

# The Midweek

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

From the desk of our Pastors . . .

This past weekend, when my husband was out of town, I decided to clean the garage. It didn't quite work because I'm still dealing with back pain, but I made a dent. Most of the garage is filled with Michael's fishing gear. I knew before we got married that he loved to fish, but I had no idea how much "stuff" it took to fish.

There were rods and lines and bobbers and lures. There were nets, boots, hooks, coolers and other things that I didn't recognize. There seemed to be a different lure for every variety of fish and many were for fish I had never heard of. I was so grateful when I came upon a grouper lure because I knew what that was. The bottom line is that our garage is full of different equipment to catch different fish.

Can you imagine what it takes to "fish for men" as we are told to do in scripture? Matthew 4:19 says, "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." With billions of people throughout the generations, and each person being unique and special, there are billions of different ways the disciples and apostles would be approaching the women and men they are fishing for in order to bring them to Christ.

But what's important to remember is that there is only one God and the Lord is perfect for every person throughout all of time, no matter how different or unique he or she may be. The universal "lure" for all of God's sons and daughters is the saving grace of Jesus.

So as we work to bring people into the knowledge of the love of God, we don't need to push anyone into a cookie relationship with the Lord. God has created each of us in a unique way so our relationship with Him will also be unique. Let us embrace the diversity and special characteristics of each individual whom God has created. In that way, we bring honor and glory to God every day.



# November Meeting Reminders

- \* **UMW Board Meeting**, November 4th at 3:30 p.m. Grier Room
- \* Charge Conference, November 9th at 9:00 a.m. in Sanctuary
- \* **Trustee Meeting**, November 19th at 6:30 p.m. in Grier Room
- \* **SPRC**, November 21st at 6:30 p.m. in Carpenter Room



# **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 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 famiy, 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.

**PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK:** DeeAnn, those fighting Cancer, Bob, Bill Gaskill and family, Betty and Remie Zeisel, Dean Johnson, Walt and Ruth Peters, Jakson family, Craig, Kylee Wickham, Donna, Ben, Karen Clayton, Todd and Kalle Culotta, Eleanor Lurwick and Charlie Fleetwood.

**Praise God for:** Praise God for answered prayers.

# 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

**I**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.

### SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of **Sue Lewis** who passed away on October 28, 2019.

# **UPCOMING**

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

**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 <u>churchoffice@avenueumc.com</u>.

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.

# 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: November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00—4:00 p.m in Holzmueller Room.

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: On November 5<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.

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 **November 5**<sup>th</sup>.

**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 **November 4**<sup>th</sup> (Disciple 1) and **November 6**<sup>th</sup> (Disciple 3)

THE EPIC OF RUTH STUDY will meet on Wednesday evenings. Our next class will be **November 6**<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 <a href="mailto:steve-avenueumc.com">steve-avenueumc.com</a> 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 November is "Objects of Worship." The lesson for November 3<sup>rd</sup> is "An Interior Design" based on Deuteronomy 5:1-10; 6:1-9; November 10<sup>th</sup> lesson is "The Permission Trap" based on Exodus 32:1-26; November 17<sup>th</sup> lesson is "Shamed by Shams" based on Jeremiah 51:15-19; Habakkuk 2:18-20; and November 24<sup>th</sup> lesson is "The Worship Impulse" based on Acts 17:16-34. 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 17<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 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. Funding is needed by November 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 11**<sup>th</sup> 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**

MENTORING HELP NEEDED: We are aware of a need at Benjamin Banneker Elementary School for mentors. Mentoring has been shown to make an impact in the life of the student. The commitment to mentoring can take the shape of your schedule, making it easy to get involved. If you are interested in learning more about mentoring, contact Pastor Steve at <a href="mailto:srlamotte@gmail.com">srlamotte@gmail.com</a>.

CODE PURPLE: We are close to the beginning of the cold weather season. Code Purple is a ministry housed here at Avenue that provides overnight shelter for homeless men in our community. We are in need of volunteers to assist with Code Purple. If you are interested in learning more about Code Purple and the opportunities to serve, contact Dan Nelson at <a href="mailto:babazanettiz1000@msn.com">babazanettiz1000@msn.com</a>.

**Interested in Outreach?** We are looking to gather some folks who are interested in reaching out into the community to share God's love and to connect with our neighbors. If you are interested in being part of this team, please contact Pastor Steve at <a href="mailto:srlamotte@avenueumc.com">srlamotte@avenueumc.com</a>.

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 <u>titacarlson@hotmail.com</u>.

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.

**SOUTHERN DELAWARE CHORALE:** Tickets are now available for "Carols & Lullabies on **December 8**<sup>th</sup> 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.southerdelawarechorale.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

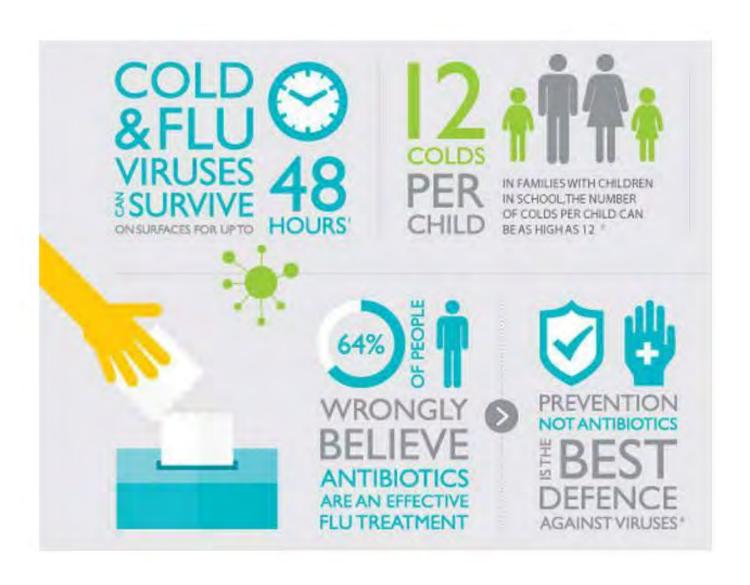
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The Stockings for Soldiers web address is: http://www.stockingsforsoldiers.org









# 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 27<sup>th</sup> and also on two consecutive Sundays -- November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 <u>average-size</u> 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 <u>not</u> 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.



Print Name

Address

# **Dover District Lay Servant Ministries** Lay Academy Registration Form



## PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

District: (Please check one)

[ ] Dover [ ] Easton [ ] Salisbury [ ] Wilmington

City, State, Zip	Church/charge
Best phone number	Print Pastor's Name
EMAIL address	Pastor's Signature
When: 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	
Introduction to Lay Ministries (Basic)	Living Our Beliefs
This course invites participants to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices.  [ ] first choice [ ] second choice	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.  [ ] first choice [ ]second choice
Called to Preach 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.  [ ] first choice [ ] second choice	God's Mission Our Journey 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.  [ ] first choice [ ] second choice
Public Prayer 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.  [ ] first choice [ ] second choice	The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation 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.  [ ] 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

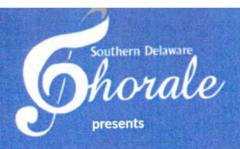
Payment and pastor's signature must accompany registration.

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 doverlaity@pen-del.org



# Carols & Lullabies



Dr. Colin Armstrong
Artistic Director & Conductor

Sunday, December 8, 3pm
Epworth United Methodist Church
Tickets \$25

For tickets: southerndelawarechorale.org

This event is supported, in part, by the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The Division promotes Delaware Arts at: www.DelawareScene.com



# **C**ALENDAR

#### SUNDAY 11/3~ All Saints Sunday WEDNESDAY 11/6 Communion 1:30 p.m. Knitting/Crocheting Group Sanctuary Choir 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 3:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class, 5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion Group Grier Room 6:00 p.m. AveNotes, Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Wolf Den, Wesley Room Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. The Epic of Ruth Study, Choir Rehearsal, Music Room Grier Room 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Disciple 3 Class, Holz. Room 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Christian Believers Class, 2:00 p.m. Holz. Room THURSDAY 11/7 Girl Scout Troop 272, 3:30 p.m. 8:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group Heritage Room 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room FUSION, Wesley Room & Women's Emmaus Reunion 6:00 p.m. 2:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Troop Comm. Meeting, Grier Room 6:#0 p.m. Arrow of Light Den, Wesley Room **MONDAY 11/4** AA, Wesley Room 11:00 a.m. **FRIDAY 11/8** 3:30 p.m. UMW Board Meeting, Grier Room 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room Handbell Choir, Music Room 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Tiger Den, Heritage Room SATURDAY 11/9 Webelos Den 9:00 a.m. Charge Conference 6:30 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers, 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 206 **SUNDAY 11/10** 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class, Holz. Room 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class. TUESDAY 11/5 Grier Room 9:30 a.m. **Archives Meeting** 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Grier Room 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Music Room Mispillion Children's Chorus, 5:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Music Room 2:00 p.m. Christian Believers Class, 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room Holz. Room 6:30 p.m. Lions Den 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room & 7:00 p.m. Central DE Chess Club, Fellowship Hall Room 206

7:00 p.m.

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Praise Team, Sanctuary

24 Hours that Changed the World Study, Grier Room