



# AVENUE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## *The Midweek*

*Wednesday, July 31, 2019*

*From the desk of our Pastors . . .*

The folks who have been working to get ready for the yard sale show up a little after me at the church every day so I have the blessings of hearing the work start off quietly and crescendo throughout the day as items get sorted, tagged and staged in the various rooms where they will be sold. It takes many hardworking and dedicated volunteers to make it happen and I want to thank each person who has given of their time and energy to get it done. I pray God blesses you all with the same enthusiasm you have blessed this church.

But at the end of the day, when the church becomes silent again and I walk through the corridors and rooms to see what progress has been, I can't help but think of all the people who will be blessed by the outcome of this annual event. Proverbs 14:23 tells us that "All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty." The hard work being done by the team of yard sale volunteers will indeed lead to a profit, and not just the financial type, that will allow Avenue Church to pursue missions and undertake the work that Jesus wants us to do for those in need.

Only God knows what the outcome will be but I like to think that every folded shirt will lead someone to Christ. Every piece of furniture that is moved will help someone find the peace of the Lord. Every candle sold will light up the hearts of someone facing trials with the power of the Holy Spirit. That is the best type of profit we could ever hope for.

And while it seems very strange not to see Peggy Hughes running around in the midst of all that is happening, I have great faith that she asked God to bless the outcome of the work that is being done this year, and all the years to follow. I am equally sure she got God to listen. (If you have not yet noticed, there are shirts available for sale in the office that commemorate Peggy and her work with the yard sale. Proceeds will benefit the food pantry.)

So even though the yard sale officially starts tomorrow, August 1, the work and the blessings are already underway as God surely has great plans for all those involved, Avenue Church, and the recipients of the blessings to come. Thanks be to God. And to Him belongs the glory and power forever and ever.

Pastor Henry



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

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.



This offer valid for dine-in and takeout only | [GrottoPizza.com](http://GrottoPizza.com) |  

## 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 Kay Meade, the family and friends of LeeAnn Webb-Pritchett, the family and friends of Carlton Goodhand, the family and friends of Dot Sophos, the family and friends of Rufus "Jerre" Lane, the family and friends of Barbara Moore, the family and friends of Michele Barto Winn, Betty Ziesel, Bobby, those whom Robert left behind, Brayden Rosebrook, Kim McClure, Alex's son, Sally and Howard Todd, Gilbert Emory, Beverly Purdue, Jim, for all with financial issues, Lydia Ann Carmine, Commander Thomas Baker, for someone recovering from knee pain, Arnold Williams, Diane Gehlert, Diane's niece, Charlie, Bobby and family, for all who are sick, Sandy, Rob Craig, Londyn Hudson, Chris Miller and family, John Wightman, Beverly Harrison, Leroy Hitchens, Dave, Bill, Alan Jester, Bill Gaskill and family, Kay, Connie Eisenbrey, Lillian, all who have lost children, Chip Sheats, Bernie, Robin, Alex, Andrew Parsons, for the closure of internment camps, the return of the 8:00 Sunday school class, for new job opportunities for everyone seeking employment, Justin, Jesse, Charlie Fleetwood, Craig, Ella, Christopher, Ray Gibson, Dawn Neilson, Vicki, Brandon, the Schultes family, the victims of flooding, Jim, Shannon, Jack Simon, Gerald Zeveny, Andrea, Dean, Doris Rickert, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Ferd Nelson, Jean Hutchman, Brenda Beissel, the Fisher family, Elle Sheaffer, Alma Brittingham, Janice Brittingham Conaway, Cynthia, George Repp, Karen Hoch, Dawn Willis, all in the Milford Hospital, all those with cancer and their families, Joe, Susan, Jerry, Rich, Marc, Sally, Joan Eisenbrey, Gary Swain, Pat Rust, Dee Ann Mason, Elwood Leary, Pat Dunne, Beth Judy, Lisa Shaw, Glen Stevenson, Kirsten Pearce and Lori's mother.

**Praise God for:** The love of Jesus and Betty .

**PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK:** All who carry heavy burdens and the people God sends to help carry them, the family and friends of LeeAnn Webb-Pritchett, the family and friends of Jerre Lane, Betty Ziesel, Bobby, peace for those Robert left behind, Brayden Rosebrook, Kim McClure, Alex's son, Sally and Howard Todd, Gilbert Emory, Beverly Purdue, Jim, the victims of mass shootings in the country, all those with financial issues, Lydia Ann Carmine, Thomas Baker, Arnold Williams, Diane Gehlert, Diane's niece, Charlie, Bobby and family, all who are sick, Sandy, Londyn Hudson, Chris Miller and family, Chris Miller and family, John Wightman, Beverly Harrison, Leroy Hitchens, Dave, Bill, Alan Jester, Bill Gaskill and family, Kay, Connie Eisenbrey, Lillian, all who have lost children, Chip Sheats, Bernie, Robin, Alex, Andrew Parsons, an 8:00 am Sunday school class, new job opportunities, Justin, Jesse, Charlie Fleetwood, Craig, Pierce Fender, John Rogerson, Marie Ann & Cheryl Cauffman, everyone working on the yard sale, Ella, Christopher, Ray Gibson, Vicki, Brandon, the Schultes family,

victims of natural disasters, Jim, Jack Simons, Gerald Zeveney, Andrea, Dean, Doris Rickert, Lida Wells, Linda Breedlove, Ferd Nelson, Jean Hutchman, Brenda Beissel, the Fisher family, Elle Sheaffer, Alma Brittingham, Janice Brittingham Conaway, Cynthia, George Reph, Kyle Blain, Karen Hoch, Dawn Willis, all in Milford Hospital, Joe, Susan, Jerry, Rich, Marc, Sally, Joan Eisenbrey, Gary Swain, Pat Rust, Dee Ann Mason, Elwood Leary, Pat Dunne, Beth Judy, Lisa Shaw, Glen Stevenson, Kirsten Pearce, and Lori's mom .

**Praise God for:** The love of Jesus, Karen and Mike Williams, and a new job for Craig .

## **WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:**

### **♫Handbells**

Resume on Monday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### **♫MomentUM Praise Team**

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### **♫Mispillion Children's Chorus**

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

### **♫Praise Team**

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### **♫Sanctuary Choir**

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

### **♫AveNotes**

Resume on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 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:** The bags and boxes are all empty; the items all on tables; and everything has been priced. Everything is ready for the 2019 Yard Sale. **Now all we need are the people!** Please come and join us on Thursday, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> between 2:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. (\$1.00 admission applies this day only), Friday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m., or Saturday, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. On Saturday at the close of the Yard Sale we need people to help pack up the remaining items for further donations. If you can help, please show up and we will put you to work. Thank you for your past and future help and donations.

## **SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES**

**SMALL GROUPS W/PASTOR STEVE:** During the months of August and September, there will be small group gatherings of 10-12 people in the homes of Avenue members to spend time getting to know Pastor Steve and sharing what you love about Avenue Church. There are several small groups with dates available to sign up for now, with more on the way. You may contact the Church Office (422-8111 | [churchoffice@avenueumc.com](mailto:churchoffice@avenueumc.com)) for more information.

**TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** The return of Sunday School is just around the corner. We have classes for children of all ages as well as adults. There will be registration forms in the lobby to get connected to a class. Forms will also be available on our Facebook

page. Sunday School begins September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED:** With Sunday School starting back up, we are looking for additional teachers, assistants, and substitutes. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Patty Shockley, Miriam Case or church office at churchoffice@avenueumc.com.

**TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY:** We will be meeting on **August 13<sup>th</sup>** 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. **There will be a time for collecting on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.**"

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:** Summer Sunday School for adults led by Rev. John Van Tine, retired plus others meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Grier Room. The study for August is "Covenant: A Personal Perspective." The lesson for August 4<sup>th</sup> is "A Covenant Between Friends" based on I Samuel 18:1-5; 19:1-7; August 11<sup>th</sup>, "A Mother-Daughter Covenant" based on Ruth 1:6-11, 14-18; August 18<sup>th</sup>, "A Covenant to Marry" based on Ruth 3:1-6, 8-12, 16-18; and August 25<sup>th</sup>, "A Covenant of Mutual Love" based on Ephesians 5:21-33. 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** in the Grier Room. If you have any questions, please call Brenda Biessel at (302) 270-1764.

## **COMMUNITY**

**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.

**2019 Yard Sale**  
**Avenue United Methodist Church**

**Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00 pm -- 6:00 pm**

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

**Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 am -- 4:30 pm**

**Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 am -- 12:00 pm**

All proceeds go to missions of the church.

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# CALENDAR

## SUNDAY 8/4 ~ Communion

- 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 8/5

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

## TUESDAY 8/6

- 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 8/7

- 10:00 a.m. Youth Bible Study,  
Wesley Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting/Crocheting Group,  
Grier Room
- 6:45 p.m. Pride of Delmarva,  
Fellowship Hall

## THURSDAY 8/8

- 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 8/9

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

## SATURDAY 8/10

- 1:00 p.m. Wilcox Party, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

## SUNDAY 8/11

- 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