dickerson, Chairperson

Term Expires 2020
Toni Zeveny
Jack Dickerson
Randy Ennis

Term Expires 2021
Glen Stevenson
Eugene Helmick
Judy Grier

Term Expires 2022
Joe Shockley
Tom Glenn
Everett Tyrrell

Ex-officio members without vote: Associate Pastor, Wendy Butterworth
Pastor, Steve LaMotte

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE – Carolyn Humes, Chairperson

Term Expires 2020
Glen Stevenson

Term Expires 2021
Gene Sharp
Lloyd Webb

Term Expires 2022
Joe Wells
Carolyn Humes

Ex officio members with vote:

Pastor, Steve LaMotte
Chairperson of Finance Committee, Bob Berglund
Church Treasurer, Ed Steiner
Trustees Chair, Jack Dickerson
Trustees Vice Chair, TBD

LEADERSHIP TEAM – Steve LaMotte, Chairperson

Lay Leader, Vaughn Webb; Lead Pastor, Steve LaMotte; Associate Pastor, Wendy Butterworth; Trustee Chair, Jack Dickerson; SPRC Chair, Lloyd Webb; Finance Chair, Bob Berglund; UMW President, Beth Parker; UMM President, Rob Craig; Church Council Chair, Judy Struck

Ex-officio members without vote: Treasurer, Ed Steiner

OTHER COMMITTEES

SAFE TEAM – TBD, Chairperson

Rob Masten, Laurie Mullen, Nicole Wilkins, Preschool Director: Paula Yeich, Pastor: Steve LaMotte

CAMP PECOMETH REP – Gary Powers

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES – TBD

UMYF COORDINATOR – Youth Pastor: Will Leister

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – Sherry McKee, Chairperson

Church Council Chair; Pastor; UMM President; UMW President, Lay Leader; Trustee President; and Youth Pastor

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS – Pat Crabb, Chairperson

Joan Emory, Fran Johnson, Leon Tschantre, and Shelby McKenzie
Ex-officio member with vote – Steve LaMotte, Pastor

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ARCHIVES – Bob Voshell, Chairperson

Peggy Jones, Bob Voshell, Pam Wilkerson, Josh and Elaine Willey, David Sockrider, and Joan Emory.

PRESCHOOL BOARD+ – Dan Rothermel & Garrett Grier, Co-chairs;
Kristin Conway, Janelle Layton, Lara Lee, Laurie Moorman, Dan Rothermel, Christy
Stevenson, Garrett Grier, Louise O'Bier

Ex officio members with vote: Director, Paula Yeich
Business Director, Andrea Prettyman
Curriculum Coordinator, Cindy Mackesey
Pastor, Steve LaMotte

+ Elected by Organization

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 6/2 ~ Communion

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Wyatt Reception, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Pat Fisher— Piano Recital,
Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 272 Meeting,
Heritage Room

MONDAY 6/3

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley 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 6/4

- 9:30 a.m. Archives Meeting, Archives Room
- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room
- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. Central DE Chess Club,
Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. VBS Meeting, Grier Room

WEDNESDAY 6/5

- 1:30 p.m. Knitting/Crocheting Group,
Grier Room
- 5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class, Grier Room

THURSDAY 6/6

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 2, Holzmueller Room

FRIDAY 6/7

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

SATURDAY 6/8

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

SUNDAY 6/9

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Baptism
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class,
Grier Room
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Reception—Pasmore Family,
Fellowship Hall