



AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Making a List, Checking It Twice

Just the other day while I was dropping Caleb off at his pre-school he requested that we listen to Christmas music on the radio. To tell you how much I love Caleb (and all our children), I switched to some Christmas music even though I am known to have a strict “no Christmas music before Thanksgiving” stance. If you’ve seen Caleb smile, it is a hard smile to resist!

At Avenue we have been working on Christmas plans since the end of August. This year’s Christmas celebration will look different, but we are working to make it as meaningful as any other year. Truth be told, as 2020 is coming towards an end, we could use some hope to round out the year. Advent/Christmas is a wonderful season to focus on Hope.

Here is the early plan barring any sort of shutdown related to COVID. We are planning an evening outdoor gathering in early December to sing carols and to light a Christmas tree together. This will be a great event for our church and community to attend. When it comes to Christmas Eve, we are trying to make space for as many people to worship as possible. We are planning six services over December 23 and 24 to accommodate Christmas worshippers. There are some other plans in the works.

This is where you come. If you feel that these opportunities to gather are important for our church and community, we need your leadership. We will need people to serve on the Greeter Teams and to serve as ushers during worship. We will need folks to work alongside of Health Ministries for check-ins and screenings. We will need folks

to help share the news with their friends and through social media. We have a great set of leaders working in these positions, we will need more who are willing to step up and serve so that the church can continue to move forward in our ministry and mission.

Ready to get involved? Email churchoffice@avenueumc.com and let us know if you are interested in serving this upcoming season. We are planning a training where we will discuss our goals for the season and how you can help us achieve them. As we move towards the holiday season, we are making a list and checking it twice. As opportunities to serve arise, prayerfully consider how you can join in ministry to our community!

Pastor Steve

Service Opportunities at Avenue Virtual Café

Avenue is actively opening our doors for students who need a safe and reliable place for virtual learning. We are open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:00-3:00 p.m. If you are interested in signing up for a three and a half hour shift, follow the link below to sign up to help. You must complete a background check (or have one on file in the last three years) in order to serve in this ministry. Contact Pastor Steve at srlamotte@avenueumc.com or at 422-8111 for more information.

To sign up to serve, go to: <https://calendly.com/avenuevcafe/vsessions>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY: Worship is held each Sunday in-person or online at 9:00 a.m. (Traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (Contemporary). Through the warmer months, we are holding an outdoor evening worship service at 6:00 p.m. We are streaming the morning worship services on our Facebook (facebook.com/avenueumc) and Youtube (youtube.com/c/avenueunitedmethodistchurch) pages.

GIVING AT AVENUE is possible through multiple ways.

- You can give your offering in-person
- You can snail mail your gift to: 20 N. Church St. Milford, DE 19963
- You can give online through the red “give” button on our homepage
- You can text “avenueumc” to 77977 and follow the prompts
- You can download and use our “Avenue Church DE” App on your smart phone

GIVING STATEMENTS for January 1-September 30, 2020 have been emailed to all members/friends who have emails registered with Avenue Church. If you do not have email and would like a print out of your giving statement, please call Kelly at the church office to request one.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The Church Office will be open **Monday through Friday** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We do ask that you consider using a phone call or email if you are able to accomplish your business before coming into the office.

PASTORAL CARE: If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care, please call the church office at 422-8111 or contact a staff person directly. You can also email prayer@avenueumc.com to have your name added to the prayer chain. We are doing limited face-to-face visits during this time, but would be happy to make contact any way that we can.

MILFORD COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY: The Milford Community Pantry continues to operate on Tuesday’s and Friday’s from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. We seen an average of 4-6 families each day. We are also seeing families in need of diapers from our Diaper Closet. If you need food at another time please call Tita Lewis at (302) 236-6616.

Our current needs are cereal (without sugar coating), saltines and chunky soup. For the Diaper Closet we need wipes and sizes 4 and 5 diapers. We have a good supply of newborn and size one. Thank you so much for your ongoing support, Tita and Diane.

HELP WANTED! AVENUE GREETER TEAM: The Avenue Greeter team needs your help. We’re inviting you to join and help serve in this ministry. No experience needed, just a friendly smile and some of your time (a few Sunday mornings throughout the year). If you’re interested, please call John Horsman at (302) 222-6642.

PRAYER GATHERING FOR OUR NATION: Avenue will be gathering for a time of prayer tonight at **6:30 p.m.** for a time of prayer for our nation as we prepare for the 2020 election. Our time together will be filled with worship, corporate prayer and repentance, as well as times of guided prayer. Please RSVP for the Prayer Gathering by emailing Kelly at churchoffice@avenueumc.com

ALL-SAINTS DAY IS NOVEMBER 1ST: During our worship gatherings on **Sunday, November**

1st we will be holding a time of remembrance for the saints who have gone on to glory over the course of the previous year. Please make plans to join us for this special time of worship.

OUTDOOR SERVICE IS MOVING INDOORS: On **Sunday, November 1st**, the Outdoor Evening Service will be moving in to the Sanctuary for worship at 6:00 p.m. Participants will need to wear masks and practice social distancing while inside the building. Our outdoor “experiment” was a lot of fun this summer and is likely to return when the weather is nicer and the daylight longer in 2021.

BLESS A FAMILY WITH A THANKSGIVING MEAL: You can sponsor a meal for a family of our community, whom Avenue knows will be most appreciative. Here are 3 different ways you can donate: \$20 (turkey), \$30 for other items or \$50 for a complete meal. Simply mark a check or an envelope with “Turkey, Other Items or Complete Meal” or designate on line donation. **Funding is needed by Sunday, November 15th.**

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

UMW BOARD MEETING: On **Wednesday, November 4th** we will meet in the Century Club at **3:30 p.m.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OR SHOEBOX MINISTRY has a special place in the heart for many. Due to the pandemic, there are 2 options this year.

You can order a shoebox to be made for you by paying \$25.00 to Brenda Biesel. She has items that she has purchased at good prices throughout the year to make a great box for you. The price includes shipping. You can call her at (302) 270-1764 to see if she is able to make a box for you.

Second choice is to do it yourself which includes delivering shoebox to one of the distribution places and including shipping charges. There are some empty boxes and a brochure in the foyer closet. Pick up a box and brochure and enjoy. Shipping cost is \$9.00 to be included in the box. Boxes can be dropped off between November 16th and 23rd. Last year the Boys and Girls Club in Milford was a drop off place and Calvary Church on Route 10 in Dover. These and other places will be confirmed later.

TUESDAY MORNING SISTERS’ BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday Morning Sisters’ Bible Study will be meeting at **10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.** We will continue our study of Jonah with Priscilla Shirer on **November 3rd.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS: The Sunshine Bible Class for adults led by Rev. John Van Tine, retired is meeting in Fellowship Hall at 10:15AM. Our study for November is “In This Place.” The lesson for November 1st is “Sacred Spaces” based on Genesis 8:20-21; 12:6-8; 28:16-22; I Samuel 7:10-12; November 8th lesson is “Worship in the Synagogue” based on Luke 4:31-44; November 15th lesson is “Worship as the Church” based on Matthew 18:15-20; Hebrews 10:19-25; November 22nd lesson is “Worship at the Throne” based on Revelation 4:1-11; and November 29th lesson is “Created, Loved, Known” based on Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-18. Feel free to join us in Fellowship Hall for these exciting lessons.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

- **Leon Tschantre** who will celebrate his **91st** birthday on **October 31st**.

SYMPATHIES TO:

- The family and friends of Bill Brereton who passed away on October 16, 2020. Bill joined Avenue on October 20, 1996.
- The family and friends of Jannie Martin who passed away on October 19, 2020. Jannie joined Avenue on April 14, 1974.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Those affected by the COVID-19, Medical Staff, and those working on a vaccine
- Our local, national, and world leaders
- Our District Superintendent (Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa), Bishop Peggy Johnson, and The United Methodist Church
- The Pastors, Staff, and Leadership of Avenue United Methodist Church

PRAYER REQUEST:

Susan Allen	Craig Hanna	Orville Mills
Amberley Arter	Dave Harris	Jason Neall
Frank Beebe	Pat Hudson	Mary Ellin Parsons
Bobby Bergez and family	Doris Isele	Laurel Pastor
Marty Brereton	Karl Isele	Jan Perkins
Bob Cage	Dottie & Jerry Jackson	Bob Randolph
Brittany and Baby Naomi	Alvin Jarrell	Millie Remick
Jennifer Clarke	Shirley Jester	Roy Rigby
Pat Clearly	Dean Johnson	Lorna Rosella Rulona
Jack & Denny Collins	Kourtney	Phil Saint
Luisa & Billy Combs	Doris Koon	Char Sandifer
Donna and Keith Coverdale	Rhoda & Greg Kurz	Richard Sapp
Julie Dally	Ellie Lauckner	Leo Shew
Josiah Davis	Jean Layton	Roland Simms
Joanna Denney-Turner	Johnny	Racheal Simesak
Carolyn Evans	Mary Jo Lear	Gary Simpson
Fay Farissier	Lauren Lee	John Smallwood and family
Ken Fechter	Nancy Lee	Ann Sutcliff
Charlie & Barbara Fleetwood	Brittany Poore Little	Teresa
Dylan Fox	Lyn	Joan Wadman
Kathleen Friedline	Jack & Zelda McDuff	Ginny Van Tine
Charles Glenn	Ricki McGuire	Betty Ziesel
Al Hanna	Frank Mentusky	

Fusion Winter Schedule

November 1st- No Fusion

November 8th- Fusion 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

November 15th- Fusion 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

November 22nd- Friendsgiving 3 PM- 7:30 PM

-We will be boxing Thanksgiving food boxes as part of Friendsgiving

November 29th- No Fusion

December 4th- Friday Night GROG 6 PM- 8 PM

December 6th- No Fusion

December 13th- Fusion 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

December 20th- Fusion 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM-Christmas Party

-\$20 and Below Gift Exchange



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**Remind App: Text @fusavenue to
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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: Bonnie Glenn

I was born to Christian parents in 1943, Somerset, PA. At age two my father was killed by a drunk driver on his way home from work leaving my mother with myself and 9 month old sister. My mother's parents provided for us by stepping in until I was 5 years old. When my mother remarried and two brothers followed. My mother did not work outside the home; she said many times "God did not give these children to me for a babysitter, they are for me".

I never remember not going to church. We went every Sunday to Church of the Brethren and Sunday School. Wednesday evening 2 weeks in the fall every night for revival and a 2 week bible school in June. At age 10, I was taught what it meant to give your live to Christ and I was baptized by total immersion. Communion was a meal with fellow Christians, which included washing one another's feet than receiving the elements. We wore prayer coverings and were taught to always have our head covered at church.

My mother led the music, so we all sang in the choir. She gave all of us the opportunity to take piano/organ lessons at \$1.00 per lesson. I was the only one interested. We had many chores and we made working fun. I still love to work. Idle time was filled with games. My father was a carpenter and made \$1.10 an hour. I didn't know how poor we were until I left home. People at the church would send "hand me down clothes"; a wealthy aunt would clothe us for the holidays and she made our Christmas. I remember all of us picking blueberries along the road and mother making flour puffs and pouring the berries over top and my father ask what else was for supper and she said, "That is it till payday." We had a large garden and my mother canned the vegetables for the year and several fruit trees. We raised 2 pigs and a cow and butchered in the fall for meat for the winter. My grandfather had a chicken farm and supplied us with chicken and eggs. Thinking about how poor we were and yet how very rich we were in

love and spiritual things; the love and devotion of good parents. My step father treated us all the same and I called him Daddy.

Things that would stick out in my mind that mother taught us was 1/10 of your income belongs to the Lord and 1/10 of your time each day belongs to the Lord which is 2 hours and 40 minutes. I remember my parents and grandparents taking 1/10 of their income each week to tithe. In the end, rich relatives left money to care for my parents. God does provide. My father is deceased and mother is 96 years old and in a nursing home. I call her everyday.

The money that was left to me from my father's AA sent me to Frostburg State Teacher College, MD and Cumberland School of Nursing, MD . I left home at age 17 years old. It was a struggle and I had to work hard for I had attended a one room school for 6 years then bussed to town for 7-12 grades.

My grandparents allowed me a dog ,“Floppy”, and let me keep him there for my father said we did not have enough money for dog food. Floppy got hit by a car and had a broken leg and I nursed him back to health and so at age 12 years old I decided to become a nurse caring for those sick or injured.

I spent 2 years as a Supervisor at a Mental Institution (PA) after graduation than to Kent General Hospital (DE). I worked med-surgery, maternity, emergency room than as House Supervisor for 40 years. I chose to work 11pm—7 am, than 7pm—7am so that I did not need child care and I could go to church on Sundays. I met my husband Paul of 38 years. He was a Delaware State Policeman and retired after 20 years and did building and home repairs. He built the home I live in now. Paul's parents were both ministers and he kept the family in tune with Christian living. Paul died after a 3 year battle of cancer at age 63 years and reunited with his parents in heaven.

We were blessed with a son Christopher, a pharmacist at Kent General Hospital and his wife a Christian Counselor at Delmarva Christian School, living in Millsboro, DE.

I have two grandchildren, Lydia 3rd year student at Regent University, VA and a grandson Noah a senior at Delmarva Christian School.

We prayed for another child, sought adoption and the waiting list was 7 years. I received a telephone call from a second cousin in PA who stated her 14 year old daughter was pregnant; would we be interested in adopting. Oh, how God

answers prayers and we were blessed with Karen Kathleen, named after my mother and grandmother. Karen graduated from the University of Delaware with a hotel and restaurant degree and went on to get a degree in Wine, and then got a second degree which gave her the job as the Wine Rep for the State of Delaware where she has other employees. She married her High school sweetheart at age 33 years old on March 13, 2013. She said, "Mom I think 3 is my lucky number." Her husband has a culinary degree and works in the restaurant industries. They live in Rehoboth and have his and her dogs.

My husband Paul fought his cancer 3 years and after attending the Cancer Center in Colorado and eating no meat, no processed food and nothing with sugar he lost his battle with cancer at age 63 years old and joined his parents in heaven.

Five years later I joined the hospice group and made many friends who had lost their spouses. Going to church alone was hard for me and my future husband Tom said I'll go to church with you. (He attend Whatcoat Methodist Church) That was the beginning of our husband wife relationship. He lost his wife to cancer.

Things I have done were I ran the Marine Marathon (26.2 miles) in Washington, DC twice and while training for the Pittsburgh, PA marathon I suffered a knee injury and my running stopped. I then became a horse rider and trained to be a Mounted Patrol for the State of Maryland and rode for the Olympic Trails, the Scottish Games and Memorial Day Races at Fairhill, MD. We were required to put in 100 hours of patrol time. I did this for 15 years. My horse "Glory" now 25 years old still spirited and we ride frequently.

I have 3 horses and have mentored teenagers in riding and jumping. The first two children I started at age 6 year and 7 year. The 6 year old just graduated from ophthalmology (eye dr) school and practices in Dover. The 8 year old graduated from college in Kentucky and has a degree in horse industry. The next two were Carey Phalem (from Avenue) who graduated from college in Vermont with a degree in animal science, the other girl is in nursing school. The last 2 girls just graduated from high school, Anna Humes (Avenue) and is in nursing school. The other is working and going to college next year. I have spent many hours with these kids on the back of a horse talking to them about drugs and the affects and alcohol and it's affects and keeping Christian values. I believe I have made a difference in their lives.

After Paul's death I retired from the Kent General and applied for a job at the

Veteran's Home. I remember interviewing for the job and they asked me why I had applied and I said I because I think God wants me here, and the Director and Administrator said I want her hired and gave me my choice of positions which I chose night supervisor. Afterwards, I later thought what a stupid answer I have. This job helped me to prepare for retirement after 40 years from a high stress job at Kent General to a much less stress job. I have nursed 54 years, but have enjoyed my retirement caring for my animals—3 horses, 2 dogs and 4 barn cats.

I have really enjoyed the Tuesday Bible Class, learning a lot, serving on SPRC and trustees, my Sunday School Class, singing in the choir, playing organ/piano duets. I served as a proprietor for a Alzheimers Caregiver group for 10 years at Avenue Church. I have been a member for 45 years. I am a member of Giddeon's Auxiliary and Bayhealth Auxiliary.

At each crossroad of my life, God has blessed me. I thank God daily for his blessings.



Antibiotic Use from CDC

Why is it important to Be Antibiotics Aware? Antibiotics save lives. When a patient needs antibiotics, the benefits outweigh the risks of side effects or antibiotic resistance. When antibiotics are not needed, they will not help you, and the side effects could still hurt you. Reactions from antibiotics cause 1 out of 5 medication-related visits to the emergency department.

Antibiotics are not always the answer.

Why does taking antibiotics lead to antibiotic resistance? Any time antibiotics are used, they can cause side effects and lead to antibiotic resistance. Antibiotic resistance is one of the most urgent threats to the public's health. Always remember:

1. Antibiotic resistance does not mean the body is becoming resistant to antibiotics; it is that bacteria have become resistant to the antibiotics designed to kill them.
2. When bacteria become resistant, antibiotics cannot fight them, and the bacteria multiply.
3. Some resistant bacteria can be harder to treat and can spread to other people.

What is the right way to take antibiotics?

If you need antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed. Improving the way healthcare professionals prescribe antibiotics, and the way we take antibiotics, helps keep us healthy now, helps fight antibiotic resistance, and ensures that these life-saving drugs will be available for future generations.

Talk with your doctor if you have any questions about your antibiotics, or if you develop any side effects, especially diarrhea, since that could be *Clostridioides difficile* infection (also called *C. difficile* or *C. diff*), which needs to be treated. *C. diff* can lead to severe colon damage and death.

What are the side effects?

Common side effects range from minor to very severe health problems and can include:

- Rash
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Yeast infections

More serious side effects can include:

Clostridioides difficile infection Severe and life-threatening allergic reactions

To learn more about antibiotic prescribing and use, visit www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use.

**“Where there is no guidance, a people falls; but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.”
Proverbs 11:14**