



The Midweek

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

New Sermon Series: We Are the Church

Over the last year our ideas and notions of the Church have been challenged and changed through the Coronavirus Pandemic. Churches closed their doors for the safety of their communities. We wrestled with how to live in a community when the community could not safely gather. Through the pandemic we have had to re-examine what it means to be in ministry to our community.

This Sunday, we will begin a new sermon series called **WE ARE THE CHURCH**. The series looks at the intersection of our Biblical understanding of the Church and how we live that out in a post-pandemic world. We will consider how we can live as the Body of Christ embodied in an increasingly digital world. Bring a friend and come expectant as we begin this new series.

June 13th | We Are a Christ-Centered Community

June 20th | We Are More Than a Building

June 27th | We Are The Mission

July 4th | We Are The Bride of Christ

Pastor Steve

Congratulations Class of 2021

This month, we are celebrating the Class of 2021. The past year has been a year like no other. Our graduating seniors have endured challenges and lost major milestones that many of us take for granted. Through it all, these students have persevered to graduate and continue on their journey. We give God thanks for these graduates.

High School Graduates

Olivia-Kate Antonelli
Haleigh Baker
Luke Bogan
Shaun Chilton
Summer Davis
Jacob Elliott
Eliza Kimmey
Madison High
Colby Johnson
Samantha Lee
Julianna Lloyd
Emma Moorman
Josiah Moore
Bret Nowakowski
Brock Nowakowski
Hadley O'Day
James Stangl
Matthew Stangl
Katherine Stevenson
Autumn Thompson
Gannon Webb
Cora Welsh
Jackson Wilkins

College Graduates

Kendra Kimmey
Matthew Kirkpatrick
Adrianna Nelson



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). 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

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The Church Office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We asked that you use the main entrance to access the office during business hours. All guest will need to buzz in on the intercom to be let in.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARY JO Lear: Avenue will be hosting a memorial service for Mary Jo Lear on Monday, June 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall following the service.

PIES NEEDED FOR CAMP NEW HOPE THANK YOU: Avenue is hosting a thank-you dinner for volunteers at Camp New Hope Hospice on June 21st in The Century Club. We are looking to provide a variety of 6-8 pies for this event from the Avenue Family. If you would like to provide a pie for the event, please contact Joanne Burbage at 422-6152 or gburbage1@comcast.net. Pies need to be at **The Century Club by 4:00 p.m. on June 21st.**

SUMMER KICS: Summer KICS will take place during the 10:30 a.m. worship service for kids ages 4 through 4th grade (Kids 5th grade and up can remain in the sanctuary and worship as a family). KICS Kids will be released to Wesley Room prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson and activities. They can be picked up in the Wesley Room after worship.

Kids will be socially distanced and must wear a mask while in KICS. Activities will be appropriate for the time and there will be at least two adults helping with KICS. If you have questions about SUMMER KICS, please email our Sunday School Superintendent, Patty Shockley at pws210@comcast.net. **Next class is on Sunday, June 13th.**

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE ON SUNDAYS? As we continue to move towards a more open worship experience on Sunday morning, there will be additional opportunities to serve. We are seeking people who have passions and interest in serving in several areas to help continue to make Sunday Worship the best experience possible. Below are a few places we are creating or reshaping. If you are interested in serving in an area, please email Pastor Steve at srlamotte@avenueumc.com.

- **Greeters:** Are the first line of contact for guest. Must be upbeat, helpful, and willing to make a great first impression.
- **Ushers:** Work inside the sanctuary to help guest find a seat, dismiss worshippers after service, help with a head count, and make worship a great experience by serving others. When appropriate, ushers will also assist with offering.
- **Nursery Team:** We are looking for adults of all ages to be on a list of back-ups to help our nursery staff when there is a vacation or illness. This ensures that our nursery stays open to serve families at both services.
- **Connection Center/Guest Services:** This is a new ministry area that will help connect new attenders to the life of the church. In this ministry, you will receive connect cards, answer questions about worship and the church, and help people get connected to ministries and opportunities for Spiritual Growth. To serve in this ministry, hospitality and a desire to connect is a must!

MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY: There is an easy way to help **Milford Community Pantry** if you are an Amazon shopper. Instead of ordering through Amazon.com go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). The first time you will need to designate the charity you wish to support; after that your charity is established and Amazon knows who you support. In the search enter Milford Community Pantry, Milford, Delaware. It is easy and there is a full explanation on their page of how they support communities throughout the world. Just by shopping as you ordinarily do a portion of each dollar you spend goes to The Pantry. Amazon send us a check for our portion. If you have any questions please call Tita Lewis at (302) 664-1321.

MILFORD LIONS CLUB: Milford Lions Club is collecting used eyeglasses. There is a donation box in the coat closet.

IMPORTANT YARD SALE ANNOUNCEMENT: YES!! Avenue Church will be having its annual yard sale this year. Mark your calendars for **August 5th, 6th, and 7th**. This year's sale will be somewhat abbreviated compared to previous years. More details will follow in June.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 21-24: VBS is just around the corner! We are making changes for VBS, making it an event for the entire family. This year, we are planning for one (or more) parent/guardian to be with their kids as we interact with the lesson, the music, and the fun!

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS will be held on June 21st-24th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We have areas we are looking for people to serve in. Areas needed are:

- Decoration Assistant (Help build set/create decorations)
- Opening Skit (1 Person)
- Adult to run games
- Registration (2 Adults from 6:00-7:00 p.m.)
- Two Adults to Count Money Nightly

If you would like to assist with Vacation Bible School in June, please email Andrea LaMotte at

lamotte.andrea@gmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION: All aboard the Rocky Railways! The VBS train will be leaving the station on June 21st-24th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Avenue Church. This year, VBS will be a family-style VBS. "Family-style" means that kids need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Each night will feature uplifting songs, a relevant Bible lesson, and opportunities for families to learn from each other. You can sign up by clicking on (or copy and paste into your browser) the link below.

<https://bit.ly/34h1uxz>

DECORATING FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We are excited to be starting set-building for Vacation Bible School. Anyone interested in helping with assisting in building this railway-themed set can come to Fellowship Hall on June 9th, 10th, 16th, and 17th from 9:00 a.m-2:00 p.m. You can come for one day, each day, one hour or multiple hours. All help is encouraged! Contact Donna Yates at donna.yates1004@gmail.com with any questions or to let her know you are coming.

OUTDOOR SERVICES: On Sunday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m., we will be having *Worship in the Park* as we gather at **Bicentennial Park** in Milford for worship. We believe that it will create a great opportunity to worship in a different location and invite friends to join us that night! We are looking forward to seeing you this summer! We ask that you bring your own chair, blanket, and bug spray to the gathering. Children are welcome to worship and to play during the service.

CONNECTION CLASS JUNE 13TH: Avenue will be hosting a Connection Class on **Sunday, June 13th at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**. This class is for new attendees who would like to meet the staff, hear the story of Avenue Church, and ask questions about Avenue. It will be a great way to connect with some other new attendees at Avenue. Donuts, coffee, and juice will be provided. Please RSVP to Kelly in the church office at churchoffice@avenueumc.com

MEAL TRAIN AT AVENUE: Health Ministries is looking for folks in the Avenue family who like to cook and would like to prepare meals for those who are sick, who have had loved ones pass, or who have had new babies as a way to care for one another. We are using the website mealtrain.com to allow members to sign up. If you would like to receive emails when we need meals, you can email Sharon at sharonclendaniel@msn.com.

AN UPDATE ON WEEKLY RSVP'S: As the State has opened up capacities and vaccines have been increasingly administered through our state, Avenue is no longer looking for RSVP's for our worship services. There will be times when RSVP's will be utilized in the future to help us on events where we want to manage our seating capacity (Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday come to mind). Thank you for utilizing the RSVP App over the last six months. It has helped us in the administration and care for our community!

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: Summer Sunday School for adults led by Rev. John Van Tine, retired plus others is meeting in Fellowship Hall at 10:15AM. The study for June is "Intended

for Good.” The lesson for June 13th lesson is “In The Master’s House” based on Genesis 39:1-21; June 20th lesson is “What Dreams May Come” based on Genesis 41:1-16, 25-32; and June 27th lesson is “Grace Abounds” based on Genesis 45:1-15. Please join us in Fellowship Hall for these exciting lessons.

SISTERS BIBLE STUDY — We will finish up our study “Chasing Vines” with Beth Moore. Our next class will be on **June 15th** at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please call Brenda Powers at (302) 422-8821 or Ginny Van Tine at (302) 422-4282.



About Basal Cell Carcinoma: Basal cell carcinoma is the most common form of cancer worldwide. In the United States, it accounts for approximately 80 percent of all **skin cancers**. The majority of basal cell carcinomas are easily and successfully treated with current therapies.

Signs and Symptoms of Basal Cell Carcinoma

The skin consists of three layers. The top layer, called the epidermis, is where most skin cancers, including basal cell carcinoma, arise. Basal cell carcinomas are most commonly found on the face, neck, hands, or other parts of the body that are frequently exposed to the sun. The first sign of basal cell carcinoma is an unusual growth on your skin.

Basal cell carcinoma can appear in one of several ways:

- a small, smooth, shiny, or pale growth
- a waxy-looking lump
- a red patch or irritated area
- a small, pink, pearly bump
- a white or yellow scar-like area
- a smooth growth with a dent or dimple in the middle
- a bleeding or oozing sore

This type of skin cancer rarely causes pain when it's developing. However, it may bleed after a minor injury, then form a scab and heal. Since a spot like this can scab and heal over and over again for months or years without seeming to grow, it's easy to think that it is just a sore or a wound. Basal cell carcinomas rarely spread to other parts of the body, and deaths from this disease are very rare.

Risk Factors

There are several risk factors for developing basal cell carcinoma:

Sun Exposure, Fair Skin, Personal History of Skin Cancer, Exposure to Industrial Compounds, Weakened Immune System, Age

Sun Exposure: Overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun is the single most important cause of skin cancer, including basal cell carcinoma. There are two kinds of UV radiation: UVA and UVB. Scientists believe that UVB radiation, known for causing sunburns and blistering, causes most skin cancers. Basal cell carcinoma develops most often among people who have been exposed to UVB radiation in particular, especially if the exposure caused sunburns or blistering. People who work outside, spend time at the beach, or participate in outdoor sports have a higher risk of developing skin cancer. UVA rays, generally responsible for tanning, also cause skin damage. Exposure to UVA rays can lead to premature aging and skin cancer, according to the National Cancer Institute. Sun lamps and tanning beds are other sources of exposure to harmful UVA rays.

Fair Skin: People with fair skin, especially those with blond or red hair and blue or light-colored eyes, have a higher chance of developing skin cancer. Fair-skinned people have less of the skin pigment called melanin. Melanin gives skin, hair, and eyes their color. It also provides a degree of natural protection from the sun. However, people with dark skin, who have more melanin, can still develop basal cell carcinoma. Skin that freckles or sunburns easily can be a warning sign that you're at risk for **basal cell carcinoma**.

Personal History of Skin Cancer: People who have had skin cancer have a higher risk of developing skin cancer again. Up to half of all people who have been diagnosed with one basal cell carcinoma develop another skin cancer within five years.



Age: It usually takes a long time between when your skin was exposed to harmful UV rays and when basal cell carcinoma appears. This means that older people are at a greater risk of developing the disease. Also, as you age, your body loses its ability to repair damage from the sun. This increases your cancer risk as well.

www.mskcc.org- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me...And the King will answer them ‘Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brother, you did it to me’.”

Matthew 25:35-36, 40



Health Ministry



2021 GRADUATES



Shaun Chilton is graduating from Milford High School Class of 2021. In the fall he will be attending Rutgers University/Camden with a major in criminology/sociology.



Eliza Kimmey is graduating from Sussex Technical High School on June 3rd. She has enrolled at Del Tech Georgetown where she is majoring in early childhood education. She plans to go on and obtain a bachelor's degree and then eventually get her masters in School Psychology to work with children in school.



Kendra Kimmey graduated cum laude in May 1 from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in linguistics with a minor in disabilities in society. In the fall she is taking online pre-requisite courses from the University of South Florida to prepare for a masters in speech language pathology. She will be working at Big Fish Grill until leaving for her Master's degree.



Katherine Elizabeth Stevenson is graduating from Sussex Academy of Arts and Science on June 4th. She will be attending Washington College this fall.



Julianna Lloyd will be graduating from Polytech on June 5, 2021 and will be going to Del tech to pursue a degree in elementary education.



Adrianna Nelson Bachelor of Arts and Sciences



Jackson Wilkins is a graduate of Polytech High School's engineering program. He is looking forward to enjoying this summer with his friends and attending Delaware Technical Community College in the fall.



Samantha Lee is the daughter of Jacob and Helen Lee. Graduating from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor's Degree in Construction Engineering and Management with a Minor in Business Administration on May 28, 2021.



Olivia-Kate Antonelli, is the granddaughter of Faye and Bill Byer. Graduated from Centennial High School, Columbia, Maryland on June 2, 2021. She will be attending Hood College, Frederick, Maryland in the fall....and playing soccer, too.



Cora Welsh is graduating High School June 11, 2021 from Educational Coaches private Homeschool in Chesapeake, Virginia. At this time she has not made a decision on her future. Cora is the granddaughter of Dan and Marty Holt.



Gannon Mintzer Webb graduated from Sussex Academy on June 4th. He will attend the University of South Carolina majoring in Biology and plans to follow with medical school to become a pediatric endocrinologist.



Hadley O'Day graduates from Milford High School. She is the daughter of Lindsey O'Day.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

- **Sharon Brown** who will be celebrating a birthday on **June 14th**.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

- **Rob and Pat Craig** who will celebrate their **53rd** anniversary on **June 22nd**.
- **Dave and Judy Passwaters** who will celebrate their **63rd** anniversary on **June 28th**.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Those affected by the COVID-19, Medical Staff, and distributing the 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:

Ann	Beverly Harrison	Alan Parker
George Babel	Steve Hofer	Laurel Pastor
Brittany and Baby Naomi	Karl Isele	Jan Perkins
Frank & Frances Beebe	Ron Ivory	Millie Remick
Bobby Bergez	Alvin Jarrell	Roy Rigby
Bob Cage	Dean Johnson	Dick Roberts
Charlene Johnson Cannon	Justin	Lorna Rosella Rulona
Jennifer Clarke	Linda Kemp	Phil Saint
Gloria Clendaniel	Kay Kness	Richard Sapp
Jack & Denny Collins	Doris Koon	Alice Sellers
Luisa & Billy Combs	Rhoda & Greg Kurz	Roland Simms
Violet Condif	Jean Layton	Racheal Simesak
Lauren Connell	Jean Layton's Grandson	Gary Simpson
Linda Cottrill	Lauren Lee	Linda Singleton
Craig	Nancy Lee	Samuel Smith
Rick Crump	Lee Family	Julianna Starling
Julie Dally	William Lescallet	Kathy Sullivan
Joanna Denney-Turner	Brittany Poore Little	Joan Tolbert
Michael Dougherty	Jack & Zelda McDuff	Debbie Topolski
William Ernst	Ricki McGuire	Gene Topolski
Carolyn Evans	Tiffany Medlin	Joan Wadman
Charlie & Barbara	Frank Mentusky	Mary Lou Walters
Fleetwood	Orville Mills	TJ Webb
Jayne Frank	Kathryn Avery Mitchell	Betty Ziesel
Steve & Judy Franklin	Tiffany Mitchell	
Gail & Jeffrey	Stan Moody	
Bonnie Glenn	Jean Murphy	
Matt Hall	Jason Neall	
Dave Harris	Ariel Ownes	