



AVENUE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

One of the most stressful times of high school for me was prom season. It was a never ending question of when you would be asked, what you would wear, how the after prom would go, and whether it would be a good time or not. Looking back, it is not a time that I would want to repeat if I had the ability to relive a part of my life.

And yet my heart hurts for all the high school students that won't get the chance to attend their proms this year. It also aches for everyone who will have a less than traditional graduation, no matter what level of school or college a student may be. I feel bad for all the brides and grooms who are having issues planning their weddings, and even trying to decide if they should postpone or cancel their events. I also grieve with families who can't hold funerals with receptions to celebrate and remember their loved ones.

Traditions and milestones are falling victim to the virus. We won't be taking our mothers out for Mother's Day, and are no longer celebrating birthdays with parties, or gathering together for baptisms and baby showers. So many wonderful moments that we want to share with the people we love are not happening.

And yet the person who loves us the most and is most important to all of creation shares every second of every day with us. Jesus never leaves our side and with Him, all the moments of our lives are special. So when we are disappointed and saddened by not being able to celebrate those milestones we have looked forward to or worked so hard to achieve, we need to remember to look to God for his healing support. Psalm 147:3 reminds us that "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Whatever has broken your heart – whether it be a prom that won't take place, a wedding being cancelled, a graduation scratched from the calendar, a funeral where you can't celebrate the life of a loved one, or any other moment that will be lost or postponed – look to the Lord for His healing power to get us past those moments lost and focused on the future.

By trusting and counting on Him, we bring Him the glory and honor forever.

Pastor [Signature]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY: Join us on **Sunday at 10:00 a.m.** on Facebook Live as we gather to worship and pray together. If you cannot watch at 10:00 a.m., the video will remain up on our Facebook page. Join us at www.facebook.com/avenueumc

You can also share the live stream on your page, inviting others to worship with us.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT: We want to thank everyone who has continued to give as an act of worship and support over the last several weeks. We know that many of our financial futures are up-in-the-air as jobs are shut-down and routines are disrupted. Your support means that Avenue Church can continue to serve the Milford community through this crisis. If you are able, you can send your gift through the mail to our church office (20 N. Church St. Milford, DE 19963) or by giving online at www.avenueumc.com/give, or by texting 'avenueumc' to 77977. Thank you, again, for your continued support.

PASTORAL CARE: If you know someone who is in need of prayer or a phone call, please call the church office at 422-8111 or contact one of the pastors directly. We are doing limited face-to-face pastoral care visits during this time, but want to make contact any way we can.

PRAYER CONCERNS PAST WEEK: All those infected by the coronavirus and the medical teams who are treating and containing it. the family and friends of Mary Sue Thawley, the family and friends of Violet Marvel, the family and friends of Kathy Crystle, Dave Rumery and his family in the Covid death of his mother. Charlene Workman and her family in the Covid death of her sister. all the residents of Genesis who have lost their life to Covid, Jennifer Weaver, Rhoda and Greg Kurz, Jennifer Miller and husband Chris, Larry Hughes, Joe, Darren Beilstein, Donna and Keith Coverdale, Donna Hill, Julie Dally, Dottie and Jerry Jackson, Ellie Lauckner, Jean Layton, Barb Decker, Bob Cage, Jan Perkins, Bill and Marty Brereton, Ken, Ed Bailey, Joe and Mary Jo Lear, Craig, Sammy, Bella, Linda Breedlove, Charlie and Barbara Fleetwood, Esther LaMotte, Chris, Laurel Pastor, Tori Nelson, Betty and Ramie Ziesel, Dean Johnson, Jack and Zelda McDuff, Luisa and Billy Combs, Joan Wadman, our nation and its leaders, everyone dealing with financial issues, all who are lonely and isolated as a result of the virus.

Rejoice with: Bill Gaskill and family and everyone blessed by God .

PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK: All those infected by the coronavirus and the medical teams who are seeking to contain and heal it, Rymal Kenton and family, the Kimmey family, the Van Tine and Johnson families, Chris Schultz, Barbara Dietrich, Jennifer and Chris Miller, Larry Hughes, Janie Martin, Jean Hutchman's daughter-in-law, Bill Cage, Joe, Donna and Keith Coverdale, Julie Dally, Rhoda and Greg Kurz, Dottie and Jerry Jackson, Ellie Lauckner, Jean Layton, Jan Perkins, Bill and Marty Brereton, Ed Bailey, Ken, Joe and Mary Jo Lear, Craig, Sammy, Bella, Linda Breedlove, Charlie and Barbara Fleetwood, Esther LaMotte, Chris, Laurel Pastor, Tori Nelson, Betty and Ramie Ziesel, Dean Johnson, Jack and Zelda McDuff, Luisa and Bill Combs, Joan Wadman, our nation and its leaders, everyone dealing with financial issues, all who are feeling isolated and alone.

Rejoice with: Everyone whom God has blessed.

SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of **Ricahrd “Herb” Kenton** who passed away on **April 26, 2020**. Herb joined Avenue on March 18, 2007.

UPPER ROOM DELIVERY: The Upper Room Daily Devotional is part of the spiritual formation for many at Avenue. The current issue is almost complete and a new issue will be arriving soon. Picking up an Upper Room is not as simple as it once was, we want to ensure that those who want one can have one. If you would like to receive an Upper Room delivered to your house (with safety precautions taken), then please call the church office at 302-422-8111 or email churchoffice@aveuenumc.com so we can add you to a delivery list. If you are willing to help deliver Upper Rooms in your area, please contact the office as well so we can organize deliveries when the new issue arrives.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME: Since we are unable to meet for Sunday School each week, we are providing a home Sunday School lesson for you to do with your children (or grandchildren!). You can click on the link below for a video lesson. Then use the pages at the end of the MidWeek to lead your children through the lesson. This week's lesson is on Early Believers and the questions we have about God and faith.

1. [Watch the lesson here](#)
2. Read the Parent Page with Kids
3. Have children fill out their questions
4. Do the coloring page.
5. Pray together

We will send out another lesson each week for you to disciple your children at home. Thanks to Sparkhouse for making this curriculum available.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Avenue offers a number of scholarships each spring to graduating Seniors. **Please keep this date in mind:**

- ◆ **May 10th**, 9:30 a.m. is when scholarships will be awarded, along with gifts and recognition for all the Class of 2020. **Please plan to join us.**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES DURING CORONA OUTBREAK: There are several opportunities to share the light of Christ during the next several weeks of our new reality.

- Volunteer to help prepare meals at Banneker Elementary School. Contact the church office at 422-8111.
- Donate Money to the schools or two one of the restaurants who are providing meals. They providing out of their bottom line and this is an opportunity to rally around them.
- Check-in on your neighbors who may be lonely, shut-in, or at-risk. Be safe about it, but don't give up on the community.
- Do a grocery run for someone who may have trouble getting out.

GENERAL CONFERENCE POSTPONED - With the spread of the Coronavirus worldwide, The 2020 General Conference, scheduled for May 5th-15th in Minneapolis, MN, has been postponed until 2021. General Conference is attended by over 800 delegates and Bishops from four continents. This decision comes at a time where our denomination was facing questions about a possible split as well as other major decisions around budget reductions and new elected leaders. The body of the General Conference is the only body that can set church doctrine and polity. The Discipline (our church doctrine and polity) set at the called Special General Conference of 2019 is the current church law within The United Methodist Church.

As of this time, there are no new dates for General Conference 2021. As part of The United Methodist Church, we continue to pray for our Bishops, leaders, and delegates who guide our denomination and churches.

LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT: If anyone would like to send letters of encouragement to Milford Genesis it would be appreciated. The staff and residents are struggling. Health ministry has collected masks and caps for the staff along with some food. The Chief of Police has jumped in with me to organize groups to support the staff and residents with food.

Milford Center Genesis
700 Marvel Rd.
Milford, DE 19963

HEALTH MINISTRIES: Click on the following link for information of mental health:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html>



THE 2020 PAUL RIMMER MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Rimmer Scholarship was established at Avenue Church in memory of Paul Rimmer who was an outstanding church musician. This scholarship is designed to assist students in grades 7-11 with musical training. One scholarship is awarded yearly, on Sunday, May 10th at the 8:00 a.m. worship service.

The scholarship is awarded to a student who is:

- 1) currently in 7th – 11th grade,
- 2) currently or has recently been involved in the Music Ministries of Avenue Church,
- 3) willing to use his or her musical talents in the ministry of Avenue Church.

The Scholarship is \$500 which will be paid to a music teacher or music school on your behalf.

Applications are available in the church office. Please return completed applications to the church office by **Friday, May 1, 2020**. Please contact Kevin Chamberlain for more information.

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2020 Paul Rimmer Music Scholarship Application

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please type all answers.

Write a brief statement why you wish to further your musical training.

In a few sentences tell us about your past and present involvement in the Music Ministries of Avenue Church.

In a few sentences tell us how you would use the Paul Rimmer Music Scholarship, and how that would assist you as part of Avenue Church's Music Ministry.

Please enclose a letter from a music teacher describing your current musical proficiency, and your potential for growth.

Please return completed application to Avenue Church by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020.



I wonder...

- If other people thought the early Christians were strange.
- Why Christians don't live this way today.
- If living like the early Christians could end poverty today.



Beef Bulgogi

"No! Go away!" Cale was madder than he'd ever been before. "I'm not even part of this family any more!"

His sister Tally laughed, "Then why are you still here, Kay-El? Nobody's holding you back."

Cale ran to his room, slamming the door shut behind him. He began making a pile of things he wanted to take with him. Some clothes, nine of his favorite comic books, and his video games.


He muttered to himself as he stuffed his backpack. *It'll probably take 'em a week to notice I'm gone. Then they'll probably have a party.* He strained to pull the zipper shut.

I'll go live with Grandpa. At least he likes me. We'll go fishing every day. We'll stay up late watching scary movies every night.

He stopped suddenly and smelled the air. Was that beef bulgogi? He opened his door and peeked out into the kitchen. His dad was making his favorite meal for supper. Maybe he could wait until after supper to run away.

Tally called out to him from the family room. "Cale, I can't get past level 12 on Ponies of Wrath. Help me, will you?"

He plopped down next to her. "You've gotta hold the LI button while you jump over the flaming river. Here, I'll do it for you."





Cut out and fold the Chatterbox. Ask a family member to choose one of the colors. Spell aloud, moving the Chatterbox in and out for each letter. Choose one of the numbers. Count up to that number, moving the Chatterbox in and out for each count. Pick a flap to lift. Read the statement aloud. Answer the question or follow the instructions.

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4	What is your favorite part of worship?	How could you help a needy family?	7
What would you do with \$1 million?	What possession would be most difficult to sell?	church memory? each week?	What is your favorite church service?
3	What do you like about eating a meal at church?	What should you do to help a needy family?	8
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Early Believers



The early believers were great at sharing.

Early Believers



They shared their money and their homes.