



The Midweek

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

My son Chris recently had a concern related to his car. It wasn't a major problem but the end result was that he had to get his battery replaced. The issue was that his old battery died for good on a Friday evening when he was about 30 minutes away from home. AAA jumped it but when it didn't hold the charge, Chris had to get it towed to a nearby service station that replaced the battery the following morning. But that meant that Chris had to get a ride home that night. Thankfully Uber came to the rescue.

Chris was really bummed. This little setback had ruined his plans for the evening, cost him money he didn't want to spend, and left him without the security of a vehicle in the event he would actually need it.

But when he called me later to tell me he had gotten home okay, he was in a remarkably good mood. His reason was that the Uber driver had been "really great." The guy who picked him up had been sympathetic, supportive, understanding, and kind. He made Chris feel better about the whole situation.

A complete stranger took the time to listen, commiserate and empathize with my son and it made all the difference to Chris that night. As a mother, I am very grateful for what this driver did for my child and I pray that he will also be given grace and understanding when he needs it.

Everyone has those times when we need to rely on a stranger for some reason. Blanche DuBois, in the movie "A Streetcar Named Desire" made famous the line, "I have always depended on the kindness of strangers" and it's true.

But there will also be those times when we ARE those strangers that someone will need to

rely on. Are we ready and willing to be kind, compassionate and understanding in order to care for someone who needs us to make their world better, even if it's only for a half hour on a Friday night?

Scripture is very clear that we need to be the stranger that others can rely on in times of need. Leviticus 25: 35 tells us, "If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner." In Hebrews 13:2, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

We can and need to be those strangers who support others in times of need. That will bring honor and glory to God forever.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Henry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

October/November Meeting Reminders

- * **SPRC**, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Carpenter Room
- * **Church Council**, October 30th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- * **Charge Conference**, November 9th at 9:00 a.m. in Sanctuary

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: Cindy Swain and family, Brie Wyatt, Julie, Bill, Brandon, Brighteon Ennis, Rachel Susen, Sally Todd, Aiden Birmingham, Tom Price, Marshall Rea, Gerald Burbage, Family and friends of Rev. John Gilmore, Alex O. Sr. and Adriel, Brayden Rosebrooks, Dean Johnson, Ramie and Betty Ziesel, Kelly Beiseel, Elle Sheaffer, John MacBlain, Alan Jester, Charles Stevenson, Joy Benham, Everyone suffering from some type of mental illness, Jean Layton, Kirsten Pearce and her family, Craig, Christopher, Charlie Fleetwood, Lydia Ann Carmine, Bill and Marty Brereton, Linda Breedlove, Beverly Harrison, All those with financial issues, All who have relationship concerns, Everyone seeking a job, and Bill Gaskill and family.

Praise God for: All those whose prayers have been answered, Gertrude Hendrick, John and Bridgett French, and the Wyatt family.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Rob McNatts, the family and friends of Rick Green, Laurel Pastor, Dean Johnson, Ramie and Betty Ziesel, Sharon and Alvin Jarrell, Kelly Beissel, Elle Sheaffer, Alan Jester, Joy Benham, everyone suffering from some type of mental illness, Jean Layton, Kirsten Pearce and her family, Rita Armstrong, Craig, Brie Wyatt, Anita, Bill, Gardenia, the team and guests of Kairos, Sue, Phyllis French, the Minnick family, Val, Deeann, Gary Seal, Bob and Elizabeth, Pastor Wendy, Bella, Rachel, Christopher, Charlie Fleetwood, Dache Carmine, Lydia Ann Carmine, Bill and Marty Brereton, Linda Breedlove, Bobby Walls, Beverly Harrison, all those with financial issues, all who have relationship concerns, everyone seeking a job, a daughter trying to sell her home, a son with health problems, Bill Gaskill and family, Julie, Bill, Brandon, Mr. Jasper and his family, all victims of gun violence, those affected by the California wildfires, and our Federal Government.

Rejoice with: All those whose prayers have been answered and Gertrude Hendrick.

Praise God for: His healing power, Brighton Ennis, His never-ending love, the work of the UMW and the Clothing Our Kids organization.

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:

♪Handbells

Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

♪MomentUM Praise Team

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

♪ **Misphillion 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:

Joe Lear who will celebrate his **95th** birthday on **October 17th**.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Charlie and Barbara Fleetwood will celebrate their **50th** anniversary on **October 18th**.

Bob and Joyce Voshell will celebrate their **61st** anniversary on **October 25th**.

SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of **Richard Green** who passed away on **October 8, 2019**.

UPCOMING

PEN-DEL UMW ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Avenue UMC on **Saturday, October 26, 2019** in Fellowship Hall. Registration and light breakfast at 9:30 a.m., Program—Breaking the School to Prison Pipeline will begin at 10:00 a.m. After the program we will have a business meeting followed with lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Bible Study—24 Hours That Changed the World: Join Rev. John Van Tine on Tuesday evenings for six weeks to look at the death of Jesus and how it changed the world. Next class will be **October 22nd**.

Disciple Bible Studies: Josh Willey and Dave Reynolds 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. Next class will meet **October 21st** (Disciple 1) and **October 23rd** (Disciple 3)

Christian Believer Class: 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: **October 20th from 2:00—4:00 p.m in Holzmuehler Room.**

The Epic of Ruth Study will meet on Wednesday evenings. Our next class will be **October 23rd** 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 Steve will be sharing from Colossians 3:15-21.

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

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: On **October 22nd**, 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 meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Grier Room. Our study for October is "In God's Image." The lesson for October 20th the lesson is "Bridging the Chasm" based on John 3:1-17; and October 27th the lesson is "All In" based on Romans 6:1-14. This class is taught by Rev. John Van Tine, Retired. Please plan to attend these exciting lessons.

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.

BLESS A FAMILY WITH A THANKSGIVING TURKEY: For a donation of \$20.00, you can sponsor a turkey for a family of our community, whom Avenue knows will be most appreciative. Simply mark a check or an envelope with “Turkey” or designate on line donation. Discounted turkeys have been set aside and The United Methodist Men will be the arms and legs to pick up and pass on these turkeys. The United Methodist Women are providing disposable pans and the organization.

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 receive from Avenue's congregation.

SOUTHERN DELAWARE CHORALE: Tickets are now available for “Carols & Lullabies on **December 8th** at 3:00 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church. Adults \$25/students \$10. Season tickets for 3 concerts—December 8, 2019, February 23 and May 3, 2020 are available for \$65. More info go online www.southerndelawarechorale.org.

A Day To Give Thanks

(Outdoor communion service)

(Rain Date: October 27th) Seating available

Communion will be served by Pastor Steve Lamotte, Avenue United Methodist Church.

Where: 10287 Memory Rd.

When: October 20, 2019

Time: 3:00 pm

PRAISE – WORSHIP - MUSIC

RSVP Welcome

flagstoneproduce@gmail.com

Donny Hopkins

302-349-5252 – 302-381-1083 (cell)



Donation box is located in the Church foyer under the table.



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)

MAIL TO: Volunteer Delaware 50+

546 S. Bedford Street

Georgetown, DE 19947

302-515-3020

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





Is it a cold or the flu?

SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU
Fever	Rare	Usual; high (100° F to 102° F, occasionally higher, especially in young children); lasts 3 to 4 days
Headache	Rare	Common
General Aches, Pains	Slight	Usual; often severe
Fatigue, Weakness	Sometimes	Usual: can last up to 2 to 3 weeks
Extreme Exhaustion	Never	Usual; at the beginning of the illness
Stuffy Nose	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes
Sore Throat	Common	Sometimes
Chest Discomfort, Cough	Mild to Moderate: hacking cough	Common; can become severe

Most people with flu have mild illness and do not need medical care or antiviral drugs. If you get sick with flu symptoms, in most cases, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people except to get medical care. If, however, you have symptoms of flu and are at high risk of flu complications, or are very sick or concerned about your illness, contact your health care provider.

Source: CDC and NIH

Health Ministry Lunch and Learn

November is "Choosing Healthy Foods for the Holidays". Kelli Janowski, Registered Dietitian for Public Health for the State of Delaware will be our speaker. A lite healthy lunch will be provided.

Join us Thursday November 14, 2019 from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Mark your calendars and sign up.

**** A \$2.00 donation is welcomed*****

You must sign up ahead a time. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer for your convenience.



OPERATON CHRISTMAS CHILD (Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry)

Beginning Sunday, October 27th and also on two consecutive Sundays -- November 3rd and November 10th, look for our table in the foyer. Please stop by to pick up a brochure, a list of gender and age appropriate gift ideas and a box if you prefer not to use your own. Brochures contain pertinent information along with gender and age related labels to adhere to the box, and an envelope for a \$9 shipping fee (explanation below).

For groups of people who are filling multiple boxes as a project, make sure that each box includes a \$9 shipping fee and that you grab enough brochures for labels. To make it easier, total your number of boxes, multiply by \$9 and fill out.....ONE Check-in ONE Envelope-in ONE Box.

If you have any questions you can ask at the table or call Carole Brennan at 302-858-2065. **Note that our church is purchasing these boxes for us; thus we ask that you use what you take.**

Information to start thinking about

Find a Shoebox

Start with an **average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox**. If you want to wrap it, **cover the box and lid SEPARATLY**. OR, use a church-provided box found in the foyer on the dates above -- these are not to be wrapped.

Girls or Boys?

Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2–4, 5–9, or 10–14. The brochure contains labels for the gender and age of a child. Cut out your choice, check the age group and adhere to the top of the box.

Fill with Gifts

Select a medium to large “wow” item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal or doll, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. (We will provide you with a list of gift ideas.) Local Dollar Stores are a great place to start. **Remember, no liquids, toothpaste, gum, candy, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items, glass containers, aerosol cans, or anything that can melt in hot climates.**

Pray

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.

All boxes must include \$9

After filling your box, make out your **check payable to Samaritan's Purse**, then complete the front of the envelope found in your brochure (you can use Avenue United Methodist Church, 20 N. Church St., Milford, DE 19963 instead of your own personal information) -- place inside the box. Your \$9 helps with shipping to over 100 countries where millions of shoeboxes are distributed. Your donation also provides *The Greatest Gift Gospel* booklets, which are written in the children's language and distributed along with shoebox gifts.

Discover the Destination of Your Shoebox Gift: samaritanspurse.org/occ

If you make this donation online, you can **Follow Your Box** and receive a special label. Attach the label to your shoebox, and use the **Look-up Tool** to find out the country where your box will be delivered with the message of Christ's love.

Boxes need to be brought back to church no later than Sunday, November 17th.

Place boxes on the altar at the beginning of your respective service -- boxes will be blessed during each service. Thank you for your generosity.



Dover District Lay Servant Ministries Lay Academy Registration Form



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Print Name _____ District: (***Please check one***)
Address _____ [] Dover [] Easton [] Salisbury [] Wilmington
City, State, Zip _____ Church/charge _____
Best phone number _____ Print Pastor's Name _____
EMAIL address _____ Pastor's Signature _____

Location: Avenue UMC, 20 N. Church St., Milford, DE 19963

When: November 15th 6:00 - 9:00pm and November 16th 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Both classes must be taken to receive credit

PLEASE INDICATE A FIRST AND SECOND CHOICE FOR CLASSES

Introduction to Lay Ministries (Basic) <i>This course invites participants to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices.</i> [] first choice [] second choice	Living Our Beliefs <i>This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that the United Methodist church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st century church.</i> [] first choice [] second choice
Called to Preach <i>Called to Preach is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. Called to Preach is the required preaching course in the lay speaker track of study.</i> [] first choice [] second choice	God's Mission . . . Our Journey <i>This course will provide participants with a better understanding of a holistic approach to participation in God's mission to the world and equip lay servants for more effective missional engagement in their communities and beyond.</i> [] first choice [] second choice
Public Prayer <i>Praying in Public can be daunting, but prayer is something one learns. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life.</i> [] first choice [] second choice	The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation <i>Every church deals with conflict, both healthy and unhealthy, and lay servants can be equipped and empowered to help lead through those times of conflict as a time of transformation.</i> [] first choice [] second choice

Registration Deadline: November 8th

There will be no refunds after November 8th

**Certification credits will be issued to those taking Basic Lay Servant Classes
and for Certified Lay Servants.**

Fee for Academy: \$35.00 (Fee includes: materials, continental breakfast and lunch)

Make checks or money order payable to: **Dover District BOL**

Payment and pastor's signature must accompany registration.

Please submit this registration form with fee to:

Dover District BOL, Teri Lowinger, 23860 Betsy Ross Lane, Millsboro, DE 19966

NOTE: This registration form and fee will automatically enroll you in your class.
If your first choice class is cancelled, you will be moved to your second choice class.

NO CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT.

Please direct any questions to: Kevin B. Chamberlain (302) 422-8111 or email dovertlaity@pen-del.org

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 10/20

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Christian Believers Class,
Holz. Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room &
Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 10/21

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

TUESDAY 10/22

- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study,
Grier Room
- 5:00 p.m. Mispillion Children's Chorus,
Music Room
- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Pack Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Endowment Comm. Meeting,
Heritage Room
- 7:00 p.m. Central DE Chess Club,
Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. 24 Hours that Changed the
World Study, Grier Room

WEDNESDAY 10/23

- 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
- 6:45 p.m. Voices of Delmarva,
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 3 Class, Holz. Room
- 7:00 p.m. The Epic of Ruth Study,
Grier Room

THURSDAY 10/24

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

FRIDAY 10/25

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

SATURDAY 10/26

- 10:00 a.m. Pen-Del UMW Annual Meeting,
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 10/27

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Christian Believers Class,
Holz. Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room &
Fellowship Hall