



AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

On Saturday, July 20th, the world will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 landing on the moon. If you were alive on that day, there is a good chance you were watching as more than 150 million people stopped what they were doing to see Neal Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin take “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

I certainly remember where I was and how awed I was by what was happening. In a matter of just a few hours we went from traveling in space, which was amazing in its own right, to walking on another celestial body. Anyone born after that date has never lived in a world where humanity was bound only to the earth.

And yet, even with that incredible achievement and the subsequent work NASA is doing with other international space agencies on missions like the Hubble telescope, the Cassini-Huygens probe, and the New Horizons spacecraft, along with the work that was done over the more than 200 crewed flights we have undertaken, we have not even scratched the surface of learning about our universe. The universe that God created and knows everything about. There is not one speck of dust in the farthest reaches of the most distant galaxy that escapes the notice of our heavenly Father. As amazing as it is to think of what man has achieved, it’s even more incredible to consider what God has created.

If you ask any of the astronauts who have visited space, they will tell you that it is impossible to leave the planet we live on and not believe in God who created the heavens and the earth. So today, I’d like to close this edition of the Midweek with the scripture from Genesis that the crew of Apollo 8 read back in 1968 when they were orbiting the moon.

Genesis 1: 1-10 (KJV):

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

²And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the

Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

³And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

⁴And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

⁵And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

⁶And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

⁷And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

⁸And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

⁹And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

¹⁰And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

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, sweeping initial 'P'.

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 Sandy Williford, the family and friends of Dan Smith, the family and friends of Evelyn Barto, Colby Johnson and the mission team from Bridge 88, Samantha Leister, Anne Spicer, Braydon Rosebrook, Kim McClure, Alex's son, Sally and Howard Todd, Gilbert Emory, Lydia Ann Carmine, Arnold Williams, Diane Gehlert's niece, Charlie, Dot, Sandy, Kay Meade, Rob Craig, Londyn Hudson, Kay, Beverly Harrison, Leroy Hitchens, Dave, Bill, Alan Jester, Bill Gaskill, Connie Eisenbrey, for an 8:00 Sunday School class, new job opportunities, Justin, Jesse, Charlie Fleetwood, Craig, Ray Gibson, all pastoral families who have moved, Dawn Neilson, Vicki, Brandon, the Schultes family, the victims of flooding, the victims of the earthquake, Merry, Gerald Zeveny, Andrea, Dean, Doris Rickert, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Ferd Nelson, Jean Hutchman, Johnny Meehan, Brenda Beissel, the Fisher family, Elle Sheaffer, Carlton Goodhand, Dot Sophos, Alma Brittingham, Janice Brittingham Conaway, Cynthia, George Reph, Karen Hock, all in the 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: Karen Williams, the LaMotte family, the best country in the world, and Joan Eisenbrey.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Kay Meade, the family and friends of John Muncey, the family and friends of Roger Ryall, the family and friends of Dan Smith, the family and friends of Carlton Goodhand, Samantha Leister, Betty Ziesel, Anne Spicer, Brayden Rosebrook, Kim McClure, Alex's son, Sally and Howard Todd, Gilbert Emory, Jim, for everyone with financial worries, Lydia Ann Carmine, Arnold Williams, Diane Gehlert, Diane's niece, Charlie, Sandy, Rob Craig, Londyn Hudson, Chris Miller and family, Jim Wightman, Beverly Harrison, Leroy Hitchens, Dave, Bill, Bill Gaskill and family, Kay, Connie Eisenbrey, all who have lost children, Bernie, Chip Sheats, Robin, Alex, Andrew Parsons, for the closure of internment camps for immigrants, Justin, Jesse, Charlie Fleetwood, Craig, Ella, Christopher, Ray Gibson, Dawn Neilson, Vicki, Brandon, the Schultes family, the victims of flooding throughout the nation, Merry, Jim, Shannon and family, Jack Simons, Gerald Zeveny, Andrea, Dean, Doris Rickert, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Ferd Nelson, Jean Hutchman, Johnny Meehan, Brenda Beissel, the Fisher family, Elle Sheaffer, Dot Sophos, Alma Brittingham, Janice Brittingham Conaway, Cynthia, George Reph, Karen Hoch, all in the Milford hospital, for everyone with cancer and their families, Joe, Susan, Jerry, Rich, Marc,

Sally, Joan Eisenbrey, Gary Swain, Pat Rust, Michele Barto Winn, Dee Ann Mason, Elwood Leary, Pat Dunne, Beth Judy, Lisa Shaw, Glen Stevenson, and Kirsten Pearce.

Praise God for: the love of Jesus.

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.

UPCOMING

2019 YARD SALE: Only 2 weeks till the Yard Sale!! Have you finished cleaning out? This Sunday, July 21st, the men will be setting up the table thru out the church, immediately after the 12:00 p.m. service. We could use extra help if anyone can give us a hour or 2.

Then on Monday, July 22nd, we will begin receiving donations from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., sorting, and displaying the items. This is a huge job and all help will be greatly appreciated. Donations can include clean/gently used items - clothing and shoes, linens, furniture, seasonal items, housewares, toys, and small, working kitchen appliances and lamps. **Please, NO books, TV's, computer parts of any kind (cords/monitors) or large appliances.** Thank you in advance for your support.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: We will be meeting on **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: "Milford School District has many homeless children. The Avenue Knitters/Crocheters can help support them by providing hats, mittens and scarves. Please join us in knitting and/or crocheting any of those items?? We have the yarn for you, come see us in the Grier Room any Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Finished items can be delivered to the Grier Room on Wednesdays or to the Church Office an time. The first delivery date will be Sunday before Thanksgiving."

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 July is "A Heartfelt Covenant." The lesson for July 21st lesson is "Jesus Teaches About Transforming Love" based on Matthew 5:39-48; and July 28th lesson is "Jesus Teaches About Spiritual Discernment" based on Matthew 7:1-6, 15-23. All of these lessons are from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Plan to come as often as you can.

CARD MINISTRY: Cards - "Made with Love" from Avenue UMC have been a long time tradition. Come join us on **Wednesday, September 11th at 10:30 a.m.** in the Grier Room. If you have any questions, please call Brenda Biessel at (302) 270-1764.

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS—HELP WANTED: Volunteer drivers for the Meals On Wheels program delivering food to seniors a couple of hours a day, one or two days a week out of the Milford Senior Center. Mileage reimbursement available. Contact Sue Headly, Site Manager, at 302-535-3094.



Please Join Us for a Fundraising Event!

**Cub Scout Pack 186
Milford– Silicato Way
August 26, 2019 | 4 to 9pm**

When this voucher is presented at time of order, an amount equal to 20% of your total bill will be donated to Cub Scout Pack 186.



Vouchers cannot be handed out on premises. Disregard to this policy will result in termination of the event.

This offer valid for dine-in and takeout only | GrottoPizza.com |  

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

Avenue United Methodist Church

20 N. Church Street

Milford, DE. 19963

(302) 422 - 8111



CALENDAR

SUNDAY 7/21

- 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

MONDAY 7/22

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

TUESDAY 7/23

- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. Central DE Chess Club,
Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY 7/24

- 10:00 a.m. Youth Bible Study, Wesley Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting/Crocheting Group,
Grier Room

THURSDAY 7/25

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 2:15 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion
- 6:00 p.m. Improv Group, Heritage Room
- 6:30 p.m. BOLM, Grier Room

FRIDAY 7/26

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

SATURDAY 7/27

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

SUNDAY 7/28

- 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