



AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

“Jesus said, [talking to his new disciples] ‘You haven't seen anything yet! Before this is over you're going to see heaven open and God's angels descending to the Son of Man and ascending again.’”

- John 1:50-51 (the Message)

Well, friends, it's my last opportunity to write an article for the Midweek, and I felt the urge this week to share some of my own thoughts. I love what Pastor Wendy writes each week. It's always an adventure to open up the Midweek and see what she has gotten up to or her friend Pastor Heidi. Good stuff. But I wanted to write a quick note to wish everyone of you all of God's best. I know that God has a plan for Avenue Church, and it saddens me that I will not be a part of it. However, I give God the praise for all the time that we have spent together. God has allowed me to be involved in the real lives of real people, and I pray that I was able to model Christ in all that I was a part of here at Avenue. I have seen you all step up in so many ways. VBS, Code Purple, Disciple Bible Study, the Community Food Pantry, Avenue Preschool, Improv group, Yard Sale, love and care for one another, love and care for the community, and the list goes on and on and on. You are the very best that this Annual Conference has within its ranks.

All of this also got me thinking about Sarah, the kids, and my impending transition to Asbury UMC. It reminds of the move from Hope in Dover to Richardson Park in Wilmington. During one of my transitional meetings with Rev. Bill Green, I asked him what he was going to miss the most as he left to start his new ministry at Christ UMC in Salisbury. He started laughing and said, “The same thing that you're going to miss the most as you leave Hope – the people that you've been serving the last

several years.” And he was absolutely right. I am rejoicing in all that God has done in the lives of people inside and outside of Avenue UMC, and at the same time I’m also grieving the short time that we have left together. I love you all so much that I will never be able to effectively say how much I will miss you as I head south to Salisbury and new adventures in ministry there. What keeps me moving forward towards Asbury is my absolute and unshakable conviction that the best is yet to come—that’s what hope is all about—*the best is yet to come! God will do great and wonderful things through me or in spite of me at Asbury, and God will do unbelievable and amazing things with Pastor Steve and Pastor Wendy and Pastor Will and Kevin and Matt and all of you here at Avenue as well.*

The reason I am a Christian is because of the hope that we have in Jesus, and it’s that hope that tells me that the best is yet to come. Jesus loves to take us and transform us into the best people that we can be. He’s in the remodeling and renovation business, and to prove it, he took twelve ordinary guys from Galilee and turned them into the most amazing evangelists the world had ever seen. Jesus never lets us forget that we need to keep our eyes firmly focused on the future—that’s what hope is all about! Avenue, you haven’t seen anything yet, because, by the power of the Spirit, the best is yet to come . . .

With all of my love,

Pastor Tom

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 Charlie Harding, the family and friends of Louis Wooten, the family and friends of Jill Rauch, Anne Spicer, Dan Smith, Brayden Rosebrook, Lewis Sacks, Kim McClure, Alex Olivera's son, Amanda, safety for the children over summer vacation, Sally and Howard Todd, Gilbert Emory, Donna's daughter, Jonathan Whaley, Sandy Woloford, Diane Gehlert's niece, Jenn, Beverly Harrison, Roy, Alan Jester, Charlie Fleetwood, Craig, Vicki, Brandon, everyone getting ready for VBS, the Schultes family, Merry, Gerald Zeveney, Andrea, Sandra Ciappard, Walt and Ruth Peters, Dean, a couple currently in Atlanta looking for jobs, Doris Rickert, Ellan Orkin, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Ferd Nelson, Jean Hutchman, Johnny Meehan, Kay McFadden, Brenda Beissel, the Fisher Family, Mr. Fishe, Elle Sheaffer, Carlton Goodhand, Dot Sophos, Alma Brittingham, Janice Brittingham, Cynthia, George Reph, Will, Matt, Steve, the Pasmore family, all pastors being sent to new churches/charges and the congregations receiving them, Karen Hoch, John Siegrist, Joe, Susan, Jerry, Rich, Marc, Sally, Joan Eisenbrey, Pat Rust, Michele Barto Winn, Dee Ann Mason, Elwood Leary, Pat Dunne, Beth Judy, Lisa Shaw, Glen Stevenson, Kirsten Pearce, John Spillane, all in Milford Hospital, Lydia Ann Carmine and Gerald Burbage.

Praise God for: Katie and Oliver, the Kairos Prison Ministry, all fathers especially our Father in heaven.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Jim Miller, The family and friends of Jill Rauch, The family and friends of Dan Smith, Anne Spicer, Brayden Rosebrook, Lewis Sacks, Kim McClure, Alex Olivera's son, Amanda, Safety for the children over summer vacation, Sally and Howard Todd, Gilbert Emory, Lydia Ann Carmine, Jonathan Whaley, Arnold Williams, Travleing mercies for Mike Williams's sister and father. Ginny VanTine, Sandy Woloford, Diane Gehlert's neice, Jenn, Charlie, Londyn Hudson, Kay, Jennifer, Beverly Harrison, Leroy Hitchens, Dave, Bill, Alan Jester, Charlie Fleetwood, Craig, Vicki, Brandon, All getting ready for VBS, The Schultes family, Merry, Gerald Zeveney, Andrea, Walt and Ruth Peters, Dane, 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 Conaway, Cynthia, George Reph, Tom, Sarah and the kids, All Pastors being sent to new churches and the congregations receiving them, Karen Hoch, Katie Meadows, John Seigrist, All in Milford Hospital, Joe, Susan, Jerry, Rich, Marc, Sally, 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: Jack and Nancy Dickerson, Happy Birthday to Bonnie Simon, Will, Matt, and Steve and CJ, born to Stephanie and Paul Burton on Sunday afternoon.

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

♪Mispillion 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:

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

Bob and Ann Wilson will celebrate their **64th** anniversary on **July 2nd**.

SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of **Daniel Smith** who passed away on June 24, 2019. Dan joined Avenue Church on April 9, 1972.

UPCOMING

MEMORY BOOK PASTOR TOM AND FAMILY — A memory book will be available to sign on Sunday, June 30th.

AVENUE UNITED METHODIST MEN - On Saturday, July 13th starting at 9:00 a.m., the AUMM will be assisting the Trustees with a church clean up. The basement needs to be cleaned up, especially old furniture and a variety of items in the store room. We will also need a crew to help clean up the river bank behind the Preschool playground, picnic tables and fire pit. A good turn out will make for easy work. *Rob Craig, AUMM President.*

2019 YARD SALE - Get ready to —— CLEAN OUT!! The Yard Sale is August 1st, 2nd and 3rd and we need your donations of clean, gently used items. We take clothing, shoes, housewares, linens, toys, holiday items, small kitchen appliances, and misc. items. NO TV's, computer items or large appliances.

Drop off times: **9:00 a.m. till 4:00p.m. (July 22nd – July 29th)** at the church. We also need good clean gift bags w/ handles - large sizes (like those from Dollar Tree) and small ones, preferably plain w/o writing, i.e. Happy B-day, etc. Please place them in the tote inside the office door. Thank you.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: We will be meeting on **July 16th and August 13th** 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 30th is "Jesus Teaches About Right Attitudes" based on Matthew 5:1-12. Plan to come as often as you can.

COMMUNITY

MATTHEW PROJECT: We are in need of a baby stroller. 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 toilet paper, canned tomatoes and cereal.



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

2019 Yard Sale

Avenue United Methodist Church

Thursday, August 1st 2:00 pm -- 6:00 pm

“Early Bird Special” (\$1.00 Admission this day only.)

Friday, August 2nd 8:30 am -- 4:30 pm

Saturday, August 3rd 8:30 am -- 12:00 pm

All proceeds go to missions of the church.

DONATIONS: accepted at the church weekdays

July 22nd – 29th (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)

(NO TVs, computer equipment, large appliances, or books)

For furniture pick-ups contact

Sonny (302) 690-4953 or Larry (302) 745-4331

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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 6/30

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Baptism
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class,
Grier Room
- 10:30 a.m. Bergez Baptism Party,
Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

MONDAY 7/1

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers,
Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 7/2

- 9:30 a.m. Archives Meeting
- 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. Leadership Team Meeting,
Carpenter Room

WEDNESDAY 7/3

- 1:30 p.m. Knitting/Crocheting Group,
Grier Room

THURSDAY 7/4

Church Office Closed

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 6:00 p.m. Improv Group, Heritage Room

FRIDAY 7/5

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

SATURDAY 7/6

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

SUNDAY 7/7

- 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