



# *The Midweek*

***Wednesday, October 2, 2019***

*From the desk of our Pastors . . .*

I finally had a chance to sit down and watch the final movie in the Marvel Superheroes series. The basic plot of “The Avengers Endgame” is that the Avengers are trying to figure out how to bring back half of the universe’s population five years after Thanos, the mega-villain, acquired all the infinity stones. If you have not seen it, then I am not going to spoil it for you. If you have no idea what I’m talking about, that is okay. The bottom line that I want you to think about is a group of super heroes trying to bring people back from the dead.

Granted, half the population of the universe, which is billions of people and aliens, were unfairly wiped out with the snap of the villain’s fingers. Yes, the pain and devastation were immeasurable. (And yes, there are alien lifeforms in this movie.) But if I was asked whether it would be a good thing to bring everyone back, I would say “don’t do it.”

Certainly there is the “practical” aspect of the universe balancing itself in its current configuration to consider. People are now possibly in new relationships. Jobs and housing have changed to fill the positions and residences that may have belonged to someone else. Can you imagine the chaos and confusion that would ensue if twice as many people (and aliens) were dropped back into the world after a five-year absence?

But more importantly, I can’t imagine pulling people back from God’s heavenly kingdom. After years of living in the perfect peace and light that God grants all who know Him as savior, it would be incredibly unfair to force them back into the world. They would not want to return.

But we also hear that there has been debate on this matter from Paul himself in the letter he

wrote to the Philippians. He wondered if he would prefer to stay in this world or move onto the kingdom of God.

Scripture tells us that Paul wrote in Philippians 1: 21-23, “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far.”

Paul knew that the kingdom eternal would be his choice, just as it would be ours. After only moments in heaven, let alone five years, I am certain nobody who has experienced the peace, joy and life eternal in God’s presence would want to come back. What a joy it is to know that same peace and grace are available to us through the gift of salvation.

And to God be the glory and honor forever and ever.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Andy". The signature is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Pastor" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Andy".

## October/November Meeting Reminders

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



*From the desk of the Bishop ....*

## Do No Harm

By Bishop Peggy Johnson

As the United Methodist Church prepares for General Conference 2020 and numerous petitions have flooded in last week for consideration, we should always have as the backdrop of our deliberations the General Rules of John Wesley: “Do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God.” If everything we voted at General Conference and more so, everything we do or say each day as Christians navigating through this complicated world, would be influenced by these basic three rules, what a world this would be!

Wesley was a man of many interests and medicine and health was one of his priorities. “Do No Harm” is reminiscent of the ancient Hippocratic Oath that has for centuries guided the medical profession. One of the lines in the oath states “I will abstain from all intentional wrong-doing and harm, especially from abusing the bodies of man or woman, bond or free.” Sounds like “Do no harm” to me and indeed Wesley advocated for the things that make for healthy bodies and minds knowing it was part of our spiritual responsibility as Christians. He even wrote a home remedy book entitled “The Primitive Physic” to aid in the healing of many common ailments.

So it would behoove us United Methodists to live by this important law as we consider addictive substances and their place in society. The practice of vaping has come front and center in the news recently as cases of serious lung disorders have been found across the country with not a few tragic deaths. In a well-publicized moment the mega store chain “Walmart” has banned the sale of all vaping products. Lawmakers are studying the advertisements and flavors of vaping products as they relate to young people. People are up in arms about vaping it seems and rightly so. It is killing people! We may possibly see the industry put out of business altogether as the pressure against it seems to be rising.

**So why are we not as concerned about the legal drugs of tobacco and alcohol?** The detrimental and horrific effects of these products have long been proven and I don’t know a person who has not been affected by the tragedy of these two addictions in their families. My great grandfather used to beat my grandmother with a buggy whip because of his alcohol addiction. My best friend lost her father to lung cancer from years of smoking.

According to the *Center for Disease Control and Prevention* every day “29 people in the United States die in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver. That is one death

every 50 minutes. The annual cost of alcohol-related crashes totals more than \$44 billion dollars.” Think what we could do with \$44 billion dollars? What a waste! What injustice, especially when you consider that many of the dead people were innocent victims of drivers under the influence.

According to *American Lung Association* an estimated 154,050 Americans died from lung cancer in 2018. Most of this was smoking-related. Why are we so pumped up about vaping while the legal stuff is killing people at epidemic rates? The answer is simple: alcohol and tobacco are multi-billion dollar industries and these lobbies and profits speak loudly in our consumer-driven world of greed and gain.

**What does the United Methodist Church say? According to our Social Principles:**

“We affirm our long-standing support of abstinence from alcohol as a faithful witness to God’s liberating and redeeming love for persons. (Par. 162.L) “In light of the overwhelming evidence that tobacco smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco are hazardous to the health of persons of all ages, we recommend total abstinence from the use of tobacco.” (Par. 162.M)

So do no harm. Join the band-wagon of people who are speaking up against vaping but don’t stop there! The elephant in the room is the huge addiction industry in this country that is profiting from sorrow and death. What a world we would have if personal pain and trauma issues were handled in spiritual and therapeutic ways and not from masking it with addictive substances! How can you, your church, your voice be used to speak out against this massive harm? Silence is complicity. Lead by your words and your example. Your voice can make a difference.

## 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 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.

**PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK:** Dee Ann, Jennifer Miller, Charles Stevenson, Craig, Dan, Mary, Betty Ziesel, Dean Johnson, and David Archut.

**Praise God for:** For the lawn service and bringing people from all three services together.

### 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:**

**Joe Lear** who will celebrate his **95<sup>th</sup>** birthday on **October 17<sup>th</sup>**.

## **ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:**

**Charlie and Barbara Fleetwood** who will celebrate their **50<sup>th</sup>** wedding anniversary on **October 18<sup>th</sup>**.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup>** 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: October 7<sup>th</sup> (Disciple 1) and October 8<sup>th</sup> (Disciple 3)

**Missing Disciple 3 VHS tapes if you know where they are located, please contact Josh Willey.**

**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 9<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:srlamotte@avenueumc.com) for more information.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will be starting soon. Confirmation is an opportunity for 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader who would be interested in Confirmation Classes, please email Pastor Steve at [srlamotte@avenueumc.com](mailto:srlamotte@avenueumc.com).

**NEW MEMBER'S CLASS** will be held on **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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](mailto: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 2: 6-15.

**UMCOR OFFERING** will be received on **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** 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 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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 13<sup>th</sup>** 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:** A speaker from *Clothing Our Kids* will be the presenter on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (following the 11:00 worship service). Please **come out** and support this UMW event and learn about how we can help our less fortunate kids in the greater Milford area. A collection basket is available for you to donate new clothing for children and youth for our speaker to take with him. Don't miss the basket for donations for our Milford school kids who also need toiletries and blankets. Bring a lunch or snack item to share and enjoy fellowship, food and information on an important mission. There are flyers available and this event is **open to everyone.** Hope to see you!!

**UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:** Circle meetings for October will take place on Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Esther Circle) and Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto:bparke42@comcast.net).

**HEALTH MINISTRIES:** Our next meeting will be on **October 14<sup>th</sup>** 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 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:churchoffice@avenueumc.com).

**TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY:** On **October 8<sup>th</sup>**, 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 6<sup>th</sup> is "Hidden Inside" based on Joshua 7:1-26; October 13<sup>th</sup> the lesson is "One Size Fits All" based on Psalm 51; October 20<sup>th</sup> the lesson is "Bridging the Chasm" based on John 3:1-17; and October 27<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>** 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 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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](mailto:titacarlson@hotmail.com).

As for our food collection at church (the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**A Day To Give Thanks**  
(Outdoor communion service)  
(Rain Date: October 27<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto:flagstoneproduce@gmail.com)  
Donny Hopkins  
302-349-5252 – 302-381-1083 (cell)



# **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](mailto:themispillionchildrenschorus@gmail.com)

Sharon Starling (302) 422-2785

Kevin B. Chamberlain (302) 422-8111

**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)**

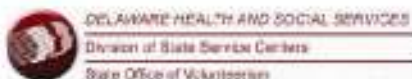
**MAIL TO: Volunteer Delaware 50+**

**546 S. Bedford Street**

**Georgetown, DE 19947**

**302-515-3020**

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



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**

*Dover  
Symphony  
Orchestra*



Delaware  
Division of the  
**Arts**

This program is supported, in part, by a grant from the  
Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency,  
in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Division promotes Delaware arts events on  
[www.DelawareScene.com](http://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***

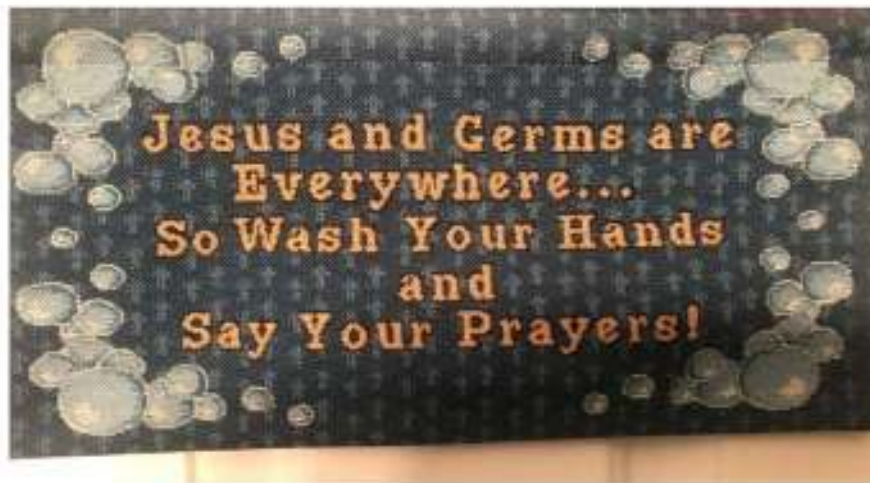
**[www.doversymphony.org](http://www.doversymphony.org)**

***Or Call 302-270-1903***

## Health Ministry

October is "Scare those Germs Away" month

One way to prevent the spread of germs is to wash your hands before you eat, after going to the bathroom or before touching your face. Germs are everywhere especially on door knobs. Please be diligent and wash your hands and always remember:



Please remember on **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** from **9 a.m.-12 p.m.** the **Flu Vaccine** will be available in **Fellowship Hall**.



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Coming Soon to Avenue!

Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Ministry)



*Dear friend,*

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has collected more than 168 million shoeboxes packed with toys and other fun items by people like you, and delivered them to boys and girls in need around the world in partnership with local churches.

Sampil who has cerebral palsy received one of those shoebox gifts. Volunteers in his hometown of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, hosted an Operation Christmas Child outreach event for disabled children like him, but he was sick that day. Not wanting him to miss out, a volunteer visited Sampil's house to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with him and give him a gift-filled shoebox. Sampil was delighted to find, among other fun items, a towel, toothbrush, and various school supplies inside.

"After I got a shoebox, I became a Christian and my relationships with others changed," Sampil said. He hadn't been to school in years, but the notebooks in his gift inspired him to enroll in a school for the disabled where he made many friends. Aware of Christ's forgiveness of his sins, Sampil also forgave his father who left his family more than 10 years ago. Today, Sampil has since graduated and serves as an assistant teacher at a camp.

Many boys and girls who receive shoebox gifts also enroll in The Greatest Journey, our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, where they learn to follow Christ and share Him with others. Millions of boys and girls have participated in this dynamic course so far.

Would you consider joining us in spreading Good News and great joy this year by packing a shoebox?

*Franklin Graham*  
*President, Samaritan's Purse*

Sampil



**To learn how to pack a shoebox,  
visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)**

View solicitation disclosure information for Samaritan's Purse online at [samaritanspurse.org/disclosure](http://samaritanspurse.org/disclosure)



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 9:00pm and November 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

**Both classes must be taken to receive credit**

### PLEASE INDICATE A FIRST AND SECOND CHOICE FOR CLASSES

<p><b>Introduction to Lay Ministries (Basic)</b>  <i>This course invites participants to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices.</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> first choice      <input type="checkbox"/> second choice</p>	<p><b>Living Our Beliefs</b>  <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>  <input type="checkbox"/> first choice      <input type="checkbox"/> second choice</p>
<p><b>Called to Preach</b>  <i><b>Called to Preach</b> 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. <b>Called to Preach</b> is the required preaching course in the lay speaker track of study.</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> first choice      <input type="checkbox"/> second choice</p>	<p><b>God's Mission . . . Our Journey</b>  <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>  <input type="checkbox"/> first choice      <input type="checkbox"/> second choice</p>
<p><b>Public Prayer</b>  <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>  <input type="checkbox"/> first choice      <input type="checkbox"/> second choice</p>	<p><b>The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation</b>  <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>  <input type="checkbox"/> first choice      <input type="checkbox"/> second choice</p>

**Registration Deadline: November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**There will be no refunds after November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**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.**

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# CALENDAR

## **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

## **MONDAY 10/7**

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 3:00 p.m. UMW Board Meeting,  
Grier Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Wevelos 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 10/8**

- 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. Finance 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
- 7:00 p.m. APS Board Meeting,  
Carpenter Room
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 3 Class, Holz. Room

## **WEDNESDAY 10/9**

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Esther Circle Meeting,  
Jo Wood Lounge

## **THURSDAY 10/10**

- 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 10/11**

- 4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal—Smith/  
Comish, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

## **SATURDAY 10/12**

- 3:00 p.m. Smith/Comish Wedding,  
Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

## **SUNDAY 10/13**

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Flu Shots, Fellowship Hall
- 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
- 12:30 p.m. UMW General Meeting/  
Covered Dish, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room &  
Fellowship Hall