



## *The Midweek*

*Wednesday, November 13, 2019*

*From the desk of our Pastors . . .*

A few weeks ago there was a story on the news about Qantas Airlines getting ready to begin non-stop service from New York to Sydney, Australia. Flying time was approximately 19 hours. I love to travel but 19 straight hours on a plane sounds miserable to me.

The story explained how the shake down flights underway included calisthenics led by the flight attendants, two crews who took shifts sleeping in their private quarters, and the effort to do all things (such as eat and sleep) on Sydney time.

The specially configured aircraft has more business- and first-class seats for sleeping, an expanded entertainment system, and a broader menu of food and beverage items that the journalist traveling onboard reported were quite tasty. It sounds like the airline is trying hard to make the journey as enjoyable as possible. That is all well and good but did I mention it was 19 hours in the air? Even so, I suspect that the number of people lining up to take this flight will be significant. It may be long and grueling but it will be very convenient. (There is no word on how much it will cost.)

It got me thinking about how if I don't want to be stuck in one place for 19 hours, how will it be when I am in heaven for eternity? I certainly am not comparing God's kingdom to a long-haul trip from New York to Australia, but I am wondering what heaven will be like. I know it will be wonderful and beautiful and I'll be full of peace.

But will the scenery change? Will I be looking at the mountains for a while and then find myself on a beach? Is that too much of me thinking heaven will be like earth? Can you travel around heaven to see various places? Is it something different altogether? How will I be in the presence of Jesus all the time and see the people I know and love who have gone before me? Maybe there is no scenery at all, just the sense of peace and calm that makes you want to be in that state of comfort and never move.

One thing, however, is for sure. I am certain I have no idea what heaven will really be like. Our imagination is not capable of thinking of how incredible it will be. 1 Corinthians 2:9 says this about heaven. “But as it is written, what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him.”

Life on earth is wonderful in many ways and none of us need to be in a hurry to get to heaven. But when the Lord calls us to our rightful inheritance in His kingdom, we can be assured it will be an eternity worth the wait. Until then, let us work to bring Him honor and glory here on earth.

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

### November Meeting Reminders

- \* **Leadership Team Meeting**, November 14th at 6:30 p.m. in Carpenter Room
- \* **Trustee Meeting**, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Grier Room
- \* **SPRC**, November 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Sue Lewis, the family and friends of Mary Lee Burch, the family and friends of Lois Farmer, June McNamara and Barb Decker, all families grieving the loss of their saints, Chris Owen, Eleanor Lurwick, Yvonne Nelson, Billy and Luisa Combs, the Pritchett family, Hadley O'Day, Amanda and Brad, Jan and Bob Perkins, Bobby Walls, Randel Staford, Kim Schmit, Cal Hollis, Ron and Julie, a sister, Donald Trump, Ben, Jenny Hughes, Bev, Patty, DeeAnn, Sam and Shirley, Bob and Gene, Craig, Charlie Fleetwood, Bill Gaskill and family, Laurel Pastor, Kelly Beissel, Elle Sheaffer, Joy Benham, Jean Layton, Kirsten Pearce, Ruth Calloway, Brie Wyatt, Ginny Van Tine, Dache Carmine, Lydia Ann Carmine, Bill and Marty Brereton, Linda Breedlove, Beverly Harrison, everyone with financial issues, all those seeking a job, everyone with relationship issues, those impacted by the wildfires, victims of gun violence, Julie.

**Praise God for:** His unending grace, answering prayers.

**PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK:** Karen Hoch, Bob, Julie, Megan Miller, Craig, pray for the Evan's family, Lee Ann, Bella, My Sister, Donald Trump, Ben, Janice Abbott, Marty and Bill Brereton, Nenda Davis, Leonard Ziesel, and Donna Todd.

### **WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS:**

#### ♪**Handbells**

Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

#### ♪**MomentUM Praise Team**

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

#### ♪**Misplion 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.

## UPCOMING

**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).

## SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

**TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY:** On **November 19<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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>** (Disciple 1) and **November 13<sup>th</sup>** (Disciple 3)

**THE EPIC OF RUTH STUDY** will meet on Wednesday evenings. Our next class will be **November 13<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.

**KNIT/CROCHET GROUP:** As Thanksgiving approaches, the basket in the foyer is filling with knitted and crocheted hats and scarves for Milford's students. Everyone is welcomed to add to the supply, whether you have made them or purchased. All will be given to the school during Thanksgiving week.

**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 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:** “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 [srlamotte@gmail.com](mailto:srlamotte@gmail.com).

**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 [babazanettiz1000@msn.com](mailto:babazanettiz1000@msn.com).

**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 [srlamotte@avenueumc.com](mailto:srlamotte@avenueumc.com).

**MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY:** The Milford Community Pantry sends out a BIG thanks to the Milford Lions for a very successful Food Drive. They collected over **2,200** food items and a bit over \$200 in cash for the Pantry. This is always such a blessing and we appreciate the Lions, all the people who came to help us sort and box the items on a Saturday. Surely the presence of the Lord was in the collecting and sorting!!

If you are wondering what else we may need I suggest toilet paper. Thanks to all of you at Avenue who support us through prayers and donations. Also, I want you to know that Mountaire is donating chicken to us now and they deliver! (We previously purchased it from the Food Bank.) Mountaire is a good example of Christian support.

**The Diaper Pantry is now open every day and will be done at the Food Pantry during the hours of 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**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.southerndelawarechorale.org](http://www.southerndelawarechorale.org).

## **New Member Bios**

### **November 10, 2019**

We are excited to have a great class of New Members joining Avenue Church today. There is a wide range of experiences and interest in our group. Do everything you can to welcome them and to incorporate them into the life of Avenue Church.

**Bob and Jackie Cage** are joining through a transfer from Calvary United Methodist Church in Mt. Airy, MD. Bob is retired from G.E. and Jackie is a retired elementary school teacher. They enjoy music, reading, racing, swimming, and tennis. Bob and Jackie have three adult children and five grandchildren. They discovered Avenue through an internet search and they attend the 9:30 a.m. worship service. (Joining on November 17, 2019)

**Shannon and Zeph Geyer** are joining through Profession of Faith. They were just married in May of 2019 and are both teachers. They have previously helped with youth ministry and have interest in cooling, softball and tennis. They came to Avenue through the invitation of a friend and they attend the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

**Diana LeDonne** is transferring her membership from Deer Park UMC in Reisterstown, MD. She has a background in managing a non-profit organization. She discovered Avenue through an online search and attends the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

**Bob and Jan Perkins** are joining through a Profession of Faith. Bob has a background in management and Jan's background is in sales. They enjoy hiking, kayaking, reading, and helping others. Bob and Jan have three children, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. They discovered Avenue by driving by the church and attends the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

**Karen and Tom Schneider** are transferring their membership from Asbury United Methodist Church in Smyrna, DE. Tom has a background in engineering and Karen is a Career Counselor. They have served in the church as a Trustee and Alpha Leaders. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. They found Avenue through an internet search and attends the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

**Mandi Tierney** is joining us through a transfer from Orchard Church in Magnolia, DE. Mandi is married with two children. She is a project coordinator and enjoys reading, singing, painting among other things. She has served in the church as a liturgist and Sunday School teacher. She discovered Avenue Church by driving by and attends the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Dear Friends & Church Family,

We wanted you to know that Walt and I are moving to Metropolis, IL. We are going to our daughter Diane and her husband John. It is something we have wanted to do for a while now. For over 20 years we have been attending Avenue! Coming most Sundays with our daughter Donna Hill and a good bit of the time with our granddaughter Stephanie Burton and her family. We can express the pride we have from them sitting with us!! Stephanie and Paul were married at Avenue and their 3 children christened there. Sometimes walking thru the doors we came with a heavy heart and sometimes with a happy heart, but always with a peaceful heart. We thank the people of Avenue for that. Please pray for Walt and I as we will need it in our new church. Prayers for Pastor Steve and for Avenue.

Ruth Peters  
wrpeters98@gmail.com

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Thank you to my Avenue Church family for your many kind expressions of love, support, and sympathy during Sue's illness and passing. Everything you did for us was very comforting and greatly appreciated during this difficult time.

Ken Lewis and family

## Health Ministry

### November is Eating Healthy month

We want our parishioners to live a healthy life both spiritually and physically!!



## December

Avenue Methodist Health Ministry will have a Memory tree called “**Memories**” set up in the foyer. You are welcomed to bring an ornament to place on the tree in memory of your loved one for the Christmas season. We would love to share in the memory of your loved one. Please keep the ornament within 3 inches in length and width.



The Dover Symphony Orchestra  
presents a

# "FAMILY CONCERT"

Sunday, November 24, 2019

3:00 p.m.

Dover Downs Rollins Center, Route 13, Dover

Join the DSO, under the direction of Donald Buxton, as we perform *popular medleys of movie themes and show tunes*. Explore the shops at Dover Downs, munch on festive baked goods, sing along, tap your toes, clap your hands! Join us for this special treat for your entire family! Concert at 3:00 PM. Tickets available at the door. Valet parking available.

*Dover  
Symphony  
Orchestra*



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**Arts**

**Adults - \$20**

**Seniors/Students/Military/**

**First Responders - \$15**

**Young people 18 & under free with a paying adult**

***Tickets can now be purchased online at***

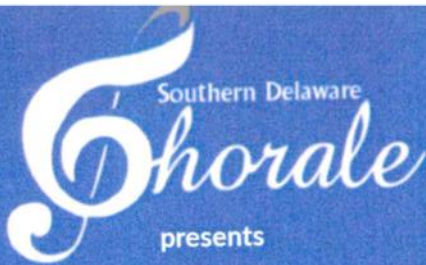
**[www.doversymphony.org](http://www.doversymphony.org)**

***Or Call 302-492-0353***

***for info (may leave a message)***

*Come Play!*  
**DOVER DOWNS**  
HOTEL & CASINO





# Carols & Lullabies



**Dr. Colin Armstrong**  
**Artistic Director & Conductor**

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

**For tickets: [southerndelawarechorale.org](http://southerndelawarechorale.org)**

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# CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY 11/17**

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

## **MONDAY 11/18**

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Tiger Den, Hertiage Room
- 6:30 p.m. Webelos Den
- 6:45 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 11/19**

- 9:45 a.m. Sarah Circle Meeting at Joyce  
Voshell's house
- 10:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study,  
Grier Room
- 1:30 p.m. Mary/Martha Circles Meeting,  
Grier Room
- 5:00 p.m. Mispillion Children's Chorus,  
Music Room
- 6:00 p.m. MomentUM, Wesley Room
- 6:30 p.m. Lion's Den
- 6:30 p.m. Trustee's Meeting, Grier Room
- 7:00 p.m. Central DE Chess Club,  
Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary

## **WEDNESDAY 11/20**

- 1:30 p.m. Knitting/Crocheting Group
- 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion Group
- 6:00 p.m. AveNotes, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Wolf Den, Wesley Room
- 6:45 p.m. Voices of Delmarva,  
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. The Epic of Ruth Study,  
Grier Room
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 3 Class, Holz. Room

## **THURSDAY 11/21**

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 2:15 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion
- 6:30 p.m. SPRC, Carpenter Room
- 6:30 p.m. Arrow of Light Den, Wesley Room

## **FRIDAY 11/22**

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

## **SATURDAY 11/23**

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

## **SUNDAY 11/24**

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Concert: AGO Southern DE,  
Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Wesley Room &  
Fellowship Hall