



AVENUE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” This scripture from 2 Corinthians 5:7 kept repeating in my mind as I swam up and down the lane at the Milford Boys & Girls Club.

As it turns out, I was swimming in faith and not by sight as well. For almost a year, I had given up my daily ritual of swimming in the morning. But now I am back at it and thanks to my “coach” Gary Seal (who keeps me accountable for going as often as possible), I was trying to get in the pool at least four days a week.

But my equipment was old and the coating on the lenses of my goggles was no longer working. My goggles were fogging up so badly that I could not see in front of me. I also could not see when I turned my head to breathe even though the lane lines were brightly colored.

Stroke-by-stroke I kept going because I knew I was going to touch the wall in front of me, even when I could not see it, so the chance of me hitting my head was small. I also knew that the aforementioned lane lines would keep me in a straight path.

The analogy of not being able to visualize the path, but continuing to move forward is what we do when we trust God to guide us through life. We can’t see what is coming but as long as we have trust and faith in our Savior and stayed tuned in to Him, we will get where we are headed. And to God be the glory forever and ever.

Pastor Gary

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 Edie Perry, the family and friends of Gary Swain, the family and friends of Kaity Milford-West, all the victims of the mass shootings, Bonnie Simon, Betty Ziesel, Bobby, Jenna Warrington, the Draper and Tucker families, Brayden Rosebrook, Sally and Howard Todd, Gilbert Emory, Bill Brererton, Marty Brererton, Jim, Pat Matthews, family and friends of Bobby Walls (2009 graduate of William Penn H.S. as to not confuse this with any other Bobby Walls), everyone with financial issues, Lydia Ann Carmine, Arnold Williams, Charlie, all who are sick, Sandy, Londyn Hudson, Chris Miller and family, John Wightman, Beverly Harrison, Leroy Hitchens, Dave, Bill, Alan Jester, Bill Gaskill, Kay, Jay, Wendy (not Pastor Wendy), Connie Eisenbrey, Lillian, all who have lost children, Chip Sheats, Bernie, Robin, Andrew Parsons, for the closure of internment camps, an 8:00 Sunday school class, new job opportunities, Justin, Jesse, Charlie Fleetwood, Craig, Linda Johnson-Miller, Ella, Christopher, Ray Gibson, Vicki, Brandon, the Schultes family, for the victims of natural disasters throughout the nation, Jim, Shannon, 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, Karen Hoch, Dawn Willis, all in Milford Hospital, Joe, Susan, Jerry, Rich, Marc, Sally, Joan Eisenbrey, Pat Rust, Dee Ann Mason, Elwood Leary, Pat Dunne, Beth Judy, Lisa Shaw, Glen Stevenson, Kirsten Pearce, Lori's mother.

Praise God for: The love of Jesus, everyone who worked and supported the Yard Sale.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: Bobby, Courtney, Clementine Lisa, DeeAnn Mason, the homeless, 8:00 a.m. bible study, Charlie Fleetwood, Steve Zeveney, Dan Johnson, the Anderson family, Doris Rickert, family and friends of Logan Brooke and Chelsea Wooters, Craig, Domingo Belez and Norman Dill.

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:

Bob and Jan Perkins will celebrate their **66th** anniversary on **August 15th**.

Harry and Carolyn Humes will celebrate their **59th** anniversary on **August 27th**.

UPCOMING

KICK-OFF SUNDAY will be **September 8th**. To celebrate, we will be holding a combined worship service at 10:30 a.m. outside under the tent. Worship will be followed by a picnic here at the church. Meat, drinks, desserts, and paper products will be provided. If you are able, you are welcome to bring a side dish to share. Bring a friend to worship with and get connected to the Avenue family!

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

2019 YARD SALE FOLLOWUP MEETING: There will be a short Yard Sale follow-up meeting on **Monday, August 19th** in the **Grier Room at 1:00 p.m.** Please attend as you are able.

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) 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 15th** 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 begin the fall season on **Sept. 10th** 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 18th, "A Covenant to Marry" based on Ruth 3:1-6, 8-12, 16-18; and August 25th, "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 11th at 10:30 a.m.** in the Grier Room. If you have any questions, please call Brenda Biessel at (302) 270-1764.

COMMUNITY

AVENUE AT THE RIVERWALK FESTIVAL: Avenue will be hosting a booth at Milford's annual Riverwalk Festival on Saturday, September 14th. We are looking for folks to help be the face of Avenue Church as we share about our ministries and build relationships in the community. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Lobby if you would like to help out. You can contact Pastor Steve for more information.

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.



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

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Celtic to Classical
presents

Brahms and the Blues

Friday, August 23rd, 7:30 PM

Avenue United Methodist Church
20 N. Church St., Milford, DE 19963



***no charge – a
free-will offering
will be taken
(suggested, \$15)***

***For additional performances
of this program at other
Southern DE locations on
other dates, see below****



Cellist Jonah Kim leads a program that draws parallels between the soulfulness of German composer Johannes Brahms and that of the American-born blues. Featured are movements from the Brahms's *Piano Quintet in F Minor* and *Piano Trio in C Major* alongside the blues of Gary Moore, B.B. King and more. Jonah is joined by *Celtic to Classical* producer and pianist/arranger Sheridan Seyfried as well as violinists Moni Simeonov and Alexis Meschter, violist Jessica Chang and pianist Ya-Jhu Yang. Come join us for the very last concert of our 2019 summer series at Avenue UMC!

Performers

Jonah Kim, cello
Sheridan Seyfried, piano
Moni Simeonov, violin
Alexis Meschter, violin
Jessica Chang, viola
Ya-Jhu Yang, piano



*Additional performances of *Brahms and the Blues*: Tue., 8/20, 7:30 PM at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist (Milton), Wed., 8/21, 7:30 PM at Epworth UMC (Rehoboth) and Thurs., 8/22, 7:30 PM at St. Martha's Episcopal (Bethany). Please see our website for information about other programs.

for more details visit
www.celtictoclassical.com

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8/18

- 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. Helmick Reception,
Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

MONDAY 8/19

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206
- 1:00 p.m. Yard Sale Follow-up Meeting,
Grier Room
- 7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers,
Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 8/20

- 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. Trustee's Meeting, Grier Room

WEDNESDAY 8/21

- 1:30 p.m. Knitting/Crocheting Group,
- 6:30 p.m. Pride of Delmarva,
Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 8/22

- 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. Discipleship Pathway,
Carpenter Room

FRIDAY 8/23

- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 7:30 p.m. Concert: Celtic to Classical,
Sanctuary

SATURDAY 8/24

- 8:30 a.m. Music School of Delaware,
Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 8/25

- 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