



The Midweek

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

Thank you to everyone who has supplied recipes, best wishes and most importantly prayers as I start my clinical pastoral education class this week. And special thanks to my friend Pastor Heidi for give me the words for this week's Midweek. To God be the glory forever and ever.

How many times have you planted a seed and watched it sprout? It is an amazing thing! How is it that the plant knows when it is moist enough and warm enough that should gather up its strength and burst through the shell, and finding the coolness and darkness, should then reach for the light? I do not know if this still occurs, but many years ago it was a common practice in elementary school to have some duck and chicken eggs in the classroom. How do those little ducklings and chicks know when it is time to start pecking a hole in their shells, and after being in the shell so long, know to get up and start walking around? We have some friends in Hawaii who protect the sea turtle nests until the eggs hatch. How is it that those wee turtles know what to do next? What a wonder it is to witness them race across the sand toward the vast ocean beyond!

As Christians, we too are called to go beyond, and thankfully, are given some general directions. We know that "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). Like the disciples, we are asked to follow Jesus. Like Peter, we are charged with tending and shepherding His sheep; and then feeding them.

A friend recently told me about a couple who when asked what they would do if they suddenly had a million dollars replied, "Oh, just think of all the things we could do for our community." How will we answer the call? Like children, we desire to help in this call to go beyond, and God enables us to do so. An important example of God's lovingkindness in

this regard is related by John when the disciples heard a voice from the shore calling to them and telling them to cast their heretofore empty nets on the other side of the boat. When they reached the shore, they found that Christ had prepared breakfast for them, but allowed Peter to help Him by providing the fish.

Each of us has our own gifts and our own paths. It would seem that God prepares the way for us, and then, allows us to make our own contributions according to our own gifts. When we trust God to lead the way and remember that He is with us always, then we, too, can fearlessly face the beyond. In His farewell, Jesus promises the Comforter, Helper, Teacher, Guide, and Counselor as “the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid” (John 14:26-27).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Henry". 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 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 Zaimas, 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

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Charles Fanning, Dan Smith, Brayden Rosebrook, Vaughn Webb, Jeanie Zaimas, Gilbert Emory, Jill Rauch, Alan Jester, Charlie Fleetwood, Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Holly Maloney, Craig, Charlie Harding, Vicki, Brandon, Brad Dennehy, For daughters to find peace in their lives, The Schultes family, Merry, Walt Peters, 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, Alma Brittingham, Janice Brittingham, Cynthia, Will, Matt, and Steve, Karen Hoch, Joe, Jerry, Rich, Marc, Joan Eisenbrey, Pat Rust, Michele Barto Winn, Dee Ann Mason, Elwood Leary, Pat Dunne, Beth Judy, Lisa Shaw, Glen Stevenson, Kirsten Pearce and John Spillane.

Praise God for: Jen Nelson, and Lindsey and Benjamin's engagement.

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.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Dee Konesey who will celebrate her **105th** birthday on **June 13th**.

ANNIVERSARY GREETING TO:

Gene and Alva Hemshrot will celebrate their **63rd** anniversary on **June 9th**.

Rob and Pat Craig will celebrate their **51st** anniversary on **June 22nd**.

Dave and Judy Passwaters will celebrate their **61st** anniversary on **June 28th**

UPCOMING

FAREWELL PASTOR TOM—NEW TIMES & LOCATION: Come wish Pastor Tom and family farewell on Sunday, June 9th from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. following each service for sandwiches and light refreshments in the Foyer. 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 light 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.

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>)

2019 YARD SALE - It's coming!! The Yard Sale is coming August 1, 2, + 3! Start saving CLEAN saleable items including gently used shoes. NO books!! NO TVs or any computer items including cords. Bring donations to church weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday 7/22 thru Monday 7/29. Tuesday 7/30 we will accept items until 2:00 p.m. only - NO exceptions this year! Please think about helping set up and/or on sale days for whatever time you can.

WHY RED?

As we celebrated high holy days of Easter, we enjoyed the beautiful white paraments which symbolize purity, holiness and virtue. Now we move into the season of Pentecost, and change the color of the paraments to red: the color of fire, red symbolizes the presence of God.

The symbols on these beautiful new altar paraments are the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit entwined with the trefoil, a symbol of the Holy Trinity. The Patonce Crosses on each side of center symbols, have expanded ends with three petals on each arm. The three petals represent the Trinity, and the total of twelve petals represent the Apostles.

The center symbol on the pulpit parament, I H S, are the first three letters of the Greek spelling of the Holy Name of Jesus. The symbol on the lectern parament are the descending dove and the Holy Trinity. The symbol on both the bookmarks are Patonce crosses.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: On **June 11th**, 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 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 **June 5th 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: 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.

We are in need of diapers (newborn and size 4), canned tomatoes and cereal.

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 then **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.



Bon Voyage!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
POOL PARTY & PICNIC HONORING

The Pasmore Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH AT 2:00 PM
SUNSET COVE

3 HAVEN LAKE AVE | MILFORD

ALL FOOD IS BEING PROVIDED

PLEASE RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE
(302) 422-8111



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

CALENDAR

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

MONDAY 6/10

- 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, Sanctuary

TUESDAY 6/11

- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, Grier Room
- 12:00 p.m. Card Ministry, Grier Room
- 1:00 p.m. 4H, Fellowship Hall
- 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. Finance Comm. Meeting,
Grier Room

WEDNESDAY 6/12

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

THURSDAY 6/13

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Pathway,
Carpenter Room
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 2, Holzmueller Room

FRIDAY 6/14

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

SATURDAY 6/15

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

SUNDAY 6/16

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