



## *The Midweek*

***Wednesday, September 11, 2019***

*From the desk of our Pastors . . .*

It's hard to believe that this is the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. I still remember, as most people do, exactly where I was when I heard about the first plane going into the World Trade Center. I was stuck in traffic at 9:00 am and on my cell phone as part of a daily telecon with members of my team from around the world to do a status update. One of the media managers who walked into the call a few minutes late happened to mention that a plane had flown into one of the towers.

Not having all the data, we assumed it was likely to have been a small tourist plane. While that still would have been horrible, it would not have been on the scale of what the actual event turned out to be. It was not until I got into my office and turned on the television that I saw the footage of the first plane. As the news crew was covering the first crash, it broadcast live the second merely by happenstance. We truly could not believe what we were watching. We thought we were watching a movie of some kind.

In today's world of special effects, nanotechnology and robotics it's easy to understand how some could think it was a show out of Hollywood or fake news. But no matter how much we wanted to believe it was not real, it most certainly was. Even to this day there are people who think that 9/11 truly didn't occur.

It makes me wonder what would happen if Jesus came back today and tried to

get the world to notice Him with His miracles. Would anyone pay attention? How many people would doubt that He was the real deal and not a magician who, with a slight of hand, changed water into wine? Or how many would think that the healing of the lepers was a con of some type where actors were chosen to play lepers and then “conveniently” were healed? How many people, not matter what they saw with their own eyes, would think Jesus was a phony?

God sent His Son for the sake of the world. The Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments tell of His coming and how He will be our source of salvation. Scripture tells us in John 20: 31 that “these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

We can believe, because to quote from a child’s song, “for the Bible tells us so.” What an amazing God we serve who gave us His only Son as the Messiah.

Let us take some time today to remember all those who were lost on this day 18 years ago and to lift before the Lord their families and friends who still mourn their loss. For 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, 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:** John Horseman, Dean Johnson, Rob and Julia, Henry and Toni Berfelder, Larry Eisenhower, Protection for those serving as police officers, firefighters, and our military, Lois Harcum, Weldon Harcum, Craig, Prayers for the upcoming Chrysalis and Emmaus weekends as well as the Kairos Outside weekend, Jim Evans, Bill Gaskill and Charlie Fleetwood.

**Praise God for:** Jay for healing and rejoicing with those whose prayers have been answered.

**PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK:** The family and friends of Joan Eisenbrey, John Horsman, Lydia Ann Carmine, Dean, Betty, Kirsten Pearce, the family and friends of Doris Rickert, Owen McDonald, Charlie Fleetwood, Marty and Bill Brereton, Linda Breedlove, Jean Hutchman, Beverly Harrison, Amy, Christopher, Craig, Bill Gaskill, and Jean Layton.

**Praise God for:** A wonderful fall kickoff service.

### WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

#### ♪Handbells

Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

#### ♪MomentUM Praise Team

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

#### ♪Misplion Children's Chorus

Tuesdays, at 6:15 p.m., Music Room

#### ♪Praise Team

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

#### ♪Sanctuary Choir

Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m., Music Room

#### ♪AveNotes

Wednesdays 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](mailto:kbchamberlain@avenueumc.com) or (302) 236-1276.

## **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

**Terry Andrews** who will celebrate his **86<sup>th</sup>** birthday on **September 11<sup>th</sup>**.

## **ANNIVERSARY GREETING TO:**

**Jerry and Margie Tucker** will celebrate their **51<sup>st</sup>** anniversary on **September 14<sup>th</sup>**.

## **Sympathy To:**

The family and friends of **Joan Eisenbrey** who passed away on September 7, 2019. Joan joined Avenue Church on March 20, 2005.

## **UPCOMING**

**WORSHIP:** We will begin a new series called "Greater" as we look at the book of Colossians. Through the series, we will look at what life "in" Jesus looks and how to live that out in our own lives. This week, Pastor Wendy will be sharing from Colossians 1:9-14.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)** is gearing up to have a terrific year of mission projects, expanding our knowledge of God, fellowship with other women and being the hands and feet for Jesus. We share concerns, prayers, meaningful books and enjoy our times of mission work, especially for women and children. Any woman, is welcome to be a part of United Methodist Women, to attend a small group Circle meeting and help support gatherings that take place at Avenue. You are welcome and we would love to have you join us.

**UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:** Circle meetings for September will take place on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at three different times - Sarah at 9:45 am, Mary/Martha at 1:30 pm and Esther at 5:30 pm for a salad supper and meeting. Please come to a meeting that fits your time schedule and help us make a difference. (Normally, Esther circle meets on the second Wednesday of the month.)

If meetings aren't your thing, but you would like to be in the loop of UMW happenings and could attend and help out from time to time, you might be interested in **an electronic circle - E-Circle**. Just send or give your e-mail address to Beth Parker at [bparke42@comcast.net](mailto:bparke42@comcast.net)

**UMW GENERAL MEETING: Save the date** - Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. for a general meeting, open to everyone, to learn about the mission - *Clothing Our Kids*. Details to follow.

## **SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES**

**SMALL GROUPS W/PASTOR STEVE:** During the month of 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.

**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](mailto:churchoffice@avenueumc.com).

**TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY:** On **Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**, we will begin a new study "A Nation in Crisis—Study Book of Joshua by David Jeremiah. 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 **any** time. There will be a time for **the final** collecting on the Sunday before Thanksgiving."

**SUNSHINE BIBLE CLASS FOR ADULTS:** The Sunshine Bible Class for adults will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Grier Room. Our study for September is "God the Creator." The lesson for September 15<sup>th</sup>, the lesson is "The Thick Darkness" based on Exodus 19: 9-25: 20: 18-21; September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the lesson is "God's First Creation" based on Proverbs 8:1-3, 12-36; and September 29<sup>th</sup>, the lesson is "God's Ultimate Messenger" based on Hebrews 1:1-14. This class is taught by Rev. John Van Tine, retired. Please plan to attend these exciting lessons.

**CARD MINISTRY—UPDATE:** **We are going to postpone the card ministry for another few weeks.** If you have any questions or are intersted, please call Brenda Biessel at (302) 270-1764.

**EXPLORING YOUR FAITH BOOK CLUB:** Exploring Your Faith Book Club will meet on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** in the Grier Room at 12:15 p.m. We will begin a new study based on the book "When Did God become Christian?" by David Kalas. This study is led by Rev. John Van Tine, retired. This group meets on the third Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

## **COMMUNITY**

**AVENUE AT THE RIVERWALK FESTIVAL:** Avenue will be hosting a booth at Milford's annual Riverwalk Festival on **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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 ([srlamotte@avenueumc.com](mailto:srlamotte@avenueumc.com)) 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.



Don't forget that Sunday School starts this Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

You can still register online at

<https://forms.gle/ypqnf7bzcgvpWgfE9> or this Sunday in Fellowship Hall.

# **The Mispillion Children's Chorus**

Open to All students AGES 6-12

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

Two Rehearsal locations and times:

*Select the one that works best for your child's schedule*

**The Milford Boys & Girls Club**

*Tuesday from 3:00-4:00 p.m.*

**Avenue United Methodist Church**

*Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m.*



**NO AUDITIONS!**

**NO FEES!**

**NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE  
REQUIRED!**

*No member affiliation necessary with either B&G Club  
or with Avenue United Methodist Church*

*A commitment from parents/guardians that  
students attend regularly and participate in the  
choral performances.*

**QUESTIONS:**

[themispillionchildrengorus@gmail.com](mailto:themispillionchildrengorus@gmail.com)

Sharon Starling (302) 422-2785

Kevin B. Chamberlain (302) 422-8111



# *Health Ministry*



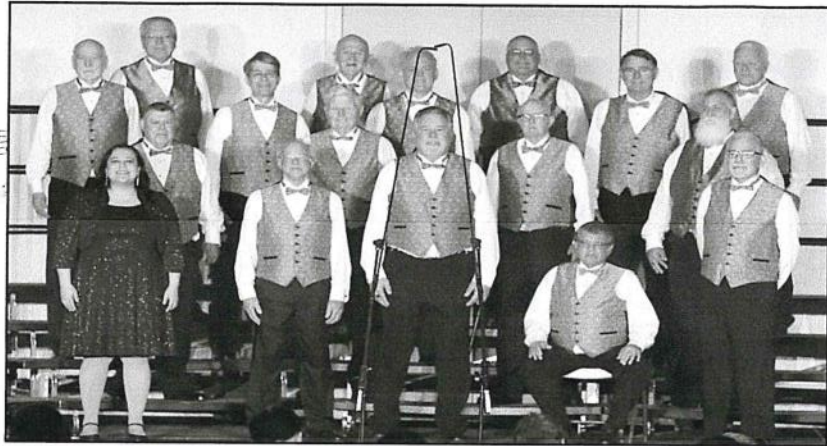
## **Heath Ministries Planning Committee Meeting**

September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m in Grier Room

Health care providers or anyone interested in the development of this program – you are welcome to come.



# ***"A Cappella Extravaganza VII"***



The **First State Harmonizers**, and the **Voices of DelMarVa** will perform some of their most requested songs in four part harmony and debut a number of new songs in their repertoire.

**Quartets** will also give featured performances as part of the show.



***Sunday, September 29, 2019***

***Modern Maturity Center***

*1121 Forrest Ave  
Dover, Delaware*

***Time - 2:30 p.m.***

***General Admission: \$ 15.00***

**ORDER TICKETS ONLINE at: [www.firststateharmonizers.com](http://www.firststateharmonizers.com)**

**Or Call: (302) 422-8620**

**Tickets will be available at the door.**

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Delaware Division of the **Arts**



**October 13, 2019**

**9:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**

# CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY 9/15**

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class,  
Grier Room
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Exploring Faith Book Club,  
Grier Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room &  
Fellowship Hall

## **MONDAY 9/16**

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Health Ministries Meeting,  
Grier Room
- 6:30 p.m. Tiger Den, Heritage Room
- 6:30 p.m. Webelos Den, Holz. Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers,  
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206

## **TUESDAY 9/17**

- 9:45 a.m. Sarah Circle Meeting at Mary Jo  
Lear's residence
- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study,  
Grier Room
- 1:30 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle's Meeting,  
Grier Room
- 5:00 p.m. Mispillion Children's Chorus,  
Music Room
- 5:30 p.m. Esther Circle Meeting,  
Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Lion's Den, Holzmueeller Room
- 7:00 p.m. Central DE Chess Club,  
Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting,  
Grier Room

## **WEDNESDAY 9/18**

- 1:30 p.m. Knitting/Crocheting Group
- 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion  
Group
- 6:00 p.m. AveNotes, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Wolf Den, Wesley Room
- 6:45 p.m. Pride of Delmarva,  
Fellowship Hall

## **THURSDAY 9/19**

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion  
Group
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 2:15 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion
- 6:30 p.m. Arrow of Light Den Meeting,  
Wesley Room
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC, Carpenter Room

## **FRIDAY 9/20**

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

## **SATURDAY 9/21**

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

## **SUNDAY 9/22**

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class,  
Grier Room
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room &  
Fellowship Hall