



AVENUE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, February 26, 2020


Psalm 1: 1-2 tells us, “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.” These are always relevant words to focus on but as we come into this season of Lent, this scripture is more important to remember.

We can either follow the counsel of the world or the counsel of the Word. Psalm 1 tells us that we should make God’s word our delight and meditate on it consistently, both day and night. Focusing on the Word is one of the major ways we get closer to God. The Word also gives us spiritual life. James 1:18 explains that “In fulfillment of His own purpose He gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of His creatures.”

The beginning of Lent is the time to start fresh once again. We often use these 40 days to work on what we can “give up” as a type of sacrificial offering or what we “can increase or add” in the areas of spiritual disciple and/or service. It’s a lot like New Years when we make our resolutions to become more of who we want to be.

Let’s use the 40 days of Lent to become more diligent in our spiritual disciplines so that habits can form and we will continue to grow as Christians all year round. And to God be the glory forever.

Pastor Andy



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITAL VISITS: Please help the pastors by calling the church office at (302) 422-8111 when someone from the church is hospitalized.

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE: We are now able to offer online giving from your phone, your laptop, or from our website. This tool creates another avenue for you to worship God and to support the ministries of Avenue Church through your giving. You can give using your Debit Card, Credit Card, or through an ACH transfer. You can give a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts just as you may do with online bill pay. Giving is easy and takes about thirty seconds to set up, and it is secure. Here is how it works:

From Your Cell Phone- Text “avenueumc” to 77977. You will receive a message with a link. Click on the link which will take you to our online giving page.

From Your Computer- In your browser, go to <http://www.pushpay.com/pay/avenueumc> This link will take you to our giving page from where you can make your gift.

From Our Website- Go to www.avenueumc.com and click on the red “Giving” button in the top-right corner of the homepage. That button will take you to our giving page. Our leadership is excited about this tool and encourage you to use it as you giving purposefully and joyfully as an act of worship each week! If you have questions about the platform or the process, please contact Pastor Steve or Harriet Davies.

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: David Sockrider, Fran DeFrank, Alex Cutler, Rob MacDonald, Merry J. ,Darlene Wilson, Judy King, Matthew Tierney, Tiffany Young, Craig, Family and friends of Al Skinner, Amy Arnold, Christians struggling with the guilt of depression, Ron Ivory, Dawn Willis, Laurel Pastor, Charlie Fleetwood, Brayden O'Brien and Betty Ziesel.

Rejoice with: Answered Prayers.

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: The Meck family, the family and friends of Beth Judy, Jennifer Miller, Dawn Willis and family, David Rutt, the Lewis family, Jack Searer, Jean Layton, Bill Gaskill, Ginny, Ed Bailey, Helen Holleger, Megan Miller, Betty's friend, Joe and Mary Jo Lear, Amy Arnold, Diaz Bonville, all those seeking employment and promotions, Mike, everyone who is traveling, Jamie, Barb, Seri, Anne, DeeAnn, Sammy, Bella, Linda Breedlove, Charlie and Barbara Fleetwood, Esther LaMotte, Chris, David Sockrider, Laurel Pastor, Betty Ziesel, Jack and Zelda McDuff, our denomination, Janice Abbott, Luisa and Billy Combs, Gene, Donna, the family of Rachel Badner, Craig, Buzz Gildea, Joan Wadman, our nation and its leaders, Yvonne Nelson, Merry J., Pat's mom.

Praise God for: Vaughn and Tracy Webb, Chelsea and Justin Arseneau, the team and caterpillars of the Boy's Chrysalis Weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Gary and Marti Seal who will celebrate their **53rd** anniversary on **March 11th**.

Al and Linda Hanna who will celebrate their **48th** anniversary on **March 11th**.

Don and Pat Fisher who will celebrate their **53rd** anniversary on **March 18th**.

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.

UPCOMING

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will take place at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 26th** in the Sanctuary. Pastor Wendy will be leading the service as we prepare our hearts and lives for the season of Lent. Come and join us on this sacred night as we gather to worship together.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES are held each Wednesday at noon followed by a soup luncheon at various churches. The schedule is:

Ash Wed Feb 26th at Calvary UMC, 301 SE Front St. Milford, DE

March 4th at Milford Church of the Nazarene, 11 N. Salevan Pl Milford, DE

March 11th at St. Paul UMC, 300 North St. Milford, DE

March 18th at Avenue UMC, 20 N Church Street Milford, DE

March 25th at First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Walnut St. Milford, DE

April 1st at Mt. Enon Baptist Church, 600 Church St. Milford, DE

LENTEN STUDY ON THE BEATITUDES will be led by Pastor Steve on Thursday's beginning **February 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Grier Room**. We will be looking at each of the Beatitudes and reading the book *Words from the Hill* by Stu Garrard. If you are interested in signing up for the study, please do so on the sign-up sheet on the round table in the Fellowship Foyer, or by emailing Pastor Steve at srlamotte@avenueumc.com.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Our next class will be on **Sunday, March 1st at 4:30 p.m.** in the Grier Room. Confirmation is for students in grades 7-12 with the aim of teaching the faith to claim it for themselves. Contact Pastor Steve at srlamotte@avenueumc.com with questions.

EASTER OUTREACH: We are putting together a team to lead an Easter Egg Hunt as an outreach to the church and community prior to Easter Sunday. If you would like to serve on the team, please contact Pastor Steve at srlamotte@gmail.com

THE WELL will take place on Friday, April 3rd and is an exciting night of fellowship, worship, and growing together in God's Word for the women of Avenue Church and our community. Rev. Paige Evers will be our speaker for the evening and dinner will be provided by Etta's. Tickets for the event are \$20/person and will be on sale on March 8th, 15th and 22nd in the Fellowship Foyer. You can contact Andrea LaMotte for more information at lamotte.andrea@gmail.com.

GENERAL CONFERENCE LISTENING SESSIONS will be held in the coming weeks. If you would like to hear the latest information regarding General Conference, you can join our General and Jurisdictional delegation as they share information about May's event. There are three dates to choose from:

February 29th at Community Church in Ocean Pines (9:00am-Noon)

March 7th at Connection Community Church in Middletown, DE (9:00am-Noon)

March 7th at St. Luke's UMC in Denton, MD (2:00pm-5:00pm)

CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE READING: In the month of February, we will be reading through the Gospel of Matthew as a community. With 29 days in the month and 28 chapters in Matthew, we'll read one chapter a day. For further interaction, there will be a Facebook post each day where you can leave your thoughts, share your insights, and interact with other members of the community. Join us as we commit to spending time in God's Word!

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020 will be held on May 5-15 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. General Conference is a gathering of United Methodist delegates from around the world. It is the only body that can write the doctrine and polity of the church. They will be discussing and voting on all matters regarding the church and our future. As General Conference draws closer, let us pray for the 800+ delegates who will gather in Minnesota and for the leaders of our church.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES/MINISTRIES

EXPERIENCING GOD: Donny Hopkins will be teaching a class on Experiencing God (13 week course). Our next class will be on **Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m.** in the Grier Room. For more information please contact Donny Hopkins at (302) 381-1083.

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS' BIBLE STUDY: On **February 25th**, we will start our new study "Jesus—The God who knows your name by Max Lucado. 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: Next class will meet **March 2nd** (Disciple 1) and **February 26th** (Disciple 3).

THE WESLEYAN WAY BIBLE STUDY: Rev. John Van Tine, Retired will be teaching a class on Wednesday nights from 7:00—8:00 p.m. beginning February 5th through April 8th in the Grier Room. The class is the “The Wesleyan Way” by Scott Jones. This class will enable us to make following Jesus a way of life. Plan to attend these classes that will deepen your faith. **NO CLASS ON FEBRAURY 26TH.**

SUNSHINE BIBLE CLASS FOR ADULTS: The Sunshine Bible Class for adults meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Grier Room. Our study for March is “Suffering.” These lessons will deal with the fact that suffering is a reality of life and will take us to five places in Scripture where suffering is a dominant theme. We will examine these stories, not to wallow in misery, but to understand them as context for hope and salvation. This class is taught by Rev. John Van Tine, Retired. Please plan to attend these exciting lessons.

EXPLORING FAITH BOOK CLUB: Exploring Your Faith Book Club will meet on **Sunday March 29th** in the Grier Room at 12:15 p.m.. We will study Chapter 3 of the book “The Dream of God” by Verna J. Dozier. This study is led by Rev. John Van Tine, retired. All are welcome.

HEALTH MINISTRY: On **Thursday, February 27th** from 8:30-9:00 a.m. in the Grier Room, Mary Lou Sheaffer will be teaching chair Yoga. Please try to attend and wear comfortable clothes. **Blood pressure Screening Sunday, March 1st from 7:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

COMMUNITY

MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY: The Milford Community Pantry is so thankful for the generosity of the congregation at Avenue and we want to be sure you know it. Cheers and applause for the people who helped with the large order that was delivered last week. We also need volunteers for the first Tuesday morning of each month. Our Pantry needs right now are canned pork & beans and cereal. Our diaper closet needs are the larger sizes 4 and 6.

A reminder for those of you who buy through Amazon. Amazon has a site that donates to charities and we are part of the groups you can select. Order through [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and select a Milford Community Pantry, Milford, DE. Prayers for our outreach, our volunteers and for the families we serve are always appreciated. Questions call Tita Lewis 664-1321.

HELP US REACH NEW PEOPLE THROUGH WORSHIP

Avenue is continuing to look for ways to reach new people while improving the worship experience on Sunday mornings. We would like to extend the reach of our worship services by live streaming our gatherings on the internet. This would make our worship services available to shut-ins, those who are sick and traveling, as well as those who may be new to the area and checking out churches. Once services are complete, video of the services would be archived on our website or on a platform such as YouTube for those who want to view them later.

While part of our sound system was replaced previously, there are still upgrades that will allow our sound system to be as clear as possible, helping everyone hear the service better and providing the best sound for live streaming. Our wireless microphones are currently out of compliance with the FCC and need to be replaced. We would also like to upgrade our monitors to in-ear monitors, which would reduce the noise coming from the chancel and making the speakers in the Sanctuary sound clearer.

The total cost of the project is \$50,000. As this is not a budgeted item, we are looking to see if there are members who would like to contribute to the project. Your contribution will enable high quality sound and as well as the digital distribution of our worship services on Sunday mornings and beyond.

If you would like to contribute to this project, please make a check payable to Avenue United Methodist Church with “A/V Upgrades” in the memo line so we know where to place it. If you have questions about the upgrade possibilities, please contact Pastor Steve at srlamotte@avenueumc.com or Kevin Chamberlain, Minister of Music at KBChamberlain@avenueumc.com.

A generous donor is offering a challenge that they will match 100% of any gift \$500 or less specifically designated for the A/V Upgrades, up to \$10,000. All gifts must be received by the end of February to be matched.



Health Ministry



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John 15:12



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If Stroke Happens, Act F.A.S.T.



F—FACE DROOPING

Ask the person to smile.
Does one side droop?



A—ARM WEAKNESS

Ask the person to raise both
arms. Does one arm drift
downward?



S—SPEECH DIFFICULTY

Ask the person to repeat
a simple sentence. Are the
words slurred?



T—TIME TO CALL 9-1-1

If the person shows any
of these signs, call 9-1-1
immediately.

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 CATALYST



**Catalyst is a
gathering time to
discuss Scripture,
Pray, and to
Fellowship**

**This is for 6-12 Grade.
11:00 AM to 12 PM**

Avenue United Methodist Church *Lenten Organ Recitals*

February 27, 2020 – 12:05-12:35 PM

Kevin B. Chamberlain,
Avenue United Methodist Church, Milford

March 5, 2020 – 12:05-12:35 PM

Jackson Borges,
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Rehoboth Beach

March 12, 2020 – 12:05-12:35 PM

Kevin B. Chamberlain,
Avenue United Methodist Church, Milford

March 19, 2020 – 12:05-12:35 PM

T. J. Thomas,
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lewes

March 26, 2020 – 12:05-12:35 PM

Herb Parkes,
Christ Episcopal Church, Milford

April 11, 2020 – 12:05-12:35 PM

Jon Rania,
Christ Episcopal Church, Dover

A luncheon of homemade soup and bread will be served in the
Fellowship Hall immediately following the recitals.

All are invited.

Lenten Organ Recitals are part of the Concert Series of Avenue Church.



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CALENDAR

SUNDAY 3/1 ~ Communion

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class,
Grier Room
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsals, 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 Meeting,
Heritage Room
- 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Grier Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Fellowship Hall and
Wesley Room

MONDAY 3/2

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 3:30 p.m. UMW Board Meeting, Grier Room
- 6:30 p.m. Experiencing God, Grier Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Tiger Den, Heritage Room
- 6:30 p.m. Webelos Den
- 7:00 p.m. 1st State Harmonizers,
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class, Holz. Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Wesley Room

TUESDAY 3/3

- 9:30 a.m. Archives Meeting, Archives Room
- 10:00 a.m. Sisters' 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. Leadership Team Meeting,
Grier Room
- 6:30 p.m. Lion's Den
- 7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,
Room 206
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal,
Wesley Room

WEDNESDAY 3/4

- 9:00 a.m. Dover District Boot Camp,
Grier Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting /Crocheting Group,
Wood Lounge
- 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Music Room
- 5:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus 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. Disciple 3 Class, Holz. Room
- 7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Way Bible Study,
Grier Room

THURSDAY 3/5

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Group
- 8:30 a.m. Chair Yoga, Grier Room
- 11:00 a.m. AA, Wesley Room
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Recitals,
Sanctuary
- 2:15 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Father's Night,
Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Study on the Beattitudes,
Grier Room

FRIDAY 3/6

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

SATURDAY 3/7

- 8:30 a.m. Merit Badge College,
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Wesley Room

SUNDAY 3/8 ~ Communion

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class,
Grier Room
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsals, Music Room
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Christian Believers Class,
Holz. Room
- 6:00 p.m. FUSION, Fellowship Hall and
Wesley Room