



## *The Midweek*

*Wednesday, November 11, 2020*

Andrea's step-grandfather, Bob, recently passed away. He was an incredibly kind man who was also a very talented woodworker. Bob was also a World War II veteran. He was a pilot and flew missions during the conflict. He has a cool story about General Patton's helmet. Like many veterans, Bob did not share a lot about his service during the second World War.

A few years ago Bob, and Andrea's grandmother, came to visit us in Delaware. We took them to the AMC Museum. I've never seen so many doors open (literally) when the volunteers at the museum discovered the Grandpa Bob was a WWII veteran and a pilot. They offered to open up any plane Bob wanted to tour. Bob had flown many of the old planes inside the museum. There was a woman at the museum giving a lecture (which we just missed) prior to our arrival. She had been instrumental in developing some manuals that were used for repairing aircraft during the time of the conflict. Grandpa Bob's eyes lit up as they connected and shared some stories.

Avenue has a long list of men and women who have served our country and our community. We are grateful for the sacrifices that each veteran (and their families) have made. As we celebrate Veteran's Day today, we continue to pray God's protection on our service men and women and on

the country that we call home. Thank you, to each of our veterans, for your service!

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Steve*

## AVENUE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

10:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

6:00 P.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WORSHIP ONLINE AT 9:00 AND 10:30 A.M.  
ON FACEBOOK LIVE AND YOUTUBE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY:** Worship is held each Sunday in-person or online at 9:00 a.m. (Traditional), 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (Contemporary). 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](mailto: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, green beans and peas. For the 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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS LEADERSHIP MEETING:** We are making our Advent/Christmas list and checking it twice! As we are preparing for the season, we will be having a vision meeting for the holiday season on **Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** Pastor

Steve will be sharing about our opportunities for Kingdom Impact this upcoming season and how you can participate in making it happen. Anyone interested in knowing more is invited to attend.

## **DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OR SHOEBOX MINISTRY:** To provide a shoebox of gifts for a child as part of **Shoebox Ministry of Operation Christmas Child**, there are two options. Call Brenda Beissel at 302 270-1764 to make a box for you. Send her \$ 25.00 check to cover all items and shipping. Or pick up a box and brochure from foyer closet shelf and make your own unique gift box. Boxes must be dropped off between November 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> so **time is running out**. You can drop off your box at Anchor church of the Greater Milford Boys and Girls Club, 101 Delaware Veterans Blvd, Milford during the day or at Calvary Wesleyan Church in Harrington, DE or at Calvary Church on E. Lebanon Road in Dover in the evening. Each drop off has different times so call the church office for specific days and times.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> lesson is "Worship as the Church" based on Matthew 18:15-20; Hebrews 10:19-25; November 22<sup>nd</sup> lesson is "Worship at the Throne" based on Revelation 4:1-11; and November 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CODE PURPLE TRAINING:** Code Purple Volunteer Training will take place on **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the New Century Club building. Code Purple is a Men's Cold Weather Shelter housed at Avenue Church from December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>. We need male volunteers who will spend the night with our guest. There are opportunities for women to volunteer as well. Help us care for those on the margins of our community. Call or email the church office to RSVP for the training.

**ADVENT MISSION STUDY:** Pastor Steve will be leading an Advent Study beginning **Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. We will look at how Advent prepares us for Jesus' Second Coming and how our understanding of that prepares us to truly live into Christmas. Please sign up by calling or emailing the church office.

**SYMPATHIES TO:**

- Bonnie Glenn and family on the death of her brother, Ronald Friedline who passed away on Saturday, October 31, 2020.

**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:**

Bob Cage	Doris Koon	Lorna Rosella Rulona
Lydia Castro	Rhoda & Greg Kurz	Phil Saint
Brittany and Baby Naomi	Ellie Lauckner	Char Sandifer
Jennifer Clarke	Jean Layton	Richard Sapp
Pat Clearly	Lauren Lee	Alice Sellers
Jack & Denny Collins	Nancy Lee	Leo Shew
Luisa & Billy Combs	Brittany Poore Little	Roland Simms
Donna and Keith Coverdale	Lyn	Racheal Simesak
Julie Dally	Jack & Zelda McDuff	Gary Simpson
Josiah Davis	Ricki McGuire	John Smallwood and family
Joanna Denney-Turner	Frank Mentusky	Ann Sutcliff
Carolyn Evans	Orville Mills	Teresa
Fay Farissier	Jason Neall	Tiffany
Ken Fechter	Alex Oliveras, Sr.	Joan Wadman
Charlie & Barbara Fleetwood	Alex Oliveras, Jr.	Betty Ziesel
Dave Harris	Adriel Oliveras and family	
Pat Hudson	Mary Ellin Parsons	
Doris Isele	Laurel Pastor	
Karl Isele	Jan Perkins	
Dottie & Jerry Jackson	Bob Randolph	
Alvin Jarrell	Jim Reilly	
Shirley Jester	Millie Remick	
Dean Johnson	Roy Rigby	



# **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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## *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: Lorraine Donovan*

I began my journey as a Christian as a young girl at Slaughter Neck Methodist Church (Argo's Corner) Milford, DE. My family were long time members there and I received a wonderful background in Christianity.

I was married there and my daughters were baptized there also.

I was a Sunday school teacher for many years and started the first Vacation Bible School. We invited some of the neighborhood children to join us because we did not have many children bible school age at that time in the church. "The more the merrier", I always say.

I have many wonderful memories of that small country church.

We moved to Milford and continued our journey at Avenue Church.

My journey has been a wonderful but busy one at Avenue, but I did what I did with happiness and love for our Savior and the church.

I have been a long time member of Avenue and have been involved in many endeavors. I am a long time member of Esther Circle and the UMW. I began a program called SHELL, which stands for Sharing Him with Each Little Life. I taught Sunday school for many years. I also taught 4 year olds for preschool, which started in the basement of our church. I loved that job and the many children that have gone there for many years.

I think I was hired by Jo Wood because of my enthusiasm for young children as I played a "witch" one year at Halloween. The kiddies that came in were mesmerized and so excited by my play acting. As a result I lost my voice when

the evening ended and have been left with this gruff voice that everyone recognizes.

Our father God and Christ Jesus have been the center of my life. They have been by my side for many years. He has brought me through many trials and tribulations, and has answered many prayers throughout my life.

He is my rock and I cannot fathom my life without Him. I feel so blessed to know that He will be here for me always.





**Health Ministry**



## **We are Thankful for Healthy Habits while Worshiping Together at Avenue!**

**We are thankful that people have found ways to send love and hugs while social distancing.**



In John 4:46-54 Jesus heals the royal official's sick son from a distance.

**"The royal official said to him Lord, come before my son dies. Jesus replied, 'Go home. Your son lives.' The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and set out for home. While he was on his way, his servants were already coming to meet him. They said, 'your son lives!'"**

**John 4:49-51**

# What Is Herd Immunity?

**Herd immunity occurs when a significant portion of a population becomes immune to an infectious disease, limiting further disease spread.**

Disease spread occurs when some proportion of a population is susceptible to the disease. **Herd immunity** occurs when a significant portion of a population becomes immune to an infectious disease and the risk of spread from person to person decreases; those who are not immune are indirectly protected because ongoing disease spread is very small.

The proportion of a population who must be immune to achieve herd immunity varies by disease. For example, a disease that is very contagious, such as measles, requires more than 95% of the population to be immune to stop sustained disease transmission and achieve herd immunity.

## How Is Herd Immunity Achieved?

Herd immunity may be achieved either through infection and recovery or by vaccination. Vaccination creates immunity without having to contract a disease. Herd immunity also protects those who are unable to be vaccinated, such as newborns and immunocompromised people, because the disease spread within the population is very limited. Communities with lower vaccine coverage may have outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases because the proportion of people who are vaccinated is below the necessary herd immunity threshold. In addition, the protection offered by vaccines may wane over time, requiring repeat vaccination.

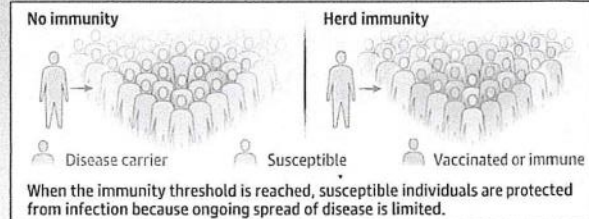
Achieving herd immunity through infection relies on enough people being infected with the disease and recovering from it, during which they develop antibodies against future infection. In some situations, even if a large proportion of adults have developed immunity after prior infection, the disease may still circulate among children. In addition, antibodies from a prior infection may only provide protection for a limited duration.

People who do not have immunity to a disease may still contract an infectious disease and have severe consequences of that disease even when herd immunity is very high. Herd immunity reduces the risk of getting a disease but does not prevent it for nonimmune people.

## Herd Immunity and COVID-19

There is no effective vaccine against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) yet, although several are currently in development. It is not yet known if having this disease confers immunity to future

**Herd immunity** works to control the spread of disease within a population when a specific amount of that population (threshold) becomes immune to the disease through vaccination or infection and recovery.



### Vaccination results in immunity without having to contract disease

- Herd immunity by vaccination protects people who are unable to be vaccinated due to age or other conditions.
- Populations with less vaccine coverage may still have disease outbreaks.
- Protection given by vaccines may decrease over time.

### Infection and recovery result in immunity through antibody production

- Many people must be infected and recover from the disease to develop herd immunity, and some infections could cause complications or death.
- The disease may still circulate among children even if many adults have been infected and recovered.
- Antibodies developed from infection may only provide protection for a limited time.

Vaccines for COVID-19 are being developed but are not yet ready to use. To prevent COVID-19 transmission, practice social distancing, wear a mask, and wash hands often.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Mayo Clinic

[www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/herd-immunity-and-coronavirus/art-20486808](http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/herd-immunity-and-coronavirus/art-20486808)

infection, and if so, for how long. A large proportion of people would likely need to be infected and recover to achieve herd immunity; however, this situation could overwhelm the health care system and lead to many deaths and complications. To prevent disease transmission, keep distance between yourself and others, wash your hands often with soap and water or sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, and wear a face covering in public spaces where it is difficult to avoid close contact with others.

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Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology. [https://apic.org/monthly\\_alerts/herd-immunity/](https://apic.org/monthly_alerts/herd-immunity/)  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. <https://www.jhsph.edu/covid-19/articles/achieving-herd-immunity-with-covid19.html>

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