



AVENUE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

On the way into church last week, I felt the nudge to turn on my radio, which is something I hardly ever do. Normally I use the 35 – 45 minute commute to pray and converse with God. It's a spiritual discipline I strive to focus on everyday so it was a pretty hard "suggestion" that had me turning into the "Calm Channel" on my satellite radio which is primarily a light, almost "spa-like" station that is very relaxing.

It didn't take long to figure out why I had gotten that nudge from the Spirit, because the song that was playing just soaked into my brain and brought me a complete sense of peace. When I looked at the name of the composition on my dashboard it was called "The Miracle of Forgiveness."

I had to pull over and have a good cry because it was so obvious God wanted me to know how literally and figuratively the miracle of forgiveness would be so calming and relaxing. If just a song with that title can do it, imagine what it will be like to feel that true peace and calm when we know the miracle of forgiveness in the kingdom of God.

Those of use who know Jesus as Savior will know the forgiveness of the Lord. But we also need to forgive. Mark 11:25 tells us, "And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

When we forgive, we know the peace and mercy of the Lord himself. When God "forgives our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" we give him the glory and honor forever and ever.

Pastor Andy

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.

AVENUE CHURCH APP NOW AVAILABLE: You can now download the Avenue Church App on your smartphone and stay up-to-date with the latest news, videos, and events happening at Avenue. The app is updated regularly and you will have the ability to give to Avenue directly from the app. The app is available for iPhone (IOS) and Android (Google Play) devices.

To download the app, click this link from your phone:

[iPhone \(IOS\)](#)

[Android \(Google Play Store\)](#)

You can also search "Avenue Church DE" in your App Store.

CAN YOU HELP LIVESTREAM? We are looking for those who are interested in exploring digital ministry by providing some leadership in our Livestream worship services. We are looking for members to learn the recording and editing process, to manage our Youtube uploads, and to help with Social Media. As we are learning, this kind of ministry will be essential moving forward. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Steve at srlamotte@avenueumc.com.

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: Those infected by Covid-19 and the medical teams who are seeking to contain and heal it. For all those in this country who have experienced racism and/or abuse by those in power of any type, the family and friends of George Floyd, all the communities impacted by looting, arson and other destruction, the healing of the nation, the family and friends of Gloria, Pat Hudson, Sherena Chilton, Chris Schultz, Bonnie Carmine, Nancy Lee, Josiah, Tita Lewis, Racheal Simesak, 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, Joe and Mary Jo Lear, Craig, Sammy, Bella, Linda Breedlove, Charlie and Barbara Fleetwood, Esther LaMotte, Chris, Laurel Pastor, 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 feeling lonely and isolated.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Dee Konesey who will be celebrating his **106th** birthday on **June 12th**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Rob & Pat Craig will celebrate their **52nd** anniversary on **June 22nd**.

Dave & Judy Passwaters will celebrate their **62nd** anniversary on **June 28th**.

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.

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.

Please bring your letters to the church, we have a basket in the Fellowship Foyer.

Witness to Our Faith

Each week in the Avenue Midweek, members and friends of Avenue UMC will be sharing their own personal witness of faith. This column will be coordinated by Janice Abbott who will be seeking volunteers and writers who are willing to share their stories. Each article is due one week in advance and should be sent to Kelly at the Church office so there will be time to add it to the newsletter. It will appear the following week. It will be inspirational to read each week how God has blessed each person/family today and through the years. If you would like to contact Janice to volunteer, please call her at (302) 943-7278.

from Louise O'Bier

I have two favorite bible verses. The first is Psalms 118:25 "This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." The second verse is from Philippians 4:13; "...for I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me strength and power."

In my walk with the Lord, I am still learning that I am not in charge. It is my responsibility to open my heart, mind and ears and listen to the Lord. He will direct me along the path, He created for me. Over the past days, weeks and months, I have been reminded, once again, that this is beyond my control. I have chosen to rest in the Lord and put my trust in Him.

The verse from Philippians is framed and hangs in our home. As I reread it several times a day, I know my strength comes from the Lord. I choose not to worry or be afraid, but rather, be cautious. I can, and will, get through this with the Lord's help.

The verse from Psalms reminds me that no matter how frightened, worried, anxious, depressed or unsure we are, we have reason to celebrate each and everyday. We can face each new day with confidence. We can lead each day with gratitude. This is the day the Lord has made. We should rejoice and be glad in it.

2020 Graduates



Bethany Pasmore will graduate as Valedictorian of the Sussex Technical High School's Class of 2020. Her accomplishments are many and varied. From being one of the only female Sousaphone players in the Raven Nation Marching Band to being part of a 2nd Place World Finals team for Odyssey of the Mind to President of National Honor Society and Key Club to her state win in the Educator's Rising Speech competition to her volunteer work in Sunday School at Avenue UMC and singing with the Praise Team at Asbury UMC, Bethany has worked hard and enjoyed the many opportunities available to her in high School. Next year she plans on majoring in Elementary and Special Education with a minor in Spanish at the University of Delaware. Bethany is the daughter of Tom and Sarah Pasmore.



McKenzie Betts will be graduating from Sussex Tech and attending University of Lynchburg to study nursing and swim for the University swim team. McKenzie is the daughter of Bobby and Dianne Betts.



Chad Reichhold is graduating from Milford High School class of 2020. Chad will be attending the University of Delaware on a Baseball Scholarship and majoring in Business. Chad is the son of Kevin and Leann Reichhold.



Anna Humes – Anna is graduating from Sussex Tech High School and will be attending University of DE in Newark. She is the daughter of Tom and Sandy Humes.



Kennedy Humes - Kennedy is graduating from Worcester Prep in Berlin, MD, and will be attending James Madison in Harrisonburg, VA. She is the daughter of David and Jennifer Humes.



Wesley Humes – Wesley is graduating from Sussex Tech High School, and will be attending U of D in Newark. He is the son of Alan and Tayna Humes.



Keith Stevenson is a senior at PolyTech High School. He plans to attend Delaware Tech (University of Delaware Seed Program) in Georgetown in the Fall. He has not decided on his major but he is interested in Environmental Science, Entomology or the Culinary Arts) He is looking forward to fishing and crabbing this summer. Keith is the son of Todd and Christy Stevenson.

Rebecca Lane—Rebecca will be graduating from Poly Tech high school. She plans to attend Elizabethtown University in Pennsylvania where she will study to become a Pediatric Physician's Assistant. Rebecca is the daughter of Joseph and Deborah Lane.



Liam Noah Gardner Bowler – Liam Noah Gardner-Bowler is the son of Daniel Gardner and Rose Bowler. He is an Eagle Scout, a member of Youth in Government and was selected for Delaware's Boys State and the 4-H National Leadership Conference. Noah served as the Vice-President and President of this 4-H club Create~2Learn & 2Lead and was a Jr. leader for STEM, Service Learning and Art / Photography. He is a 360 Multiply Good Recipient and Jefferson Award State Finalist.

Noah is graduating this June from Innovative Learning Academy. He has completed his first semester of college at Delaware Tech with a 4.0 GPA. Noah plans to complete his Associate Degree in Visual Art at Delaware Tech and then transfer to Wilmington University to earn his Bachelors of Science in Animation and 3D. Noah is the son of Dan and Rose Gardner-Bowler.



Mackenzie Kirkpatrick - Mackenzie is graduating from Sussex Tech. She will be attending Delaware Tech College in the fall majoring in Elementary education. She's the daughter of Jim and Bobbie Kirkpatrick



Hannah M. Burbage – Hannah is graduating from Cape Henlopen High School. She was in the national honor society, swim team, drama and will be attending University of Delaware in the fall for Elementary Education. Hannah is the daughter of Graham and Kasey Burbage, granddaughter of Gerald and Joanne Burbage.



Sherena Chilton Graduating from Rutgers University Majoring in Biology. Sherena is the daughter of Tom and Henrietta Chilton.



Dylan Hilligoss - Dylan will be graduating from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science in Physics and a concentration in Astronomy and a minor in Mathematics. Dylan has since been recommended to the Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education for admission with funding into the Master of Science Program in Physics and Astronomy at the University of Delaware. He has been awarded a Teaching Assistantship with a stipend of \$21,200 and a tuition waiver for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters. Dylan is the son of Mike and Tina Hilligoss.



Adrianna Nicole Nelson – Adrianna graduated from University of Delaware with a BA in Art History, Minor in educational studies (Photo from study abroad Spring 2019 Rome, Italy Spanish steps) My dream job is to do children's programs in art museums. Adrianna is the daughter of Yvonne Nelson.



Megan Kirkpatrick – Megan graduated from Wilmington University with a bachelors degree in Science/Elementary Education. She is now at the Milford School District as a 5th grade teacher at Mispillion Elementary. She is the daughter of Jim and Bobbie Kirkpatrick.



Samantha J. Isom – Samantha is graduating from University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science in Fashion Design and Product Innovation with a Minor in Business. She has a job working for W.L. Gore & Associates in Elkton MD. Sam is the daughter of Dana and Glen Isom, and the granddaughter of Jim and Sharon Clendaniel.



Korey Mitchell – Korey is a 2020 University of Delaware Graduate, Department of Engineering with a BS in Computer Science. Korey is the son of Kevin and Kim Mitchell.

Health Ministry



John 4:14

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."