



AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

As I sat at my desk on Friday, writing my charge conference report, I found that I had also mindlessly inhaled (word chosen intentionally), an entire bag of wasabi flavored lotus chips. Thankfully it was only a 2 oz. bag, but I still ate it without really paying attention to what I was putting in my mouth.

I had picked up the bag at a “farm to flight” shop at the San Francisco airport for two reasons. First, because it was in the “health food aisle” and I thought I might need a snack for the plane. Second, because it had the “w” word – wasabi, and I love anything that has wasabi.

If you are not familiar with wasabi, it’s the spicy paste that you get on the side when you have sushi that you mix with soy sauce. It’s in the same family as horseradish and mustard and as I enjoy both those condiments, it is not a surprise that I like wasabi.

However, I had no idea what a lotus chip was. I assumed from the word “chip” that it would be a crispy type of snack and it was. It was not until after I had eaten the whole bag that I thought to look up what it actually is. Turns out they are made from the root of the “renkon” (which also didn’t help me much), but from the number of references on the internet it was clear this was not a new taste treat in any way. Lotus chips have been around for a long time.

They also have a reputation for tasting extremely nasty if you don’t flavor it with

something else. It's not enough that it's healthy and a good choice to make when snacking and it didn't sound like I would enjoy plain lotus chips. I wanted the healthy and positive benefits but I wasn't willing to accept it unless it tasted good too.

We do that with our faith practices as well. We know that following Christ requires sacrifice and difficult choices. And even though it's "good for us" we only want it to be on our terms, easy to swallow, and something enjoyable. God never promised that following our Savior would be any of those things, He only said He would be with us no matter how difficult or distasteful situations in our lives became.

Luke 9: 23 reminds us that Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." In other words, get ready to face difficulties on a daily basis for the sake of following Christ. There will be no sugar coating or better tasting experiences on our walk with Jesus. It will be the real and truthful ups and downs of being His disciple.

I will not be at Avenue on Sunday as I am substituting in another church for a preacher out on medical leave. He needs someone to do the sermon for him this week. But I will lift you all in prayer in the worship I am leading with the hope that you find this week to be an honest reflection of your faith in our Lord and Savior.

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

October/November Meeting Reminders

- * **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 Not Too Shabby at (302) 200-0752. Flowers are placed in the altar vases up by the cross.

PRAYER CONCERNS PAST 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The family and friends of Rick Green, the family and friends of Matthew and Jacob Tull, the family and friends of Austin Moore, Laurel Pastor, Dean Johnson, Ramie and Betty Ziesel, Sharon and Alvin Jarrell, Kelly Beissel, Elle Sheaffer, Alan Jester, the victims of human trafficking, Joy Benham, Jan Perkins, Jenny, everyone suffering from mental illness, Jean Layton, Kirsten Pearce, Rita Armstrong, Ruth Calloway, Donald Trump, Holly Maloney, Craig, Brie Wyatt, Anita, Bill, Gardenia, Sue, Renee Hoffman, Ginny Van Tine, Phyllis French, the Minnick family, Val, Deeann, Gary Seal, Bob and Elizabeth, 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 medical issues, Bill Gaskill and family, Julie, Brandon, Mr. Jasper and family, all victims of gun violence, our Federal Government Cheryl DeLuca and Mr. Jasper.

Rejoice with: All those whose prayers have been answered.

Praise God for: His healing power, His never-ending love, and Donny Hopkins.

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:

Leon Tschantre who will celebrate his **90th** birthday on **October 31st**.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

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

UPCOMING

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on **October 30th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**. Part of the meeting will be charge conference going over endowment and conflict of interest policy.

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.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: On **November 3rd** we will be giving out flower buds during services for **All Saints' Sunday**.

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.

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

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 27th from 2:00—4:00 p.m in Holzmüller Room.**

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: On **October 29th**, 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.

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 29th.**

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 28th** (Disciple 1) and **October 30th** (Disciple 3)

THE EPIC OF RUTH STUDY will meet on Wednesday evenings. Our next class will be **November 6th** 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.

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 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, November 17th** 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 7-9 . 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.

HEALTH MINISTRY: Our next meeting will be on **November 11th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Grier Room. “Please fill out the Health Ministry survey and put your completed survey in the Health Ministry box in the foyer”. Thank You!

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.

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)

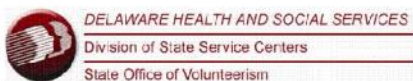
MAIL TO: Volunteer Delaware 50+

546 S. Bedford Street

Georgetown, DE 19947

302-515-3020

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



COLD & FLU VIRUSES SURVIVE ON SURFACES FOR UP TO 48 HOURS*

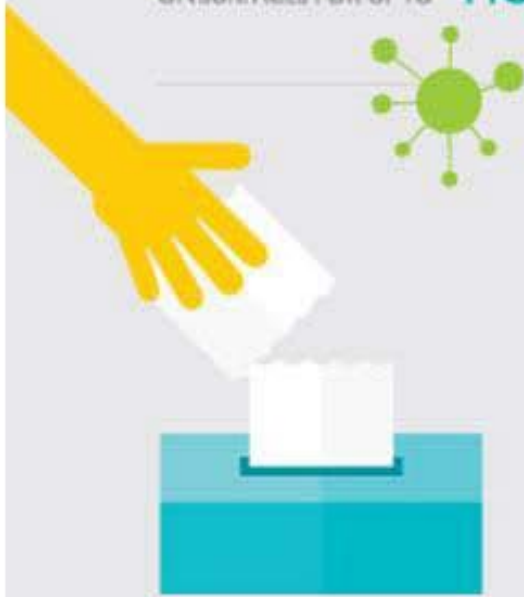


48 HOURS*

12 COLDS PER CHILD



IN FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN SCHOOL, THE NUMBER OF COLDS PER CHILD CAN BE AS HIGH AS 12²



WRONGLY BELIEVE ANTIBIOTICS ARE AN EFFECTIVE FLU TREATMENT



PREVENTION NOT ANTIBIOTICS IS THE BEST DEFENCE AGAINST VIRUSES⁴

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

<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction to Lay Ministries (Basic)</p> <p><i>This course invites participants to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices.</i></p> <p>[] first choice [] second choice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Living Our Beliefs</p> <p><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></p> <p>[] first choice [] second choice</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Called to Preach</p> <p><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></p> <p>[] first choice [] second choice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">God's Mission . . . Our Journey</p> <p><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></p> <p>[] first choice [] second choice</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Public Prayer</p> <p><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></p> <p>[] first choice [] second choice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation</p> <p><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></p> <p>[] first choice [] second choice</p>

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 dovertaity@pen-del.org

CALENDAR

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

MONDAY 10/28

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Bear Den, Nursery
- 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 10/29

- 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
- 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 10/30

- 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. Church Council Meeting,
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 3 Class, Holz. Room

THURSDAY 10/31

- 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 11/1

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

SATURDAY 11/2

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

SUNDAY 11/3 ~ All Saints Sunday

Communion

- 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
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 272,
Heritage Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room &
Fellowship Hall