



AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

If you were not paying attention to social media on Friday, September 20th, allow me to share with you one of the stories that was trending. It was the story of “a pastor” from the Church of the Pastafarians who gave the invocation at a government meeting in Alaska that week. By way of background, Alaska had passed legislation to recognize “fringe religions” and this was one of the “denominations” that had been included.

So as a recognized religion, the “pastor” was invited to give the “prayer” at the opening of the day’s session. Wearing a colander on his head, this is what he said.

“So I’m called to invoke the power of the true inebriated creator of the universe, the drunken tolerator (sic) of the all lesser and more recent gods, and maintainer of gravity here on earth. May the great flying spaghetti monster rouse himself from his stupor and let his noodly appendages ground each assembly member in the seats. Ramen!”

To be honest, I don’t even know what to say about this whole thing. The only thing that comes to my mind is, “are you kidding me?”

But I do know what scripture says. 2 Timothy 4: 3-4 tells us “For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.”

There are some weeks when things are so obvious I don't have to draw a conclusion in the Midweek. This is one of those times. Let us just pray for all those people who "to suit their own desires" will listen to false teachers about God. Let us pray that the truth of the Holy Spirit fills each wayward person and they come to know the true Savior Jesus Christ.

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, flowing style.

October Meeting Reminders

- * **UMM Pancake Breakfast**, October 6th in Fellowship Hall
- * **UMW Board Meeting**, October 7th at 3:00 p.m. in Grier Room
- * **Finance Committee Meeting**, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. in Heritage Room
- * **Flu Shots**, October 13th from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- * **UMW General Meeting/Luncheon**, October 13th at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- * **Health Ministries Meeting**, October 14th at 6:30 p.m. in Grier Room
- * **Church Council**, October 30th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

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: Pray for Great Test Results, Jean Davis, Alan Jester, Charles Stevenson, Karen, Keith Meck, prayers for DIL for help in decision regarding job offer, Travel mercies for Nancy, Sue Lewis, Holly Maloney, Craig, Healing for Bob and Jake, Dan Falta, Naomi and the family and friends of Ferd Nelson.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Ferd Nelson, Dean Johnson, Betty and Rami Ziesel, Kelly Beissel, Darrin, the McMahon family, Amber, Elle Sheaffer, John McBlain, Alan Jester, Charles Stevenson, Owen Hovatter, Joy Benham, everyone suffering from some type of mental illness, Jean Layton, Kirsten Pearce and family, Craig, Christopher, a daughter trying to sell her house, Charlie Fleetwood, Lydia Ann Carmine, Bill and Marty Brereton, Linda Breedlove, Beverly Harrison, all those with financial issues, all with relationship concerns, everyone seeking a job, Bill Gaskill and family.

Praise God for: Vaughn and Tracy Webb, the Hovatter family, all those whose prayers have been answered.

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

♪Handbells

Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

♪MomentUM Praise Team

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♪Mispillion 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 or (302) 236-1276.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Jean Murphy who will celebrate her **92nd** birthday on **October 1st**.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Hank and Birgit Haefeli who will celebrate their **64th** anniversary on **October 1st**.

UPCOMING

FALL BIBLE STUDIES: We are kicking off some Bible Studies in the month of October. Joining a study is a great way to grow in your knowledge of the Bible and God as well as getting to grow in your relationships with others here at Avenue. Here are some of the offerings starting up in October. You can sign-up for a class in the Fellowship Foyer.

24 Hours That Changed the World: Join Rev. John Van Tine on Tuesday evenings beginning **October 8th** for six weeks to look at the death of Jesus and how it changed the world.

Disciple Bible Study: Josh Willey will be teaching this 36 week journey through the Bible. You'll learn the narrative arc of the Bible as well as key themes, terms, and how the Bible applies to your life. Date: TBD

Christian Believer: Join Elaine Willey for *Christian Believer*, a 30-week study focused on classical teachings of the Christian faith through the use of words, symbols, and hymns. Date: TBD

The Epic of Ruth will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning **October 9th** at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Steve. We will look at the three main characters of the story of Ruth and see ourselves in those characters, and see how they point us to Christ. Contact Pastor Steve at srlamotte@avenueumc.com for more information.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will be starting soon. Confirmation is an opportunity for 7th graders (and older teens) to learn more about what it means to be a Christian and to make their faith their own. Our plan is to meet two Sunday's a month beginning in October from 4:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Students can stay for dinner and Fusion afterwards. If you have a 7th-12th grader who would be interested in Confirmation Classes, please email Pastor Steve at srlamotte@avenueumc.com.

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS will be held on **Sunday, November 3rd** from 12:15 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. This class is for those who are interested in learning more about Avenue Church, what it means to live as a Christian through the church, and to pursue become a member of Avenue. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by emailing Kelly at churchoffice@avenueumc.com

WORSHIP: We are in the middle of a study 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 1:24-29.

UMCOR OFFERING will be received on **Sunday, October 6th** at all worship services to support the ongoing recovery efforts in the Bahamas following Hurricane Dorian. Checks can be made payable to Avenue UMC with "UMCOR" in the memo.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is one of the top rated charitable organizations in the country. Overhead fees are paid for from apportionments to ensure that 100% of donations go where they are earmarked to go.

METHODIST MEN (UMM) are proud to serve the first Pancake Breakfast of the year on **October 6th**. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee and tea will be **served immediately after all three services. A free-will offering will be accepted.** Funds from this meal will help provide a Boy Scout college scholarship to a high school graduate from Troop #186. Other mission projects will also be funded. Join us for a most excellent breakfast and fellowship.

FLU VACCINES AT AUMC: On Sunday, **October 13th** from **9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m** in Fellowship Hall. All you need to do is bring your pharmacy benefit insurance card, Medicare, Medicaid or VA card. **No co-pay.** If you have any questions, please call Walgreens at (302) 424-6300, option 2 and the option 3.

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 GENERAL MEETING: **Save the date - Sunday, October 13th** at 12:30 p.m. for a general meeting, open to everyone, to learn about the mission - *Clothing Our Kids*. Details to follow.

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS: Circle meetings for October will take place on Wednesday October 9th at 7:00 p.m. (Esther Circle) and Tuesday, October 15th - Sarah at 9:45 a.m., and Mary/Martha at 1:30 p.m. Please come to a meeting that fits your time schedule and help us make a difference.

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.

HEALTH MINISTRIES: Our next meeting will be on **October 14th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Grier Room.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING HELP NEEDED: Lisa Johnson is needing help (2-3 volunteers) for decorating the entrance foyer and fellowship foyer for the holidays. If you are able to help on **November 25th or 26th**, please contact Lisa at (302) 422-1086.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

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: On **October 1st**, we will continue our 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 29th, 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 interested, please call Brenda Biessel at (302) 270-1764.

EXPLORING YOUR FAITH BOOK CLUB: Exploring Your Faith Book Club will meet on **Sunday, October 20th** in the Grier Room at 12:15 p.m. We will continue our study based on the book "When Did God become Christian?" by David Kalas Chapters 4-6 . This study is led by Rev. John Van Tine, retired. This group meets on the third Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY

MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY: The Milford Community Pantry will be blessed by the Milford Lion's FALL FOOD DRIVE. We need help on **November 2nd** at 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to sort, box and shelf the items collected. If you can help please call Tita Lewis at 664-1321 or email titacarlson@hotmail.com.

As for our food collection at church (the 3rd Sunday) I suggest: canned fruit, shampoo, green beans. All items are wonderful but we are short on these 3 items presently. We always appreciate the help we reserve from Avenue's congregation.

The Mispillion Children's Chorus

Open to All students AGES 6-12

Come Sing with Us

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:

themispillionchildrenschorus@gmail.com

Sharon Starling (302) 422-2785

Kevin B. Chamberlain (302) 422-8111



Please join Sussex County Volunteer Delaware 50+ and the State Office of Volunteerism as we collect donated items for our deployed servicemen and women who are serving during the holidays.

Donations Accepted: September 11, 2019 – November 12, 2019

Stockings for Soldiers Suggested Donation Items

“Bolded” items are most in demand

- **Small** Individually Packages Meals
 - Tuna/Lasagna/Beefaroni
 - Smaller package (8 oz or less) preferred
 - **Crew Socks, Mole Skin**
 - Slim Jims/Beef Jerky
 - Toothbrushes & Small Toothpastes
 - **Small Candy**
 - Mini-candy bars (send your favorite)
 - Christmas/Halloween candy
 - **Granola/Fruit/Breakfast Bars**
 - **Cookies/Nuts/Pretzels/Trail Mix**
 - Less than 12 oz. size
 - **Flavored drink mixes** (Single Packets)
 - Lemonade, teas, hot cocoa, coffee
 - **Paperback Books** (no romance novels)
- **Ramen Noodle Soup**
- Single packs preferred
- Fruit roll-ups/gushers/Cracker Jacks
- Chewing gum
- ChapStick & Lip balms
- Razors (individual or packs)
- Toiletries & lotions (small package)
- Baby Wipes, Foot powder, sun block
- DVD Movies & Music CDs
- Pocket games & puzzles
- Hand/Foot Warmers/Fly Swatters
- Crossword, Sudoku
- Beanie Babies
- Some Dog/Canine Items for our K9 Heroes

Notes: Smaller, individual sized packaging is preferred to fit into individually packed stockings. We accept all sized packages/containers as donations, larger items are sent to units for snacking.

No aerosol cans or bars of soap please.

Send a Personal Holiday Message of Support & Friendship

(Include return address/email, you might hear back from a soldier. Limit: 100 cards per person)

\$\$\$ Financial Donations to Help with Shipping Costs \$\$\$

Make checks payable to: Stockings for Soldiers

(501.c.3 Tax ID# 27-0604668)

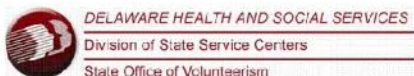
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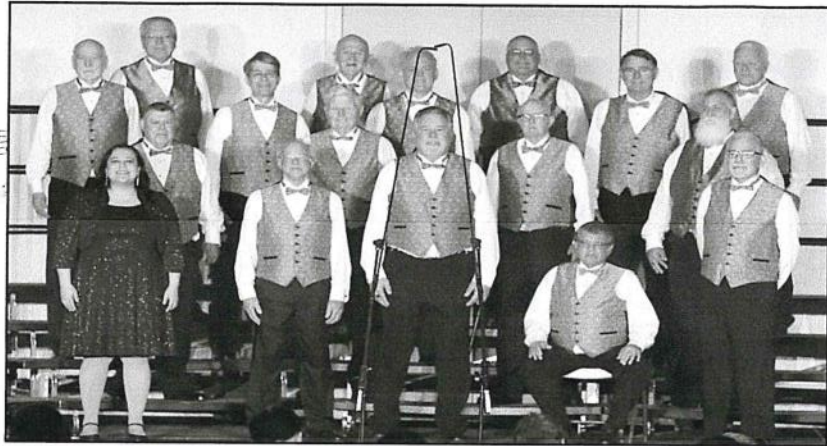
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The Stockings for Soldiers web address is: <http://www.stockingsforsoldiers.org>



"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

Or Call: (302) 422-8620

Tickets will be available at the door.

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Delaware Division of the **Arts**

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF **DONALD BUXTON** we proudly present...

Saturday, October 12, 2019

@ 3:00 p.m.

Calvary Church, 1141 East Lebanon Road, Dover

FALL CLASSICAL CONCERT

Selections include

Bach

Little Fugue in G Minor

Handel

“The Clock” Symphony

Rossini

Overture to the Barber of Seville

Boccherini

Symphony in F Major

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www.DelawareScene.com.

Prices are:

Adults - \$20

Seniors/Students/Military/

First Responders - \$15

Young people 18 & under free with a paying adult

Tickets can now be purchased online at

www.doversymphony.org

Or Call 302-270-1903





October 13, 2019

9:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/29

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Pack Comm. Meeting,
Grier Room

MONDAY 9/30

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Music Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts—Court of Honor,
Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers,
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206

TUESDAY 10/1

- 9:00 a.m. Archives Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study,
Grier Room
- 5:00 p.m. Mispillion Children's Chorus,
Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Lion's Den, Holz. Room
- 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. Disciple 1 Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 10/2

- 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. Voice of Delmarva,
Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 10/3

- 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,
Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. SPRC, Carpenter Room

FRIDAY 10/4

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

SATURDAY 10/5

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

SUNDAY 10/6 ~ Communion

UMM Pancake Breakfast

- 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,
Baptism
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 272 Meeting,
Heritage Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room &
Fellowship Hall